

Descendants of William M. Townsend

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM M.¹ TOWNSEND was born 1807 in Washington, Maine. He married ELIZA A. TOWNSEND Abt. 1837. She was born 1817 in Maine.

More About WILLIAM TOWNSEND and ELIZA TOWNSEND:
Marriage: Abt. 1837

Children of WILLIAM TOWNSEND and ELIZA TOWNSEND are:

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 - i. ISAAC E² TOWNSEND, b. June 15, 1838, Maine; d. 1888, Duncan, Iowa.
 - ii. GEORGE TOWNSEND, b. 1840.
 - iii. WILLIAM M. TOWNSEND, b. 1840.
 - iv. ELBRIDGE TOWNSEND, b. 1842.
 - v. SARAH A. TOWNSEND, b. 1844.
 - vi. MARTHA C. TOWNSEND, b. 1846.

Generation No. 2

2. ISAAC E² TOWNSEND (*WILLIAM M.¹*) was born June 15, 1838 in Maine, and died 1888 in Duncan, Iowa. He married MELISSA H. BRADSHAW March 14, 1864 in Burke, Dane County, Wisconsin, daughter of HERALD BRADSHAW and JERUSHA. She was born December 29, 1842 in Canada, and died 1894.

Notes for ISAAC E TOWNSEND:

Isaac E. Townsend and Melissa A. Bradshaw

Isaac E. Townsend was born in Maine in 1838. Melissa A. Bradshaw was born on December 29, 1842 in Canada. Isaac and Melissa were married about 1864.

Their eight children were:

1. Charles Henry Townsend born September 9, 1865 in Wisconsin
2. Samuel E. Townsend born May 16, 1867 in Wisconsin
3. William H. Townsend born June 19, 1869 in Iowa
4. Ida M. Townsend born August 28, 1870 in Iowa
5. Leroy G. Townsend born January 9, 1875 in Iowa
6. Earnest B. Townsend born April 27, 1877 in Iowa
7. George L. Townsend born July 1, 1879 in Iowa
8. Archie Ray Townsend born September 8, 1884

The first two children, Charles and Samuel were born in Wisconsin. An 1880 census report completed on the 11th of June 1880 shows the family living in Webster township in Webster county Iowa.

At the time of this writing very little is known about family members other than Charles Henry Townsend. Archie Ray, Brother of Charles was 19 years younger than Charles. Archie Ray and his wife Martha lived in Cherokee, Iowa for many years. Martha was 91 years old in 1982, but it is not known when she died. My brother Fred had met Archie Ray, but did not know him well. When my father spoke of him he always referred to him as uncle "Ray." Aunt Mae Wetherell used to visit her Aunt Martha occasionally. When I was a small child, my dad used to talk about his uncles, but now there is no first hand information available. All of my dad's generation have passed on.

November 22, 1993 O.T.

More About ISAAC TOWNSEND and MELISSA BRADSHAW:
Marriage: March 14, 1864, Burke, Dane County, Wisconsin

Children of ISAAC TOWNSEND and MELISSA BRADSHAW are:

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 - i. CHARLES HENRY³ TOWNSEND, b. September 09, 1865, Wisconsin; d. April 06, 1948, Peterson, IA..
 - ii. SAMUEL E. TOWNSEND, b. May 16, 1867, Wisconsin.
 - iii. WILLIAM H. TOWNSEND, b. June 19, 1869, Webster Township, Webster County.
 - iv. IDA M. TOWNSEND, b. August 28, 1870, Webster Township, Webster County, Iowa.

- v. LEROY G. TOWNSEND, b. January 09, 1875, Webster Township, Webster County, Iowa.
- vi. ERNEST B. TOWNSEND, b. April 27, 1877, Webster Township, Webster County, Iowa.
- vii. GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, b. July 01, 1879, Webster Township, Webster County, Iowa.
- 4. viii. ARCHIE RAY TOWNSEND, b. September 08, 1884, Webster Cty., Iowa; d. October 11, 1965, Cherokee, Iowa.

Generation No. 3

3. CHARLES HENRY³ TOWNSEND (*ISAAC E², WILLIAM M.¹*) was born September 09, 1865 in Wisconsin, and died April 06, 1948 in Peterson, IA.. He married SUSAN ELLEN SAMS December 25, 1892 in Butte Nebraska, daughter of GREENE SAMS and EMELY MCKINEY. She was born April 05, 1870 in Jackson County, Ohio, and died July 10, 1930 in Spencer, SD..

Notes for CHARLES HENRY TOWNSEND:

Charles Townsend and Susan Ellen Sams

Charles Townsend was born on September 9, 1865 in Wisconsin. He was the oldest of Isaac and Melissa eight children. His youngest brother was nineteen years younger than Charles. He homesteaded a quarter section of land southwest of Butte, Nebraska about 1900. His land was near the quarter section homesteaded by his father-in-law Greene Lee Sams. Charles and Susan Ellen Sams, known as Ellen or Ella, were married on December 25, 1892. Charles and Ellen had nine children:

1. Archie L. Townsend born in 1894.
2. Arthur E. Townsend born May 10, 1896
3. Walter L Townsend born May 21, 1897
4. Lucy Townsend born 1898
5. Margaret Townsend born May 9, 1900
6. Edward Townsend born 1901 -- died 1901
7. George Townsend born 1903
8. Grace Townsend July 21, 1907
9. Mae Townsend March 19, 1907

All of the children, except Mae, were born in Butte, Nebraska. Mae was born in Mullen, South Dakota. Charles sold the farm and moved to Mullen, South Dakota about 1905 or 1906. Mullen was a small community located in Gregory county on Indian Reservation land very near the Missouri River. Charles went into the dray business hauling freight between the river boats and the surrounding area. When the railroad came through, there was less and less need for draymen.

