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I N T R O D U C T I O N

IF YOU ARE REMEMBERED, YOU ARE STILL ALIVE.
(Russian proverb)

Bonnie Elizabeth Wanless was the sixth, and last, child of Charles S. and Fay Burrows Wanless. Charles was a well-known realtor and developer in Springfield, Illinois.

In 1940, Bonnie married Charles Reynolds "Laddie" Jones Jr., my mother's brother. I was delighted to have Aunt Bonnie become a part of my childhood memories.

Bonnie and Laddie left Springfield in May 1941. They were in New Mexico briefly, then in California for several years before returning to Ruidoso, New Mexico in 1947. That small town in the Sierra Blanco mountains was their home as long as they lived.

Bonnie and Laddie had a daughter named Sandra Gail. Sandy was born in California but has lived in Ruidoso for most of her life. While our "in person" contacts were few and far between, Sandy and I became good friends. I always felt very close to Sandy. We celebrated our successes, we both suffered when problems arose.

Once I had retired, Sandy and I decided to make up for lost time. We began to exchange lengthy letters, and we found the number one topic was always our families. Thanks to Sandy, I learned so much more about her parents and her children.

Knowing that Sandy had rarely been in Springfield and was unfamiliar with the local history of the Wanless family, I decided to write this report for her. It's my way of saying "thank you." That's appropriate since much of the section devoted to Bonnie and Laddie makes use of information I received from Sandy.

I also want to acknowledge the help of Phil and Polly Wanless Spengler. Polly is the daughter of Gail Wanless (Bonnie's brother who died in 1999). Polly's husband Phil was in business with Gail. They gave me "starter" information on the Wanlessclan and have been most encouraging as I described what I intended to do.

I'm also grateful to my friends at Lincoln Library's Sangamon Valley Collection. Ed Russo, Curtis Mann, and Linda Garvert always have the answers to questions about local history.

I hope Sandy, her children, and other readers will enjoy the report. By meeting the members of the Wanless family, you'll be proving the proverb which appears at the top of this introduction.

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WILLIAM WANLESS

Great-grandfather of Bonnie Wanless

William was a coal miner who lived in England. He married Isabella Bell.

On July 18, 1844 they became the parents of a son who was also named William. He was born in the village of Bishop Middlam in Durham county.

WILLIAM WANLESS

Grandfather of Bonnie Wanless

William Wanless married Elizabeth Brown on July 29, 1865 at the Registrar's Office in the district of Gateshead, county of Durham. The record of the wedding appears in the Register Book of Marriages, book 13, page 15.

Elizabeth had been born on February 28, 1842 at Wellington Quay in Northumberland county. At the time of her marriage, she was living at Marley Hill in Whickham.

She was the daughter of Isaac Brown, a blacksmith born about 1816. He had married a girl whose maiden name was Goffard. Isaac's father had been a market gardener at Thurby in Cumberland county.

Like his father, William Wanless was a coal miner. A little over a year after his marriage, he was working at the Albion Mines in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Three of his children were born there.

Then, about 1870, William Wanless moved his family to Howlett, Illinois, a few miles northeast of Springfield. (In 1874 the name of the village was changed from Howlett to Riverton.) He and Elizabeth became U.S. citizens on July 14, 1876.

Six more children were born to William and Elizabeth in Howlett/Riverton. According to the Family Record, their tenth and last child, Charles S. Wanless, was born at Starnes.

Different descriptions exist of William's growing job responsibilities. One classified him as a manager of the Peabody Coal Company, another said he was superintendent of the Riverton mines.

Elizabeth Brown Wanless died of pneumonia on January 8, 1892. She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery near Riverton. (The entry in the records of the cemetery identified her as "Lizzie.")

On January 29, 1894 William married Gertrude Barthel. He was forty-nine years old. His bride, who had been born in Germany, was twenty-seven. William and Gertrude had four children.

William Wanless died on November 12, 1901. After funeral services at his home in Riverton and at the Riverton Methodist Church, William was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

His will was filed for probate on December 14 of that year. He left one dollar to each of the eight surviving children of his first wife, Elizabeth. (Two sons by that marriage had predeceased him.) The rest of his estate went to his second wife Gertrude. If she remarried, the will made provision for the property to go to William and Gertrude's four children.

Gertrude moved to Springfield after William's death. She appeared in the 1902-03 city directory at 500 West Williams and in 1904 at 1025 Henrietta. The 1905 directory listed Gertrude as residing at 927 N. Eighth.

WILLIAM WANLESS

Grandfather of Bonnie Wanless

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

This list (names, date of birth, and place of birth) was taken from the "Family Record", a document (a page from a family Bible?) prepared by the Wanless family.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
Mary E.	Born 8-15-1866	Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia
William Hall	Born 12-13-1867	Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia
John	Born 12-17-1869	Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia
Thomas	Born 6-26-1871	Riverton, Illinois
Isaac	Born 2-21-1873	Riverton, Illinois
Isabelle	Born 3-23-1875	Riverton, Illinois
Frederick W.	Born 3- 3-1877	Riverton, Illinois
Margaret A.	Born 3- 9-1879	Riverton, Illinois
Frederick W.	Born 3-16-1881	Riverton, Illinois

Charles S. Born 1-20-1884 Starnes in Sangamon County, Ill.
The place of birth for Thomas and Isaac was shown as Riverton. For births in 1871 and 1873, we would expect the birth place to be identified as Howlett since the name of the village was not changed to Riverton until 1874. It would appear the Family Record was created at a later date rather than having entries made as the events occurred.

A comparison can be made between the Family Record and the 1880 census (ED 203, page 14, 256b) showing the William Wanless family in the village of Riverton in Clear Lake township.

The first three columns show name, age at the time of the census, and occupation. The last three columns on the right indicate the birthplace of the individual, the birthplace of the individual's father, and the birthplace of the individual's mother. EN = England, NS = Nova Scotia, IL = Illinois.

Wanless, William	36	coal miner	EN	EN	EN	
Elizabeth	39	keeps house	EN	EN	EN	
Mary E.	13			NS	EN	EN
William H.	12				NS	EN EN
John	11				NS	EN EN
Thomas	9		IL	EN	EN	
Isaac	7				IL	EN EN
Isabella	6				IL	EN EN
Margaret A.	1		IL	EN	EN	

The census was probably taken during the summer of 1880. The ages are close to the ages which could be calculated using the birth dates in the Family Record. Note that no Frederick was shown between Isabella and Margaret. If there was a Frederick born in 1877, as listed in the Family Record, he died prior to the census.

WILLIAM WANLESS

Grandfather of Bonnie Wanless

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND GERTRUDE BARTHEL WANLESS

William's wife Elizabeth Brown Wanless died in 1892. He married Gertrude Barthel on January 29, 1894. They had four children.

GERTRUDE C.W.

Born December 1894 in Riverton.

The first child of William and Gertrude Wanless died on November 18, 1904 at the family home (927 North Eighth in Springfield). The cause of death was typhoid fever. After funeral services at the Trinity Lutheran German Church, she was buried in an unmarked grave (block 1, row J, grave 69) in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Gertrude was survived by her mother, two brothers, and a sister.

ARTHUR A.A.

Born April 1896 in Riverton.

EDWARD T.H.

Born September 1898 in Riverton.

CLARA

In the will William Wanless prepared on November 10, 1901 two days prior to this death, he made provision for the children of his marriage to Gertrude and identified them as Gertrude, Arthur, Edward, and Clara Wanless.

Since Clara did not appear in the 1900 census, she must have been born after the census but prior to the preparation of the will.

WILLIAM WANLESS

Grandfather of Bonnie Wanless

FROM ENGLAND TO NOVA SCOTIA TO ILLINOIS

As we have seen, William Wanless rose to an administrative position during the years he spent in Illinois. He probably had combined the knowledge of mining which existed in his family with the opportunities which he found in Illinois.

We know both William and his father were coal miners. Any person involved in researching where William was born, where his wife Elizabeth Brown was born, and where they were married finds references to three counties -- Cumberland, Northumberland, and Durham.

Those are the three northernmost counties in England. Cumberland and Northumberland form England's border with Scotland. Great Britain was among the leading coal producers in the world, and the Wanless family lived in one of the principal coal-mining areas.

When William and Elizabeth left England, in 1865 or 1866, their destination was Pictou, Nova Scotia. Pictou is the name of a city, a county, and an island -- all on the north side of the peninsula about 75 miles east of the border with New Brunswick. The World Book Encyclopedia ranks coal as the most valuable mineral found in Nova Scotia. Pictou was specifically mentioned as one of the counties where coal was mined. As shown on a previous page, the Wanless "Family Record" reflected the birth of three children (Mary E., William H., and John) at the Pictou Mines.

What brought this veteran miner who had grown up in a mining family and who had lived among the mines of both England and Nova Scotia to central Illinois? The History of Sangamon County Illinois published in 1881 answers that question.

The first plat of the village that became Riverton was laid out in 1837 and recorded under the name Jamestown. The name was later changed to Howlett in honor of P. L. Howlett, an enterprising citizen of the village. On May 21, 1874, the name became Riverton since the village was on the banks of the Sangamon River.

Howlett owned a mill and a distillery which was said to be the largest in Illinois. Although coal had been discovered in the area at a very early date, only surface mining existed. Howlett changed all that. Here's how the History of Sangamon County described what happened.

Howlett . . . conceived the idea that there was an immense bed of superior coal at a great depth below the surface. Accordingly, he employed experienced men from the Pennsylvania oil region to erect the necessary machinery, and bored down 200 feet into the earth, which resulted in striking a rich vein of coal about 6 feet in thickness. This test was made a few feet from his distillery, about eighty rods from the railroad. In order to make this matter sure, he moved his boring machinery up near the railroad switch, and bored down again with the same results. In the spring of 1866, he sunk a shaft from which he began to take a superior coal to any heretofore mined. This was the first attempt at mining coal (underground) in Sangamon county.

The village of Riverton is what might be termed a mining village, its coal mines affording employment to by far the larger part of its inhabitants. Next to the mines the distillery and mill furnish employment to the greater number. The cottages of the miners are among the things to attract the eyes of a traveler as he passes through on the railway cars, and the question is often asked, why so many cottages, as well as the name of the town.

