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RESEARCH FINDINGS

Many years ago, while in high school (I graduated almost 33 years ago), I started seriously researching the Wisser family. At that time, we only knew the names of John McCormick Wisser's brothers and sisters, and not much more about them. We knew John had sisters named Amanda Cottle McManus, Matilda Gregory, and Temperance Adams. Census indexes were just beginning to be published and as a result, I found a brother, Albert Wisser living with William and Temperance Adams and their two children in 1850. This census find led to additional research that found many descendants of William and Temperance Adams. One of the first descendants of William and Temperance that I corresponded with was Avis Ott. As you note below, she passed away last month, at the age of 90. She provided me much information on the family and descendants of Nettie Adams Maxwell, her grandmother (and daughter of William and Temperance). So I would like once again to express my appreciation to her family for all of her wonderful help during my early research days.

Early Newspaper References to the Wisser family: Syracuse Daily Standard, Tuesday, 25 Feb 1890; Cortland-Levi Wisser [son of James Wisser, who was the son of Benjamin Wisser Sr.] is a candidate for corporation collector. He has always been a hard and industrious worker and served four years in the army.

Syracuse Evening Herald, Thursday, 6 Nov 1902; Pensions granted: Increase-Levi Wisser, Virgil, \$17. [he died 8 Mar 1903 in Virgil, NY].

Descendants of Levi Wisser, son of James Wisser

1. Levi Wisser (b.10 Jan 1835-Truxton,Cortland,NY;d.8 Mar 1903-Virgil,Cortland,NY)

sp: Lucy Amelia Pike (b.1845-,NY;m.15 Jul 1860;d.1 Sep 1892-South Cortland,Cortland,NY)

2. Frank L. Wisser (b.15 Jul 1861-Solon,Cortland,NY;d.12 Feb 1917-Ithaca,Tompkins,NY)

sp: Agnes (Aggie) (b.1865-,NY;m.1887)

2. Jessie Evlin Wisser (b.26 Apr 1870-,NY)

sp: James A. Harris (b.6 Aug 1875-,MI;m.1905;d.26 Aug 1932-Ithaca,Tompkins,NY)

sp: David William Shroff (b.13 Jan 1902-Lebanon,Lebanon,PA;m.31 Dec 1932)

2. Edwin Ernest Wisser (b.10 Oct 1876-Cortland,Cortland,NY;d.25 Jul 1940-Cortland,Cortland,NY)

sp: Carrie L. Hilsinger (b.16 Oct 1883-,NY;m.22 Nov 1901;d.11 Jun 1911-Elmira,Chemung,NY)

3. Herbert Grayson (Bud) Wisser (b.12 Dec 1902-Texas Valley,Cortland,NY;d.8 May 1985-Barker,Broome,NY)

sp: Bertha Benedict (b.20 Sep 1908-Barker,Broome,NY;m.11 Jun 1927;d.4 Oct 1969-Johnson City,Broome,NY)

3. Elwin Erford Wisser (b.13 May 1904-Cincinnati,Cortland,NY;d.26 Dec 1977-Fenton,Broome,NY)

sp: Anna Mary Elizabeth Amelia Shufeldt (b.28 Sep 1911-Cincinnati,Cortland,NY;m.22 Feb 1930;d.14 Sep 2002-)

3. Edwin Ernest Wisser (b.15 Jun 1906-,Cortland,NY;d.29 Sep 1967-Colesville,Broome,NY)

sp: Nettie C. Thurston (b.8 Dec 1910-Whitney Point,Broome,NY;m.25 Dec 1928;d.4 May 1977-Colesville,Broome,NY)

3. infant Wisser (b.Ab. 28 Jan 1908-Cortland,Cortland,NY;d.Jan 1908)

sp: Lillian Eleanor Scott (b.11 Sep 1884-Port Crane,Broome,NY;m.7 Feb 1912;d.13 Feb 1944-Binghamton,Broome,NY)

2. Fannie J. Wisser (b.26 Mar 1882-,NY;d.21 Aug 1969-Willard,Seneca,NY)

sp: UNKNOWN

3. Emma L. Wisser (b.7 Sep 1900-Virgil,Cortland,NY)

OBITUARIES

Please accept our condolences to those who recently lost family members.