On March 3, 1909, Ellen's mother died in Butte Nebraska, she went to Butte for the funeral and talked Charles into moving back to Butte. They moved into a house owned by Grandpa Greene Lee Sams. This was about the time that Arthur went to live with his uncle Charley and aunt Minnie Sams in Ashland, Oregon. It was also about the same time that Grace was sent by her father to live with uncle Archie "Ray" Townsend in Cherokee, Iowa.

Sometime within the next couple of years the older boys, Archie, Art, and Walt, were back in Iowa working. Charles moved back near Cherokee and rented a farm for a few years. The next move was to South Dakota to a farm between Bridgewater and Spencer, South Dakota. Then in 1918 Charles wanted to leave South Dakota and go to California or Arizona. Ellen was not well and her children encouraged her to start a divorce action, as she was unable either physically or emotionally to take another move. When the action was started and papers were served, Charles left for Arizona. Then George was about thirteen, Grace about twelve, and Mae about nine. Ellen then raised the children by herself and Charles did not return to South Dakota for many years. In about 1938, he returned and stayed with Arthur and Muriel for several months. He left again and returned about the time Arthur died in May 1945. He then lived with Archie in Canistota, and after a time he moved into a home in Mitchell. He was struck by a car while crossing a street when he was in his eighties and was never well after that. He lived for a month at a time with one or another of his children. He died on April 6, 1948, his funeral was in Canistota and burial was beside his wife Ellen in Spencer, South Dakota.

The story of Margaret "Maggie" Boggs was written by Mabel Kewley. This story tells much about the life of Charles and Ellen and all of their children.

Maggie had made notes during her life and in her later years began writing her life story. After suffering a stroke she asked her daughter to finish the story, which she did. The Townsend family descendants can be thankful to Maggie and Mabel for a great story. November 26, 1993 O.T.

On the next page is pictured from left to right, Charles, Arthur, George, Walter, and Archie. In the front from left to right is Grace, Lucy, Margaret, and Mae. The picture was taken about 1935, and probably at Archie's

farm near Canistota, South Dakota.

More About CHARLES HENRY TOWNSEND:

Burial: April 08, 1948, Spencer, SD.

More About SUSAN ELLEN SAMS:

Burial: July 12, 1948, Spencer, SD

More About CHARLES TOWNSEND and SUSAN SAMS:

Marriage: December 25, 1892, Butte Nebraska

Children of CHARLES TOWNSEND and SUSAN SAMS are:

- i. ARCHIE LLOYD⁴ TOWNSEND, b. October 04, 1893, Butte, Ne.; d. February 22, 1971, Canistota, SD; m. OLIVE VERNA ADDY, March 30, 1915, Cleghorn, Ia.; b. January 28, 1893, Meriden, Iowa; d. 1966, Canistota, SD.

Notes for ARCHIE LLOYD TOWNSEND:

Archie Townsend and Olive Addy

Archie Townsend was born on October 4, 1893 on a farm a mile south and two or three miles west of Butte, Nebraska. Archie was the oldest of eight children, four boys and four girls. He lived there until the family moved to Mullen, South Dakota in about 1906. The location of Mullen was about thirty miles to the north and west of Butte on the west side of the Missouri River in Gregory county.

It was at Mullen where Mae, Archie's youngest sister, was born in 1907. All of the rest of Archie's brothers and sisters were born in Nebraska near Butte. In about 1909, the family moved back to Butte. Sometime between 1910 and 1915 Archie and his two younger brothers Art and Walt went to Iowa to work.

Olive Addy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Addy was born at Meridian, Iowa on January 28, 1893. She grew up there on the farm along with her three sisters and four brothers.

Archie and his brothers were working in the Cherokee area; and Meridian, where Olive lived was only about six miles northwest of Cherokee. Archie and Olive were married on March 15, 1915. They were twenty-two years old at the time they married.

Five children were born to this marriage. Vera the oldest was born on her grandparent's farm near Meriden, Iowa. In 1916, they moved to a farm near Bridgewater, SD. Their oldest son Lloyd was born there on November 5, 1917. In about 1919, they moved again to a farm near Canistota where Lester "CY" was born on October 12, 1920. The family moved again to a farm referred to by Vera as the Glen farm. Dale "Mike" was born there on February 27, 1927. The last farm that Archie moved to was the one located about one mile east from the first corner south of Canistota. Their youngest child Beverly was born there on July 4, 1931.

There were many family reunions at Archie and Ollie's farm home. They had a large house and yard. They had a big barn with a hay mow that was a great place to play. At the reunions, the men would look over the farm, through the various buildings, granary, hog sheds, barn, milk house, and walk the fields. Some of the kids tagged along with the men. Some played in groups. Some of the smaller children remained closer to their mothers in the house where the women congregated. Archie grew water melons and when they were ripe, they were cooled in the cattle watering tank and would be cut up, on request. The reunions at Archie's farm were memorable occasions. Archie and Olive lived there until 1955 when they retired from farming and moved into Canistota.

The farm is now owned by their son Dale. He and his wife Dorothy live there now. Dale and Dorothy's son, Randy, and his family live next door to their house to the west.

