

Ancestors of Hannah Holmes

Generation No. 1

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Notes for Hannah Holmes:

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Generation No. 2

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3. Mary Catherine Mentch^{12,13}, born November 11, 1863 in Penn Runn, PA^{14,15}; died June 10, 1952 in Phoenix, Arizona^{16,17}. She was the daughter of **6. Isaac Mench** and **7. Hannah Kellar**.

Notes for Dorcie Dolphus Holmes:

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Bob -- been on your website and looked over the Holmes family you have that included John Evans Holmes b 1831. I found him on the 1880 Census, Pine Twp., Indiana, Pennsylvania p 208A

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John S. Holmes Son M S W 12 PA
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More About Dorcie Dolphus Holmes:

E-Mail (Facts Pg) 1: March 12, 2002, Ch B

Notes for Mary Catherine Mentch:

More About MARY MENTCH:

Church Attended: Member of the Stake Church in 1883 at the time of the Church construction. Married on a train to Pittsburgh.

More About Mary Catherine Mentch:
Burial: Phoenix, Arizona

Children of Dorcie Holmes and Mary Mentch are:

- i. Mildred Pearl Holmes¹⁷, born 1910 in Clymer, PA¹⁷; died 1942 in Indiana, PA¹⁷; married Peter Styles.

More About Mildred Pearl Holmes:

Burial: 1942, Sample Run Cemetery, Clymer, PA

- 1 ii. Hannah Holmes, born December 02, 1896 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died December 21, 1962 in Phoenix, Arizona; married John Henry Learn March 23, 1916 in Cherryhill Twp, Indiana Co., PA.
- iii. Vira V Holmes¹⁷, born November 23, 1898 in Heilwood, Indiana County, PA^{17,18}; died February 13, 1982 in Barnesboro RD 2, Indiana Co., PA^{19,20}; married Harold Ward A Uncapher June 22, 1923^{21,22}; born October 28, 1897 in Cookport, Green Twp., Indiana Co., PA^{22,23}; died August 01, 1972 in Jewtown, Heilwood, Indiana Co., PA^{24,25}.

Notes for Vira V Holmes:

Holmes Uncapher relationship Obit. Surviving are the following children: Mrs George (Mary) Fetterman, Whitney Point, NY; Mrs. Warren (Stella) Fetterman, Barnesboro RD 2; Mrs. David (Gladys) Mothlin, Vintondale RD 1; Mis Hazel Uncapheer, Westlebanon; and Mrs John (Charlotte) Bratcher, Pesotum, IL; 10 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. She was preceded by her husband Ward A and by her parents and two sisters.

Notes for Harold Ward A Uncapher:

Lived near Cookport, Heilwood, PA Some records record him as HAROLD WARD UNCAPHER.
Marriage 1 Vira V. HOLMES b: 23 Nov. 1898 in Indiana Co. PA * Married: 22 June 1923 in Indiana Co. Pa. Children 1. [Has No Children] Living UNCAPHER 2. [Has No Children] Living UNCAPHER 3. [Has No Children] Living UNCAPHER 4. [Has No Children] Living UNCAPHER 5. [Has No Children] Living UNCAPHER

Hannah J Craig used to take her two sons to visit Uncle Ward and Aunt Vira. I, Bob Craig, remember these visits quite well. Uncle Ward was quite handy with his hands. He made things like cutting an outline of a 1/4 moon and star out of wood, would finish the wood and the end product had a hanging stair steps which was handy for putting Nic-knacks on and hanging it on the wall. Mom had one of these sets. He also made corner Nic-Nack racks. They were about a foot and one half tall and were made to hang in a corner of a room. He also made figures out of wood and in some way would suspend them on string and had a sort of paddle he would sit on and was able to make the figures walk by tapping on the paddle. He also was able to take a plain ordinary carpenters saw and make music. He did this by using a bow somewhat lie a violin and by bending the saw was able to make music. Quite good at it. Vira also was handy with her hands and took cards, like Christmas cards, and fasten them together in a fan fashion and they were quite attractive. If my memory serves me right Uncle Ward had a huge ball of string. He saved string and would wind it on the ball. The girls come to mind as pleasant and rather full of giggles. We enjoyed visiting them in Heilwood several times.

