

The Nelsonian



New Genealogical Newsletter

A new monthly newsletter to connect all of the Nelson Clan

New Biographical Information

In this issue, we include the following:

- a biography of Samuel Whyman, brother of Rebecca Whyman
- an obituary for Daisy Elizabeth Pitman, mother of Florence Nelson
- A Ferron trip report from Brent Edwin Nelson, grandson of Stan and Florence
- A photocopy of an obituary of Henry Cary
- A photocopy of an obituary of Nelson Lorenzo Dow Cary.
- A scanned landscape picture is of the Henry Cary family.
- A scanned portrait of Daisy Elizabeth Pitman.

We plan to distribute new information in each issue. Each of these histories will be available to you on diskette. All you have to do is let us know which history and which format you would like to see.

Calling all Nelsons!!

We are pretty sure that each of you has information that the others in the family don't have. Please send it on to us and we will add it to the next newsletter. I would especially like to receive family group sheets on each of you and your parents. I found that I didn't even have ones on my own brothers and sister! For those of you who haven't caught the genealogy or Roots virus, I have attached a group sheet on Stan and Florence (and a blank one) for you to see how to do one of these. Please take a moment and send these to me.

New Genealogy Finds:

During the last month, we have looked at many, if not all, of the ship logs from the National Archives. We have not seen Henry Cary, but have found two possibles for his father. They are both from the Port of New Orleans. One is a John H. Geres and the other is a Henry Geres, ages 26 and 20 respectively. They were found on film 200145. They arrived on the Barque Sophie, which landed on November 12th, 1838 from Bremen. John H. Geres shows the town of Klenenmar, Hannvorin as a birthplace. Allowing for spelling items, there is a town called Kleinmarse, Hanover that is about 30 kilometers south of the city of Hanover. So far, I have not been able to find any

parish or other vital records of Kleinmarse, but this is a great possible clue. If this John H. Geres were Henry's father, it would mean that Henry's father was about 20 when Henry was born. That is possible.

You might think that Geres is not very similar to Cary. However, if the family story that the Cary's were Huguenots is true, then the French pronunciation of Geres is almost identical to Cary. Since Henry didn't write when he got here, based on his military records, he would have spoken his name and an American would have transcribed the name. So, it could be the same family.

A family myth shows that the ship that Henry and his parents were on had its sails destroyed and washed onto the shore in Ireland. Once repaired, it went on to America. This story was reported to Florence by Mae (probably Anna Mae Cary, since she signed it "your loving auntie Anna") Armstrong of Van Burin, Ohio, written in 1956. Her letter says:

"...From my memory of my father's repeated memoirs of his event in the United States, I can recall his description of their travels perhaps from his parents description of the journey then his own, though his memory always seemed to be very clear concerning it. Their journey did start from Hamburg, Germany. Grandfather Cary was only six years old. He was 78 when he died and was buried on his birthday, which was the 14th of February 1910. You can figure from that pretty close to what year his parents left Germany. Also, I recall his telling, it was a sail boat and that the winds

were so strong the sails were torn away which reduced their voyage to drifting and six months later their boat drifted on to the shore of a village somewhere in Ireland, where the ship was mended, and when weather conditions improved, they continued their journey.”

(This myth may lead to some information on which ship they came in on).

On film 901425, vital records of Allen County, an Anna A. E. Cary was found. Since several of the census records of Henry Sr. and Hannah showed the wife's name possibly as Anna, this might be the mother of Henry Jr. The challenging part of this data is that she died in 1843 at age 22, which would have made her 11 when Henry Jr. was born. However, we have no documentation to prove Henry's birth date, so it could possibly fit. Her information shows that she was married and born in Hanover, Germany. She did die in Shawnee Township. In 1843, Shawnee Township was a **very** small place in terms of occupants.