Olive died on April 23, 1966 at the age of seventy three in her home in Canistota. After Olive died, Archie made his home at the Good Samaritan Center in Canistota. Archie died in a Sioux Falls hospital after a long illness on February 22, 1971 at the age of seventy seven.

Archie and Ollie are buried in the Canistota Cemetery in Canistota, South Dakota.

Below is a snapshot taken at one family gathering at Archie and Ollie's farm in the early 1940's. In the background are many relatives. In the foreground, members of Archie's family are from the left, Lester (CY), Vera, her husband, Leonard McDade, Archie, and Dale (Mike). In front is Beverly, on the left, and Olive holding Vera's son.
February 1, 1994 O.T.

Notes for OLIVE VERNA ADDY:

More About ARCHIE TOWNSEND and OLIVE ADDY:

Marriage: March 30, 1915, Cleghorn, Ia.

- ii. ARTHUR ELIJAH TOWNSEND, b. May 10, 1896, Butte, Ne.; d. May 02, 1945, Spencer, SD.; m. (1) HELEN Z. REED, November 29, 1916, Cherokee, IA.; b. January 16, 1900, Onawa, IA.; d. December 11, 1981, Cherokee, IA.; m. (2) MURIEL LOUETTA MUTERS, July 15, 1929, Spencer, SD; b. October 28, 1910, Spencer, SD; d. July 05, 1990, Sioux Falls, SD.

Notes for ARTHUR ELIJAH TOWNSEND:

Arthur E. Townsend and Helen Reed

Arthur Townsend was born May 10, 1896 on his parents farm southwest of Butte, Nebraska. He was the second child and second son of Charles and Ellen Townsend. Arthur, his older brother, Archie, and his younger brother, Walter, went to school in a rural one room school, when it did not interfere with the farming. His father did not put any premium on education. He apparently believed that a farmer could learn all that he had to know at home. Arthur did not go to school after finishing the sixth grade. None of his brothers or sisters went to high school, but most of them, except the three oldest boys, finished grade school.

Arthur was a gentle, reserved person, who was very well liked by those who knew him. He had a good sense of humor and a boisterous laugh. Probably his favorite pastime, which he engaged in only occasionally, was shooting pool. He loved the game and was good at it.

Butte was his home until about age fourteen when he went to live with his uncle Charley and aunt Minnie Sams in Ashland, Oregon. How long he lived there is not known.

In 1916 Arthur met Helen Reed in Cherokee, Iowa. They were married on November 29, 1916. Their son, Frederick Alvah Townsend, was born on May 30, 1917. They moved to South Dakota in February of 1918, and lived there until March of 1919. It was at this time that they separated, and Helen returned to Cherokee, to live with her parents. Helen filed for divorce in March of 1920, and was granted a divorce on April 6, 1920. Fred grew up with his mother's family in Cherokee. Helen married Fay Morton in Cherokee and had four more sons and three daughters. Fay Morton died on October 18, 1979 in Cherokee, Iowa and is buried there. Helen Died on December 11, 1981 and is also buried in Cherokee, Iowa.

January 28, 1994 O.T.

Arthur E. Townsend and Muriel Louetta Muters

Art came to Spencer, South Dakota in 1918. His parents and most of his brothers and sisters were living near Spencer then. He worked at the stone quarry for approximately sixteen years, until about 1934.

In those early years, Art spent time at his sister and brother in law's farm. They were May and Merle Wetherell. Muriel Muters worked for May and Merle, helping to care for their twin sons Ray and Roy. Whether this is how Art and Muriel Met, or whether she met May and Merle while going with Art is not known.

Muriel's name was always pronounced as if it were spelled Merle. This caused confusion in the Wetherell household as when someone called for Merle both Merle and Muriel would answer. Merle, who gave many nicknames in his life, gave Muriel the nickname "Molly" which he called her the rest of his life.

Arthur and Muriel were married on July 15, 1929 in Spencer, South Dakota. Their first home was in Spencer at what is now 310 East Fifth Street. The house in which they first lived was torn in the fifties. This was the house, in which, their first two children, Darol "Bud," and Orvie were born. Bud was born on October 25, 1929 and Orvie was born on Art's birthday May 10, 1932. Frank Lloyd Townsend was born on May 16, 1936.

October 1929 was the beginning of the Great Depression, which was felt all over the country in varying degrees. Times were tough and men all over the country were out of work. One of Franklin D. Roosevelt's new deal programs was W.P.A., Works Progress Administration. Art worked on this program building outhouses that had concrete stools and floors, and good ventilation. They were well built and there are a few of them still standing today, sixty years later.

It was during these years that Art built his first buzz saw, for sawing firewood. He sawed old railroad ties and sold the firewood for four dollars for a four-wheel trailer load. He also sawed trees for whoever wanted wood sawed. The first one that he built was a saw blade on an arbor with a pulley at the other end of it. It was powered by a belt that could be placed on a jacked-up car wheel, a tractor, or a stationary engine. The second one that he built was on an old school bus chassis. It used the engine, transmission, and drive shaft, coupled directly to the shaft that turned the saw blade. It could be throttled up when cutting wood by simply operating the accelerator. It was a good machine and sawed many cords of wood.

Art used to hire some teen age boys in the area to help saw wood. Johnny Muters, Muriel's first cousin was one of them. He occasionally borrowed the machine to make some spending money when he was in high school.

Art began working as a self-employed handyman in the middle to late thirties. He poured concrete floors, basements, sidewalks, built chimneys, plastered walls and shingled roofs, and just about anything in the building trades. Art had a natural ability as a craftsman, and took pride in doing a good job.