- iv. Madge Alberta Holmes^{26,27}, born 1920 in Indiana Co., PA (Abt. 1920)^{28,29}; died June 15, 1945 in Indiana, PA; married (1) Harold Blair Fleming; born 1917 in Climer, PA^{30,31}; died May 22, 1955 in Cherry Tree, PA^{32,33}; married (2) Harry Blair Fleming 1901 in Cookport, Green Twp., Indiana Co., PA^{34,35}; born August 24, 1888 in Clymer, PA; died May 09, 1976 in Rossiter, PA.

Notes for Madge Alberta Holmes:

November 30, 2001 - More information show in Obit. Source: Genealogical Collection of Indiana County, PA, FJL Film # 517258 - Provided to me by Linda Fleming.

Indiana Gazette

Madge Alberta Fleming

Of Indiana R.D. 4, passed away Friday, June 15th, 1945 in the Indiana Hospital. She was born September 21st 1890 in Green Township, Indiana County, a daughter of Dorsey and Mary Mentch Holmes. Her early life was lived in Green Township, later moving to Clymer. Her church affiliations were with the Clymer Christian Church. She is survived by her widower, Harry. Blair Fleming; her mother, Mrs. Dorsey Holmes of Phoenix, Ariz; four sons, Frank M., Lovejoy; Harold B., Erie, Pfc. Charles W., U.S. Army in Europe; S. Sergeant, Hayes W. U. S. Marines, Cherry Point, N.C.; two daughters: Mrs Leroy (Hannah Jemimah) Craig, Kent and Mrs Carl (Bertha) Kunkle, Indiana R.D. 3. Sixteen grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. John H. (Hannah) Learn, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Ward (Vira) Uncapher, Heilwood, also survive. Friends will be received in the family home from noon Sunday until Monday morning when friends will be received at the Robinson (Lyle) Funeral Home after the noon hour. Funeral services will be conducted in the Funeral home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Reverend Clayton Straw will officiate. Interment in Sample Run Cemetery. 1945
The source for these two obituaries is: Genealogical Collection of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, FHL
Film #517258.

* Italic: My additions and corrections, Robert Blair Craig

Madge Alberta Holmes & Harry Blair Fleming 1885 ~ 1976 * This image shows the location of the graves and to the far left, the location of the Holmes farm Satellite Aerial Photo of Bennit's Farm where Harry Blair Fleming worked as caretaker after loosing property near Clymer, PA during the great depression. November 30, 2001 - More information show in Obit. Source: Genealogical Collection of Indiana County, PA, FJL Film # 517258 - Provided to me by Linda Fleming. Pen Run, PA - Data obtained from family Bible. Madge Alberta HOLMES Fleming, Born August 24, 1888, Clymer, PA. Died Indiana Hospital, Indiana, PA, Burial at Sample Run Cemetery, Clymer, PA (Father: Dorcie D. HOLMES, Mother: Mary Catherine MENTCH. Images can be seen at <http://www.tribalpages.com/tribes/rbchopper>

There are so many missed opportunities and non so sad as having had a moment in time, when one could have communicated to another, . . . but it was missed. That special day when my grandfather, Harry Blair Fleming, sat with me on our front porch in Dixonville, PA, and he, kind of off-hand, said to me, "I floated logs down that stream." I recall it as if it were yesterday. Yet, in my youth, I did not see or even think of the history in that one statement. Dixon Creek is now but a ditch one can jump without getting your feet wet. Why? What was going through my mind those many years ago that I couldn't and didn't ask a simple question - "That Creek!" "How?"

Today, as far as I can tell, I am the only one of the Flemings left that even care. My mind is a rush of questions and unsolved mysteries about the FLEMING Clan. I ask questions of the young and receive no answers. Am I being repaid in like kind in that back then I didn't care enough to ask a simple question. Where did you cut these logs. Where did you float them too. Who was your father, granddad? What did he do? Where did you live back then?

We are left today to THINK that Harry Blair's father was David Fleming. His tomb stone lies directly behind Harry Blair's so we must assume that David was my great, great grandfather. It would be so nice to have something solid - a simple question, or an entry in a family Bible - anything . . . There are decedents of slaves that know more about where they came from than we Flemings do. So sad, but it is true. I could have ask my mother. So many times we sat together and as a youth I had no foresight to ask some really interesting questions. Gone is the opportunity. . . gone forever. Our Family Web Page is the opportunity we can cease here at "MyFamily.Com." Young people . . . just ASK! Mothers and fathers . . . engage your children. I just know that there are exciting things that can add to OUR STORY. They are out there. Not as many stories as there could have been. But, I just know we can do more.