There was some surprising news on the 1900 census. I have always wondered why Henry did not show on that census. The 1900 census has a lot of additional information concerning citizenship. I looked at all of the records for Shawnee Township and found him with the name of John H. Cary. There was an “NA” placed in the naturalization column, which probably is the reason that I have not been able to find any record of naturalization. Also, the birthplace was shown only as Germany. Henry remains very elusive.

Marriage documentation was copied for the following marriages:

Index Film number 901410:

- 1843 Anna Cary married Thomas Pierce, as listed in Book 2, page 9
- 1887 Mary Cary married Isaiah Brentlinger in Book E, page 9.
- 1884 Ella Cary married Jerry Mahoney Book D, page 236
- 1865 William Cary married Celina Baber, Book B, page 126 (not

believed to be related, but since there is a civil case on record where Henry Cary testified in a “Salina A. Cary” action, there may be a connection. This action is found on film 901427 Admin Docket J148)

- 1878 Ida May Cary married Barney Brickner Book C2, page 178

Film number 901412:

- Actual marriage of Anna Cary and Thomas Pierce married 16 March 1843

Film number 901416:

- 13 Jul 1895 Ida Cary married John Shock Book G, page 10
- 5 Jan 1897 Lydia Cary married Scott Neely, Book G, page 228 (the marriage license was granted in 1896)

Film number 901417:

- 22 Dec 1898 Ella Cary married Albert Wiesenmeyer, Book H, page 66
- 23 Feb 1901 Clara Cary married William S. Post Book I, page 443.
- 21 Jan 1898 Samuel W. Cary married Arvilla Shock. I neglected to note the exact reference, but made a copy.

Film number 901417:

- 1 January 1902 Ada Cary married W. Earl Burden.

Film number 901419:

- 28 Nov 1906 David Cary married Flora Meyer.

Film number 901420:

- 14 May 1908 Anna May Cary married John R. Edmiston. George W. Whyman (perhaps a relative?) performed this marriage.

Vital Records show the following:

Film number 901423:

- Adeline Cary was born 24 Aug 1878 in Shawnee Township.
- Anna Cary was born 28 May 1899 in Shawnee Township.

- Ida Cary was born 11 Apr 1876 in Shawnee Township.
- Lydia Lorinda was born 21 Feb 1874 in Shawnee Township.

A Word from Budapest

As you probably know, Mike and Kay Love have a son, Ryan, who is a missionary for the LDS church in Budapest, Hungary. He recently wrote his mother about a challenging experience:

“...We received a call from Ryan February 4th. He told us he'd had minor surgery. The doctor in Budapest treated him for a boil. But, when the area doctor for the eastern missions visited, he determined it was a pilonidal cyst at the end of his tailbone (they're not uncommon). So, Dr. Gibbons (from Holladay, Utah) performed minor surgery on Ryan and patched him up. Ryan said it was a “royal pain in the butt” and that he's been the “butt” of many jokes in the mission. He got real tired of lying on his stomach for many days. However, he's healed up and back to work—which he enjoys so much!”

His address is still:

Elder Ryan Love
Budapest 1022
Bimbo Út. 116-118d/fsz/4
Hungary

Trip To Ferron

See the attached report from Brent Edwin Nelson, grandson of Stan and Florence.

Rose and Jeff Nelson repeated much of this trip within the last week. We were able to find and photograph many of the Nelson graves in the Ferron Cemetery. Those pictures will be in the next few editions of the Nelsonian. We also stopped in Orem to photograph the graves of Stan and Florence.

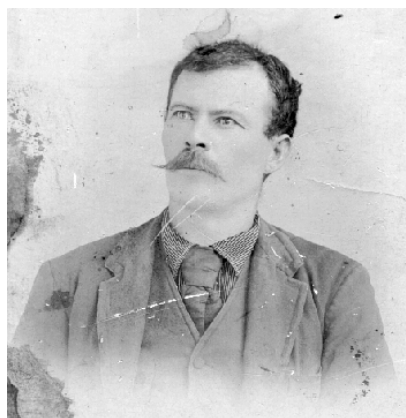
Where are you??