Again referring to the Wanless Family Record, we know John, the last Wanless child born in Nova Scotia, arrived in December 1869. Thomas, the first child born in Illinois, arrived on June 26, 1871.

Sometime during those intervening eighteen months, William and Elizabeth, both born and raised in the mining country of England, left the mines of Nova Scotia behind, and moved the family to central Illinois where the nascent coal mining industry offered an industrious man many chances for advancement.

William Wanless must have taken advantage of those opportunities.

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

The Brothers and Sisters

of

CHARLES STARNE WANLESS

Father of Bonnie Wanless

MARY E.

Born August 15, 1866 at Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

She married George Armstrong in Springfield on March 3, 1884. George was born on September 17, 1862.

Mary, age 39, died of typhoid pneumonia at her residence in Riverton on February 7, 1906. She was survived by her husband and eight children (Thomas, Edna, Cassa, George, Isaac, Elizabeth, John, and Leora) all of whom were living at home.

After funeral services at the Armstrong residence and the Riverton Methodist Church, Mary was interred at Oak Hill Cemetery.

At the time of Mary's death, most of her surviving siblings still lived in Riverton -- Thomas, Isabelle (married name Jacaway), Margaret (married name Jones), Fred, and Charles. Only her brothers William and John were in Springfield.

WILLIAM HALL

Born December 13, 1867 at Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

On April 19, 1888, William married Margaret Reavley in Riverton. Born January 27, 1871, Margaret was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Reavley. She was baptized July 1, 1900 at the Dawson Baptist Church.

William became manager of the Klondike mine in Springfield. In the early 1900s, he lived at the northwest corner of Douglas and Maple Avenue (about two blocks north of the West Grand school). For the last eleven years prior to his retirement in 1934, he was the division superintendent of Peabody Coal Company.

On December 10, 1944 Springfield received eight inches of snow. William died after shoveling the walks of the family home at 1521 Dial Court. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Margaret, then living at 737 West Vine, died at her residence on January 28, 1954. She was buried in Oak Hill.

For information on the children of William Hall and Margaret Reavley Wanless, see page 28.

JOHN

Born December 17, 1869 at Albion Mines, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

On November 28, 1888 John married Mary Klearn in Springfield. They were the parents of two children: Matthew and William.

At one time, John was the manager of the Black Diamond Mine for Peabody Coal. He lived in Springfield until about 1930.

Mary, John's wife, died (age 51) on October 30, 1922 at their residence in Riverton.

John died on April 7, 1945 at his home in Crocker, Missouri and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. At the time of John's death, his son William was still living in Springfield.

(John's grave is unmarked. Apparently he is buried in the space between Laura Wanless Todd and George W. Johnson. On the cemetery records, that site is identified as grave 2, lot 1, block 5, of section A.)

THOMAS SR.

Born June 26, 1871 in Howlett (Riverton).

He married Anna Agnes Radigan on April 21, 1891 in Springfield. Anna was born September 15, 1875 in Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of James and Anna Sheehand Radigan.

Anna died April 30, 1950 at age 74 after a long illness. She had lived in Riverton for fifty-eight years. Her funeral service was held at the St. James Church in Riverton. She was buried at Oak Hill.

Thomas, a resident of Riverton, died on January 11, 1954 at Springfield's St. John's Hospital. For the month before he entered the hospital, his illness had required him to move in with his daughter, Margaret Tefft, who was living at 1937 N. Sixth in Springfield. Thomas was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Thomas Sr. was also survived by his sister Margaret A. Jones (the widow of Arthur A. Jones). Margaret, who was then living at 2335 S. Seventh in Springfield, was the last surviving child of the ten children born to William and Elizabeth Brown Wanless.

Information on the children of Thomas Sr. and Anna Agnes Radigan Wanless can be found on page 34.

ISAAC

Born February 21, 1873 in Howlett (Riverton).

He married Laura Weishaupt on August 14, 1894. Laura had been born on January 7, 1876.

They had two children. Walton Rutledge was born in June 1895 and Isaac Jr. was born in April 1897.

On October 31, 1897, Isaac died at his home in Riverton of typhoid fever. He was 24 years old. Isaac was buried at Oak Hill.

Laura then married William Todd. They had a daughter, Fern.

On September 9, 1918 Laura died in Riverton of liver cancer at age 42. After funeral services at her residence and the Riverton Christian Church, she was buried at Oak Hill.

Laura was survived by her husband William, her son Walton R. Wanless, and her daughter Fern Todd.

Additional information on the children of Isaac and Laura Weishaupt Wanless Todd appears on page 35.

ISABELLE

Born March 23, 1875 in Riverton.

She married William L. Jacaway on March 30, 1892. He was a native of Missouri, born in 1869, who had resided in Riverton for many years.

Isabelle, a resident of Riverton, died (of "paralysis") at Springfield Hospital on July 24, 1929. After a funeral service at the Riverton Methodist Church, she was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

William moved to Springfield to live with his daughter Ethel Johnson in the late 1930s. He died, age 83, on May 18, 1952. William was a member of the Riverton Methodist Church. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

For information on the two children (Charles William and Ethel) of William L. and Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, see page 36.

FREDERICK W.

Born March 3, 1877 in Riverton.

Two children named Frederick W. were listed on the Family Record. Apparently this son, born in 1877, died at a very young age and the parents chose the same name for their son who was born in 1881.

MARGARET A.

Born March 9, 1879 in Riverton.

She was baptized at the Dawson Baptist Church on October 14, 1894. Arthur A. Jones, born in 1876, married Margaret on September 19, 1899.

Arthur died on October 10, 1944 in Springfield. Margaret passed away on July 29, 1955 at age 76 following an illness of fifteen years. She had lived in Springfield since 1944, most recently at 2335 S. Seventh. Margaret was staying with her daughter Hazel Coons (who lived at 2328 S. Eleventh) when she died. Both Arthur and Margaret were buried at Oak Hill.

Arthur A. and Margaret A. Wanless Jones had two daughters. Information on Hazel R. and Ilda Elizabeth Jones is shown on page 37.

FREDERICK W.

Born March 16, 1881 in Riverton.

On October 14, 1894 Fred was baptized at the Dawson Baptist Church. He married Alva Fyffe on December 30, 1903 in Riverton.

Alva was born November 13, 1881 in Farmersville, the daughter of Thomas F. and Lucy Ann Fyffe. She became a member of the First Methodist Church when the family moved to Springfield.

(For a report on Fred's business career see page 11.)

Fred died in Springfield on September 3, 1949. He was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Alva, age 81, died on May 7, 1963 at Memorial Hospital. She was also buried in Oak Ridge.

Alva and Fred had three children. Information on those children can be found at page 38.

CHARLES STARNE WANLESS

See the next page for information on Charles S. Wanless.

CHARLES STARNE WANLESS

The Father of Bonnie Wanless

Charles Starne Wanless was born January 20, 1884. (He was baptized at the Dawson Baptist Church on October 14, 1894.)

The Family Record indicates Charles was born at Starnes in Sangamon County. There was a Starnes mine, located east of Springfield about half-way to Riverton, that was in operation from 1883 through 1891. That mine was located near the junction of two railroads. (Today the old Starnes junction is just east of Dirksen Parkway, about half a mile north of Ridge Avenue.)

The Starne family was active in the coal business in and around Springfield during the 1880s and 1890s. At various times they operated mines known as the Central Illinois Coal Company, the Welsh-Starnes mine, and the Starnes mine. The family member serving as president of those business ventures was a man named Charles Starne. It seems likely that William Wanless would have known Charles Starne, and possibly even worked for him. If there was some type of employer-employee relationship, that could explain the birthplace of Charles S. Wanless, the last child born to William and Elizabeth Brown Wanless, as well as explaining the name the parents gave to their son.

Charles S. Wanless married Fay Burrows in Canton, Missouri on December 14, 1905. (One source listed her name as Edith Faye Burrows.) She was born in Riverton on December 14, 1879. The Burrows family later moved to Canton, Missouri, a town on the Mississippi River about halfway between Hannibal, Missouri and Keokuk, Iowa.

Frederick W. Wanless, the older brother of Charles, was teaching and serving as principal of the Riverton school. In 1904, Fred went to work for Albert S. Spaulding who had a real estate business in Springfield.

Fred signed a contract with Spaulding on September 2, 1904, agreeing to work for five years at \$60 a month. He was to work from 8 to 6 with one hour off for dinner. Assuming his performance was acceptable, Fred was entitled to additional payments at the end of the second year (\$1,000), the third year (\$500), the fourth year (\$500), and the fifth year (\$1,000).

Fred's brother Charles also decided to join the Spaulding organization, probably in 1905.

ALBERT S. SPAULDING

In January 1979, Ed Russo, the head of the Sangamon Valley Collection, wrote an article about Spaulding for the Illinois Times entitled "The Father of Springfield's Suburbs." The subheading explained "With Faith in the Bible and the Dollar, A. S. Spaulding Developed Thirty Subdivisions."

According to Russo, Spaulding arrived in Springfield in the 1890s. He was in his thirties.

Spaulding bought some large lots in West Grand Place, near the West Grand school. After subdividing them into smaller parcels, Spaulding sold the lots. He then developed Capitol Park in an area just northeast of Springfield. In that subdivision, Spaulding named the streets after Biblical and religious figures -- Daniel, David, Paul, Stephen, Wesley.

Within a short period of time, Spaulding was back on the southwest side with a new subdivision. This time both the development, Hawthorne Place, and the streets were named after authors and poets -- Whittier, Lowell, and Holmes.

The article concluded with a story about Charles Wanless showing lots in Hawthorne Place to a cautious investor. "Shouldn't I buy in Oak Knolls where the cream of Springfield lives?" the investor asked. An undaunted Wanless replied " We have the cream, Oak Knolls has the clabber!" (Clabber referred to curdled or sour milk.)

Spaulding's first wife, Nellie, had died and he married again in 1909. The couple resided at Lake Arrowhead in California. This was the start of a transition period for both Spaulding and the Wanless brothers.

While it is difficult to determine exactly what happened, a few clues are available. For example, the Springfield city directories do not show Albert S. Spaulding living here after 1909. A real estate office was still maintained under his name at 310 South Fifth but it was managed by Irving E. Spaulding who resided at 1715 South Pasfield.

