

## STROBLE (STROBEL) FAMILY HISTORY

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This narrative history is being written from the best information available to me. It is not all backed up by documents of proof. Where we are not sure of facts and include information, with that notation, it may help future researchers, even if it is not all completely accurate. Much of the Strobel family information was obtained from Mary Strobel Nutt, half sister to Leo Stroble, who was raised with some of the cousins in Subiaco, AR. Leo had some information from hearing his Dad, Fred Strobel, tell about his family. (Abbey records in Subiaco were burned so information is lost from there.) Later information may be obtained from New Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR 72865 if someone wishes to check there. Tombstones at Subiaco cemetery had dates helpful here, too.

Leopold Strobel was born in Gaggenau, Baden, Germany, 11/15/1835 and died in Subiaco, AR (Logan County) in 9/5/1924. He is buried beside his 2nd wife, Catherine Marche' Strobel at Subiaco cemetery. We are not sure of his parents' 1st names. Leopold's older brother was Aloysius. Possibly that was his father's name? His mother's name was something like "Emireta or Emerencia" according to Mary Nutt. (Names sound different when she says them, due to a German accent.) Both Leopold and Catherine were born in the Alsace-Lorraine area (he in Germany and she in France). This area was controlled by Germany at that time and both spoke German. They did not meet in Europe, but later in America.

At age 6 Leopold came to America with his family. He remembered the ship on which they came to this country from Germany. The family may have landed in Buffalo, N.Y. They settled in New Albany, Indiana. When grown, Leopold became a whipstock maker. The whips were about 20 feet long and were used for a 4 to 6 horse-drawn stagecoach. He even made his own lathes for his trade. This trade brought in good money.

Leopold married (don't know her name) in Indiana and they had 4 children. The wife died. Leopold and his family had always lived in the home of his parents and continued to do so, even after he remarried, until after his mother died, after which they moved to Arkansas. Both sets of children were

born in Indiana.

Children by Leopold's 1st marriage: There were 2 girls and 2 boys. Joe (who became Brother Maurus in religion and died 5/16/31 at Subiaco, AR, Abbey). Leo remembers his visit to see Fred and family when Leo was a boy. Jake, Mary and Frances (in that order, according to Mary Nutt) . Jake lived in Oklahoma, so don't know about his family. Mary, who is now dead, married Leopold Burgert, then after he died she married Joe Duerr. (This may be wrong as Frances and Mary's families may be mixed up here.) The Duerrs had at least 2 children. One son became Abbot at Subiaco for a time. The other went to live in Charleston, AR. A daughter of the Charleston resident became a nun for a while before leaving the convent (a year after Katie Strobel left, in the 1960s I think). She was known as Sister David Duerr. Later she died of cancer. Frances married a man named Antoine Ihle (pronounced "Elee" in German). They had several children, all dead now. (Children are possibly: Mary, Annie, Rose, Veronique (Vinnie), Ben, Lep, Tony & Joe. (The latter ones are probably wrong, but so many used the same 1st names for their children.) Mary said most family members married Germans.

## DESCENDANTS OF FRED STROBEL, SON OF LEOPOLD

### "Section II "

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CATHERINE MARCHÉ STROBEL, Leopold Strobel's 2nd wife was Catherine Marché, born in Lubeln, France 25 Apr 1835 and died 23 Nov 1918 at Subiaco, Arkansas, where she is buried at the Catholic Cemetery.

[Editor: Probably "Mangin," not Marché. Census documents show her surname as "Mocha" once (the first census after she arrived in the U.S.) and as "Mangin" once (the next census). The town in France that Catherine came from has a Mangin Street and Mangin is a common name there.]

Her father was called "Captain Durante". He was a commoner who saved the life of a nobleman (a duke, probably). When the nobleman died he wanted the one who saved his life to have his name and his land. Without the name, he could not inherit the land, (wealth). The 12 acres in France made them well-to-do. Every foot was cultivated in grapes, etc., so the land was very precious. So the father (and his sons) took the name Durante and the girls and their mother retained the mother's name Marche (We don't know if that was her maiden or married name.) They were a large family, possibly had 11 sons.

Catherine (her tombstone spelled it Katharine) was very helpful with the farm business. She stayed at home one day caring for a cow who was about to have a calf while the others were away. A cousin called her to the barn, saying the cow needed her attention. When she got inside, he closed the barn door and raped her! She was afraid to tell anyone for fear her brothers would "tear him to pieces". When it became obvious to her mother that she was pregnant, she was banished to a small house at the end of the property, then was sent to America. (Mary said her brother or her mother's brother had gone to America, but she never found him there.) She probably landed in New Albany, Indiana. Anyway, she was wandering around New Albany looking for a place to stay when she found a Catholic church and went inside to pray. A sexton came to lock up at closing time and saw she needed help so took her to the priest. He brought her to his sister, who took her in just until she had the baby. After John, her son was born, she was frantic to know what to do next. The priest said he had a possible solution but hesitated to mention it as she may not like it. She said she would do anything she could as she had no food or shelter for her baby. The priest knew of a nice man who was a widower with four [or more?] children. But he had a "witch of a mother". Catherine met them and married Leopold. He "adopted" her son, John, and John went by the name of Strobel. (Leopold & Catherine were married in New Albany.)

[Editor: Census information says John was born in France, and his age indicates that, unless Catherine was in the U.S. for at least a year before she appears in New Albany.]

Children. Several of Leopold and Catherine's children died

young: Louie, Anne, James and Philomena (who was 4 when she died). Their children who lived to adulthood were; in order of birth: Frederick, Andrew, Henrietta and Philip.

