

Descendants of Nancy Ellen Bowers

Generation No. 1

1. NANCY ELLEN¹ BOWERS (*AMOS MCGINLEY^A, GEORGE^B, ABRAHAM^C BOWER, CHRISTOPHER BOWER^D (BAUER)*) was born 04 May 1886 in Andersonberg, Perry Co, PA¹, and died 27 May 1951 in Wolf Point, Roosevelt Co, MT¹. She married JOHN LAWRENCE MANN 29 Oct 1908 in Ohio², son of CHARLES MANN and HARRIET LEWIS. He was born 01 Feb 1880 in Buffalo, NY or Hamilton, Ontario Canada², and died 23 Mar 1937 in Wolf Point, Roosevelt Co, MT³.

Notes for NANCY ELLEN BOWERS:

From her obituary

Funeral services will be conducted today, Thursday, at 2 P.M. from the First Presbyterian church of Wolf Point for Mrs. Nancy E. Mann, 65-year-old well known Benrud community matron. Mrs. Mann, after a long illness, died at the home of her son, Wilbur, in her home community.

She was born on May 4, 1886 at Andersonberg, PA, and lived there until 1904. That year she moved to Stryker, Ohio where she lived until 1916, with the exception of four years at Hillsdaye, Michigan. She married John L. Mann at Stryker, Ohio on October 29, 1908. He died in 1937. They came to Montana in 1916, homesteading i the Benrud community 34 miles north of Wolf Point, where she lived the remainder of her life.

Surviving are two sons: Wilbur D. Mann and Arthur P. Mann, both of Wolf Point, and three daughters: Mrs. Emma V. Stai, Mrs. Doris Brookman and Mrs. Alta Fromdahl, all of Wolf Point, and three brothers and two sisters. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Karl Dick will officiate at the services, with interment at Greenwood cemetery.

Notes for JOHN LAWRENCE MANN:

There are stories in my family about a relative that played with Sousa's Band. Why is my relative not listed in the band roster on your page?

The Sousa Band roster included on this site is reproduced from Appendix B of Kenneth Berger's book "The March King and his Band". In his book, Mr. Berger cites many difficulties in creating a comprehensive listing of all the musicians who played in Sousa's Band. It excludes members of his U.S. Marine Band (1880-1892) and members of his "Jackies" band at the U.S. Great Lakes Naval Academy during World War I. It also does not include the many local musicians who were allowed the honor of "sitting in" with the Sousa Band during tour performances. The listing is neither official nor comprehensive, but it is the best listing known to me.

<http://dws.org/sousa/faq.htm>

Children of NANCY BOWERS and JOHN MANN are:

- i. ARTHUR PRYOR² MANN, b. 23 Oct 1909, Stryker, Ohio; d. Mar 1959; m. CLARADA BROOKMAN, 08 Jul 1934; b. 03 Apr 1917.

Notes for ARTHUR PRYOR MANN:

Arthur Pryor, trombone & assistant conductor.

Arthur Pryor conducted most of the Sousa Band's recording sessions. His most famous solo was his variations on The Blue Bells of Scotland. He left the Sousa Band after several years to form his own band, which was also very successful. Pryor's Band had more ragtime influence than Sousa.

- ii. EMMA VIOLA MANN, b. 23 Jun 1911, Stryker, Williams Co, OH⁴; d. 07 Sep 2002, Billings, MT; m. ALBERT MARTINUS STAI, 25 Jun 1930, Wolf Point, Roosevelt Co, MT⁵; b. 05 Feb 1894, Evansville Township, Douglas Co, MN^{6,7}; d. 07 Dec 1966, Wolf Point, Roosevelt Co, MT⁸.

Notes for ALBERT MARTINUS STAI:

1930 - US Census - Fort Peck Reservationk, Roosevelt Co., Montana - Albert M. Stai, head, age 36, single, born in Minnesota, can read and write, parents born in Norway, Farmer, owns the farm.

Albert's confirmation record confirms his date of birth as 5 Feb., 1894. His marriage license reaffirms this date and lists his place of birth as Evansville, Minnesota and identifies his parents as Ole Stai and Anna Anderson.

At the time of Albert's marriage to Emma Mann, he was living in Benrude, Roosevelt Co., Montana.

Obituary

Services for A. Stai, Wolf Point

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 10, at the First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point for Albert Martinus Stai, 72, who died Wednesday, Dec. 7, with Rev. David Larson officiating.

Stai was born in Evansville, Minn., February 5, 1894, the son of Anna and Ole Stai. He came to the Benrud community in 1917 where he has farmed since that time.

Emma Mann became his wife in June of 1930. Ten children were born to the couple, three of which preceeded Stai in death.

He is survived by his widow Emma, three sons, Willard, Wolf Point; Norman, Casper, Wyoming; Melvin, Scobey; four daughters, Evelyn, Billings; Norma and Marlene, Wolf Point; Janice, Downey, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, four brothers, Raymond, Minot, N.D.; Henry, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. Stai, Levin Valley, Minn.; Clarence, San Mateo, Calif.; and five sisters, Olga, Levin Valley, Minn.; Ella, Minneapolis, Minn.; Selma, Evansville, Minn.; Mable, Tesdale, Saskatchewan, Canada; Eleanor, Minot, N.D.. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Albert Stai succumbs

Albert Stai, a long-time resident of the Benrud community north of Wolf Point died Wednesday morning at Trinity Hosiptal in Wolf Point.