This arrangement lasted for several years. Newspaper ads which appeared as late as 1914 carried the name Albert S. Spaulding.

The city directory for 1917 reflected a major change. The office at 310 South Fifth was occupied by Albert B. Spaulding. He, and his wife Helen, lived at 1808 South College. Irving E. had moved to a separate office at 317 South Fifth. Both were in the real estate business.

A year later, in 1918, there weren't any Spaulding real estate offices in the directory. While his wife still lived at their home on South Pasfield, Irving was in France with the YMCA.

What relation were Albert B. and Irving E. to Albert S. Spaulding? Irving was apparently a brother. (See the next paragraph.) Was Albert B. the son of Albert S.? Was he Irving's brother? It is impossible to tell from the existing records.

One obituary reported Albert S. Spaulding died in Navelencia, California on March 25, 1919. It's a confusing obit with the header beginning with "Mrs." and then the rest of the article referring to "he." The deceased had two siblings -- Mrs. Frank Fisher and Irving E. Spaulding -- living in Springfield.

While his stay in Springfield had been relatively brief, Spaulding had a lasting impact on the community. Not only was he an active developer but, using today's terminology, Spaulding must have served as a "mentor" for Fred and Charles Wanless. They were young men (Fred was 28, Charles was 25) in 1909 but they obviously were well-prepared after their apprenticeship with Spaulding to apply their skills to developing subdivisions in the Springfield area.

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By 1909, Fred and Charles had established their own firm. Wanless and Wanless appeared for the first time in the 1910 Springfield city directory. The office was upstairs above Frank Alvey and Company (Cigars and Billiards) at 514 1/2 East Monroe. When the 1912 city directory was published, the Wanless and Wanless office had been moved to 505 1/2 East Monroe (on the northeast corner of Fifth and Monroe) where it would remain for about twenty years.

In 1910 Fred was living in Riverton but the city directory listed Charles as a resident of the Wanless Capitol Heights Addition, an area northeast of Springfield along Milton Avenue. That subdivision was one of the first developments for the fledgling firm of Wanless and Wanless. (It was just east of Spaulding's Capitol Park development.) They advertised it as "one mile of lots" because their property stretched out over an area of several city blocks. The lots were sold for one dollar down and a dollar a week.

The 1915 directory listed Charles as residing at the corner of Washington and Milton. In 1917, he was living at 2947 East Washington, the northwest corner of Washington and Milton. (What is called Clear Lake Avenue today was then known as East Washington.) Those addresses from the 1910, 1915, and 1917 directories could represent different houses. It's more likely

they simply refer to the same property but reflect improved efforts to identify the exact location.

In 1913, a new elementary school opened in an area northeast of Springfield. It was named Wanless because Charles and Fred had donated the land to the school board. There have been additions and remodelings over the years and, since the early fifties, the school has been part of the Springfield school district. It is still in use.

With the departure of Spaulding for California and with the office bearing his name disappearing from the local scene around 1918, Fred and Charles, less than ten years after starting their own business, had replaced Spaulding as the preeminent local developer. One report claims the remaining Spaulding interests in Springfield were purchased by Fred and Charles.

By 1919, the Charles S. Wanless family had moved to 1001 South Fourth. Charles would live there for the rest of his life.

Fred and his family moved from Riverton to Springfield (820 South Park) around 1920. After living on Park for about sixteen years, the family moved to 1700 Wiggins (the southeast corner of Wiggins and Laurel) in 1937.

Fred and Charles were knowledgeable about the business, and very successful. The legal descriptions of many subdivisions in Springfield still carry the Wanless name. One undated biography of Charles in a file at Lincoln Library credits him with having created over 80% of the subdivisions in Springfield.

Fred found time to become a State Representative, having been elected to the legislature in 1920. He continued to be active in the Republican party for the rest of his life.

Charles contributed time and money to real estate organizations on the local, state and national level. He was president of the Illinois Association of Realtors for two years, and a vice-president of the national association.

The Wanless and Wanless office was moved in 1933 from Monroe Street to 317 South Fifth (between Stout's Jewelers on the north and Rollets Cafe on the south). By 1938, Charles and Fred had dissolved the company. Both remained in the real estate business with Fred keeping the office at 317 South Fifth and Charles opening his office next door at 319. Both of the brothers continued to be successful.

Fay Burrows Wanless died at Springfield Hospital of an abscessed liver on November 13, 1939. She had entered the hospital

in March. Except for a brief period of treatment in St. Louis, she remained there until her death. Fay was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery near Riverton. In addition to her husband and children, Fay was survived by a brother, Fred M. Burrows, who lived in Canton, MO.

In the early forties, Charles opened a subdivision named the Charles S. Wanless South First Street Courts. The streets were named after the four daughters of Fay and Charles: Ruth Court, Belle Place, Bonnie Court, and Nelle Court.

The original plat for the subdivision filed with the county made provision for Nelle Court just south of Bonnie Court. The development of the area started at the north end with Ruth Court. Construction got underway in both Ruth Court and Belle Place 1942. Bonnie Court was completed two years later. Then World War II ended. The land on which Nelle Court was scheduled to be built was sold by the Wanless office. After the property had been rezoned, it was used by the Sears Roebuck and Company for a service center.

On September 15, 1945 Charles S. Wanless died at age 61. He was buried with Fay at Oak Hill.

Fred, the brother of Charles, died on September 3, 1949 at the age of 68. He was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Paul, his son who was an attorney, was the executor of his father's estate and took over the operation of that business.

Fay and Charles Wanless were the parents of six children, all of whom were born in Springfield.

CHILDREN OF CHARLES S. AND FAY BURROWS WANLESS

THE SIBLINGS OF BONNIE WANLESS

ISABELLE

The first child of Fay and Charles was born December 8, 1906. She graduated from Springfield High School in February 1925.

Isabelle married twice. Her first husband was Roy W. Beard who worked for a local utility company. They had a son, Charles Roy Beard, probably named after his maternal grandfather and his father. Chuck was in the Class of 1951 at Springfield High but spent his senior year at Lake Forest Academy and graduated from that school.

The Beards were divorced and Isabelle married Henson C. Robinson around 1938 or 1939. Henson, born January 19, 1901, was part-owner of very successful heating and cooling company. He had two children from a previous marriage -- Philip L. Robinson and Margaret Robinson Lobinger.

Isabelle died on December 30, 1958 at the age of 52. She was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. (Isabelle's grave is just across the road from Lincoln's Tomb.)

Henson Robinson died on April 24, 1964 at the age of 63. He was also buried in Oak Ridge.

NELLE

She was born on October 24, 1908. Nelle was a 1927 graduate of Springfield High. Nelle then graduated from the Illinois Women's College in Jacksonville, a school which is now known as MacMurray College.

Nelle was married twice. Her first husband was William Murray. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service, and later as a manager of a finance company. William died about 1943.

Nelle and William had a daughter, Nancy Ann, who graduated from Springfield High in 1952. Nancy married Robert Dryer, a 1949 graduate of SHS. He died on September 9, 1969 in an airplane crash in Shelbyville, Indiana while on a business trip for Sangamo Electric, a Springfield manufacturing company. Bob was 38.

Nancy and Bob had two children. The son was named William M. Dryer, the daughter was named Gale Marie. Nancy never remarried, and she still lives in Springfield.

Nelle's second husband was Clarence Skeel, a former resident of Springfield. They lived in Kampsville, a small town on the Illinois River about eighty miles from Springfield. Clarence was Superintendent of Highways in Calhoun county, which includes Kampsville, for many years prior to his retirement.

Nelle died September 1, 1984. She was buried in Kampsville Cemetery. Clarence died November 27, 1985 at the age of 89.

CHARLES ROBERT

Charles Robert, born in 1911, was the third child of Fay and Charles Wanless. He died at Springfield Hospital on January 7, 1921 of "eneritis." He's buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

RUTH

Ruth, born May 25, 1913, was the fourth child. She is shown as a freshman in the 1927 Springfield High yearbook but does not appear thereafter. Ruth could have attended a private school (or could have chose to not have her picture taken).

On May 20, 1932 Ruth married Otis A. White, who had been born in 1913. Her husband was employed by Wanless real estate. They had three children.

Bonnie Bonnie was a 1951 grad of Springfield High.
She married James K. Johnson. (They are now
divorced.)

Jacqueline She married Gerald J. Gottstein. They
were divorced and Jackie married Lowell Fields.

Otis R. (Bo) He graduated from SHS in 1954.

All of the children live in Springfield.

Ruth died at her residence on January 27, 1978 at age 64. Her husband Otis died on April 27, 1980 at Memorial Medical Center, age 67. They are both buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

GAIL MONTGOMERY

He was born on June 5, 1915. Gail graduated from SHS in 1933. He attended the University of Missouri for two years, the University of Colorado for one year, and the Lincoln College of Law for two years. Gail then joined his father in the real estate and development business.

He married Mary Lou Curtis on February 6, 1940. They have two children. A daughter, Polly Allison, was born in 1942 and a son, Robert Curtis, arrived in 1945. Polly graduated from Springfield High in 1959, Robert in 1962.

After his father died, Gail served as trustee of the Charles Wanless estate, and also started new endeavors such as Gail Homes. A little over ten years after his father's death, Gail moved the office to 426 South Fifth, close to the governor's mansion.

The city directories trace the moves of the Gail Wanless family. In the mid-forties, they lived at 1121 West Washington. In 1948 their address was 2120 South Glenwood. By 1955, the family was at 1601 Cherry Road. Then, in 1960, the directory reflects the Wanless family having one of the first homes (90 Oakmont Drive) in Country Club Acres, a very successful subdivision developed by Gail.

Polly married Phil Spengler in August 1963. Phil worked with Gail and the firm's name was eventually changed to Wanless Spengler LTD Realtor-Developer. Polly is a realtor.

Robert, the son of Gail and Mary Lou, is a doctor in Belleville, Illinois.

Gail took over a thriving organization and, with the help of Phil Spengler, proceeded to guide the business to even greater achievements. An article in the State Journal-Register dated April 18, 1976 describes that sequence of events. "First under the leadership of Charles S. Wanless, a nationally known realtor, and later under the leadership of Gail M. Wanless, the company has been responsible for developing most of the major subdivisions in the Springfield area."