FRED (Fritz in German) was born 9 Jan 1870 and died 21 Dec 1957. (Remember, these children also were born in Indiana.) He was buried at the Bigelow area "New Dixie" St. Boniface Catholic Churchyard. (He was Leo's father.)

HENRIETTA (Rick) never married and was a very religious lady who always lived at home. Mary Strobel Nutt stayed with her until Rick died, after the grandparents had died. (Note: Do not confuse this Rick, "Aunt Rick" with Fred's youngest child Rickey (Henrietta), sister to Katie and George Strobel.) Rick died about 1948 or 1949.

Andy and Philip married Eckert sisters. Both families had 10 children, Mary Nutt said. (Names here are confusing, but I will put them as I heard them.)

Andy and Rose had Kate (married John Stehle) and had four children; John (never married and is dead now); Ben (never married and is dead now); Tony (came to California and was working on a grape ranch in the Tulare area in the late 1940s when Leo stopped to see him. A worker said "Tony in Army." That is all. Ed (never married) ran the Strobel grocery store in Subiaco for over 40 years and then gave it to his niece. He had a leg amputated in 1987 and went to stay with his sister, Rose and husband. (Katie Strobel Coffman lived with Rose and her family when in the 5th and 6th grades.)

Andrew J. Strobel was born 30 Nov 1875 and died 20 Oct 1953.

Rose (married Jim Durkee and had four children who lived to adulthood): Theresa (Pat) (married Mr. Lux - that is all we know about her); Henrietta, (a nurse living in Fowler, California); (there may be a Frank living in California and a Mary who died) .

Philip and Kate (Eckert) had: oldest, George and youngest [Editor: actually the oldest], Albert (who Leo remembers visited their home with Mary when Leo was young) . Daughters of Philip & Kate were: Frances, Barbara, Dorothy and Cecelia (called Ceil). Ceil married Gilbert Klaeger (a cousin of the Kemper family). Frances' husband died in recent years. He was Quinto Palazzi (not sure of spelling).

The children of Andy and Philip as well as Fred's Mary (Nutt) were all raised in Subiaco.

John, Catherine's son, married and had 4 children: Joe (married Ruth Lipe & had 2 girls); Mary; and Verna?; Mary (married Gerard Elskins and had no children); Leopold (Lep) (married a rich woman and had 1 son, then ran off. Think he went into the navy and died in Mexico. He was "rambunctious". He was the only one not afraid of his father. Lep's wife may have been named Ida or Eda Livingston and had a sister named Violet. She never remarried.); Catherine married John Maus and had 2 children, then adopted 2 also. Catherine Marche's John was a wine merchant. He made, bought and sold wine and drank it sometimes, also.

Before leaving Leopold and Catherine to discuss their son, Fred (Leo's Dad) I want to comment on some family traits. Leo looks like the Strobel side of his family, except for complexion. He said his Dad Fred looked like Fred's Dad, Leopold. Mary said Catherine Marche would not allow her picture to be taken as she had a terrible sickness which destroyed tissues in her neck and left a deep depression which sort of drew her face toward her neck. She also said, as did Leo, that Catherine had a very dark, French complexion and black eyes and long black hair. Leo remembered her as tall and pretty. Mary said she was short! Mary and Leo share the complexion and Strobel look, but she is under 5 feet tall and he is over 6 feet tall. As Catherine spoke only German, it was difficult to communicate with Leo's mother Lavada when Catherine visited them during Leo's childhood (once). Lavada offered her a cool drink of well water and she refused. Lavada was puzzled and told Fred. He said his mother never drank water, just wine. Mary Nutt said both Andy and Philip (two sons of Catherine and Leopold) had "stick-out" ears, a trait noticed in a later generation, but which subsided in the later generation.

Andrew J. Strobel lived from 30 Nov 1875 to 20 Oct 1958. Philip J. Strobel lived from 2 Aug 1882 to 24 Mar 1965. Both are buried at Subiaco Catholic Cemetery. (Both outlived brother Fred.)

Henrietta, their sister is buried there, too.

The Strobel twins, mentioned later, were not identical. Mary was dark and looked like a Strobel. Agnes was lighter and favored the Kempers more. Possibly that is how they chose which twin to raise. Mary said Agnes is about an inch taller than she (Mary). Mary is under 5 feet tall.

FRED STROBEL, oldest child (of those who lived to adulthood) of Catherine and Leopold Strobel, left the family home in Subiaco, Arkansas at the age of 14 and rode a freight train to "the Nations" (a name for Indian territory in the area of what is now the state of Oklahoma). He was an apprentice blacksmith for 6 years for people who made buggies and did general blacksmith work. When he came home to visit he was driving in a fancy buggy. Enroute

home from church one day he and his sister passed the home of Regina Kemper, possibly a childhood sweetheart. Regina was engaged to a farmer. Her father and the farmer were sitting on the porch planning the wedding. An aunt or grandmother invited Fred in to visit. Three weeks later Fred and Regina were married! (Possibly they eloped six miles to Paris, Arkansas, for the wedding.) Her family was not pleased, Mary said, that she married Fred.

Here is a little background on Regina, Fred's 1st wife. The Kemper family living in Houston, Arkansas, and friends of Leo Strobel, provided some information. The youngest, Georgie, made a study and has information from Utah (where the Mormons keep extensive records of many families in America). Regina Kemper Strobel was born in 1875 and died 6 Dec 1900. She was probably born in Subiaco and she died in Houston, Arkansas. Her parents were John Conrad Kemper and Mary Agnes Metzoal (or Matzeiol). Her Polish name was changed in the United States to Masheau. John and Mary Agnes came from Europe. She was from Hanover, Prussia, or East Russia? (Not sure if he came from the same place.) They were married in Franklin County, Missouri, in a Catholic wedding on 18 Feb 1865. Their children were: Regina, Mary (Klaeger), Sophia (died young and not married and buried at Subiaco), Louis, John (father of Georgie and siblings in Houston at this time) and Henry, the youngest.