Mason City, IA Globe Gazette, 21 to 23 Jan 2007; GREENE - Funeral services for Avis N. Ott, 90, of 12392 Camp Comfort Road, Greene, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, (Jan. 24, 2006) at the United Methodist Church in Greene with Pastor Ashok Patet officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reid's Funeral Chapel in Greene where there will be a public Scripture service at 7p.m. Avis Nettie Maxwell was born on Nov. 13, 1916, in rural Coldwater Township, Butler County, a daughter of Arthur Eugene (his ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Senior, his mother, Annetta Prudence Adams Maxwell, Temperance M. Wiser Adams, Samuel Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.) and Emma (Mettler) Maxwell, and died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at the Allison Health Care Center in Allison. She received her education in the rural Coldwater Country School and Greene Public Schools, graduating in 1934. As a young lady, she taught in the rural schools near Greene and on Nov. 22, 1937, she was united in marriage to Harry Burdette Ott at Mount Vernon. To this union were born three children: Dennis Harry, Sheryl Jean and Mark Maxwell. Harry and Avis farmed west of Greene until 1946, when they moved on their present farm south of Greene. She enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling. Her travels included trips to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Guam. Avis and Harry spent their winters in Hemet, Calif. for 30 years. Avis' family was very important to her especially the time spent with her grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church, UMW, P.E.O. Chapter CC Sisterhood, Round Grove Country Club, and various Bridge clubs. Living family members include her daughter: Sheryl (Dr. Thomas) Nixt of Honolulu; two sons: Dennis (Mary Lou) Ott, of Greene and Dr. Mark (Pamela) Ott of Cherry Valley, Calif.; six grandchildren: Theresa Ann (Tom) Fennel, Sonya Marie (Todd) Blanchford, Matthew Thomas (Jenny) Nixt, Angela Jean (Doug) Lee, Zachari Kyler (Edna) Ott, Justin Maxwell (Oralia) Ott; seven great-grandchildren: Anjelica Jean Nixt, Alexandra Rose Nixt; Adrian Kyle Nixt, Taylor and Riley Blanchford, Zoe and Sydney Ott; and one sister, Fern Daiker. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters: Luella Strand, Mae Garms, and Esther Fidler; and four brothers: Bert Maxwell, Claude Maxwell, DeLoss Maxwell, and Clem Maxwell. Those planning an expression of sympathy may direct memorials to the Avis N. Ott Memorial Fund in care of the family. Reid's Funeral Chapel, (641) 823-4457.



Idaho Falls, ID Post Register, 12 Jan 2007; ASHTON -- Mark Albertson, 82, of Ashton, died Jan. 10, 2007. He was born Feb. 24, 1924, in Lamont, Idaho, to Daniel Jacob and Hilda Cook Albertson. They lived in his grandparents' home on Conant Creek near Lamont. He attended Highland School in Lamont. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in March 1945 and served with the 34th Engineer 1st Battalion in South Korea. He was honorably discharged in December 1946. On June 1, 1949, he married Betty L. Brower (her ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Sr., her mother, Olive Ezila Smith, Amanda Jane Wiser Smith, John McCormick Wiser, Samuel Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.). Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in March 1954. They lived in Farnum and farmed in the Lamont area. He worked a cow/calf operation and owned his own trucking business, hauling logs, grain and potatoes. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. He served a mission with his wife at the Ashton Idaho Stake Family History Center from 1996 to 1998. He was a member of the Fremont County Cattleman's Association. He enjoyed hunting and riding his horses. Mark loved being with his family, going fishing and camping; he was very patriotic and loved his country. Survivors include his wife, Betty of Ashton; children, Susan (Howard) Stewart and Monte (Cresta) Albertson, both of Idaho Falls, Leslie (Jerri) Albertson of Perth, Australia, Wyatt (Ann) Albertson of Santa Ana, Calif., Janalee Albertson and Janean (Lance) Mower, both of Ashton, and Darren (Cindy) Albertson of Provo, Utah; sister, Sylvia Clark of Meridian; 22 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Ashton LDS 4th Ward, with Bishop Hal Harrigfeld officiating. The family will visit with friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Baxter Funeral Home, 717 Main St. in Ashton, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday before services at the church. Burial will be in the Pineview Cemetery, with military rites conducted by American Legion Post 89. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Ashton Living Center, P.O. Box 838, Ashton, ID 83420.

Laconia NH Citizen, 27 to 28 Dec 2006; Owned Holt's Plumbing & Heating; World War II veteran; NORTH HAVERHILL — Ernest B. Holt, 93, passed away Dec. 22, 2006 at the Grafton County Nursing Home after a long illness. Ben began his life there as an infant and fate led him back there to spend his final days. Ben was born in Deerfield on Nov. 21, 1913, the son of Ernest W. and Gracie Bradshaw Holt. He married Alma Morse (her ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Senior, her mother, Eva Mable Tobine Morse, Clara Belle Wiser Tobine, Norman Wiser, Solomon Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Jr., Benjamin Wiser Sr.) in September of 1948 and the raised four children: Raymond B. of Hurricane, Utah, Dale C. of Ashland, and Stephen H. of Mt. Joy, Pa. Ben was predeceased by a daughter, Linda D. Ben took great joy in his grandchildren Frederick, Elizabeth, and Melissa Elliot, Brittany Holt and Jason Holt. There are seven additional grandchildren with their whereabouts unknown. He is survived by a brother, Richard Holt, of Framingham Mass., and a sister Grace Gaudette of Allentown, and a foster sister, Medeline Geoffrey of Norwich, Vt. He served his country in World War II, returning home to become an active member of the Dupuis Cross Post 15 for over 60 years here he served as post chaplain for many of those years. Ben was a life member of the DAV. When Ashland had a movie theatre he was the projectionist. Ben served his fellow man whenever possible. After the closing the Ashland Paper Mill, Ben started his own business as Holts Plumbing and Heating and served his customers for nearly 50 years. Ben was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had sincere love for his Lord. Ben held the office of high priest. Services will be held at the Meetinghouse on Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth, on Dec. 29, 2006, with viewing at 1 p.m. and services at 1:30 pm. Burial will follow in the spring.