Gail died on August 6, 1999. He was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

BONNIE ELIZABETH

Born on August 4, 1917, Bonnie graduated from Springfield High in June 1934 and attended the University of Missouri. The Springfield city directories included listings for Bonnie as a student at the U. of M. in 1936, and as a student at the American Art Institute in Chicago the next year. In both 1938 and 1939, she was listed as a secretary at the Charles S. Wanless real estate office.

CHARLES REYNOLDS JONES JR.

Husband of Bonnie Elizabeth Wanless

Charles Reynolds "Laddie" Jones was born on April 16, 1914 in Springfield, son of Charles Reynolds "C.R." and Cecil Ora Castles Jones. (A daughter Cecil Evelyn had been born December 23, 1911.)

After living in several houses while the children were growing up, C. R. and Cecil acquired a new home at 1033 Williams Boulevard in 1926 or 1927.

That house, adjacent to Washington Park, remained in the family for sixty years.

They were a three-generation family. Kate Peckens Castles, Laddie's maternal grandmother, had been living with them since her husband died in 1920.

Evelyn and Laddie attended Hay-Edwards elementary school. She graduated from Springfield High in 1929, Laddie graduated in 1932.

Laddie's sister Evelyn married Robert Nicholas Gasaway, a law school student, and on August 9, 1933 they had a son who was named Robert Reynolds.

When the Gasaways moved in with the Jones (for about two years), the house at 1033 Williams became a home to four generations.

Following his graduation from SHS, Laddie worked for a short time at a Springfield department store as a window trimmer and card writer. Laddie was then accepted at the American Academy of Arts in Chicago. After graduating with honors, he opened a studio in Chicago.

Laddie handled publicity, promotion and advertising for the Blackhawk Restaurant, the Aragon Ballroom, and the Trianon Ballroom. Later he did promotion illustration and display advertising for the Music Corporation of America.

His first customer for a portrait was orchestra leader Hal Kemp. After viewing the completed portrait, Kemp paid Laddie twice the price they had agreed upon originally. Soon Laddie's advertising and magazine story illustrations were appearing throughout the nation on billboards and in leading magazines. The World Book Encyclopedia carried a reproduction of one of his paintings.

While in Chicago, Laddie also became involved in the world of sports. He managed Jimmy Christy, a fighter who was a top contender in the featherweight division. To his list of friends, a group that had been dominated by people in show business, Laddie now added boxers (Max Baer, Barney Ross, Tony Zale, Jack Dempsey) and other sports figures (Red Grange).

REYNOLDS ("LADDIE") AND BONNIE ELIZABETH WANLESS JONES

Laddie returned to Springfield in 1939 or 1940. He opened an office, Reynolds Jones & Associates, on the fourth floor of the Security Building. His father's financial institution (Security Federal) was on the first floor, his brother-in-law's legal firm occupied space near Laddie on the fourth floor.

On November 6, 1940 Bonnie Wanless and Laddie Jones were married in St. Louis, Missouri. Laddie's best man was Donald Novis, a friend from Chicago.

Donald, a tenor, was a star on the radio during the 1930s. He made records with several big bands, including Paul Whiteman, and with the Victory Young orchestra. In 1939 he joined the cast of the Fibber McGee and Molly show. Donald also appeared on Broadway and in a few films. He sang "Love Is a Song" in "Bambi." When Disneyland opened, Donald headlined the show at the Golden Horseshoe Saloon in Frontierland.

The newly-weds returned to Springfield but stayed only a few months. Laddie knew he had the talent to make a living as an artist. Now that Bonnie was his wife, they were ready to find out exactly how much he could accomplish. Bonnie was really the only support team Laddie needed. From the very beginning, she encouraged him and continuously expressed her confidence in his abilities. That relationship never changed throughout the years of their life together. They departed from Springfield in May 1941 -- young lovers who anticipated the aspirations they shared would take them far beyond the borders of Illinois.

Their destination had been determined by an event which occurred several years prior to their marriage. A musical group called Louise Massey and the Westerners, remembered now for "My Adobe Hacienda" which had been composed by Louise, was performing at one of the ballrooms in Chicago where Laddie was doing the publicity work.

One night after the show, Laddie and the musicians went out for a late dinner. Laddie had suffered from asthma for years. He told his friends how his doctor suggested he had better find a place where he could breathe or he wouldn't have long to live. Louise Massey told him to come out where she lived -- she was sure he could breathe there. Louise described her ranch in New Mexico's Hondo valley. She was heading home soon and told Laddie he should follow her back.

He did. Later he commented that somewhere in New Mexico between Roswell and the Hondo valley he found out what it was like to breathe for the first time in his life. In Glencoe, just a few

miles from the Massey ranch, was a working cattle ranch owned and operated by Ralph and Jewel Bonnell. It was also a guest ranch and Laddie spent two weeks there. He fell in love with both the climate and the lifestyle of the Bonnells and their friends. When they left Springfield in 1941, Laddie was taking his bride to the place where he had found relief from his asthma problems. They were going to the Bonnell Ranch.

In December 1941, following a flood at the ranch which took their cabin down the river, Bonnie and Laddie moved to the Los Angeles area. They arrived in the wee hours of the morning on December 7. After finding a motel room and getting some rest, they turned on the radio and learned the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor.

Because of his asthma, Laddie was 4-F. He and Cliff Arquette (who made appearances on Jack Paar's Tonight Show as Charlie Weaver) joined the California State Militia. That group consisted of men who had been turned down for active service either because of age or for medical reasons. The militia practiced maneuvers in case the Japanese landed in California. Laddie claimed his unit resorted to type-casting. Cliff Arquette and Buster Keaton were privates, Robert Young was a major, and Lewis Stone (then appearing as Judge Hardy in the Andy Hardy films) was their colonel.

In California, Laddie did paintings for a number of national advertising campaigns. His clients included the Ryan Aeronautical Company, North American Aviation, and a series of horse paintings for Courtly Men's Toiletries.

A daughter, Sandra Gail, was born to Bonnie and Laddie Jones on November 3, 1945 at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital.

This was a period of time when Laddie and Bonnie were meeting people in the entertainment business. A second-hand baby buggy for Sandy was purchased from Buddy Ebsen. Hillary Brooke, a supporting actress in many films, lived in the same apartment building. Hillary joined Bing, Bob, and Dorothy on the "Road to Utopia", and later she was a regular on the TV series "My Little Margie."

Their friends included Gordon Jenkins, Ken Darby (of The King's Men from the Fibber McGee and Molly show), Perry Como, and Barrett Deems, the drummer in Louis Armstrong's band who Laddie had known at Springfield High School.

By 1946 Laddie's name had become well enough known in the art world that he could make a living on privately commissioned work. The family spent the Christmas holidays that year in Ruidoso, New Mexico which was only eighteen miles from the Bonnell ranch. Bonnie and Laddie both decided they loved Ruidoso, and disliked the

"smog and too many people" that characterized southern California. They began to make plans to become residents of the little town in the Sierra Blanco mountains.

The family remained in California until the spring of 1947 when they moved to Ruidoso. For about a year, they lived in the Navajo Lodge. Then they bought a house in May 1948 that had just been completed. They added a studio, connected to the house by a breezeway, for Laddie. He loved the house where "there's a 12,000 foot mountain out my back door and out front I can look for miles down a pine covered canyon."

During the time when the family was about to wrap up their stay in California and depart for New Mexico, Laddie accepted a commission from the Chicago and Illinois Midland Railway Company (C&IM) for a series of paintings depicting Abraham Lincoln at various stages of his life. That assignment was the result of a rare trip back to Illinois.

The C&IM railroad had been using paintings of Lincoln on calendars for several years when Laddie returned to Springfield for a brief visit. C. R. Jones, Laddie's father, was a friend of Fred L. Schrader, the president of the C&IM. Laddie joined C. R. and Mr. Schrader for lunch one day (probably at the Sangamo Club).

Fred mentioned he was not entirely pleased with the efforts of the artist presently doing the paintings for the calendar. He described the subject for the next calendar and asked Laddie what he would suggest. Laddie sketched his vision on a scrap of paper. Before the lunch was over, he had been hired to complete the last eight paintings in the series. The C&IM had determined the Lincoln format would be utilized over a period of twenty-five years, from 1931 until 1954. Laddie's contributions appeared from 1947 through 1954.

He used his friend, Ralph Bonnell, as a model for Lincoln. To begin the process, Laddie drew a complete charcoal sketch and shipped it to the Chicago Historical Society where it was reviewed for any historical discrepancies. Once the sketch was pronounced correct, then Laddie would begin the oil painting. On the last calendar in the series, where Lincoln is standing on the back of the train about to leave Springfield, the sketch was cleared by the Historical Society but Laddie had discovered a problem. The railroad station was on the wrong side of the tracks. The painting, with the station moved, and the sketch differ to this day.

The art work from the calendars is displayed on the third floor of the Lincoln Library in Springfield. The original paintings can be viewed at the offices of the Illinois and Midland Railroad, the successor to the C&IM.

Once they were settled in Ruidoso, Laddie's work took a definite turn as the western influences began to prevail. With the exception of the Lincoln-related paintings, most of his work was now devoted to the depiction of cowboy life, wildlife, and paintings of horses, from the cow pony to the winning thoroughbred.

Laddie continued to expand his list of friends in the entertainment business, adding Phil Harris, Robert Mitchum, Audie Murphy, and Bing Crosby.

In 1956 Laddie spent a week at the Crosby ranch in Elko, Nevada to prepare the preliminary work on an equestrian portrait of Bing. Sandy, Laddie's daughter, still has a postcard she received from Bing. "Your father is here to paint my picture. He's very brave, isn't he?"

Despite his friends in the business, Laddie was not in the habit of going to the movies. Sandy can recall her father saying he had only seen two films in a theater since moving to Ruidoso: "Gone With the Wind" and "High Society." The latter movie featured both Bing Crosby and the Louis Armstrong band with Barrett Deems.

Sandy has an opinion as to why her father was better prepared to face the challenges of making a living as an artist. "He was unlike any other artist you will ever know in that he had an extremely practical side to him which is almost non-existent in people with extraordinary creative talent. He used to say that he had known that he wanted to paint for as long as he could remember and was determined to make it his life's work. While at art school in Chicago he decided he wasn't going to sit by the side of the road with an easel so he decided to begin his career in commercial art so he could count on a paycheck every month."