Art was in poor health for most of his life. He suffered from asthma and probably silicosis from the rock dust at the stone quarry. Arthur died on May 2, 1945, eight days before his forty-ninth birthday. At that time Bud was fifteen, Orvie almost thirteen, and Frank was almost nine. Fred was twenty-seven years old and had

been a prisoner of war in Germany. He was released from the prison camp on the day that his father died. The next few years brought considerable change for the family.

Below, left is Art and Muriel when they were first married. On the right Art is holding their first son, Darol "Bud."

January 28, 1994 O.T.

More About ARTHUR TOWNSEND and HELEN REED:
Marriage: November 29, 1916, Cherokee, IA.

Notes for MURIEL LOUETTA MUTERS:

Muriel Louetta Muters and Joseph Leonard Moriarty

On November 11, 1946, Muriel, then age thirty-six, married Joseph Leonard Moriarty. Joe was born in November of 1906, and was forty years old when they were married. He had been a bachelor farmer and supported and lived with his aged mother.

Muriel with her three sons, Darol, age seventeen, Orvie age fourteen and Frank, age ten, moved to Joe's farm home, three miles west and a half mile south of Spencer, SD. This required that Orvie and Frank change schools from the Spencer school to the Farmer school. Bud continued to go to the Spencer school as it was his last year of high school and he was working and could pay his own tuition. Tuition was necessary because they were living outside the Spencer school district.

In the early spring of 1947, Joe and Muriel bought and moved to a farm four miles north and two miles east of Spencer. This meant going back to the Spencer school district for Orvie. For Frank it meant that he would be attending a one room school located one mile north of where they lived. Orv started the school year in Spencer, transferred to Farmer, SD.; then, before the year was finished, returned to Spencer. Frank started the year in Spencer, transferred to Farmer, then transferred to the one room school. For the cost of tuition for three or four months the transfers would not have been necessary. It was a point of contention.

Darol (Bud) graduated high school in May of 1947, at age seventeen. He and Orvie now, age fifteen, left the farm and went to Sioux Falls where they found jobs. Orvie returned home in the fall of 1947 to go back to school. After two months, because of continued conflict with his parents, he returned to Sioux Falls, and did not return to live at home again.

In March of 1948 Michael Joseph Moriarty was born. About 1949, Muriel, Joe, Frank and Mike moved to Igloo, South Dakota where Joe worked at an ordinance depot. This was a large installation that stored military ammunition.

In about 1952, at age sixteen, Frank left the Black Hills area and lived for a time with his brother Bud in Oakland, California. Later in 1952 he lived with Orvie and Myrna in San Diego, California. At seventeen years of age Frank enlisted in the U.S. Air force.

Joe, Muriel and Mike moved back to Spencer in March of 1955. They bought the variety store from Maurice Schimmel. Joe also drove the school bus for the Spencer school district for a few years.

Joe died in November of 1959, at age fifty three. He was buried at the Lakeside Cemetery west of Spencer. At the time of his death Muriel and Joe had been married about thirteen years, Muriel was forty nine, Mike was eleven. Muriel continued to operate the store until it burned. Then within a year or two after the store burned, her house burned. She was having new kitchen cupboards built into her kitchen. The builder was gluing the formica onto the counter tops, when the pilot light on the kitchen range ignited the glue. The entire house was gutted.

Muriel then bought a house, one block south of the one that burned. She began weaving rugs to supplement her social security survivors benefits that she received for herself and Mike.

Muriel's mother, Mary Magdalene Crelly Muters, was not well during the last several years of her life, so Muriel spent much of her time, taking meals to her. She also transported her to the doctor and wherever else she needed to go. Mary stayed at Muriel's house during the winter months for a couple of years. She would return to her own home during the summer. The last two years of her life she stayed with Muriel continuously as she was not able to be alone.

These years caring for her mother were the most enjoyable years of Muriel's life, according to her own statement. She was very close to her mother and enjoyed her company very much. When her mother died in September of 1974, it seemed that she became depressed and never really adjusted to her mother's death.

In about 1975 she went into the Spencer Apartments and lived there for about eleven years. In the fall of 1986, her poor health made it necessary for her to go to the nursing home in Salem. She lived at Colonial Manors until she was hospitalized in June of 1990. She died in Sioux Valley Hospital on July 5, 1990.

Muriel is buried in the south Spencer cemetery next to her first husband, Arthur Townsend.
April 6, 1994 O.T.

More About ARTHUR TOWNSEND and MURIEL MUTERS:

Marriage: July 15, 1929, Spencer, SD

- iii. WALTER LEE TOWNSEND, b. May 21, 1897, Butte, Ne.; d. April 25, 1975, Bridgewater, SD; m. EDNA BALLOU JERMAN, January 20, 1926, Canistota, SD; b. Abt. 1898.

Notes for WALTER LEE TOWNSEND:

Walter L. Townsend and Edna B. Jerman

Walter L. Townsend was born on May 21, 1897 on his parents farm southwest of Butte Nebraska. He was the third son of Charles and Ellen Townsend. Walt was a gentle, good natured, kind, person, who was well liked by everyone. Walt grew up on the farm near Butte, Nebraska with his three brothers and four sisters. He left Butte with the family around 1915 when they moved to Cherokee, Iowa. He left home at an early age and went to work on a farm. He continued to work as a farmer for the rest of his life. When his father left the family around September of 1918, Walt returned home at his mother's request to do the farming. Two of his sisters Grace and Mae and one brother George were just children and living at home at this time.

