

Paul C. & Mary (Kinney) Wanless Family

Paul Crandall Wanless (born on January 17, 1872) was the oldest son of Stephen Wilson & Fanny Elizabeth (Duffield) Wanless, a farm family living in the Willamette Valley (Marion County), Oregon (note he had two older sisters). Paul married Mary Elizabeth Kinney in about 1894. Mary was the daughter of John & Sarah Kinney, a merchant in Ballard, Washington. Mary was born on October 24, 1872 in Chicago, Illinois, where her father was a mortician. After moving to Ballard, John Kinney became a Merchant. His store was located on 25th & 65th N.W. (in Ballard). There was a shoe repair shop on the corner next to them (N.W. corner). They bought a home for their family not far away (one block) on 24th & 65th N.W.

When Paul & Mary were first married they moved around the Puget Sound area. They had two children; John Marion born in Sedro Woolley, and Myrtle Elizabeth born in Mount Vernon.

Paul Wanless worked in his youth as a Shingle Weaver. It was a dangerous trade, in time due to accidents, he lost parts of 3 fingers and a thumb from his hands. (They worked with unguarded saws, in the shingle mills those days.)

Note: Per 1900 census they were renting a home in Ballard, and Paul was working as a Shingle weaver. Paul was 28, Mary was 27, Jonnie was 5, and Mertie was 3 years old. Both Paul and Mary were born in 1872.

As a result he changed his trade and began working with Pile Drivers.
(See the 1920 census.)

He started as a Fireman and worked his way up to that of a Pile Driver Operator. He worked on the various construction sites including the famous Aurora Bridge in Seattle, and a number of bridges on the Olympic peninsula of Washington State.

A tragic accident happened one morning, as he was chopping some kindling wood to start a fire in the boiler of the Pile Driver, a piece flew up and hit him in the eye. Paul lost the sight of that eye.

Another tragedy happened one day in June of 1935 when Mary severed her toe in an accident. It wouldn't heal, gangrene set in, and her leg had to be amputated on February 3, 1936. Mary Wanless died in February 6, 1936 from a Cerebral Embolism, following the amputation of her leg. (She also had diabetes.) Mary Wanless was buried on February 8, 1936 in Washelli Cemetery, Seattle, King, Washington. Mary and Paul were living at 1537 24th N. W. in Seattle, at the time of her death.

Paul married Mabel (?) in (?). She in turn died in (?) .

Paul married once again, this time to Mollie Hortense, of Seattle, Washington. Paul continued working into his eighties, and was a boiler man in a Seattle Hotel.

Paul died in Seattle, on December 11, 1955 of Arteriosclerosis Cardio Vascular disease. He is buried on December 14, 1955 in Washelli Cemetery, Seattle, King, Washington. Paul and Molly were living at 11439 15th Ave. Seattle at the time of his death.

(His estate Was sent to probate in October of 1956, and settled in November of 1956. Mollie was the executrix.) He was survived by his third wife Mollie, two children, five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Their Children-----

John Marion Wanless

Born in Sedro Woolley, Skagit, Washington on October 24, 1895. He married Garnet Zell Hall a fisherman's daughter from Seattle. They had three children: Marie, Bernice, and Paul. (For more see the John & Garnet Wanless history).

Myrtle Elizabeth Wanless

Born in Mount Vernon, Skagit, Washington on January 10, 1897. She married Clyde Haile abt. 1920 in (?) Washington. They had two children, Clyde Haile Jr. and Willard (Billy) Haile.

Clyde Haile Jr., married Katherine (?) from (?). They have three children: Jerry, Rosalie (Rosie) (married to (?) Stamp), and Colleen.

Willard Haile married Lois Featherfield, from (?). They have two boys: Randy (married to E. G. Morgan) and Robin Haile.

Myrtle worked as a Telephone Operator for Pacific Northwest Bell, retiring after 40+ years of service.

Clyde died in (?) on (?) .

Myrtle died on June 27, 1980 in Seattle, King, Washington, she had lived to be over 83 years of age. She was survived by two children and five grandchildren.

JOHN & GARNET WANLESS Family---

John Marion Wanless married Garnet Zell Hall, a fisherman's daughter from Seattle, Washington in 1917/18(?). (Note: John went by Johnny all his life, but will be referred to as John here.)

John, being very good at sports played Football, Basketball and Tennis, as a Semi-pro player.

In 1918 the United States became involved with World War I in Europe. On April 25, 1918 John enlisted in the U.S. Army at Hoods Canal, Washington. He was a Sharp Shooter in the infantry, and saw action in battles and scrimmages between July 12, 1918 and April 14, 1919. On December 22, 1920 he received a Bronze Victory Button. While he was away in the War, his first child Marie May was born (On November 13, 1918).

After the War John and Garnet lived in a home which they were buying On 27 Ave. in Ballard. John worked as a Shingleweaver in a local Ballard Shingle Mill.

(See the 1920 census.)

They had two more children: Bernice Valentine born on February 15, 1921; and Paul Crandall born on June 28, 1922.

Their marriage was not an easy one. They were divorced in 1923 (?), and she left the children with John. (Paul said that they lived with their grandparents Paul & Mary Wanless until Mary's death, Then they lived with their Aunt Myrtie.) Paul said that he did see his mother occasionally, in Seattle.