By the 1970s, Laddie had become quite well-known as a painter of horses. He now had two studios at his home. One was for painting, the other for sculpting.

Laddie sculpted a bronze relief of a young Abraham Lincoln. He called it "Springfield's Lincoln" and the bronze reflected Laddie's opinion that "the man's intelligence, foresight, and, especially, his keen wit just don't fit with a dejected appearance."

Charles Reynolds Jones Jr. died in Ruidoso on December 13, 1982 at the age of 68. Bonnie passed away a little over a year later (January 31, 1984). They are buried in Ruidoso's Forest Lawn Cemetery on a hillside in the pines.

Laddie was described as a "perfectionist" because of his attention to details in his work. He probably regarded that as an apt description, and would certainly have considered it a compliment.

But despite all the acclaim and honors, Laddie and Bonnie never lost the values they acquired growing up in the midwest. They were devoted to each other and to their families. They derived immense pleasure from the love and support provided by Sandy, by Sandy's husband Bill Knox, and by the grandchildren. The people who knew Laddie and Bonnie were enriched by their friendship. Enriched in two ways. They learned what a talented artist can create through dedication and hard work. More importantly, they learned what it meant to have loyal and generous friends. That's the dual legacy that Laddie and Bonnie left us. We treasure his sketches and his paintings. We treasure even more the precious memories of two very special people.

SANDRA GAIL JONES

Daughter of Laddie and Bonnie Wanless Jones

Sandy was born November 3, 1945 in Hollywood, California. The family moved to Ruidoso in May 1947. She is a graduate of Ruidoso High School, class of 1963.

Sandy married Phil J. White. They had two sons.

The Whites were divorced in April 1967 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. On April 22, 1972, Sandy married Billy Don Knox in Ruidoso. He was born May 24, 1933 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Knox. Billy's birthplace, Electra, Texas, was a few miles west of Wichita Falls near the Oklahoma border.

Billy graduated from Ruidoso High (1951) and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Following his discharge, he attended the University of New Mexico. Billy later joined the Peace Corps, serving in Educador for three years during the 1960s.

Billy Don Knox died in Ruidoso on May 13, 1990.

During her business career, Sandy worked for several financial institutions. When this report was prepared, she was the manager (and part-owner) of Total Escrow Services, a company servicing owner-financing in Ruidoso.

THE CHILDREN OF SANDRA GAIL JONES

Daughter of Laddie and Bonnie Wanless Jones

Sandy and Phil White had two sons. Robert Glen White was born on March 3, 1964 in Las Cruces. Jeffrey Paul White was born in Ruidoso on October 9, 1966.

Sandy and Billy Don Knox also had two children. Their daughter, Nicole Dominique, was born in Roswell, New Mexico on January 22, 1973. Their second child, Francisco Jones, was born on September 7, 1975 in Roswell.

Robert and Jeffrey White subsequently had their last name changed to Knox.

ROBERT GLEN KNOX

Bob married Kara Lee Swink in Ruidoso on February 24, 1990. She was born February 6, 1968 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bob graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1982. After attending Sandpoint High in northern Idaho, Kara graduated (1986) from Edison High in Huntington Beach, California.

Kara and Bob are the parents of two children: Samantha Dominique (born August 26, 1990 in Ruidoso) and Emily Elizabeth (October 10, 1995 in Albuquerque).

During 1999, Kara and Bob moved to Ruidoso. She started Kara's Kritters, a dog grooming business.

JEFFREY PAUL KNOX

Melissa Marie Albeita became Jeff's wife on May 22, 1993. They were married in Albuquerque. Melissa was born October 30, 1969 in Gallup, New Mexico.

Jeff attended high school in Ruidoso, while Melissa went to Sandia High School in Albuquerque.

Matthew Ryan Knox arrived on August 30, 1994. His sister, Kelsey Michelle, was born on April 21, 1997. Both were born in Albuquerque.

Jeff is service manager for GCR Firestone in Albuquerque. Melissa is a representative for the Cigna Insurance Company.

NICOLE DOMINIQUE KNOX

Nikki and Edgar Lothar von Trotha III were married on July 18,

1998 in Ruidoso. He was born in Lubbock, Texas on June 16, 1969. Nikki (1991) and Trey (1987) were graduates of Ruidoso High. He graduated from New Mexico State University in 1996.

In December 1998, Nikki and Trey moved from Everett, Washington to Albuquerque after he took a job with Honeywell.

A son, Connor Elias Von Trotha, was born on May 29, 1999 in Albuquerque. Trey also has an older son, Edgar Lothar von Trotha IV (known as "El"), who was born in Ruidoso on April 16, 1987.

FRANCISCO JONES KNOX

On August 21, 1998, Cisco married Lori Anne Morris in Abilene, Texas. She was born in Fort Worth on July 30, 1976.

Cisco graduated from RHS in 1994. Lori, the daughter of Baptist missionaries, graduated (1994) from a Christian high school in Taejon, South Korea. (Taejon is about ninety miles south of Seoul.) Both Lori and Cisco attended Hardin-Simmons in Abilene.

Cisco is maintenance technician for the apartment complex where they live.

ADDRESSES OF SANDY GAIL JONES KNOX AND HER CHILDREN

(as of December 1999)

Sandy Knox
706 Wingfield Street
Ruidoso, NM 88345

Kara and Bob Knox
706 Wingfield Street
Ruidoso, NM 88345

(Living with Sandy while completing purchase of new home.)

Melissa and Jeff Knox
11401 San Jacinto NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Nikki and Trey von Trotha
10425 Princess Jeanne
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Cisco and Lori Knox
3148 NW 33rd #158
Ft. Worth, TX 76106

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM HALL WANLESS AND MARGARET REAVLEY WANLESS

Margaret and William were the parents of eight children.

WILLIAM LEROY

He was born on January 10, 1889 in Riverton. On March 10, 1909, he married Kathryn Adams. Born July 2, 1890, she was the daughter of Charles and Margaret Bloss Adams.

William was a miner for the Peabody Coal Co.

While they were living at 115 N. 22nd in Springfield, Kathryn died on September 3, 1964 at Memorial Hospital. She was 74 years old. Her funeral service was at Trinity Lutheran Church. Kathryn was buried in Oak Hill.

William LeRoy, who had continued to live at 115 N. 22nd after Kathryn's death, died February 25, 1969 at St. John's Hospital of cerebral thrombosis. He was a member of the First Methodist Church. William was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Kathryn and William L. were the parents of eleven children. Three sons -- Robert, William C., and Jerome -- predeceased their father. The three remaining sons (Joe, Paul, Melvin) and four daughters (Margaret Irene Tannehill, Mrs. Joseph [Clara] Stanulis, Mrs. William [Helen] Kremitzki, Mrs. Robert E. [Louise] Allen) were living in Springfield when their father died. The fifth daughter, Betty Wanless, resided in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MARGARET IRENE WANLESS had been born on May 1, 1910. On February 24, 1930 she married Gaylord Valentine Tannehill in Springfield.

Gaylord was born May 14, 1909 in Hillsboro, Illinois the son of William Joseph and Nellie Tannehill. One source traces the Tannehill family tree through 12 generations prior to Gaylord. That would probably result in records dating back to the 1500s.

According to his obituary, Gaylord worked for the Illinois Terminal Railroad for thirty-eight years.

Margaret and Gaylord had eleven children -- nine sons (William Robert, Gaylord Eugene, Jack Barnard, Edward Leroy, Frederick Carl, Jerome Joseph, Clyde David, George Earl, Harry Paul) and two daughters (Patricia Ann, married name Hodson, Josephine Ann, married name Buckles).

Gaylord, age 55, died of a massive stroke on October 12, 1964 at St. John's Hospital. (They were residing at 1608 E. Glenn.) Margaret died at her residence on September 15, 1988. Both were buried in Oak Hill.

ROBERT LEE WANLESS was born August 7, 1912. He married his wife, Helen, on February 18, 1932. He died at St. John's on April 29, 1954. He had been preceded in death by an infant son Robert Lee Jr. who died May 5, 1934 at Hospital. Robert Sr. was buried in Oak Hill, Robert Jr. at Springfield Roselawn.

WILLIAM C. WANLESS, born December 24, 1914 in Riverton, married Dorothy Mae on November 27, 1934 in Springfield. He died on April 11, 1963.

LOUISE WANLESS was born in Riverton on August 6, 1917. She married Robert E. Allen on November 27, 1934 in Springfield.

CLARA BELL WANLESS, born on May 3, 1920 in Riverton, married Joseph Stanulis on June 23, 1941 in Springfield.

JO WANLESS was born in Springfield on November 10, 1922. He married Shirley Bateman.

JEROME G. WANLESS was Jo's twin brother. Jerome lived in Springfield his entire life. He married Luella F. Klekamp. She was born in Springfield on July 26, 1928, the daughter of Elmer and Elsie Baumann Klekamp. Jerome, who was a veteran of World War II, was employed by the Lumber Company and Luella worked for the Illinois Department of Revenue. They lived at 3101 South Vredenburg and Douglas and belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church. Jerome died at Memorial Hospital on September 15, 1968. Luella died (cervix cancer) at Memorial on January 16, 1979. They were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Luella was survived by three sons (Jerry, Rick, and Mark) and two daughters (Sheryl Wanless and Kathy Bartlett). With the exception of Kathy, who resided in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, all the children were living in Springfield.

PAUL B. WANLESS was born on June 8, 1925. Clara I. Burgar was born Macon in 1926, the daughter of Raymond and Irene Burgar. She lived in Springfield for forty-nine years. Paul B. Wanless was born on June 8, 1925. Clara married Paul Wanless on December 23, 1945. She worked for Franklin Life and was a member of Calvary Temple. On September 24, 1977 Clara (who resided at 1517 South Douglas) died of a carcinoma at Memorial Medical Center at age 51. She was buried in Oak Hill. Her husband Paul married Carolyn Norman in 1987.

BETTY WANLESS, born in Springfield on August 28, 1928, died on December 20, 1995 in Williamsburg, Michigan.