Walt and Edna were married on January 20, 1926 in Canistota, South Dakota, when Walt was twenty-eight years old and Edna was a little younger.

They had one son Ezra born on November 12, 1926. Ezra was born with multiple disabilities with cerebral palsy and mental retardation. He could not walk or talk or feed himself, or in anyway take care of himself. While Ezra could not talk, he seemed to understand his parents and they seemed able to understand him and to anticipate his every need. At the time of his birth, they were told by the doctors that Ezra would not live beyond about eight years old and probably not that long. They were advised to place him in an institution to be cared for. They chose to keep him at home, to care for him and love him which they did for the rest of their lives. Walt carried him until Ezra was thirty or forty years old and Walt became physically unable to carry him.

When Walt and Edna were no longer able to care for themselves and for Ezra, they went into the Diamond Care Center, a nursing home, in Bridgewater, South Dakota on 5-15-1973. Ezra was placed there also. At the time of this writing Ezra is sixty-eight years old.

Walt farmed for a living all of his working years. They lived on a farm, south of Salem for many years and then in the 1940's they bought a farm one mile east of Spencer, South Dakota. They lived there until they went into the nursing home. Walt and Edna were very good to all of their nieces and nephews. They often held family gatherings at their farm near Salem and at the farm near Spencer.

Walter died on April 25, 1975. He and Edna had been members of the Church of the Nazarene in Spencer, South Dakota and his funeral service was held there. Edna died in 1989. They are buried at Canistota, South Dakota.

Ezra continues to live at the Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater, South Dakota. I visited him during this past summer and he has changed very little from the picture on the following page except that his hair has become gray. He is physically well and appears to receive excellent care.

December 2, 1994 O.T.

On February 6, 1966 Walt and Edna celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. This event was at the V.F.W. Hall in Spencer, SD. It was attended by about one hundred twenty-five friends and relatives. Below are photographs of Walt, Edna and Ezra taken on that day. Walt was sixty-nine, Edna a little younger and Ezra was about thirty-nine years old. February 14, 1995 O.T.

The Salem special on October 30, 1996 announced that Ezra would celebrate his 70th birthday on November 10 with an open house at the Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater, SD .

November 15, 1996

Notes for EDNA BALLOU JERMAN:

Obituary:

Edna Ballou Jerman

Edna Ballou Jerman, daughter of George B. and Herth (Kehrberg) Jerman was born on April 20, 1906 in Kingsley, Iowa. Edna came to the Salem area with her family as a child and then later moved with her family to the Canistota area.

She married Walter Lee Townsend on January 20, 1926 in Canistota, SD. They lived their lives in the Canistota and Spencer areas. Edna was a member of the Spencer Church of the Nazarene. She also was a devoted mother and wife. she enjoyed doing various crafts, cake decorating and playing the piano. Edna had spent the past 14 years in the Diamond Care Center in Bridge water.

Edna died in the Freeman Community Hospital on Sunday, November 15, 1987, having reached the age of 81 years, 6 months and 25 days.

Survivors include; one son, Ezra of Bridgewater; one brother, Paul Jerman of Parker, SD.;three sisters Hertha Douglas of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Marguerite Stratton of Olympia, Washington and Fern Kasten of Parker, SD; many nieces and nephews; her husband in 1975, one brother, Martin Jerman, and two sisters , Edith Parry and Dorothy Kostboth.

Clergy man Reverend Ward Satterlee

Pall bearers Lloyd Townsend Chester DeYoung
Mark Jerman Roger Pletan Lawrence Boggs Ray Wetherell

In God's protection and gracious
mercy we leave you, may He bless you
and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine
upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance
upon you, and give you peace and light
and joy forevermore.

More About WALTER TOWNSEND and EDNA JERMAN:
Marriage: January 20, 1926, Canistota, SD

- iv. LUCY TOWNSEND, b. August 06, 1898, Butte, Ne.; d. November 19, 1973, Spencer, Ia; m. (1) CHARLES A. JOHNSON, November 30, 1916, Cherokee, Iowa; b. April 15, 1896, Staples, Mn.; d. March 1945, Spencer, Ia.; m. (2) CARL HANSEN, 1947.

Notes for LUCY TOWNSEND:

Lucy Townsend and Charles Johnson

Lucy Townsend, fourth child and oldest daughter of Charles Townsend and Susan Ellen Sams Townsend was born southwest of Butte, Nebraska on August 6, 1898. Her older brothers were Archie, Arthur, and Walter; another sister "Maggie" was born in 1900. A brother Edward was born in 1901 and died in infancy the same year. Another brother George was born in 1903 and a sister Grace was born in 1904 at the farm southwest of Butte. About 1905 or 1906, she moved with her parents, brothers and sisters to Mullen in Gregory County, South Dakota. It was at Mullen where her younger sister Mae was born on March 19, 1907.

In the spring of 1909, the family moved back to Butte for a short time. This move came about following the death of Lucy's grand mother Emily Ferris McKinney Sams on March 3, 1909. Her mother, Ellen, had to go home for her mother's funeral and convinced her father, Charles, to move back. It was about this time or soon after that the two older boys, Archie and Art, left the home. Archie went to Iowa to work on farms and for a time Art went to live with his uncle Charlie and aunt Minnie Sams in Ashland, Oregon. Charles, Ellen and the children then moved to Cherokee, Iowa where they lived for two or three years.