Garnet's second marriage was to Ernest Roberts. It to, eventually ended in divorce. She died on June 20, 1943, of lobar pneumonia brought on by the effects of Laryngeal diphtheria. Garnet was cremated and her ashes were later placed in her mothers casket (Jane Hall), when she was buried in Ilwaco, Pacific, Washington.

John continued working at the shingle mill in Ballard. Later he got a job in Government Secret Service, and during World War II he was the Head of the Security Guards for the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

John enjoyed fishing, and his son Paul recalls the time in which he rowed his dad through the Ballard Locks to go fishing in Puget Sound. John also enjoyed Poetry, and was known to write his own poems at times.

In 1946, after all his children had grown and left home, John Wanless remarried. His new wife was Selma Eva (Douglas) Huggins from Yakima, Washington. Her father was James Douglas, and mother was Irene Hoff (Brown) Douglas. Selma had a daughter Barbara Huggins from a previous marriage. Barbara, married (?) Passe. They have two children Steve and Keith.

John and Selma moved to Sheridan, Oregon in 1946. Their granddaughter Earleen remembers how much fun it was to go craw dad fishing, in the creek which ran in back of their home. John worked as a police, officer for a time. Later he had a Radio and TV repair shop. Selma liked to work with ceramics and made up lamps, mugs & etc. She gave many of them out for presents at Christmas Time, to their grandchildren. In 1959 they moved to Willamina, Oregon.

Selma died of (?) on March 8, 1961, in McMinnville, Oregon about 6 months after they had moved to Carlton, Oregon. She was almost 59 years old, being born on April 2, 1902. She is buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

John remarried (a third time) Elise M. (?), in abt. 1961 in Carlton, Oregon. She had been a nurse, housekeeper for them during Selma's last years. Although John was by now receiving a Veterans pension from the government, he worked for a time as a locker room attendant at the YMCA in his eighty's. Next he tried his hand at running a service station, however this proved to be unsuccessful, and wound up in a court suit against the Oil Company.

John Wanless died of carcinomatosis on August 9, 1978 in Salem, Oregon. He is buried next to his second wife Selma in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. He was survived by his third wife Elise, three children, four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Their Children-----

Marie May Wanless

Born in Seattle, Washington on November 13, 1918. After High School, she move to Minnesota and had a short marriage. She did not have any children.

Bernice Valentine Wanless

Born in Seattle, Washington on February 15, 1921. Her brother Paul said that as a child Bernice liked to act in plays, as seen in the picture of her in Grade School (at about 9 years old) in a Queen of Hearts costume.

In her teenage years Bernice did the things many teenage girls do, baby sitting, working as a waitress in a local Cafe, dating, going to dances etc. Bernice graduated from Ballard High School in June of 1939. She was voted the most Beautiful Girl in her Senior Class, (she had the nick name in High School of "Snook's").

She was offered a screen test by Time Magazine, after graduation, but did not take them up on it. She loved to tap dance.

She met Earl August Jacobs at a dance in Seattle (while he worked full time for Boeing Airplane Co. he played the accordion at local dances). On January 1, 1940 they had a New Years Day marriage. They have two children Earleen Marie, and Joyce Marion Jacobs. During WWII Bernice worked at Boeing Airplane Co. wiring planes. Later, she worked there on and off for 10 or 12 years as a Tool Room Clerk. She also became a good seamstress, making school clothes for her girls, as well as costumes for recitals and parades.

After her divorce from Earl in 1961, Bernice went to Cosmetology School. She worked as a beautician (hair dresser) in Seattle & Renton for 15 years. She married Oliver Knutson, of Renton, Washington abt. 1962. He owned and operated a sign printing company in Renton.

When her second husband died (January of 1981) Bernice became very active in the Senior Citizens group in Renton, Washington. She enjoyed being on stage in both tap dancing, and Hawaiian dance numbers.

Bernice Died on January 3, 1985, in Seattle, Washington after a fighting cancer for five years. She is buried at Greenwood Memorial Park, in Renton Washington next to her second husband Oliver Knutson.

Paul Crandall Wanless

Born in Seattle, Washington on June 28, 1922.
He married Clare Hess (born on September 30,
1926). They have two children Dannie Lee and
Michael Paul Wanless.

During World War II, Paul joined the U.S. Coast
Guard. Paul served aboard the U. S. Coast Transport
Ship, the U.S.C.G. Arthur Middleton. He participated
in many South Pacific Island invasions, including
the Islands of Saipan, Kwalein, Parawa, & Amchitka.

Once while his ship was assisting a shipwreck on
the Alaskan coast his ship became stranded in the
ice and they had to remain there until the spring
thaw (ice broke).

After the war Paul became a foreman of the Fort
Lawton Motor Pool, where he was employed for 20
years. He next worked at the Hiram Chittenden
Locks in Ballard (part of Seattle). He retired
after 15 years as Lock Master in 1979.

Paul & Clare moved to Gig Harbor, in 1982, to be
closer to their grand children. They lived there
until Paul's health begin to fail and then moved
to Tacoma in 1988.

Paul died on February 25, 1989, in Tacoma, Washington
(of Prostate cancer). He was cremated and interned
at Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn, Washington.

Dannilee married Michael Sayers.
They have a daughter Tessa.
They are divorced.

Michael Paul Wanless married Sharon Hull.
They have two children, Natalie Fay, and Sundae Renee.

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