HELEN WANLESS was born on December 16, 1930 in Springfield. She married William Kremitzki in Springfield on July 15, 1950

MELVIN GEORGE WANLESS SR. was born on March 30, 1933. He was a life-long resident of Springfield and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Melvin married Dorothy Huddleston on July 19, 1953. He was residing at 2104 East Adams when he died (at St. John's Hospital) on April 25, 1977 of respiratory failure. Burial was at Oak Hill. Survivors included his wife Marilyn and seven children. Three sons -- Joseph, Eugene, Melvin George Jr. -- and daughters Mary Lou Wanless and Patricia Sue Barrows were living in Springfield. One son (Ronald) and one daughter (Barbara Jean Wanless) were living in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

THOMAS C.

On August 7, 1892 Thomas was born in Riverton.

In 1910, Thomas was living in Springfield and working as a miner. He married Anna Mary Colburn (born in 1894 in Sangamon County, the daughter of William D. and Ida Mae Colburn) on May 23, 1912. He was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Thomas, who had been living at 901 South First, died of a coronary thrombosis at Memorial Hospital on December 3, 1967 at age 75. Thomas was buried in Oak Hill. He had been preceded in death by three sons and a daughter: Lester, Arthur E., Irwin, and Eleanor Maurer.

LESTER LEROY WANLESS, born in Springfield November 27, 1914, married Dora Smith on June 22, 1933. He was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church. He was living at 1508 Keys when he died on September 9, 1944. Lester was buried at Oak Hill. He was survived by his wife and three sons: Donald, Glen, and Gerald.

In addition to his wife Anna, Thomas was survived by four children. Thomas C. Jr. (who had been born in Springfield on June 20, 1923) lived in Springfield; William was in Hannibal, MO; Bernadine Periman lived in Springfield; and Margaret Ann Ashton resided in Whittier, CA (near Los Angeles).

Anna Mary Wanless died in Whittier, California at age 84 on November 21, 1978. She was buried in Oak Hill.

Four of her children were still alive. Tom Jr. was now living in Las Vegas; William was in Jennings, LA; Bernadine had moved to La Puente, CA (just north of Whittier); and Margaret's last name was now Franke.

THOMAS C. WANLESS JR. died on May 1, 1991 in Las Vegas at age 67. He had married Flossie Kathryn McKinney in 1942. After her death (1976) Tom married Sadako Brink in 1978. He worked for many years in a civil service job at an Air Force base in Nevada. His survivors included two daughters and a step-son.

Tom's obituary indicated his sister Margaret had predeceased him. His surviving siblings had moved again. Bernadine Periman was back in Springfield and brother William H. Wanless lived in Owasso, OK (near Tulsa).

EDGAR

He was born on April 10, 1895 in Riverton. Minnie Bloomquist, the daughter of Jonas and Anna Elfstrom Bloomquist was born in Bloomington on September 25, 1896. Edgar and Minnie were married on December 16, 1914.

He worked for the State of Illinois and was a member of the First Methodist Church.

On August 1, 1966 Edgar, age 71, died of a coronary attack at his home on R.R. 1 in Chatham. Minnie, whose residence was at 34 Wedgewood Terrace, was living at the Dirksen House when she died of arteriosclerosis on October 1, 1977 at age 81. Both were buried in Oak Hill. Minnie was survived by two children -- David Wanless and Carolin Ward.

ISAAC W.

Ike was born on December 16, 1897 in Riverton. He married Patsy Smith. Born in Springfield, Patsy was the daughter of James M. and Clara M. Smith.

Patsy graduated from Ursuline Academy. She worked for the Secretary of State, corporation division.

Ike and Patsy had six children. Their daughter Patricia Ellen died at age 17 on March 9, 1945.

On January 14, 1972, Ike died of a cardiac problem at St. John's Hospital. He lived at 1311 Ledlie. Ike was buried in Oak Hill.

His wife Patsy, age 83, died on January 14, 1983 at St. John's Hospital. She had been a resident of the Sangamon Towers,

apartment 1410, after previously living in Petersburg, presumably with her daughter. Patsy was buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Patsy was survived by five children: Frank M. of Morton, IL.; Eugene V. of Fort Lauderdale, FL.; William V. of Key Largo, FL.; Mrs. Edward (Peggy) Longcore of Springfield; and Mrs. Lyle E. (Elaine) Lipe of Petersburg. Francis (Frank) Marion Wanless, who was born on February 4, 1925 died in May of 1984. [NOTE FROM HOLLY COCHRAN, JANUARY 2001: THIS LAST SENTENCE IS WRONG. FRANK WAS BORN IN 1919 AND STILL LIVES IN MORTON, IL. THE BIRTH AND DEATH DATE SHOWN HERE ARE FOR A "FRANCES" WANLESS SHOWN IN THE SSDBI, WHO IS PROBABLY FEMALE BASED ON THE SPELLING OF THE NAME.]

EVA MARIE

She was born in Riverton on December 28, 1900 and was baptized at the Dawson Baptist Church on January 26, 1902.

On December 6, 1924 Eva Marie married Claborn Albert Berner in Springfield. He was born on March 3, 1897 in Williamsville, Missouri the son of John W. and Dora H. Berner. Claborn worked at Pillsbury Mills for 25 years, and then was employed by City Water, Light & Power.

While residing at 1520 S. Douglas, Claborn died at Memorial Hospital on November 28, 1969. He was buried at Oak Hill.

Eva Marie died December 30, 1987 in Springfield. The death notice asked that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Laurel Methodist Church. She was buried in Oak Hill.

ROY L.

Born on September 22, 1903 in Riverton, Roy married Kathryn LaFauce.

They lived at 716 S. Thirteenth. After falling and striking his head at the corner of Cook and Thirteenth, Roy was taken to St. John's Hospital where he died on June 13, 1949. He was buried in Oak Hill.

Roy was survived by Kathryn and four children: Richard (en route to Germany), Robert (in Springfield), Marilyn (Springfield), and Virginia Fitch (Springfield).

Kathryn died, age 71, in San Francisco on February 27, 1969.

ELIZABETH J.

She was born in Riverton on March 3, 1906. Betty married John Reilly. She then married Glen F. Burke. They had two sons: Glen Jr. and Robert C. Burke. She later married James Nelson.

Betty, a resident of Rutledge Manor, died at Memorial Medical Center on July 7, 1977. She was a member of Laurel Methodist

Church. Betty was buried at Oak Hill. James Nelson and her two sons (Glen Burke Jr. in Hoopeston and Robert C. Burke in Mt. Vernon) survived her.

ETHEL IRENE

Irene was born about 1910. Her married name was Mrs. E. W. Alexander. In 1944, Irene lived in Silver Lake, Ohio. In the 1960s, she lived in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Then, in 1972, she was living in Stow. (All those towns are northeast of Akron.)

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF THOMAS WANLESS SR. AND ANNA AGNES RADIGAN WANLESS

When he died in 1954, Thomas was survived by three children, all of whom were living in Springfield.

MARGARET

She was married to Frank D. Tefft.

THOMAS JR.

Born February 25, 1894 in Riverton, Thomas ("Tuck") was a coal miner. He was a member of the Riverton Methodist Church.

Thomas died, age 72, on August 2, 1966 at Memorial Medical Center. (He had been living with his sister Margaret Tefft.) He was buried at Oak Hill.

JOHN

Born in 1898 in Riverton, John married Maye Lang. She was born in Lake View, Iowa on December 15, 1898, the daughter of Charles D. and Clara Wise Lang. They had two sons, John Jr. and Robert, both born in Riverton.

John and Maye moved to Springfield about 1945. They were members of the First Methodist Church.

John died at his residence (324 N. 14th) on December 21, 1969. He was buried in Oak Hill. Robert, his son, also died in 1969.

Maye died at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield on December 28, 1991. She was 93 years old. Burial was in Oak Hill.

JOHN WANLESS JR., born August 10, 1920, had been living at 2646 Barone Drive in Springfield. He died (age 58) at Memorial Medical Center on December 20, 1978. John worked for the Treasury Department, before retiring earlier in 1978. He was interred at Oak Hill.

In addition to his mother Maye, John Jr. was survived by his wife Juanita, a son John Thomas Wanless of Stone Mountain, GA (near Atlanta) and three daughters (Susan Ann Brake in Newark, CA, which is across the bay from Palo Alto; Mary Ellen Keene in Stone Mountain, GA; and Elizabeth Wanless who was serving in the U.S. Army).

ROBERT WANLESS was born on April 9, 1923. He died in April of 1969.

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF ISAAC WANLESS AND LAURA WEISHAAPT WANLESS

ISAAC JR.

He enlisted in the marines on February 24, 1917 even though the United States had not yet entered World War I. There must have been strong support for the war in Riverton based on the headline and the first paragraph of Isaac's obituary which appeared in the Illinois State Journal on April 2, 1917.

YOUNG PATRIOT LAID TO REST

As taps was blown yesterday afternoon, the remains of Isaac Wanless of Riverton, who died at the Great Lakes training station in Chicago were laid to rest here. One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in this vicinity braved a cold drizzling rain which fell through the day to pay their last respects to a native son who died while preparing to serve his country.

The cause of death was spinal meningitis. He had died on April 1. His remains were accompanied home by Charles Jacaway, Isaac's cousin who had enlisted with him. The funeral service was at the Riverton Methodist Church and burial was in Oak Hill.

WALTON RUTLEDGE

He died May 23, 1927 having drowned after falling into a slough near the Sangamon River in Riverton. Walton was buried at Oak Hill.

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF ISABELLE WANLESS JACAWAY AND WILLIAM L. JACAWAY

CHARLES WILLIAM

Charles was born in 1894. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Riverton Methodist Church.

Charles lived in Springfield (1501 West Lawrence) and worked at the Pasfield golf course. While he was driving a tractor at the course on September 19, 1951, the bolt on the seat broke which resulted in Charles being thrown under the wheels and killed. He was buried in Oak Hill. Charles was survived by his wife Angeline and a son William H., who lived in Seattle.

ETHEL

Ethel was born in 1893. She married George W. Johnson, who had been born in 1877. He died of a crushed skull in a mine accident on July 10, 1921 in Riverton. According to the obituary, George and another miner were hurled two hundred feet to the bottom of the mine. His funeral service was at the Riverton Methodist Church and he was buried at Oak Hill.

Ethel lived in Riverton at the time of her mother's death. When her father died, Ethel was living at 541 South Lincoln in Springfield. She was employed as the manager of the Fred W. Wanless estate.