Fred and Regina went to live at Houston, Perry County, Arkansas, where he did "blacksmithing. Their twins, Mary Catherine and Agnes Regina were born on 13 Nov 1900 at Houston. Three weeks later, 6 Dec 1900, Regina was on their porch getting meat from a cooler when she slumped over and died. She was 25 and Fred was 30. She was buried at Subiaco, where her folks lived. The twins were separated and one went with Kempers and the other with Strobel to grow up.

Kempers took Agnes. Later Grandma Kemper and her brother (or son?) Henry went to live in Tampa, Florida with Agnes. They prospered in real estate and Agnes had more material things than Mary growing up. She is still living in Tampa after having been widowed. Her first marriage was to a Mr. O'Grodin who had their church wedding annulled as she "kept locking him out." Later she remarried. Rufus Prince, her 2nd husband, was older and had money. She has been bedfast with arthritis for 1-1/2 years in Tampa, Florida, Mary reports. She has no children or close family there.

Unlike Kempers, Strobel were a very religious family and worked hard on the farm in Subiaco. Mary remained there until after the last, Aunt Rick, died in about 1948-9. Then she later moved near her Dad, Fred, and bought some land in the Bigelow, Arkansas, area. A widower with 7 children, Joe Nutt, Jr., a farmer and cattle rancher, needed a housekeeper for the children. He knew Fred and they got

Mary to take the position. They all loved Mary and she and Joe married 16 Jan 1951 (no doubt at St. Boniface Catholic Church at New Dixie, near Joe's Bigelow area home). Joe was of German descent. His wife, Mildred Sheldon Nutt lived from 10 Nov 1906 to 24 Dec 1945. She is buried in St. Boniface churchyard. Joe died 18 Jun 1987 at age 87. (His birthday was in March.) He is no doubt buried in the double grave beside Mildred. Mary continues to live in their home.

After Regina died and the children were taken to live with the grandparents, Fred ran a sawmill with Regina's brother, John Kemper, in Houston, Arkansas. They started boarding (eating meals) at the home of a widow with young children to support. She (Lavada Pryor Pugh) was a very good cook. Before long Fred married Lavada and they lived in her Copperas Gap (near Houston, Arkansas) home. (Lavada and her family will be covered in another section of this report.)

Fred and Lavada were married 1 Dec 1902 at Morrilton, Conway County, Arkansas. After some time they moved to a large farm, called the Stain "Stein"?) farm after the family of that name. It was about 6 miles from Copperas Gap on the Arkansas river in the Stoney Point area. The farm had "a lot of Negroes" working there, who called him "Mr. Fred." Fred managed the farm and was well-liked by the help. They remained for about 2 years, during which time John was born. When they returned to Copperas Gap, they built a new home at the site of the old one, and lived there for a while before Leo was born (and raised) at that home. (Lavada's children from her first marriage will be discussed later. Fred and Lavada raised them together.)

Children of Fred and Lavada:

Andy Philip Strobel was born in 1905 and died in December 1911. Andy is buried at St. Elizabeth's Catholic cemetery at Opello, Perry County. There is no marker, however. Catherine Strobel was born in June 1907 and died in Feb. 1908. Katie is buried at Dixie, St. Boniface Catholic cemetery. (These cemeteries are at the churchyards.) Many children died young of illness in those days and women had many miscarriages, also. Lavada was over 40 when Leo was born. Only John and Leo lived to adulthood from this marriage.

John Clement Strobel was born 13 Oct 1908 and died 11 Jul 1978. (He died probably in Los Gatos, California. His ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean as he loved the ocean, his daughter said.) John's middle name came from his godfather, Clem Fisher. His 1st wife was Violet Summers. They had a short marriage and no children. His second wife was Dora Calloway (her first husband was Peck Skinner, a short marriage). John and Dora came to California where their only daughter was born in Porterville. Mary Margaret Strobel was born 11 Aug 1936. John became a good carpenter. After about 18 years Dora divorced him.

Mary Strobel North Biddle Coughlin is the only full (not half) cousin of Leo and Agnes Strobel's children..

LEO STROBEL was the 2nd son of Fred and Lavada Strobel to live to adulthood, and their youngest child. LEOPOLD GREENVILLE (Leo) was born 26 Jul 1912 at the Copperas Gap home of his parents. He was baptised 15 Jun 1913 at St. Elizabeth Catholic church at Opello. His godparents were Mary Fisher (the wife of John's godfather) and Valentine Baker. Leo worked on their family farm and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps when he was 21, in Apr 1934.

A few weeks later 17 May 1934, his mother, Lavada, had a heart attack and died. She is buried at Ada Valley Cemetery beside her first husband. She was 62 and Fred was 64 when she died. (Lavada's family is in another section.) (This will continue with Fred's life before resuming the Leo Strobel family.)

Renfro Golden (10 May 1910 to 26 Nov 1945) and her mother, Ruth Jane Hendricks? (14 Feb 1896 to 20 Apr 1954) came from the Plainview area looking for Renfro's girl who had been kidnapped. They never found her. Fred took them in and married Renfro (Wren). Wren was born in Waldron, Arkansas. We are not sure if Golden was her maiden name or a married name. (Ruth had 3 other children, none of whom lived long.) Renfro's father was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. Fred and Renfro probably married in 1935. Their children are: Mary Catherine (Katie) Strobel, born 24 Sep 1936; George born 25 Nov 1939, and Henrietta Maria (Ricky), born 19 Jan 1943, (and a boy "Jr" who was born after Katie, but only lived a few days).