Laconia NH Citizen, 30 Jun 2005; WARREN — Linda Diane (Holt) Simonds, 54, of 279 Route 25, passed away at Spere Memorial Hospital on June 27, following a sudden illness. She was born in Plymouth on May 24, 1951, the daughter of Ernest and Alma (Morse) **(see above for her ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Sr.)** Holt. She spent her early years in Ashland, attended Ashland schools and was an Ashland High School graduate, class of 1970. After high school, she attended Empire Beauty School in Laconia and graduated as a registered cosmetologist instructor. Survivors include one son, Fredrick Elliott of Warren; two daughters, Libby Elliott and Missy Elliott, both of Warren; her parents, Alma and Ernest Holt of Ashland; three brothers, Raymond Holt of Utah, Dale Holt of Ashland and Stephen Holt of Mt. Joy, Penn; her longtime companion, Tim Godin of Warren; nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints Fair Grounds Road in Plymouth on Friday at 2 p.m. Visitation will be from 1 p.m until the time of the service. Dupuis Funeral Home, 9 Hill Avenue, Ashland, is handling arrangements.

Deseret News, Salt Lake City, UT, 11 Nov 2006; Melvin (Mel) Edward Davis 1923~2006 Melvin E. Davis, 83 passed away at his home in Salt Lake City on November 8, 2006. He was born on March 23, 1923 in Emmett, Idaho to Irvin P. Davis and Myra O. Hunter. He married Bettye Jackson on September 15, 1942 in Melba, Idaho and the marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. He attended Idaho State College and Texas A&M University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Clare Sundwall in Salt Lake City on May 26, 1962 and she died in 1986. He married Kathleen **Purles (her ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Senior, her father, Horace Verne Wiser, Samuel Frost Wiser, John McCormick Wiser, Samuel Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.)** on April 11, 1987. He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many positions including executive secretary, High Priest Group leader and stake missionary. He loved singing and sang with many choirs including the Mountaires in Idaho and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. He loved the outdoors and was a longtime member of the Wasatch Mountain Club and The Outdoor Writers and Photographers Group where he earned awards for his photos and other contributions. He participated in numerous hiking, cross country skiing, and river rafting trips. He also loved photography and was a photographer for the Caldwell (Idaho) News Tribune and later a photographer for the Bureau of Land Management in Salt Lake City. He was founder of Wasatch Publishers, a publisher and distributor of many books, maps, and trail guides, some of which he also wrote. He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen as well as three sons, John (Virginia) Davis of Salem, OR; Larry (Janet) Davis of Mesa, AZ; and Steve (Kristi) Davis of Salt Lake City and two daughters, Shirley (Tom) O'Leary of Prairie View, KS and Dee Ann (Keith) Border of Tiverton, Devon, England. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was also stepfather to Michael (Jerry) Purles, Marc (Terri) Purles, Claudia (Richard) West, Karen (Scott) Mangum, and Teresa (Robert) Elwood. He was Grampa to 19 step-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him. Services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 13 at the Mt. Olympus First Ward Chapel located at 4635 S. Lanark Rd. (3315 E). Viewing at Holbrook Mortuary Sunday evening 6-8 p.m. and 9:45-10:45 a.m. one hour before the services at the chapel. Interment: Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. Condolences may be sent to www.holbrookmortuary.com

Springfield MA Republican, 1 Nov 2006; 1923 – 2006; SOUTHAMPTON - Lester R. Yapple, 83, of Southampton died Saturday at home. Born in Woodridge, NY. He was been a resident of Southampton for several years. He was a US Navy veteran of WWII serving in the Pacific Theater, and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. He was employed for forty-three years as a heating and air conditioning service man for Gladwin and Lane Co. of Westfield and later at Energy People. He was predeceased by his wife Eleanor (Smith) Yapple **(her ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Senior, her mother, Florence Leila Flanders Smith, Etta Alice Ford Flanders, Aaron Daniel Ford, Sarah Jane Wiser Ford, Benjamin Wiser Jr., Benjamin Wiser Sr.)** on June 29, 2006. Lester is survived by two sons, Joseph and his wife Myra of Southampton, Steven and his wife Gwenn of Tucson, Arizona, a daughter Doris Lowe and her husband Paul of Thermopolis, Wyoming, a brother Jay of Westfield, a sister Emma Dunn of Lake Ariel, PA. Lester also leaves five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. His funeral will be Sunday at 11 A.M. from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St., Westfield, MA. Burial will be at Middle Farms Cemetery in Westfield. Calling hours will be Saturday evening from 6 P.M.until 8 P.M.The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Cindy of the Noble Hospital Oncology Dept. for her wonderful care. Donations may be made in Lester's memory to Baystate V.N.A. and Hospice, 50 Maple St. Box 9058, Springfield, MA. 01102-9058. Firtionadams.com

POSTSCRIPT

Thanks for any suggestions in regards to our family newsletter. Please contact me at wiserr@dfn.com or at 6 Baton Rouge, Roswell, NM 88201, or at (505) 623-2534.