A member of the Rochester Methodist Church, Ethel died at her residence (1240 Cherry Road) on July 15, 1971. She was cremated and her ashes were buried near her father's grave in Oak Hill. (Her name appears on his stone.) Ethel was survived by a daughter, Mrs. LaVerne Peek who lived in Springfield.

LAVERNE JOHNSON was born in Riverton in 1912. She married Robert C. Peek. (He had been born in 1906.) They lived in Rochester and belonged to the Rochester Methodist Church. He worked for the Weaver Manufacturing Company and LaVerne worked for the Springfield Clinic. Robert died July 20, 1960 at Memorial Hospital. LaVerne passed away November 5, 1987 at her residence. They were both cremated and the ashes interred at Oak Hill. (LaVerne's name appears on the stone of her maternal grandmother, Isabelle Wanless Jacaway. Robert's name appears on the stone of LaVerne's father, George W. Johnson.) LaVerne was survived by a daughter, Patricia Kwedar.

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF MARGARET A. WANLESS JONES AND ARTHUR A. JONES

HAZEL R.

Born April 12, 1901 in Riverton, she married Frank LeRoy Coons in 1928. (He had been born in Rochester township.) Hazel was a teacher in the Riverton schools. While living in Lincoln, both belonged to the Lincoln First Methodist Church.

Her husband died February 20, 1986 at their residence in Lincoln. Hazel died on November 27, 1996 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. Both Frank and Hazel were buried in Oak Ridge. She was survived by several cousins.

ILDA ELIZABETH

Born in 1905 in Riverton, she died at her residence in Springfield on November 19, 1985. A member of First Methodist Church, she had been employed by the Illinois Reference Bureau for 26 years. Ilda was buried with her parents at Oak Hill.

THE GRANDCHILDREN OF

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

CHILDREN OF FREDERICK W. WANLESS AND ALVA FYFFE WANLESS

PAUL FYFFE

Paul was born on August 10, 1912 in Springfield. He graduated from Springfield High School, DePauw University, and the Northwestern Law School. He was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Paul married Berenice (or Bernice) McAlester in Columbia, Missouri on October 14, 1940. She was the daughter of Berry and Virginia Dyas McAlester.

During World War II, Paul served in U.S. Army. Paul ran in the Republican primary for the Illinois state senate in 1958 and 1962. He was defeated by George E. Drach both times.

On August 3, 1979, Paul died in Springfield at age 66. He was buried in Oak Ridge. His widow stayed in the family home (1820 Wiggins) for a few years and then moved to 10 Bridge Terrace.

VIRGINIA

Born about 1914, she was a graduate of Springfield High School (1930), DePauw (1934), and Yale Law School (1937). Virginia married Henry R. Barber, a Springfield attorney.

On February 14, 1968, Virginia died. She was survived by her husband, two sons (Rigel and David) and a daughter (Bonnie).

At the time of Virginia's death, the Barbers were residing at 1039 Williams Boulevard. For 40 years, the house next door (1033 Williams) was occupied by the Jones family. Reynolds Jones lived there prior to marrying Virginia Barber's cousin Bonnie Wanless.

JULIAN THOR

Born July 6, 1916, Julian went by the name "J. Thor." He graduated from DePauw (1937) and from Duke Law School.

From 1943 through 1949, J. Thor was employed by the Illinois Department of Insurance. He was serving as assistant director at the time of his departure. He lived at 2024 Wiggins and was a member of the First Methodist Church.

On August 18, 1978, J. Thor died, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was survived by his wife (Willa Mae) and three daughters (Carol, Julia, Sally).

THE 1900 CENSUS

ENTRIES UNDER "WANLESS" IN CENSUS FOR RIVERTON

William and Gertrude (his second wife) were living in Riverton as were the families of three married sons (William H., John, Thomas) and the widow of Isaac. William's son Frederick was boarding with John Deal. Charles S. was the only son of William's first wife who was still living with his father.

	<u>BIRTH DATA</u>			PLACE	<u>Census Reference</u>				
	MO	YEAR	AGE		VOL	ED	SHEET	Line	
WILLIAM	July	1843	56	England	126	81	7	41	
Gertrude	May	1866	34	Germany					
Charles S.	Jan	1884	16	ILL					
Gertrude C.W.	Dec	1894	5	ILL					
Arthur A.A.	Apr	1896	4	ILL					
Edward T.H.	Sep	1898	1	ILL					
WILLIAM H.	Dec	1867	32	Canada	145	106	4	26	
Margaret	Jan	1871	29	ILL					
William	Jan	1889	11	ILL					
Thomas	Aug	1892	7	ILL					
Edgar	Apr	1895	5	ILL					
Isaac	Dec	1897	2	ILL					
JOHN	Dec	1869	30	Nova Scotia	145	105	13	5	
Mary	Jan	1870	29	PA					
Edna	Mar	1889	11	ILL					
Willie	Feb	1892	8	ILL					
Mattie	Feb	1892	8	ILL					
THOMAS	June	1871	28	ILL	145	106	5	95	
Annie A.	Sep	1873	26	PA					
Margaret	Apr	1891	9	ILL					
Thomas	Feb	1894	6	ILL					
John	Apr	1897	3	ILL					
LAURA	Jan	1876	24	ILL	145	106	3	53	
Walton R.	June	1895	4	ILL					
Isaac	Apr	1897	2	ILL					
(Laura was the widow of Isaac Wanless)									
FREDERICK W.	Mar	1881	19	ILL	145	106	16	10	
shown in census as boarding with John Deal									

OBITUARIES REVIEWED

ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL (JOURNAL-REGISTER)

On the following chart the references to individuals include the identification of previous generations. A full explanation would look like this.

Bonnie Wanless Jones (daughter of Charles S. Wanless, son of William and Elizabeth Brown Wanless)

To save space, the entries were condensed. As part of that process, these names have been replaced with initials.

William and Elizabeth Brown Wanless = W. & E. Wanless
William Hall Wanless = W. H. Wanless
William LeRoy Wanless = W. L. Wanless

The previous example would appear as:

Bonnie Wanless Jones (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

With few exceptions, the listings of the generations will always take you back to William and his first wife Elizabeth, the first representatives of this branch of the Wanless family to arrive in Illinois.

DATE SHOWN IS THE DATE OF THE OBITUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>
11- 1-1897	6	Isaac Wanless (W. & E. Wanless)
11-14-1901	6	William Wanless
11-19-1904	6	Gertrude Wanless (daughter of William and Gertrude Barthel Wanless)
2- 9-1906	6	Mary Wanless Armstrong (W. & E. Wanless)
4- 2-1917	2	Isaac Wanless Jr. (Isaac Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9-10-1918	7	Laura Weishaupt Wanless Todd (wife of Isaac Wanless, W. & E. Wanless. She married William Todd after Isaac died.)
3-26-1919	7	Albert Spaulding (employer of Fred and Charles Wanless in early 1900s)

DATE SHOWN IS THE DATE OF THE OBITUARY

1- 8-1921	11	Charles Robert Wanless (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
7-12-1921	9	George W. Johnson (husband of Ethel Jacaway Johnson, Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)
10-31-1922	12	Mary Klearn Wanless (John Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
5-24-1927	14	Walton Rutledge Wanless (Isaac Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
7-25-1929	5	Isabelle Wanless Jacaway (W. & E. Wanless)
5- 6-1934	4	Robert Lee Wanless Jr. (Robert Lee Wanless Sr., W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
11-13-1939	1	Fay Burrows Wanless (wife of Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9-10-1944	12	Lester L. Wanless (Thomas C. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
12-11-1944	1	William Hall Wanless (W. & E. Wanless)
3-10-1945	3	Patricia Ellen Wanless (Isaac Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
4- 9-1945	4	John Wanless (W. & E. Wanless)
9-16-1945	1	Charles S. Wanless (W. & E. Wanless)
6-14-1949	11	Roy Wanless (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9- 5-1949	1	Frederick W. Wanless (W. & E. Wanless)
5- 1-1950	19	Anna A. Radigan Wanless (wife of Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9-20-1951	14	Charles W. Jacaway (Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)
5-19-1952	36	William L. Jacaway (husband of Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)
1-12-1954	14	Thomas (W. & E. Wanless)

DATE SHOWN IS THE DATE OF THE OBITUARY

1-29-1954 28 Margaret Reavley Wanless (wife of W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

4-30-1954 16 Robert Wanless (W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

7-30-1955 3 Margaret A. Wanless Jones (W. & E. Wanless)

12-31-1958 18,19 Isabelle Wanless Beard Robinson (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

7-21-1960 35 Robert C. Peek (husband of LaVerne E. Johnson Peek, Ethel Jacaway Johnson, Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)

5- 8-1963 10 Alva Fyffe Wanless (wife of Frederick W. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

4-25-1964 5 Henson C. Robinson (husband of Isabelle Wanless Beard Robinson, Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

9- 5-1964 5 Kathryn Adams Wanless (wife of William L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

10-14-1964 4 Gaylord V. Tannehill (husband of Margaret I. Wanless Tannehill, W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

8- 3-1966 14 Thomas Wanless Jr. (Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

8- 3-1966 14 Edgar Wanless (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

12- 4-1967 9 Thomas C. Wanless (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

2-15-1968 43 Virginia Wanless Barber (Frederick W. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

9-16-1968 5 Jerome Gerald Wanless (W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

2-26-1969 7 William L. Wanless (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

2-28-1969 71 Kathryn LaFauce Wanless (Roy Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

DATE SHOWN IS THE DATE OF THE OBITUARY

9-14-1969 24 Robert L. Dryer (husband of Nancy Murray Dryer, Nelle Wanless Murray Skeel, Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

11-29-1969 4 Claborn Albert Berner (husband of Eva Marie Wanless Berner, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

12-22-1969 4 John Wanless (Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

7-16-1971 8 Ethel E. Jacaway Johnson (daughter of Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)

1-15-1972 11 Isaac W. "Ike" Wanless (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

4-26-1977 16 Melvin George Wanless Sr. (W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

7- 7-1977 27 Elizabeth J. Wanless Nelson (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

9-25-1977 9 Clara I. Wanless (wife of Paul B. Wanless, W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

10- 2-1977 15 Minnie Bloomquist Wanless (wife of Edgar Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