Lucy and Charles Johnson were married on November 30, 1916 in Cherokee, Iowa. It was about five years later in 1921, that Lucy's sister Grace would marry Charles brother Clyde Johnson. Lucy and Charles moved to Spencer, South Dakota where her parents and family had moved. Charlie was a trucker and hauled livestock and other farm commodities. Once he was loading horses and one crowded him into the stock rack so severely that it took off the top of his ear. This was in 1936 and there was no such thing as reattaching amputated parts in those days. For the rest of his years he had to explain what happened to his ear.

Their first child Lucille Esther "Tootie" Johnson was born in Spencer, SD. on May 27, 1920. Their second child, Kenneth Ray "Jack" Johnson was born on September 3, 1922 in Spencer, SD.

The depression of the thirties brought on problems for farmers and business that persisted into the forties. In 1939, Charlie, Lucy and their children moved to Spencer, Iowa where his trucking business prospered. Charles died on March 8, 1945 at the age of forty-nine in Spencer, Iowa. Burial was at Northlawn Cemetery. December 6, 1994 O.T.

September 14, 1997 O.T.

Lucy Townsend Johnson and Carl Hanson

In 1947 Lucy married Carl Hanson in Hartley, Iowa. Hartley, located a few miles north of Spencer, Iowa was their home for many years until they retired in 1964 and moved to Spencer, Iowa. Lucy died on November 19, 1973. She is buried at Northlawn Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa.

December 6, 1994 O.T. 1994

Below are Carl Hanson and Lucy on their wedding day in 1947. Pictured with them is Lucy's son, Jack and his wife Dortha.

More About CHARLES JOHNSON and LUCY TOWNSEND:
Marriage: November 30, 1916, Cherokee, Iowa

More About CARL HANSEN and LUCY TOWNSEND:
Marriage: 1947

- v. MARGARET TOWNSEND, b. May 09, 1900, Butte, Ne.; d. March 19, 1991, Keizer, Oregon - Buried Salem, South Dakota; m. HARRY BOGGS, November 27, 1917, Salem, SD; b. January 26, 1886, Guthrie Center, Ia.; d. June 21, 1948, Canova, SD. buried Salem, SD..

More About HARRY BOGGS and MARGARET TOWNSEND:
Marriage: November 27, 1917, Salem, SD

- vi. EDWARD TOWNSEND, b. 1901; d. 1901.
- vii. GEORGE W. TOWNSEND, b. June 21, 1903, Butte Nebraska; d. September 12, 1980, Peterson, IA.; m. VIOLET WETHERELL, December 19, 1946, Storm Lake, Iowa; b. Aft. 1902.

Notes for GEORGE W. TOWNSEND:

George Townsend and Violet Wetherell Sexton

George Townsend, youngest son of Charles and Ellen Townsend, was born on June 21, 1903 on the farm southwest of Butte, Nebraska. He moved with his family from Butte to Mullen, South Dakota in about 1906. In about 1909, the family moved back to Butte, but they did not remain there for long. George's three older brothers left Butte between 1910 and 1915. In 1915 the family moved to a farm in the Cherokee, Iowa area. Then in 1916, the family moved again, this time to South Dakota. They lived on a farm, four miles east, and four miles south of Spencer, South Dakota. In 1918 George's father left the family and went either to Arizona or California. George remained in the Spencer area for many years. He worked at the stone quarry. When his brother-in-law Harry Boggs became too ill to work, he hired George to work his farm.

George's mother died in 1930, and the depression years brought very hard times to the Dakotas. Some family members began to move back to Iowa. Charlie and Lucy left and settled in Spencer, Iowa. Mae and Merle Wetherell moved to the Peterson Iowa area. George moved to the Linn grove, Iowa area where he farmed for a living.

On December 19, 1946 he married Violet Wetherell Sexton at Storm Lake, Iowa. Violet had three sons and a daughter from a previous marriage. There were no children born to George and Violet.

George and Violet moved to Peterson, Iowa in 1962. On September 12, 1980, at age seventy seven, George died after a lingering illness. George is buried at pleasant hill cemetery at Aurelia, Iowa. February 14, 1994 O.T.

More About GEORGE TOWNSEND and VIOLET WETHERELL:
Marriage: December 19, 1946, Storm Lake, Iowa

- viii. GRACE TOWNSEND, b. July 21, 1904, Butte, Ne.; d. February 17, 1990, Madison, SD; m. CLYDE WALTER JOHNSON, September 20, 1921, Salem, SD; b. March 19, 1902; d. June 16, 1968, Winfred, SD..

Notes for GRACE TOWNSEND:

Grace Townsend and Clyde Johnson

Grace Townsend, second to the youngest child of Charles and Ellen, was born on July 21, 1904 in Butte Nebraska. She moved with her parents in 1906 or 1907 to Mullen, South Dakota. Mullen was in Gregory County just west of the Missouri river, very near to a River boat landing and very near to the town of Lucas that exists today. The town of Mullen that consisted of only a few houses and a store, no longer exists. The family lived there for only a few years and then moved back to Butte and lived in their Grandpa Sams house. When Grace was about eight years old, about 1912, her father sent her to live with her Uncle Ray. Uncle Ray was Archie Ray Townsend, who was Charles' youngest brother, who lived in Iowa. Grace came home when her mother was able to demand that she be sent home. She was only away from home a few weeks or possibly a few months.

In about 1913, the family moved to a farm three miles from Cherokee, Iowa. In 1916, Charles moved the family to a farm in South Dakota located four miles east and four miles south of Spencer, SD. Her father left the family in 1918 and moved by himself to Arizona or California. Grace's mother raised the children by herself, with whatever help her older adult children could give her. Her father did not return to South Dakota until the children were all grown up and after Ellen died in 1930.