The last sheet shows all of the addresses that we have for the family. We have sent newsletters to each of them. But you can see that living away from the family for all these years has depleted our listing of addresses. Please help us by sending us missing addresses of family members. We also had several packets returned this month for better addresses. Please take a minute and check the listing for missing Nelsons.

Who am I?

Last month's who am I was Abraham L. Whyman, father of Rebecca Whyman (who was Henry Cary's wife). The biography of Samuel Whyman, his son, reprinted from "Biographical History of Van Wert County" is attached to this newsletter.

This month's Who Am I is the following picture:



Who is the Editor?

Jeff and Rose Nelson are the editors of the newsletter. You can reach them at any of the places on the Address Sheet.

Free Disks!

To repeat, we are mailing genealogy and family history information on IBM format diskettes. Just let us know what format you would like (Word, WordPerfect, Ami Pro, etc.).

Why is the newsletter late?!

Rose was in the hospital for a couple of days with the concern of heart problems. She is back home, dealing with the challenges of motherhood. All seems to be well, a clean bill of health was received for her heart. Thanks to all of you who have phoned and written!!

Questions & Answers

Readers Write

WHAT FAMILY DOES THIS REPRESENT?

The Stanley Christian Nelson and Florence Adelia Cary family.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE HOLES IN THE PAGES?

We hope that you will keep all of this information in your three-ring genealogy binder (HINT, HINT).

HOW DO I SEND INFORMATION TO YOU?

See page one for all of the addresses.

ISN'T ALL OF THE GENEALOGY WORK DONE? DIDN'T CONRAD DO IT ALL?

Genealogy is theoretically not done until Adam shows up at the end of your pedigree chart. From a practical standpoint, getting to 1400 AD may be "theoretical zero" unless you can tie into royalty. We hope that readers will see that genealogy includes family histories and photographs also.

I HEARD THAT JEFF AND ROSE HAVE LOTS OF OLD PICTURES. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SEE THEM?

We are working to get them scanned so that you can have them electronically and to get photo quality copies made.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED WITH GENEALOGY?

Start by collecting everything that you know into one place. Once you have started that process, you are making good progress. Organization is the key to success in genealogy.

ONCE I HAVE ALL OF MY INFORMATION IN ONE PLACE, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Start capturing all of your information either on paper or through a genealogy program. The LDS church publishes one called "Personal Ancestral File" or PAF. This is the format that most Genealogists use, but there are many other programs that will also work just fine. Most of the other programs will read and write PAF files.

THERE IS SO MUCH INFORMATION TO TYPE INTO THE COMPUTER. IS THERE A SHORTCUT?

Sure, just ask us for our files and you can use them. One caveat, however, our mistakes will be your mistakes. Check each of the sources for correctness.

CAN I GET SOME HELP GETTING STARTED ON THE COMPUTER OR AT THE GENEALOGY LIBRARY?

Sure. Jeff and Rose plan to spend each Tuesday and Thursday night at the main genealogy library and as many Saturdays as possible. Give us a call and we would be happy to try to answer your questions or to meet you at the library.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A COMPUTER TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION?

Definitely not. Most LDS stake buildings and family history libraries have computers that you can use. The main genealogy library and the Joseph Smith Memorial building also have computers and staff to assist you.

WHEN WILL THE LETTER BE PUBLISHED?

The letter will be mailed on or about the first of each month. Anything that we receive by the 25th of the month will be in the next issue.

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT DISKETTES?

We will be happy to send you diskettes of everything that we have. Just drop us a note or call to let us know what formats (IBM only) you need and we will forward them on to you. We are also happy to send the actual PAF files (PAF calls them GEDCOM files) for any individual, family, descendants, ancestors, etc. Just let us know.

HOW IN THE WORLD DO I KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO SEND?

Pedigree charts and group sheets will be published in this and all future issues. If in doubt, call us.