Funeral arrangements for Stai, a well-known farmer, are still pending.

Thank you

We wish to take thsi oppportunity t thank our many friends who stood by us in our sorrow, losing a husband, father, grandfather and brother.

We especially thank Rev. David Larson, Dr. Knapp and Lyman Clayton, the ladies who served the lunch, also the ones that sent cards and flowers.

The family of Albert Stai

- iii. DORIS HANNAH MANN, b. 19 Mar 1913, Hillsdale, Mich; d. 30 Jan 1997, Wolf Point, MT; m. MARVIN BROOKMAN, 12 Jun 1935, Wolf Point, MT; b. 10 Sep 1913.

Notes for DORIS HANNAH MANN:

Obituary - Wolf Point Hearld - February 1997

Doris Hannah Brookman, 83, died Jan. 30 at Faith Lutheran Home after a long illness.

She was born March 19, 1913 in Hillsburo, Pa., the daughter of John and Nancy Mann. When she was three, she traveled by train to Dooley and she and her family lived there and in Scobey for a short time before moving to a homestead in the Benrud community.

She married Marvin Brookman in Wolf Point on June 12, 1935. They lived in various places north of Wolf Point before settling on their farm and ranch 35 miles north of Wolf Point.

Mrs. Brookman enjoyed being a housewife and mother, walking outdoors, gardening, sewing, crocheting, watching rodeos, listening to country music, dancing having pets and reading fables to her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Cleita Ashely of Tyler, Ala. and Reita Reinhart of Wolf Point; one sister, Emma Stai of Billings; one brother, Wilbur Mann of Wolf Point; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, the Rev. Jerry Swanson officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

- iv. WILBUR DWIGHT MANN, b. 22 Jan 1915, Stryker, Ohio; d. 01 Oct 1999, Wolf Point, MT⁹; m. EDNA AMELIA KETTNER, 08 Dec 1940; b. 18 Dec 1919, Mahnomen, Minn.

Notes for WILBUR DWIGHT MANN:

Obituary - Wolf Point Herald - October 1999

Wolf Point - Wilbur Dwight Mann, 84, of Wolf Point, passed away at his home on Oct. 1, 1999, after a short battle with acute leukemia.

Wilbur was born Jan. 23, 1915, in Stryker, Ohio, to John and Nancy (Bowers) Mann. In June 1916, the family moved from Ohio and homesteaded 35 miles north of Wolf Point in the Benrud Community. Wilbur attended Pershing School and farmed with his father, John and uncle, Charles Mann.

On Dec. 8, 1940, in Wolf Point, Wilbur took Edna Amelia Kettner as his bride. Together they celebrated 58 years of marriage. Wilbur worked on the family farm until 1978 when he semi-retired.

Wilbur was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Edna, who resides at Faith Lutheran Home. He devoted his time and love visiting Edna throughout each day. We remember Wilbur as a loving, caring, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Wilbur loved to garden and often shared his organically grown produce with many in the community. He was a wonderful Grandpa to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wilbur loved reminiscing about the good ol' days, listening to his favorite music, reading and having coffee with his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; his son John of North Wolf Point; his daughter, Patricia Mingus of Higgins, Tex.; grandchildren, Kim, Jim and Charles Mann, Tim Chad Mingus and Julie Mingus Cooper; great-grandchildren, Austin Mann, Kalli and Elizabeth Mingus, Cameron and Olivia Cooper; and a sister, Emma Stai of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sherry Kathleen Mann; grandson, Shawn Mann; sisters, Mrs. Doris Brookman and Mrs. Alta Fromdahl; and brother, Arthur Mann.

Funeral services will be at 11 A.M. Monday, Oct. 4 at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Visitations will be from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. Sunday, Oct. 3 at the chapel. The Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki will officiate at the service and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

- v. ALTA BELLE MANN, b. 24 Jun 1921, Montana; m. WILLARD ABRAHAM FROMDAHL; b. 20 Oct 1920, Silver Leaf, N. D..

Endnotes

1. death certificate
2. Emma Mann
3. death certificate
4. Emma Mann
5. Marriage License for Albert Martenus Stai and Emma Viola Mann, 25 June 1930, No. 1465, State of Montana, County of Roosevelt. Original in possession of the writer.
6. Certificate of Death for Albert Martinus Stai, 7 Dec. 1966, Registered No. 4987, Bureau of Records and Statistics, State Department of Health, Helena, MT 59601. Photocopy of original in possession of the writer.
7. Confirmation record for Albert Martinus Stai. Issued by Norsk Lucherske Kirke, Evansville, Minnesota. Dated November 1st, 1908. Copy in the possession of the author. (Record provides the date of birth as Feb. 5, 1894 and the date of baptism as Mar. 18th, 1894.)

8. Certificate of Death for Albert Martinus Stai, 7 Dec. 1966, Registered No. 4987, Bureau of Records and Statistics, State Department of Health, Helena, MT 59601. Photocopy of original in possession of the writer.
9. *Obituary, Wolf Point Herald, October 1999.*