Wren died at age 35 and is buried at the Copperas Gap cemetery up a hill on a dim road with no marker. Ruth continued to help raise the 3 children so Fred married her for appearances. (She was getting older and blind, partly.) She died after becoming a Catholic and is buried at St. Boniface Catholic cemetery. Katie became a nun and took the name "Sister Tekakwitha". She was a teacher and later a nurse in the Convent. Poor health forced her to ask for permission to resign from the Order, after which she worked as a nurse in the Kansas City, Missouri area. She married George Allen Coffman, Jr. (born 22 Dec 1935) at Clay County Court House, Liberty, Missouri on 3 Aug 1967. Their marriage was blessed 26 Jun 1971 at St. Patrick's church, Kansas City, Missouri. "June" as her husband was called, was the son of Mary Elizabeth Hobbs and George Coffman, Sr. He had been married before to Marion Lucille Coronett and they had two sons: Thomas Allen born 18 Jul 1961 and Kevin Michael born 18 Aug 1963, both in North Kansas City, Missouri. Katie and June helped Marion raise the two boys. Katie and June had: Stephen Christopher, born 13 Apr 1968 at Seattle General Hospital, Seattle, WA. (He is currently in the Navy.) He is called Steve. Catherine Elizabeth (Cathy) born 7 Jul 1969, St. Mary's Hospital,

Kansas City, Missouri . She had a son, Cory Michael, born out of wedlock 11 Oct 1987.

Rebecca Renfro (Becky) born 3 Feb 1971 (born same place as Cathy). She married Andre Murphy 27 Jun 1987 at Fountain of Hope Lutheran Fellowship at Kansas City. (Andre's Dad is black.) They live at Independence, not far from her folks.

Charity Ann (Charity) was born 24 Nov 1973 at same hospital as her sisters. She is a schoolgirl living at home.

George Strobel married Kate and they have one child, Andy, born 1964, who is now living in a home for slow adults. George was a lineman on the Rock Island Railroad and he and Kate live in Northwood, Iowa.

Ricky Strobel married Roland Gene Winter. Before divorcing they had 3 children: Roland Cleveland born 1961 or 1963; Ramanda (Mandy) born ? and Joseph (Joe) born about 1967.

Their father, Fred Strobel, died 21 Dec 1957 at the Catholic hospital in Morrilton, Arkansas at age 87. He was buried at St. Boniface cemetery also. He was a strong man.

#### Family of LAVADA PRYOR PUGH STROBEL (Mother of Leo Strobel)

Research on this family was compiled by William T. Pryor, 2nd cousin of Lavada's children, from the state of Virginia. (His grandfather, Nathaniel West Pryor, was an older brother to Lavada's father.) Wm. Pryor interviewed Ida McCauley, Lavada's oldest daughter (Leo's half sister) in 1965. She was used to spelling Leo's name (Stroble) so used that spelling in her family history interview. She also spelled her mother's name that way when giving information for Lavada's tombstone. It should read ; Lavada Strobel. (Due to a spelling error on the payroll when Leo was in the CCC, he had to sign his name Stroble to get his checks. He never did correct the spelling later, so it became legal. Leo and his descendants are the only Strobel family members who legally are *Stroble*.

#### Going back to the PRYOR FAMILY HISTORY:

John Pryor was born about 1804 in Virginia or possibly Georgia. He died in Dardanelle, Yell County, Arkansas, 26 Oct 1855. He was a farmer. (His parents were John Henry Pryor and Elizabeth Stokes.) John married Malinda Gurley (born about 1807 in South Carolina) in Jefferson County, Alabama on 16 Aug 1829. He had a 2nd wife, Margaret Barton, but the 1st wife was the mother of Green Berg, father to Lavada. There are 11 children listed for John Pryor. Here they are with their birth dates: William Montfort (1832), Nathaniel West (31 Oct 1833), Milton Stokes (1836), John Henry (18 Jun 1837), Eunice Malinda (22 May 1839), Benjamin Franklin (1860?), Amelia (1841),

Mary (1843), Martha (1844) - the above were born in Jefferson County, Alabama. Green Berg (1845 and Margaret (1847). The last 2 were born in Yell County, Arkansas. Pryor ancestors are traced to Wales, Scotland and England.

**GREEN BERG PRYOR and NANCY ANN HOLFORD:** Green Berg was born in 1845 and died in Aug 1876. He married Nancy Ann, whose father was William R. Holford. We don't know her mother's name. They lived in the Ada Valley, Conway County, near Opello & Petit Jean Mountain, Arkansas. Their 1st child was Lavada. A 2nd girl was born, but probably both she and Nancy Ann died at birth. They say she is "probably at her mother's feet in the casket". Lavada was no more than maybe 3. Green Berg left her with her maternal grandparents (the William Pryor family) and went to Texas with 2 horses in hopes of homesteading and raising horses. People in Texas saw him go by with another man ("a hitchhiker"). A few days later they saw the same man come back with the horses. They found Green Berg Pryor murdered and buried him nearby (August 1876). We hear they lynched the robber-murderer. (Holford may be an English name?)

