

The Curtis Family Tree



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Tale Of Your Tribe

Have you casually thought that your family's story was just another of the "simple annals of the humble poor?" Well, I've thought that about my folks.

Those of my relatives whom I happen to know or have known are people who span a gap of many years of history from a grandfather born in the 1820s to a granddaughter born five months ago. They are part of history in just the same way your folks are. Why you or I ever should be interested in our families beyond this scope of personalities and time probably is a matter to which we've given very little—if any—attention.

If our forebears, as far as we know, were decent, sensible people, properly handling their responsibilities to their families, the neighbors and their nation, that's enough reason for pride and interest. Outside of that our ancestors are on their own and so are we.

But something I read in the Indiana History Bulletin gave me a different idea of family history. I began to appreciate what my ancestors had done by taking a long chance and leaving Europe years ago to come to a wild new country, to which they contributed their lives and where they earned their reward in liberty, opportunity and some cash.



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AS I READ THE BULLETIN piece it struck me that I was greatly indebted to these forgotten ones.

The Hoosier communique that stirred me to taking a look at the family record was written to Caroline Dunn, librarian of the William Henry Smith Memorial Library. It read, in part:

"The other day I was busy writing up the pedigree of my latest litter of English springer spaniels. This brood was the result of considerable planning and study of antecedents, and while the actual typing of 62 names was a bore, I looked upon the 30 names of champions in their six-generation genealogy with some pride.

"ALL OF A SUDDEN I THOUGHT—this pedigree blank is a useful piece of paper. Supposing I substituted the name of one of my children for the name of one of my dogs. Could I possibly trace our ancestry for six generations? And it seemed suddenly rather dreadful, that I could turn out animals whose background was carefully documented, and yet not provide the same record for my own children.

"When I thought of all the 62 people who composed a six-generation background, how they had fallen in love, married, had had children, struggled to bring them up to the best of their ability, from pre-Revolutionary times—only to be so completely forgotten that even their descendants didn't recognize their names—it was heartbreaking. Result: I went to the cupboard containing all the material donated by relatives; I fished out an official Spratt's pedigree blank, and went to work!"

PART I

Fredrick Amasa Curtis, 315 Pine Street, Maywood, Illinois

To my relatives throughout the country:

I am hale, hearty and happy and at the age of 93 years on March 21, 1963, am as active as ever with lively interest in local, national and world events, as well as the world to come.

In order to increase the interest of my relatives in the Curtis family history and having a record of the names, locations and addresses of many descendants, I wish to share this information with those who are a part of the line.

So, I am furnishing you with this information to enable you to locate your relatives and contact them and visit or write them on occasion when living nearby or when traveling.

Also to furnish a family record for any who now or in later years, care to compile further family records and add to those I have previously furnished to many of the closer members throughout the country who now have them.

Our Curtis line began in England with Thomas Curtis, born in 1598 at Stratford-on-Avon. He came to America and first lived in Westerfield, Connecticut.

The Line follows:

1. Thomas Curtis born in England, 1598
2. Joseph Curtis b. March 31, 1644, died Dec. 31, 1683
3. David Curtis b. Nov. 29, 1688, died 1768
4. Allen Curtis b. March 18, 1708, died Sept. 1740
5. John Curtis b. Nov. 30, 1742
6. Amasa Curtis b. 1744, 67 Clarenceville, Canada
7. William Moses Curtis b. Jan. 12, 1795
8. Amasa Curtis b. Aug. 20, 1822, died May 21, 1910, buried
at Lena, Illinois
9. Fredrick Amasa Curtis b. March 21, 1870, Warren, Ill.
10. Linsley (Linn) Warren Curtis b. Feb. 26, 1901
Chicago, Ill. died 1954

Full information on all these families was given by me in the Curtis family record I published in March, 1938 and placed in the hands of all the family at that time and is available from them now. A copy was also placed in the Newberry Library in Chicago.

Part II of this record is devoted to the descendants of Lucy Curtis b. 1818 and for this information we are indebted to Miss Mary Dunn, 706 S. Schuyler St., Lena, Ill. and to Mrs. Clide Mosher, 212 E. Fayette St., Manchester, Iowa.

Amasa Curtis (8) married Mary Ann Jones at Georgia, Vermont by Elder Alvin Sabin and came to Illinois by tugboat on the Erie Canal.