1-28-1978 31 Ruth Wanless White (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

8-19-1978 10 J. Thor Wanless (Frederick W. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

11-24-1978 54 Anna Mary Colburn Wanless (wife of Thomas C. Wanless Sr., W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

12-21-1978 44 John Wanless Jr. (John Wanless Sr., Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

1-16-1979 18 Luella Klekamp Wanless (wife of Jerome Gerald Wanless, W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

8- 4-1979 1 Paul F. Wanless (Frederick W. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

4-28-1980 18 Otis A. White (husband of Ruth Wanless White, Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

DATE SHOWN IS THE DATE OF THE OBITUARY

12-17-1982	12	Charles Reynolds "Laddie" Jones Jr. (husband of Bonnie Wanless Jones, Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
1-15-1983	18	Patsy Smith Wanless (wife of Isaac Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
2- 9-1984	16	Bonnie Wanless Jones (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9- 3-1984	12	Nelle Wanless Murray Skeel (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
11-20-1985	10	Ilda E. Jones (Margaret A. Wanless Jones, W. & E. Wanless)
11-29-1985	35	Clarence Skeel (husband of Nelle Wanless Murray Skeel, Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
2-21-1986	31	Frank LeRoy Coons (husband of Hazel R. Jones Coons, Margaret A. Wanless Jones, W. & E. Wanless)
11- 7-1987	13	Laverne E. Johnson Peek (Ethel Jacaway Johnson, Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)
12-31-1987	27	Eva Marie Wanless Tannehill (W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
9-17-1988	14	Margaret I. Wanless Tannehill (W. L. Wanless, W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
5- 7-1991	7	Thomas C. Wanless Jr. (Thomas C. Wanless Sr., W. H. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
12-29-1991	8	Maye Lang Wanless (wife of John Wanless, Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)
11-28-1996	48	Hazel R. Jones Coons (Margaret A. Wanless Jones, W. & E. Wanless)
8- 8-1999	84	Gail M. Wanless (Charles S. Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)

OAK HILL CEMETERY

This is how the cemetery is listed in the phone book.

4688 Old Route 36
Springfield IL 62707
Phone 217-528-2448

To get to Oak Hill, leave Springfield heading east on Clear Lake Avenue. That street becomes I-72 after crossing I-55.

The first exit on I-72, about three-quarters of a mile past I-55, is Exit 104. The sign refers to Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Take Exit 104. At the top of the exit ramp is a stop sign. Turn left (north).

After you have gone over I-72, the road you are on is Old Route 36. Stay on it for about one and a half miles. Oak Hill Cemetery will be on your right.

There are two entrances to the cemetery, and they are close together. Turn in the second (main) entrance.

Upon entering the cemetery, take the road heading to the right. Immediately look to your left. You'll see a large Wanless marker in the center of an area containing the Wanless graves.

To find the other graves, continue down the same road for one-tenth of a mile. Just before the road splits to go around the World War I monument, you will find several Wanless gravestones on your right that are easily visible. This is another area where many family members were buried. About two rows to the north are the graves of Margaret, Arthur, and Ilda Elizabeth Jones.

MEMBERS OF THE WANLESS FAMILY

BURIED NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE
AT
OAK HILL CEMETERY

FIRST GENERATION

The Patriarch in Illinois of This Branch of the Wanless Family

William Wanless	7-18-1844	11-20-1901
Elizabeth Brown Wanless (William's wife)	2-28-1842	1- 8-1892

SECOND GENERATION

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

John Wanless	12-17-1869	4- 7-1945
Thomas Wanless	6-26-1871	1-11-1954
Anna A. Radigan Wanless (Thomas' wife)	9-15-1875	4-30-1950
Isaac Wanless	2-21-1873	10-31-1897
Laura Wanless Todd (Isaac's wife)	1- 7-1876	9- 9-1918
Isabelle Wanless Jacaway	3-23-1875	7-24-1929
William L. Jacaway (Isabelle's husband)	1869	5-18-1952
Mary E. Wanless Armstrong	8-15-1866	2- 7-1906
Charles S. Wanless	1-20-1884	9-15-1945
Fay Burrows Wanless (Charles' wife)	12-14-1879	11-13-1939

THIRD GENERATION

GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

Children of Thomas and Anna Agnes Radigan Wanless

Thomas Wanless Jr.	2-25-1894	8- 2-1966
John Wanless	1898	12-21-1969
Maye Lang Wanless (John's wife)	12-15-1898	12-28-1991

Children of Isaac and Laura Weishaupt Wanless Todd

Walton Rutledge Wanless	6- ?-1895	5-23-1927
Isaac Wanless Jr.	4- ?-1897	4- 1-1917

Children of Isabelle Wanless and William L. Jacaway

Ethel Wanless Johnson	1893	7-15-1971
George W. Johnson (Ethel's husband)	1877	7-10-1921
Charles W. Jacaway	1894	9-19-1951

Children of Charles S. and Fay Burrows Wanless

Charles Robert Wanless	1911	1- 7-1921
Ruth Wanless White	5-25-1913	1-27-1978
Otis A. White (Ruth's husband)	1913	4-27-1980
Gail M. Wanless	6- 5-1915	8- 6-1999

FOURTH GENERATION

GREAT-GRANDCHILDEN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS
(lineage in parentheses)

John Wanless Jr. (John Wanless, Thomas Wanless, W. & E. Wanless)	8-10-1920	12-20-1978
LaVerne E. Johnson Peek (Ethel Jacaway Johnson, Isabelle Wanless Jacaway, W. & E. Wanless)	1912	11- 5-1987
Robert C. Peek (husband of LaVerne)	1905	7-21-1960

MEMBERS OF THE WANLESS FAMILY

BURIED 1/10 MILE SOUTH OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE
AT
OAK HILL CEMETERY

These graves are to your right just before the road splits to go around the World War I monument. (Graves of Margaret A. Wanless Jones, Arthur A. Jones, and Ilda E. Jones are located about two rows north of the other Wanless graves.)

SECOND GENERATION

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

William Hall Wanless	12-16-1867	12-10-1944
Margaret Reavley Wanless (wife of William H.)	1-27-1871	1-28-1954
Margaret A. Wanless Jones	3- 9-1879	7-29-1955
Arthur A. Jones (husband of Margaret)	1876	10-10-1944

THIRD GENERATION

GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

Children of William H. and Margaret Reavley Wanless

William LeRoy Wanless	1-10-1889	2-25-1969
Kathryn Adams Wanless (wife of William L.)	7- 2-1890	9- 3-1964
Kathryn's mother Margaret is also buried here.	7- 8-1866	1- 8-1946
Thomas C. Wanless	8- 7-1892	12- 3-1967
Anna M. Colburn Wanless (wife of Thomas C.)	1894	11-21-1978
Edgar Wanless	4-10-1895	8- 1-1966
Minnie Bloomquist Wanless (wife of Edgar)	9-25-1896	10- 1-1977

THIRD GENERATION (cont.)

Isaac W. (Ike) Wanless	12-16-1897	1-14-1972
Eva Marie Wanless Berner	12-28-1900	12-30-1987
Claborn A. Berner (husband of Eva Marie)	3- 3-1897	11-28-1969
Roy L. Wanless	9-22-1903	6-13-1949
Elizabeth J. Wanless Nelson	3- 3-1906	7- 7-1977

Children of Margaret A. Wanless and Arthur A. Jones

Ilda Elizabeth Jones	1905	11-19-1985
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FOURTH GENERATION

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH BROWN WANLESS

Children of William LeRoy Wanless, Grandchildren of W. H. Wanless

Margaret Wanless Tannehill	5- 1-1910	9-15-1988
Gaylord V. Tannehill (husband of Margaret)	5-14-1909	10-12-1964
Robert L. Wanless	8- 7-1912	4-29-1954
Jerome G. Wanless	11-10-1922	9-15-1968
Louella Klecamp Wanless (wife of Jerome)	7-26-1928	1-16-1979
Paul B. Wanless	6- 8-1925	
(Paul is either still alive or buried in another cemetery.)		
Clara I. Burgar Wanless (wife of Paul B.)	1926	9-24-1977
Melvin G. Wanless	3-30-1933	4-25-1977

Child of Thomas C. Wanless, grandchild of William H. Wanless

Lester L. Wanless	12-27-1914	4- 8-1944
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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

for

SOME MEMBERS OF THE WANLESS FAMILY

William LeRoy Wanless (son of William Hall Wanless)	332-01-2204
Thomas C. Wanless (son of William Hall Wanless)	332-01-9662
Minnie Bloomquist Wanless (wife of Edgar, son of William Hall Wanless)	327-44-5622
Claborn Berner (husband of Eva Marie Wanless Berner, daughter of William Hall Wanless)	332-01-1844
Isaac Wanless (son of William Hall Wanless)	357-18-4298
Patsy Smith Wanless (wife of Isaac, son of William Hall Wanless)	350-26-7543
Thomas Wanless Jr. (son of Thomas, son of Thomas Wanless Sr.)	346-01-2413
Maye Wanless (wife of John, son of Thomas Wanless Sr.)	336-18-5327
Paul Wanless (son of Frederick W. Wanless)	343-34-7190
Julian Thor Wanless (son of Frederick W. Wanless)	174-03-4562
Dorothy Mae Wanless (wife of William C. Wanless, son of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	329-40-9639
Joseph Stanulis (husband of Clara Bell Wanless Stanulis, daughter of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	348-09-8490
Jerome Gerald Wanless (son of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	351-12-1373

Betty Wanless (daughter of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	336-22-6433
Melvin Wanless (son of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	360-24-9312
Dorothy Huddleston (wife of Melvin Wanless, son of William LeRoy Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	329-40-9639
Francis Marion Wanless (son of Isaac Wanless, son of William Hall Wanless)	357-18-1159
[NOTE FROM HOLLY COCHRAN, JANUARY 2001: THIS IS WRONG. THE SSDBI SHOWS THIS NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A DECEASED "FRANCES" WANLESS, WHO IS PROBABLY A FEMALE BASED ON THE NAME SPELLING, AND THIS FAMILY'S FRANK IS STILL ALIVE.]	
John Wanless (son of John Wanless, son of Thomas Wanless)	331-14-2934
Robert Wanless (son of John Wanless, son of Thomas Wanless)	351-18-8832