#### LAVADA PRYOR PUGH STROBEL:

When Lavada, born 9 Feb 1872, was about 7 she was sent to live with a childless couple, Jim and Molly Van Winkel at their big log home in Opello, near Ada Valley. They had a lot of bottom land, so were not poor. She had to milk cows, cook and scrub, a lot of work for a young girl! She grew up there and fell in love with James Henry "Jim" Pugh, a local man. James Pugh had a brother, George and a sister, Eunice. (George had 3 children, Ada, Charles and Herman. (Eunice, "Aunt Cissie," had Lucy and Bob. Her married name was Holley.) Jim was born in 1867.

Van Winkels objected to Lavada marrying Jim as they thought he was not very strong and might not live long. But Lavada married him and was never sorry for the short time they had which was very happy. They had 3 girls and Jim died (Oct. 1899) a few months before their only son Bill was born. Jim, as well as other Pugh and Holley family members are buried at Ada Valley Cemetery, as are Lavada and her mother and other family members.

#### Children of Lavada and James Pugh:

Cora Ellen Pugh, born 30 May 1891, Ada Valley, died July 1893, buried in Ada Valley Cemetery.

Ida May (or Mae) Pugh McCauley. born 26 Dec 1892, Ada Valley, died 26 Jun 1978, Houston, Arkansas, buried in May Graveyard.

Mina Ethel Pugh Morgan, born 30 Mar 1895, Houston, Arkansas, died 27 Feb 54 at Little Rock, Arkansas (probably buried there)

Nancy Ann Pugh Smith, born 25 Jan 1897, Houston, Arkansas, died 22 Jul 1983, Ventura, California. Buried Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura.

William Henry ("Bill") Pugh, born 15 Jan 1900, Houston, Arkansas, died 11 Dec 83, Phoenix, Arizona. Buried Phoenix Memorial Park, there.

The following is an explanation of the above children and their families:

1) Cora .Ellen, died as a, child. (half sister of Leo Stroble.)

2) Ida married Charles (Charlie) McCauley, a farmer, 22 Oct 1911, at Houston, Arkansas. He was born 26 Jan 1877 and died 19 Jan 1960 at Houston. Both are buried in May Graveyard. Charlie was the son of John L. McCauley and Josephine Brown. He had a brother, John, and a sister, Winnie . (Winnie, born 2/ Mar 1896, never married and lived with her brother and family until after both Charley & Ida died. She is in a rest home in Perryville, Arkansas, now.)

Charlie had a 1st wife, Lula Bell Lively, who died young, as did 2 of their 3 children: William, 27 Jan 1901 to 1911 and Otis 14 May 1904 to 1911. Their daughter, Edith Gladys (called Gladys) 5 Oct 1908 to about the late 1970's) grew up at the home of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (probably her mother's sister). She married several times: Clyde Flack, Herbert Underwood (father of her girl, Annette), Mr. King, (father of her son, Mike King) and Mr. Lenhart.

Ida and Charlie lived in the Houston, Arkansas area (Copperas Gap) next to Leo's folks when Leo was growing up. Later they lived in the town of Houston. They had 5 daughters: Lois, Margaret, Naomi and Mary Ellen and Annie May (who died as a child). She was born 15 Apr 1925 and died 23 Mar 1926, buried in the May graveyard.

1)Lerah Lois Mimms, the 1st child, was born 12 Nov 1913 in Houston, Arkansas. She eloped and married Walter Robert Mimms 22 Sep 1929 in Morrilton, Conway County, Arkansas. (Walter is a good, long-time friend of Leo Stroble, too.) He is a son of Henry Mimms and Carrie Danks. He was born about 1909 in that area. His siblings include: George Mimms, Annie Green, Maggie Durham and Pannie Palmer. He is a retired Rock Island railroad conductor and they have lived in Little Rock, Arkansas for years. Their 2 sons and families also live in that area. They are:

1) Robert Eugene (Bobbie Gene) Mimms (a railroad man, born 14 Aug 1930. He married Claudine Virginia Hankins in 1949. They have 2 children: Pamela Roberta (Pam) and Larry Charles (Larry), Pam married Steven Allen Ciesielski (Polish name, I think) and he died in a car wreck several years ago after they separated. They had 2 sons: Christopher Allen (Chris is about 16) and Robert (Robbie is about 11). Larry married Rose Marie

Worm. They have a couple of children.

2) Charles Henry is the 2nd child of Lois and Walter Mimms. He was born 2 Feb 1935 and worked as a parachute wrapper, etc. He married Anna Elizabeth Lewis in 1952. They had 2 girls, partly grown, before divorcing. They are: Tammy Ann, born 23 Sep 1957, married Philip Stevens and has 2 children born in 1980s, I think. Angela Kayeborn, born 21 Aug 1961, married more recently and has a baby born a few months ago. Charles Henry married twice more. No more children except step-children.

Lavada Pryor Pugh Strobel family continues with children and grandchildren of Lavada's oldest child, Ida McCauley:

2) Margaret Irene Barcus, born 10 Feb 1915, Houston, Arkansas, married John Reavis (or Readus?) Barcus Apr 1944 (or Apr 1943) at Waco, McLennan County, Texas. Margaret, a nurse, was working there when she met the native of that area. John was a son of Paschal (Patrick?) Barcus and Irene Chapman. He was born 15 Jun 1917 and died suddenly 7 Oct 1984 at their home in the Waco area, Hewitt, TX. He has 2 siblings living in the area: Edith and Robert Barcus. Neither married. John was a repairman and probably also worked in the hospital earlier. They had a stillborn son in 1949. No other children, but they raised the son of her sister, Mary Ellen and Lloyd Green (Daryll Greene, who lives in the Dallas area with his wife, Candace (Candy) Black and their only child, John Daryl (J.D.), born 1979. Daryl is an auto mechanic. (The Barcus family were pioneers of the Hewitt-Waco area.) Candy's folks were Mr. and Mrs. C. E Black. Daryl and Candy married 19 Mar 1973 (Dallas or Waco?) Her Mom lives in Waco.