Please take an active role in preserving our heritage. It is worth it, if not to you, to all those who are to follow. Nothing is insignificant. Everything is important. Add to our history buy putting it down. You are important, and your family stories are important. We may never again meet in this life, but we can be sure that someday someone will be setting as I do now and wondering how it all came to be. God bless.
Bob C

More About Madge Alberta Holmes:

Burial: June 17, 1945, Sample Run Cemetery, Rayne Twp, Indiana Co., PA

Notes for Harry Blair Fleming:

Flemings & The Woods

Since the earliest days of my childhood [Bob Craig], I recall Blair Fleming and his wife, Madge, living on Bennett's Farm on the outskirts of Indiana, PA. He was employed there as a caretaker & farmer. He raised a large family there and was living there when Madge Fleming died. His love was still for the mountains and woods. He missed the timber work and would soon return to it.

My earliest recollections are of Madge churning butter, her becoming sick, having to have a foot, then a leg and then gangrene setting in and her death. The funeral was conducted in the home on Bennett's farm in Indiana, PA. They received friends and family and she lay in state in the living room.

One time he told me that he worked in timber above Dixonville, PA, and floated logs down a stream [Dixon Creek] that is at present day only a trickle of a creek. After her passing, Blair spent much time in North Central Pennsylvania working as a lumberman. He lived at the saw mill camp until he retired. After retirement he lived with his son, Hayes Warden Fleming in Rossiter, PA until his death. I will edit this further as information is received. - Bob Craig

HARRY BLAIR FLEMING

FACTIONAL DEPICTION OF BLAIR [done by taking some things I do know and intermingling these facts with some fictional liberty]

It was a cold and frosty morning as Harry awoke. He slipped through the bear skin door of the camp and walked briskly toward the old gray mule that anxiously awaited his morning rations. There was this special long eared one that Harry had a keen appreciation for. The others, . . . well, they were just mules. This one Harry knew well. The sun was just beginning to appear over the trees on the far hill. Harry knew it wasn't below the freezing mark as yet because there was no ice on the make-shift watering troff. The cold wasn't far off though. He shivered as he stooped down and picked up the sack of grain that his mule friend was nudging him for. He pored out a generous portion of grain this morning. It was going to be a busy day. They needed to repair the breach in the earth works down stream from where they were presently taking timber. That blasted thing, when they weren't having to undo the backup of water that the beavers caused, they were having to rebuild their own so as to float the timber down to the mill.

His father was busy building their own mill and he mused how different things would be once that was finished. Harry was to be a crew chief at the new mill. This would be quite an accomplishment for him. After all he would only be 12 years old. How about that, the turning of the century and becoming 12 years old - all that and he was to have his own crew. For now, though, he was quite satisfied to be in charge of a team of mules. Harry had a rough life according to some, but he really enjoyed all that was happening to and around him. His family had been in the timber business as far back as he could remember and with him, that was just fine.

There was one thing he missed that other kids his age had though and that was schooling. Reckon he would catch up though. His father said something about his being able to catch up on schooling once the new mill was finished. There was just something about the deep timber that appealed to young Harry though. He wasn't at all sure he was ready for a more disciplined life near town. His mom kidded him about there being a lot of nice girls living in the village near where the new Saw Mill was being built. Girls? That was the farthest thing from his young mind at that time. The romance of going into the woods and hauling out timber was the most exciting part of his life and he thoroughly enjoyed everything about the work.

Little did Harry Blair know that, even though he was only 12 years old, and that it was the turn of a century [1900], he would be married and have his own first child by 1907.

The lumber business was at its peak and would continue at this swift pace as far into the future as anyone could ever dream. There were orders by land owners for lumber to build several new farms located between Clymer and Idamar - a new large coal mine way up Dixon Creek. They would require a huge order for those 10" X 10" X 8' shoring timbers, flat boards and more. Then, there was the rail road - no telling how many hundreds of rails they would require. New tracks to link the coal mines would really put a rush on things. That reminded Harry that they were to survey a new section of timber just south of Clymer. It was said that they would be able to float the timber down the stream for several miles. Of course, he knew the difficulty there. They would have to back the water up in a couple of places to accomplish that. It would be easier in the spring.