Their children were:

- I. Herbert Jones Curtis b. 1851, married Nora Fairchild
(buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Cook County)
- II. Florence Ellen Curtis b. Sept. 13, 1855, married
Newton Linsley
- III. Effie Curtis b. Oct. 20, 1859, married Theodore Fairchild
- IV. Arthur Burney Curtis b. Oct. 13, 1861, married
Laura Spencer
- V. Homer Otis Curtis b. Dec. 12, 1865, married Luella
Witte (address: 1415 Foster Ave., Chicago, Ill.)
- VI. Fredrick Amasa Curtis b. March 21, 1870, married
Irene (Rena) Green

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- I. Herbert J. Curtis married Lenora-Jane Fairchild

Their Children are:

1. Roland E. Curtis (D) married Evaline Lawrence
now living in Fairhope, Alabama at
351 South Liberty Street.

Their Children are:

- A. Mrs. Grace Potter, 256 Kirkman Lane, Fairhope, Ala.

Grace's daughter is now Mrs. Frances O. Fowler, 42 S. Ferry Ave., Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (their child, James Franklin Fowler). Her husband, Otis A. Fowler. This child (nicknamed Jimmy) makes a fifth generation living.

- B. Thomas E. Curtis, Centralia, Mo. Box 125

- C. Irwin A. Curtis, Fairhope, Ala. 251 No. Summitt St.

Irwin and wife Dolly Mae have Elizabeth, age 12, Laura E., 10 yrs., John R. 6 yrs., Joseph A. 4 yrs.

- D. Arthur L. Curtis, Fairhope, Ala.

- E. David H. Curtis, 59 Bay View, Fairhope, Ala.

Children: Charlotte, 11 yrs., David Jr., 10 yrs., Rose, 6 yrs., and Charyl, 7 yrs.

2. Hazel Lenora Curtis married Arthur Kingsley Trenholme

Hazel and Arthur's children are:

- A. Arthur Kingsley Trenholme, 1208 S. E. 53rd St., Portland, Oregon

- B. Edward Curtis Trenholme, 1612 Lincoln St., Eugene, Oregon

- C. Norman William Trenholme, 2048 Britan Ave., San Carlos, Calif.

- D. Nora Trenholme Coates, 5556 S. E. Logus Road, Milwaukie, Oregon

- a. Nora's daughter is Elizabeth Coates (a writer and public speaker, 17 year old student at Clackmas High School), 5556 S. E. Logus Road, Milwaukie 20, Oregon (making a fifth generation from Fredrick A. Curtis, down).
- b. Robin and Richard compose the balance of this brilliant unit.
- c.

II. Florence Ellen Curtis b. 1855, married Newton Linsley, son of William L. Linsley, b. 1811 in Trumbull Co., Vernon, Ohio - and (Mother) Deborah Babcock, b. 1823

1. Their son, Earl Theodore Linsley b. 1876 married Alice Turneure of Freeport, Ill.

A. Their child, Earl Curtis Linsley married Helen Haugen, 420 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. whose children are:

a. Diane Helen Linsley b. 1929, married Dean Stanley Fox II, who is an I. B. M. Technical Specialist, address 3910 E. Heatherbrae, Phoenix, Ariz.

Their children are:

Ellen Suzanne b. 1951

Dean Stanley III b. 1952

b. Richard Clayton Linsley b. 1930 married to Rosemary Johnson of Geneva, Ill. He is Catering Manager of Paul Shank's Safari, Scottsdale, Ariz. Address - 3740 Monterosa, Phoenix, Ariz.

Their Child is:

Aileen Marie, b. 1957

c. Lois Anne Linsley, b. 1936, married Edward W. Champine at Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

Cindy Lee

Cheryl Anne

Brian Wesley

d. Lawrence Earl Linsley - U. S. Army, Hdq. Co., Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco

e. Lee Martin Linsley - Student, Santa Monica, Calif.

III. Effie Curtis b. Oct. 20, 1859, married Theodore Fairchild, a widower with children, who were an intimate part of our family: Elmer, Lillie, Sylvia, Edna, all of Magnolia and Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

1. Mattie Fairchild married Henry Mooney.

A. Their daughter, Marguerite Mooney Muntz is now Mrs. Gamble, 4307 Tuyunga Ave., N. Hollywood, Calif. Her first husband was William Muntz of Elgin, Ill. Their son, Earl Muntz (Mad-Man Muntz) created a huge automobile, television, and other industries on a large scale.

Earl's children are:

James, U. A. Navy

Teena

2. Joseph Fairchild (D) married Minnie Hintz, address now: Mrs. Minnie Fairchild, Ludlow, Miss.

Their children are:

A. Rev. Leonard J. Fairchild, Pastor, Ludlow Baptist Church, Ludlow, Miss.

Their children are:

a. Leonard J. Fairchild Jr. married Mary Ruth Flynn, address, 4520 Dare Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Daughter - Dana

B. Billie Joe Fairchild married Francis Roberts, address, 13518 Duluth St., Houston 15, Texas

Their children are:

Evan Leonard

Randy Joe

Teressa

C. Bobbie Jane Fairchild married Ralph Flynn, A and W Trailer Park, Rt. 6, High Point Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C.