3) Naomi (Axie?) (Not sure of spelling of middle name) Ware, born 30 Dec 1918, Houston, Arkansas. 1st married Jack Lee in Jul 38 at Houston. They had 4 children. (Jack was a son of John Lee and Vera Vaught of that area). He died in mid-1980s in the state of Washington while on a truck-driving trip, I think. Jack found another woman while in the Service and remarried. Naomi had no money to care for the 4 children, so they lived in California with their father. (They stopped contact with their mother. All live in the Angels Camp area of California, I think.) They are: Shirley Jean Lee, born 13 Mar 1939 (All were born at Houston, Arkansas), Lavada Josephine Lee, born 15 Sep 1940, James Larry Lee, born 30 Mar 1942, Billie Jack Lee, born 5 Jan 1944.

Naomi married Barney C. Ware May 1947, at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas. He was a son of Austin Ware and Josephine Rice. He has siblings: Delbert, living in Perryville area, and Austin, living near them in Flint, Michigan, area. They moved to Michigan to work in auto factories. Their home is in Burton, Michigan. They had 2 children: Charlene Jann Ware born 6 Jul 1948, married Keith Douglas, a serviceman, and he is now stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, where they live. She is very intelligent

and a career woman, with no children. Allen was born in Flint, Michigan, 8 Apr 1950. (Charlene was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas.) Allen was married and had Chammy (sp?) Rachelle Ware (a French name) 6 Nov 1971. He remarried and had Ashley several years later. They all live around Burton, Mississippi County, Arkansas.

4) Mary Ellen Greene was born 21 Jul 1922 at Houston, Arkansas. She married Lloyd Greene in 1945 in Venice, Los Angeles County, California. We don't know where he was from, but he has remarried and has children and lives near Naomi and Barney in Michigan. Their only child, Lloyd Daryl, was born 12 Jun 1849 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. Mary Ellen died 20 Aug 1950, in Cairo and is buried at May graveyard, Houston, Arkansas. Her sister, Margaret, and John Barcus, took Daryl and raised him in Waco, Texas. Lloyd Greene has 2 children, Kenny and Linda (were 23-24 and 17, respectively, when Daryl was 29), who live in Michigan, by a 2nd wife.

5) Annie May McCauley was born 15 Apr 1925 and died 23 Mar 1926 a child, buried in the May graveyard, Houston, Arkansas, as are all her McCauley relatives.

3) Mina Morgan: (Leo's half sister)

Mina married Noah Morgan, a railroad brakeman around Danville, Arkansas. They had 2 girls, Virginia and Marion. Virginia, the oldest, probably in her late 60's now) married a Mr. Nosen and had Norma Jean. They divorced and later Virginia took back her maiden name, Virginia Morgan. She worked at a hospital or a home. In recent years her daughter, Norma, has lived in a home. (We receive Christmas cards from Virginia, but Leo hasn't seen her for years.) They live in Little Rock, Arkansas. Marion married and lived in Houston, Texas, but recently she and her ill husband moved to Little Rock. They probably have grown children. Her husband is Mr. Davidson (sp?) Both Mina and "Noey" are buried at Little Rock, no doubt.

4) Ann Smith (Leo's half sister):

Nancy Ann Pugh married Corbett Smith at the Strobel home when Leo was small. Corbett was a son of "Wes" Smith, a German man. (Don't know mother's name.) His siblings: Myrtle and Jessie, then much younger - Wesley, Agatha, Jack and Harvey, who went to school with Leo Strobel. They were sawmill workers. For a time Corbett helped his Dad run a mill at Blue Mountain, Arkansas. When Corbett went to work for an oil refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma before he and Ann moved to California. where he worked in a refinery at Ventura. They had 2 children, both born in Arkansas, I think. Herman Smith, born 1920 and Betty Smith born 1925. Herman is married to Genevieve (Gen) and they have a son, Lance, living in Southern California. Herman and Gen live in retirement in Escondido, California. Betty married Mr. Allen and they live in Los Angeles, California. She had a daughter, Cathy, who married twice and has a child by each marriage, both girls,

I think. Ann Smith died after 2 heart attacks at a hospital in Ventura - 22 Jul 1984. She and Corbett are buried in Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura, California.

5) William "Bill" Pugh (Leo's half brother)

Bill married Alice Harrell 9 Jan 1926 in Haskell, Texas, where he had moved with the Harrell family when they left Arkansas some years before. He worked with her Dad, "Ike" Harrell, on their ranch. Alice was probably the oldest child. Siblings include "Little" Charlie, etc, some of whom still live in Haskell. Bill and Alice lived in California during WWII where they worked in the shipyards and raised their children. They traveled around picking fruit and settled in Phoenix, Arkansas, where they eventually lived at a mobile park in a nice home. Bill died (heart) 11 Dec 1983. Alice then moved to an apt. in Dallas, Texas near her daughter. She died there 25 Jul 1985. Both are buried in Phoenix Memorial Park: Their children are: Margra-Myron (Myron) Ingram and Sherman Pugh. Myron, born 28 Jul 1929, married Ben F. Ingram, a serviceman who became a Colonel in the army. After a career there, he opened a cleaning company in Dallas, Texas where they still reside. Ben and Myron had 3 children, Debbie and twins Greg and Clark. Debbie and Mark have at least 1 child, Brian, born 1981. Clark & Janice have a child, David, born 25 Dec 1982. Greg was unmarried in 1983, living in Austin, Texas, working for the Institute of Geophysics. Sherman married a girl when he was stationed in England in the service. After a career in the Army, he works in Louisiana, I think. They had 5 girls, now grown. (When a teenager, Sherman visited us in Dunsmuir with his parents. Karen and Loree were small then.) Sherman was born in 1935. Both Myron and Sherman were born in Arkansas, I think.