One of the more exciting things to Harry was the travel they were required. There would be one job that would require the entire crew. More men may be required. They would have to lodge in Indiana PA and work the hill West of town. They would be lodging at the West Indiana House Hotel. [See Image shown

on this page [West Indiana House]. Note the big Swede 2nd from the right next to Harry Blair and his team of mules.

Speaking of the Swede . . . He loved to pull pranks on Harry Blair. One day Harry was sitting on the bank of Crooked Creek near Clymer not far from camp. They had been cutting timber nearby and one late Sunday evening Harry was fishing and Swede snuck up behind him and shouted out his loudest bear yell. Harry jumped strait into the swift running stream. They drug him out about a hundred yards down.

DAVID FLEMING

David was the father of Harry Blair, of that there is not much doubt. The Sample Run Cemetery includes the graves of Harry and Madge, his wife, right in front of David & Jemima. There is the question of who's were the "11 Fleming Infants" represented by the single tomb stone. There is no date on the marker so it is impossible to tell. It is remarkable, again, to me that the two larger stone markers I seem to recall are no longer there and no one seems to respond to questions I have ask over and over.

About David: All the writer here knows is as a result of a youth, about 13 years old, sitting on the porch at Dixonville, PA, and listening to Harry Blair [grand father] tell of years past. What he talked about that late summer day didn't really sink in until about 53 years later. What he said that day comes flashing back because of that one statement, ". . . I used to float logs down that stream. The stream he was referring to is "Dixon Creek." It begins in the hills above Dixonville [wasn't a town at the time he floated the logs] far up in the farm country and snakes its way down the valley until it joins Crooked Creek in the town of Clymer [not a town at that time].

The reason it sunk in and remained an active memory is Dixon Creek's size. It is but a trickle of water and can be stepped over when the story was told. Today, 53 years later, it is but a ditch. The stip and pit mines have so polluted it that a yellow and orange color makes it a unsightly trickle of water. What he said that day on the porch is most likely true. If the water level of the stream decreased as much from the day Harry actually floated logs till the day he told the story as it has in my life time, it is more than possible.

Another thing grandfather said was, ". . . my family all worked the timber on those hills all around what is now Clymer, Penn Run, Dixonville and Holme, PA." By "My family," he must have meant his father [surmised as David] and brothers. Neither grandfather or mother ever talked about any of the Fleming family. It is a mystery to this writer. There was always talk about the Craig ancestors. Why not the Flemings? But, Harry Blair did say that his family were all involved in cutting timber and building saw mills. In reading family stories about other Fleming families there is much said about timber and saw mills. This is the only way one is able to make possible links from earlier generations. Some Flemings settled in Pennsylvania Oil country and made good at that business. Others moved further West in Pennsylvania and settled in the Cookport and Clymer areas. It is these Flemings about whom we are considering. It would appear that the Mentch family were the ones though that had the money. The Holmes intermarried into the Mentch family and it was Madge Alberta Holmes that married Harry Blair Fleming. The Mentch and Holmes family had a large stock in the Indiana Savings and Loan bank and their influence was felt on that bank all the way down to at least the 1950s. Mother, being a descendant of the Mentch, Holmes family was able to barter for a loan that enabled the Robert LeRoy Craig family to purchase a home in Dixonville during a very tough financial time [the late 1940s]. There was a year or more that no payments were made on the home and they were allowed to keep the home by paying the minimal interest on the transaction.

The Hill Above Dixonville

The home in Dixonville was built on a hill that was at about 45 degree slope. The front up-stairs of the house was nearly level with the road that passed by. The same level of the home at the back was a bit more than 3 stories high. The hill continued up and climbing up about 30 yards put one far above the house. At that point a continuation on up the hill would allow one to see for miles. Although the writer was never able to see it, grandfather Fleming spoke of being able to see the dome of the Indiana Court house from the top of the hill. Indian was just about 14 miles through hills and valleys. To think about it seems impossible. But considering today's hazy atmosphere it may well have been possible to see that far years ago.