- D. Bonnie Jean Fairchild (she and Billie are twins)
married Tommy Ray Cook, Address, Rt. 1,
Meridian, Miss.

Their children are:

Tommy R. Jr.

Dudley Lynn

Anita Jane

3. Byron Fairchild married Anna Dierkin, address
557 Bird St., Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

- A. Russel and wife, Jessie, address, 11391
Lemoncrest Drive, Sacramento, Calif.

Their children are

- a. ~~B~~. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baird (Sally) 10229
Marcus St., Tujunga, Calif.

- b. ~~B~~. Mr. & Mrs. Donald Huskins (Sandra), 1136
Sapicoy, N. Hollywood, Calif.

Leanna Marie

4. Herbert Fairchild married Christine _____, address
2200 Lyrie Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Their children are:

A. Charlotte

B. Virginia

5. Fred Fairchild married Minerva _____, address
1103 Dundee Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

A. Vivian

B. Marge

6. Clifford Fairchild married Wilda _____, address
620 Wright Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

- A. Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Anna Fairchild,
address, 853 Jay St., Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

- a. David
- b. Marsha

- B. Elaine married Cecil Lester, address 508
Ryerson Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Their children are:

- a. Lynne
- b. Denise

IV. Arthur Burney Curtis married Laura Spencer

Their children are:

1. Edward Amasa Curtis (D) married Marie Kuhl; had one
child which died in infancy - Married Elizabeth
Schultz, a widow with one child, Ethel Schultz.
2. Florence Curtis (D) born March 21, 1887
3. Elizabeth L. Curtis married Max Trauring, 7619 Honone
N. Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

Their children Are:

- A. Denise (Maxine) married J. P. Blanchard and div-
a. orced, had son Jay Parker. She is now Mrs.
Joseph F. Bratton, 830 N. Dequoney,
Indianapolis, Ind.
- B. Jay Bernard Trauring married Mary Jameson,
reside Hartford City, Ind., R. K4, Brentwood
Place.

Their children are:

- a. Thomas
- b. Jill
- c. Byron

- C. Mary Laura married Ronald M. Corn, reside 7619
Honone N. Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

Their children are:

- a. Kevin Jeffrey - 1952
- b. Laura Beth - 1959
- c. Derice - 1962

4. Fannie L. Curtis married Clifton Cross, 1607 Stroble Ave
Mendota, Ill.

Their children are:

- A. Curtis Spencer Cross married Mary Alyce, 409
16th St. Mendota, Ill.

Their children are:

- a. Mary Jane
- b. John Marshall

- B. Kenneth Marshall Cross, 211 Pepperridge Lane,
Battle Creek Mich. Married Dorothy

Their children are:

- a. Carol Ann
- b. Peggy Jean
- c. Linda Sue
- d. Nancy Lynn

- C. Phyllis Arlene Cross married Richard Bauer
LaMoille R. F. D., Ill.

Their children are:

- a. Gary Eugene
- b. Gail Elizabeth
- c. Donald
- d. Bruce

e. Howard Allen

f. Barbara Ruth Cross married Harold
E. Judy, 936 N. Gilbert, Danville,
Ill.

5. Clarence Richard Curtis, wife Ellen, ~~Box 157, Plainfield,~~
Ind. 3712 Skylark Trail. Chataanooga 6. Tenn.

6. Fred Spencer Curtis, wife Helen, 1825 Eleventh St., Peru,
Ill.

Their children are:

A. Esther, married David Kellems, 1 N. Worth St.,
Elgin. Ill.

B. Richard Warren married Susan Anne Goulding,
2356 Camden Drive, Houston 21, Texas

7. Leslie Roland Curtis (D) married Magdalen M. Wehrle,
7950 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

V. Homer Otis Curtis married Ella Witte, 1415 Foster Ave., Chicago,
Ill. No children *now 97 and active.*

VI. Fredrick Amasa Curtis married Irene (Rena) Green, 315 Pine St.,
Maywood, Ill.

Their children are:

1. Mildred Irene Curtis married Ernest C. Freeland (D)
1114 Holley Court, Oak Park, Ill.

Their children are:

A. Curtis Charles Freeland married Carolyn Brehmer
232 Sturtz St., Barrington, Ill.

Their children are:

a. Michael

b. Carl

c. Suzanne

B. Janet Irene Freeland married Kenneth L. Miller
4146 Western Ave., Western Springs, Ill.

Their children are:

- a. Judith Bonney
- b. Jozelle Neel

2. Linsley (Linn) Warren Curtis (D) married Frieda Robinson, who is now Mrs. Irving B. Whitman, 1395 Apartado, Guatemala City.