LEOPOLD GREENVILLE STROBEL (Called Leo Leopold Stroble) family:

Leo, the youngest child of Lavada and Fred Strobel, joined the Civilian Conservation Corp 2 Apr 1934 and left (due to age limits) in Sep 1937. This work corps was to help selected young men earn money, improve the land and perhaps learn a trade. Leo learned much there. He had his first exposure to mechanic work at the pump and generator shop. Later he was one of a few who were official car drivers. After he returned home from the CCC he came to Porterville, California, with his brother, John and wife, Dora and their child, Mary. (Dora's parents, John and Martha Calloway, came with them.) John and Dora were in Arkansas visiting from California. Leo did construction work, worked in a bakery and whatever work he could get. He met Fayola Blair, a beauty operator who worked in Porterville and lived with her widower father on a ranch. Her mother had died of cancer when Fay was about 7. She had a much-older half brother, Ralph, but no other siblings. They were married 30 Nov 1939 in Porterville. After two and a half years, they were separated. She finally got a divorce a few years later and married a Mr. Horstley (a refrigeration repairman) and they had about 2 children. Leo

lived in Oakland in the Alameda area and worked in the shipyards during WWII. He married Alpha Hicks, about 20, in April 1946 in Reno, Nevada. She was from the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, area, living in Oakland, California. (She had a younger sister, Lorraine, who married and lived in Pittsburg, California, some years ago.) Leo and Alpha had James Hugo Stroble (Jimmy), born 9 Aug 1946 at Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, California (but they lived in Oakland). After a few months, Leo moved out and went to Alameda to live and work. He went to Reno and obtained a divorce in the fall of 1947. Alpha later married Mr. Rodgers and had at least twins and probably another child. Jimmy was never adopted but probably grew up with the name Jimmy Rodgers. Leo thought it best to not stay in touch with him as he had a family there, as a Rodgers. They lived in San Jose, California, for a time, many years ago.

On April 12, 1947 Leo and Agnes Hanratty met at a dance in Oakland. He was a mechanic in Alameda and she was a stenographer in Berkeley. They married 3 Jul 1950 at St. John's Catholic church, Dunsmuir, California, her home town. (See Hanratty file for her family). They lived in Berkeley, California until Feb 1951, when they moved to Dunsmuir, California. Leo had worked for the maintenance of way of the Southern Pacific Railroad a year then. He went to work in Dunsmuir and stayed for twenty-three and a half years, retiring on 31 Oct 1974. They moved to Redding, California (1 Dec 1976), and then to their new home in Anderson, California. (30 Apr 1979) where they still reside in Apr 1988. Leo is 75 and Agnes 65.

They had 4 children: Karen Illeen Stroble Gaub, Loretta Kay (Loree) Stroble Norgaard, David Vincent Stroble, and Patricia Anne (Tricia) Stroble Prentiss.

Karen was born 26 Apr 1952 at Mt. Shasta Hospital, Mt. Shasta, California. She married Dennis Lee Gaub on 19 Dec 1970, at the same church where she was baptised, St. John's Catholic church (where all our children were baptised and Leo & Agnes were married, also.) They have 3 children: Christopher Lee (Chris) born 6 Oct 1971 at Mt. Shasta Hospital; Jason David, born 28 Apr 1975 at the hospital in Miles City, Montana; and Cynthia Maria, born 15 Aug 1985 at Mercy Medical Center in Redding, California. Dennis is now an assistant manager for Thrifty Drug in Yreka, California. Dennis is the 2nd son of Christoph Gaub (German) and Olga Hulda Kuehn (southern Russia descent). Olga's parents were Sophia Janke and Fred Kuehn. She had a step-father, Schott. Christoph's folks were: Johann Gaub and Frederika Opp. Olga lived from 1923 to 1962 and died in Dunsmuir, California. She was Mrs. Charlie Moore. She and her young grandson, Dee's son, are buried at in Mt. Shasta Cemetery. Christoph died at the same hospital in Sidney, Richland, Montana, where Dennis was born. He is buried at Sidney. (Dennis was about 13 when he died in his arms.)

Karen Stroble's husband, Dennis Gaub, has 4 siblings: Delores Lucille (Dee) Gaub Gibson Tudor, is the oldest. She moved to Dunsmuir, California, where she met & married Richard Gibson, a railroad man and son of Louise Gibson of Cottonwood, California. Dee has 2 children: Daryl Duane, born about 1960 and now living in Redding, California, and Michael Richard Gibson, born Sep 1967. A son, Brian Allan Gibson, was born 11 May 1962 and died 28 Apr 1963. He is buried in the Mt. Shasta, California, Cemetery. Michael lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon, I think. Dee divorced Richard and later married Dale Tudor from Oregon, I think. He has 2 grown sons and a grown daughter. Dee and Dale live in Santa Paula, Southern California, now.