Grace, aged Seventeen, married Clyde (Bob) Johnson, aged nineteen in Salem, South Dakota on September 20, 1921. They had five children three girls, Irene, Ruby, and Jean and two boys, Donald and Roy. Irene, their first child was born on October 4, 1922 on their farm located about two miles west of Spencer, on Old Highway 38. Bob and Grace moved to a farm about two miles north of Spencer where their second daughter Ruby Mae Johnson was born in 1926. Their third child Jean Lavonne was born in 1928. Jean died when she was nine months old. In about 1930 Bob and Grace moved to a farm located one mile west, one mile north, then one-quarter mile west of Spencer. This was just north of lake Eli. At this home their first son Donald was born in 1930 and Roy their youngest child was born in 1933. Ruby suffered a ruptured appendix in 1933 and died at the age of seven years. Ruby and Jean are buried side by side at the cemetery south of Spencer.

When Roy was three or four years old about 1936 or 1937, he had an appendicitis that occurred during a severe winter storm. This was the days when roads were not cleared rapidly after a storm and some were not cleared at all. Automobiles, if they would start in this severe cold, could not get through the deep snow. To get a doctor for Roy, Bob walked through knee-deep snow to his nearest neighbor's house. He hoped to get a team of horses and a bobsled to transport the doctor to their home. The first neighbor could not supply the needed transportation, but he walked with Bob to the next neighbor's house where they did get a sled and horses. They went into Spencer and brought Dr. Dick out to the farm in the sled. The Dr. took a blood

sample and examined Roy. While returning home the blood sample froze and broke. Roy was packed up in the sled. He was covered with feather ticks and surrounded by heated bricks and hot water bottles to protect him from the cold. He was then brought into Spencer to his Uncle Charlie's and Aunt Lucy's house. The Dr. could then get to Roy to fully evaluate his condition. Dr. Louis C. Dick decided that Roy needed surgery soon. The road was closed, and blizzard conditions prevailed. The snow plow from Spencer was brought out to break the way for the car that carried Roy and they headed for the hospital at Canova, South Dakota. Several men, including Roy's dad and his Uncle Art Townsend went with the plow and in some places they had to shovel to get the plow through.

Before arriving in Canova they had to put Roy in the cab of the plow to get him through to the hospital. Everything turned out well as Roy had surgery and quickly recovered.

In 1943, Irene married Lawrence Eich and went with him to California, while he served his hitch in the army during World War II. Lawrence and Irene returned to the Winfred area and farmed until retirement. Donald known as "Jake" and Roy known as "Tad" when they were children, learned farming from their father and both became farmers south of Winfred, South Dakota.

Bob and Grace farmed until 1966, when they retired and moved into Madison, South Dakota. Bob died on June 16, 1968. Grace made her home in Madison until 1986, when she went into the Bethel Lutheran Nursing Home. Grace died on February 17, 1990, at the age of eighty- six. At the time of her death, she had twenty-four grand children and thirty-one great grand children, survivors also included two sisters, Margaret Boggs in Oregon and Mae Wetherell of Peterson, Iowa. Grace and Clyde are buried in the cemetery south of Spencer.

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Notes for CLYDE WALTER JOHNSON:

More About CLYDE JOHNSON and GRACE TOWNSEND:
Marriage: September 20, 1921, Salem, SD

- ix. MAE TOWNSEND, b. March 19, 1907, Lucas, SD.; d. January 22, 1991, Spencer, IA.; m. MERLE RAY WETHERELL, October 03, 1923, Spencer, SD.; b. July 29, 1902, Cass County, MN.; d. April 18, 1980, Peterson, IA..

Notes for MAE TOWNSEND:

Mae Townsend and Merle Wetherell

Mae Townsend was born on March 19, 1907 in Mullen, South Dakota. She was the youngest child of Charles Henry Townsend and Susan Ellen Sams Townsend and the only child born in South Dakota. All of her four older brothers and three older sisters were born on a farm south west of Butte, Nebraska. The family had moved, in about 1905 or 1906, to Gregory County just west of the Missouri River to the small town of Mullen, South Dakota. This town existed for only about thirty years and was a trading post where the river boats loaded and unloaded goods. Mae's father, who did not like farming, moved there to operate a dray service to haul goods from the boats to customers inland from the river. This was a good business for a short time until the railroads came through and the boats stopped hauling freight and dray service was no longer needed. Mae's birth registration is in Gregory County at Burke, South Dakota. Her birth record gives her birth place as Lucas, SD. which is very near to where the town of Mullen used to be. There is more written about Mae's birth in Maggie's book.

In 1909 the family moved back to Butte until sometime between 1910 and 1915, when Mae with her family moved to near Cherokee Iowa where her father rented a farm. The next move, about 1916, was to a farm located four miles east and four miles south of Spencer, SD. Then in 1918 when her father wanted to leave South Dakota to move to Arizona or California, her mother refused to go. Ellen started a divorce action against Charles to prevent having to make the move. Charles reaction was, to leave the family; he stayed away until after Mae's mother Ellen died in 1930.

Merle Wetherell was born on July 29, 1902 in Cass County, Minnesota to Arthur William Wetherell and Bessie Mae Johnson Wetherell. Merle and Mae were married on October 3, 1923, in Spencer, SD. They farmed near Spencer for several years. Six children were born to them while they lived there. Two children, a son and a daughter, died in infancy and are buried in the south Spencer cemetery. The twins, Ray and Roy were born in 1925, Robert was born in 1928 and Patricia Ann was born on December 14, 1930.