Their children are:

- A. Joan married Martin Acker, 1728 Columbia Drive, Eugene, Oregon.

Their children are:

- a. Michael
- b. David
- c. Steven

- B. Frances married Robert Kirch, 151 E. Hampton drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

Their children are:

- a. Kim
- b. Kerry
- c. Kristy

So, now you have a record which enables you, your children, and their children to trace back their lineage - the youngest ones for thirteen generations.

This takes time and effort, and is the last time that I shall pursue the matter. However, it has been a source of great pleasure to me to hear from all of you who have so thoughtfully remembered me with your letters, cards and good wishes.

I intend, with God's continued help, to stick around until I am at least one hundred and enjoy my wonderful family and this wonderful world.

So with my love and asking God's blessing on you all,

I remain,

Your Happy Old Gramp and Uncle

Fredrick Amasa Curtis

Fred A. Curtis

PART II

The Roman numerals denote generations.

- I. William Moses Curtis born 1795 - married Sylvia Harrington
Their children were: Lucy b. 1818, William Uriah,
Amasa b. 1822

- II. Lucy married William Abel Ford b. 1812 and their children
- III. were Lucy Louisa Ford b. 1841 d. 1910 m. Thomas Rose
- III. Laura Ford b. 1842
- III. Lyman Ford
- III. Emma Ford b. 1849 m. James Dunn b. 1839 d. 1932
- III. Alma Ford b. 1852 m. Spencer Laws
- The children of Lucy L. Ford Rose and Thomas Rose
- IV. Leonard DeForest b. 1862 d. 1863
- IV. Eurette b. 1864 d. 1888
- IV. John Leonard b. 1866 d. 1946 m. Anna Jenks
- The children of Emma Ford Dunn were
- IV. Alma b. 1875 d. 1912
- IV. Ellen b. 1882 died at 13 mos.
- IV. Mary b. 1884
- IV. Edna b. 1887 d. 1924
- The children of John Leonard Rose and wife, Anna were
- V. Odessa Louise b. 1888 m. Clide Mosher. Born in
Masonville, Iowa now living at Manchester, I.
- V. Nellie b. 1891 m. Chas. Scanlan
- V. Mary b. 1900 m. Jesse Curtis
- V. Mildred b. 1906 m. Gaylor Johnson
- V. Marjorie b. 1909 d. July 7, 1939
- The children of Odessa Rose and Clide Mosher - both located in
Masonville, Iowa.
- VI. Leonard Donald b. 1915 m. Alberta Clark
- VI. Doris Anna b. 1917 m. Raymond Sullivan
- The children of Leonard D. Mosher
- VII. Donald Dean b. 1938 m. Vanita Ridenour
now living in West Point, Neb.
- VII. Gordon Lee b. 1943
attends Upper Iowa University
- VI. The children of Doris Anna Mosher Sullivan and Raymond Sullivan
- VII. Gary Robert b. 1947 - Masonville, Iowa
- VII. Deanna Rae b. 1951 - " "

- * VII. The children of Donald Dean Mosher and wife, Vanita
- VIII. Allan Dean Mosher b. 1958 - Omaha, Neb.
- VIII. Michael James b. 1960 - " "
- V. The children of Mary Rose and Jessee Curtis
- VI. Mildred Alberta b. 1922 m. Gaylord Johnson
lives at Delmar, Iowa
- VI. Glenn Marvin b. 1925 m. Verne Hempseed
Lamont, Iowa
- VI. Harold Dean b. 1932 m. Marlene ?
Jesup, Iowa
- VI. Rose Mary b. 1934 m. Dale Henderson
Independence, Iowa
- VI. John Thomas b. 1939 m. Kate Gamble
Montgomery, Ala.
- V. The children of Mildred A. Rose Johnson and Gaylord Johnson
- VI. Gayle Clifford b. 1949
- VI. Merrie Joe b. 1952
- VI. The children of Glenn M. Curtis and wife, Verne
- VII. Glenn Jr. b. 1949
- VII. Michael b. 1950
- VII. Richard b. 1951 - Lamont, Iowa
- VII. Linda b. 1953
- VII. Sharen b. 1960)twins
- VII. Karen b. 1960)
- VII. Laura b. 1961
- VI. The children of Harold Dean Curtis and Marlene - Waterloo, I.
- VII. Calvin Scott b. 1957
- VII. Sue Renae b. 1959
- VII. Baby b. 1961
- VI. The children of Rose Mary Curtis and Dale Henderson
- VII. Diana Dayle b. 1953
- VII. Melody Rose b. 1954
- VII. Steven Curtis b. 1956
- * VIII. Kenneth Scott Mosher b. 1962