Gordon Leroy (?) Gaub, the oldest Gaub boy, still lives in Montana and is a car salesman. He married Donna Mae Remmick and helped raise her daughter, Cathy, who used the name Gaub and considered Gordon her father. (She lives in WA state, I think) Gordon's 2nd wife was Thelma Schroen (sp?). She has a daughter, Pamela, from a previous marriage. His 3rd. wife is Mary (maiden name Thielen). Her father is Ambrose Thielen. Gordon adopted her daughter, Michele, a teenager now. Gordon and Mary are the parents of twins: Joani Marie and Greg (Larry may be his middle name). They were born about 1979. Diane, the 3rd Gaub, married Willy Hanlon (Willard Jr), who she met after she came to Dunsmuir, California from Montana to live near Dee. Fayola and Willard (Willy) are his parents. He has 2 sisters, Rayola and ?. Diane and Willy Hanlon have 2 children: Willy III, born 31 May 1968 and Kristi Marie, born Sep 1970, when they lived in Dunsmuir. Now they all live in Cottonwood, California, where Willy works in a mill.

Dennis was the 4th child. His younger sister is Donna Lou, who married Larry Blanton in Texas where she moved from Montana. Their only child was born in Texas (I think). Larry was married previously and has at least 1 grown child, a girl. Larry Don Blanton (not JR) was born about 1974. (Donna lived in Dunsmuir and attended High School when Karen did, before Karen met Dennis as he was still in Montana at that time.) Blantons live in Corning, Texas, This completes the family of Karen Stroble Gaub, first child of Leo and Agnes.

Loree Stroble, 2nd child of Leo and Agnes, met and married Neil David Norgaard when both were in Miles City, Montana, working at the same restaurant. Loree moved there to be near Karen and work in Montana. Neil moved there to be an assistant manager of a restaurant. He was from Tyler, (Lake-Benton) in Southern Minnesota, where his folks, Gordon and Elvira (Elving) Norgaard still live on their farm. The 7 Feb 1976 wedding was at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Miles City, Montana. Neil has 3 siblings: Dan, Craig & Gail (his sister - spelled Gail). Dan, the oldest, married Gwenn Loring and has 3 children: Mamie, born about 1972 and Kristen, born about 1974; both girls and Gregory born about 1977 in Tyler, Minnesota. They

now live in Iowa, I think. Gail married Jim Petty, now divorced. She lives in Owatonna, Minnesota. Their 3 children are: (a son, Shannon, born about 1969-70, and 2 girls, Corie, born about 1972, and Erin, born about 1976. Craig married Jeanne Serie and they live on a farm in the Tyler area with their 3 children (Jamie born about 1976 and Michael born about 1979 and their girl, Christina born about 1984.) Neil, the youngest, was born 10 May 1954 in Tyler, Minnesota. His father is Danish and his mother is of Swedish descent.

Loree and Neil now live in Somerset, Eldorado County, near Placerville, California, where Neil is a building contractor and builds log homes.

#### **Burial sites of Strobel family members:**

##### *SUBIACO, Arkansas:*

Leo Strobel's grandparents, Catherine (Katherina on tombstone) Marche Strobel and Leopold Strobel. Other relatives include Aunt Rick (Henrietta Strobel (Fred's sister) and his brothers Andrew J. and Philip J. Strobel and Fred's 1st wife, Regina Kemper Strobel.

##### *St. Elizabeth Old Church Cemetery, Opello, Arkansas:*

Leo's brother, Andy Strobel who died at age 5 (no marker), probably before Leo was born.

##### *St. Boniface Churchyard Cemetery, Dixie, near Bigelow, Arkansas:*

Leo's father, Fred Strobel, Fred's last wife, Ruth Strobel (east end of cemetery, last grave); Leo's sister, Katie (Catherine Strobel) who died before Leo was born, half sister, Mary's husband and his first wife, Joe and Mildred Nutt)

##### *Ada Valley Cemetery, Conway County, near Petit Jean Mountain and near Opello:*

Leo's mother, Lavada Pryor Pugh Strobel (tombstone says Stroble), Lavada's mother, Nancy Ann Pryor (near or at a flat rock), Jim Pugh, Lavada's first husband. Beside Jim is a war veteran Mr. Holley, a relative of Jim, possibly his sister's husband. Jim's mother and sister, Eunice Holley. Leo's half sister, Cora Ellen Pugh, Lavada and Jim's 1st child, who died young. (Other relatives are probably buried there as Lavada grew up in Ada Valley. The tombstones are old and hard to read.)

##### *Sharp Cemetery (near Copperas Gap, Arkansas, up a dim road. Many not marked):*

Renfro (Wren) Golden Strobel, wife of Fred Strobel and mother of Katie, George, and Ricky.

##### *Buried in Texas near where he was killed:*

Leo's maternal grandfather, Green Berg Pryor. We don't know where that was.

##### *May graveyard, near Houston, Arkansas:*

Leo's sister, Ida McCauley and husband and his family as well as their daughter, Mary Ellen Greene.

##### *Little Rock (don't know which Cemetery):*

Mina, half sister of Leo, and her husband, Noah Morgan.

##### *Phoenix Memorial Park, Phoenix, Arkansas:*

Bill & Alice Pugh (Leo's half brother)

##### *Ivy Lawn Cemetery, Ventura, California:*

Ann (Leo's half sister) and Corbett Smith are buried there.

##### *Ashes scattered on the Pacific Ocean:*

John Strobel, Leo's only full brother. (His wife and daughter, Mary, are probably buried in the San Jose, California area.)

##### *Population of places in Arkansas about 1962:*

Little Rock: 132,483 (before the annexation of Houston, Arkansas, 258.)

Perryville: 948 (Perry County seat).

Perry: 218.

Bigelow: 258 (Perry County)

Opello: Conway County, probably. 432

Morrilton: (county seat of Conway County 6,814.