During the depression in 1933 Mae and Merle left South Dakota and bought a farm near Peterson, Iowa. There was a gravel pit on the farm and Merle went into the sand and gravel business that he continued until he retired. They lived in Peterson and during the nineteen sixties they built a new house.

As their children married, they and their families remained in or near Peterson.

Ray and Wilda have two children. For many years, Ray farmed the land owned by his parents, the farm owned by his twin brother Roy and his own. Their children are married and have families.

Roy and Topypy also have two children who are married and have families. Roy and Topypy live on a farm near Peterson. For many years Roy fed cattle and drove a gasoline truck for the local coop.

Robert and Mariana have three children. Rob operates the business started by his father. He has added to the business over the years.

Patricia and Dale had three daughters: Barbara Jo, Bonnie Jean and Becky Lou. On August 25, 1963 Patricia died of Hodgkin disease. Then Barbara was twelve, Bonnie eleven and Becky Lou was almost nine. After Merle retired and Robert took over the business, Merle and Mae did some traveling and spent some winters in warmer climates, like in southern Texas. On April 18, 1980 Merle died of heart disease and hardening of the arteries.

Mae continued to live in Peterson and remained active in the Congregational Church and Circle #2. She belonged to the Wild Rose chapter #236 of the Eastern Star. She also took part in the activities of the Peterson senior citizens. There were several times in her later years that she drove to South Dakota by herself to attend family reunions, visiting her sisters, Grace and Maggie and many nieces and nephews.

On January 27, 1991 Mae died at the age of eighty-three. Mae and Merle are buried at Oakland Cemetery in Peterson, Iowa.

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Notes for MERLE RAY WETHERELL:

Mae Townsend and Merle Wetherell

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On January 27, 1991 Mae died at the age of eighty-three. Mae and Merle are buried at Oakland Cemetery in Peterson, Iowa.

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More About MERLE WETHERELL and MAE TOWNSEND:
Marriage: October 03, 1923, Spencer, SD.

4. ARCHIE RAY³ TOWNSEND (*ISAAC E², WILLIAM M.¹*) was born September 08, 1884 in Webster Cty., Iowa, and died October 11, 1965 in Cherokee, Iowa. He married MARTHA FUHRMAN.

Notes for ARCHIE RAY TOWNSEND:

Archie Ray was also known as Ray. He is buried at Oak Hill cemetery in Cherokee, Iowa.

More About ARCHIE RAY TOWNSEND:
Fact 1 (2): 1929

Children of ARCHIE TOWNSEND and MARTHA FUHRMAN are:

- i. ETHELL⁴ TOWNSEND, b. August 20, 1908, Cherokee, Iowa; d. April 21, 1999, Sioux Falls, SD; m. JOHN W. SMALL, September 22, 1933, Elk Point, SD.

Notes for JOHN W. SMALL:

Ethel Ann Small 92, of Brandon , SD died April 21, 1999 At Avera Mckennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. A mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Saturday April 24, at Risen Savior Catholic Church Brandon, SD. Burial was at St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls, SD.

Ethel, daughter of Archie Ray and Martha (Fuhrman) Townsend was born on August 20, 1908 at Cherokee, Iowa where she grew up and graduated from High School. She was united in marriage to John Small on September 22, 1933 in Elk Point, SD. After her marriage the couple lived in Sioux City and then farmed near Cleghorn, Iowa for three years. They returned to Sioux City for a short time before moving to Sioux Falls in 1957. They moved to Brandon in 1960.

Ethel worked as a window dresser for SS Kresge, Three Sister's and Martin's department stores for many years. She later worked for Mary's flowers in Brandon. She was affectionately called Grandma by everyone who knew her. She was devoted to her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by son: John Small, and his wife Anita of Sioux City, Iowa and Richard Small and his wife Jan of Roanoke, Virginia; daughter Mary Dickey and her husband, Bill of Brandon, SD; fifteen grand children; seventeen great grand children ; Sister Dona Jean Townsend, Cherokee, Iowa; and a host of other relatives and friends.

More About JOHN SMALL and ETHELL TOWNSEND:
Marriage: September 22, 1933, Elk Point, SD

- ii. GLEN TOWNSEND, b. Abt. 1909.
- iii. LLOYD TOWNSEND, b. Abt. 1910.
- iv. DAROLD I. TOWNSEND, b. January 07, 1911, Cherokee, County, Iowa; d. February 08, 1996, Cherokee, Iowa.

Notes for DAROLD I. TOWNSEND:

Obituary Darold I. Townsend

Darold I. Townsend, 85, of Cherokee, Iowa passed away Thursday of Cherokee, Iowa passed away Thursday February 8, 1996 at his home at 730 W. Cherry St.

Funeral services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home, in Cherokee, Iowa with the Rev. Ray Krueger officiating. Burial will be at the the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee, Iowa. There will be a family prayer service at the funeral home today. Darold was born on January 7, 1911 in Cherokee county to Archie Ray and Martha Fuhrman Townsend. He was a farmer and a resident of Cherokee County all of his life. He was a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church and the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Survivors include two sisters: Mrs Ethel Small, Brandon, SD. and Dona Jean Townsend, Cherokee; also many nieces and nephews in the area. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Glen and Lloyd Townsend.

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- v. DONA JEAN TOWNSEND, b. Abt. 1912.