Moth of MARCH & KITE FLYING

That hill became famous in the 1950s for being up high and above any trees and a place that caught the wind in such a way as to be the perfect place to fly kites. One could go downtown Dixonville and at Sepcaks or the Dime Store buy the kite of choice. The only two choices available were the diamond or box-kite. The hardware store was the best place to get string. Kite flying in Dixonville came to the mind of this writer while watching a short news item showing kites [2002] that cost \$100 to as much as \$700 and how they could be maneuvered. Robert LeRoy Craig once made a kite for his boys out of some small strips of wood and newsprint paper. It was the best! The early March flying of kites depended much on the snow and temperature. There was no colder place than up on that hill when the wind was blowing and the temperature would be 50 degrees or less. The Industrial Arts class at Commodore High School allowed the making of a kite string winder that permitted a faster way of letting string out or winding it in. We made one that was of dial rods and about 12" from dial to dial. This meant that one could let out 2' of string by one turn of the device. One day we put up a box kite about 200 or so feet and then attached a diamond kite and put it up with about a 20' tail of mixed colors. With a huge amount of string we let them climb until they were out of site. They caught a strong gust of wind, the string broke, and they vanished. We never did locate those kites. It was great fun! We would spend hours flying those kites. It is hard to imagine the youth of the 21st Century enjoying this exercise as we did back then. Oh, yes, they enjoy it. But to spend hours and hours doing it. I doubt it.

DID THE FLEMING FAMILY ORIGINATE FROM THE STEWARTSVILLE & PARKWOOD AREA AND RELOCATE TO CLYMER & SAMPLE RUN?

It is a thought packed full of mystery and intrigue. As one looks at the RootsWeb and the maps available of Indiana Co that was made and published in the middle 1800s - there is only one Craig owned area to be found and that parcel is not in Stewartsville. There are now Craigs shown in the immediate area now known as Parkwood. However, as you study the map you will find the FLEMINGS owned land all around the area. Over the later half of the 1800s and early 1900s up to about 1960, Parkwood and the Craig name were the same. One would think that as many of them living there they would have named it Craigville rather than Parkwood. Today, 2002, there are few if any Craigs at Parkwood.

WHY WAS STEWARTSVILLE CHANGED TO PARKWOOD?

The FLEMING families seemed to disappear from Armstrong County and move or migrate back East to areas in Green Township like, Cookport, the Learn Settlement and Clymer, PA. The United Methodist Church grave yard in Cookport is made up of mostly Flemings. However, again, there are few Flemings to be found in either area.

THE FLEMING FAMILY

Sometime during the 1940s to 50s something happened to cause a rift of some sort amongst the Fleming boys. They were together while Harry Blair worked the Bennett Farm in Indiana, PA. Not long after the boys began to marry off, HAROLD Blair Fleming moved himself and his family to Erie, PA. Although there are no exact dates for these moves, Charles Fleming, shortly after the war was over moved to California and worked in the timber industry there.

Hannah Jemimah Fleming, this writer's mother, along with the boys paid a visit to Erie and Harold Blair and his family. It wasn't too long after that Harold Blair moved his family back and moved into a huge home in Cherry Tree, PA. He joined the family in running a saw mill near there. In 1950 or 51, Hannah Jemimah and her two boys left on a trip for California on a train. They left the day after school left out and would return just before the start of classes in the fall. Robert Blair Craig had just completed classes at the Dixonville Grade School [8th grade] and was to begin classes at the Green Township High School located in Commodore, PA.

Traveling light [limited clothing, suit cases or food], Hannah had packed up huge amounts of cheese

sandwiches and snacks for food, they arrived in Phoenix, Arizona, about 10 or so days later. Phoenix was where John Henry Learn & Hannah Holmes Learn were living and they spent several weeks visiting with them. Hannah Holmes was directly related to Hannah's mother - Sir name of HOLMES. She then left Phoenix and traveled West to California and then directly North to the Red Wood Forest area of Northern California. This is where her brother, Charles Fleming and family, lived. It seems that "Dot" was his wife's name. Hannah and boys spent a couple of weeks with Charles and then left for the trip back home to Dixonville.

BACK HOME IN DIXONVILLE

When Hannah and her boys arrived back home they were surprised to find that dad, Robert LeRoy Craig, had dug and laid pipe about 100 yards down the hill to the spring and installed running water to the house. It was an amazing project. Being that the hill was so steep and the water had to be drawn such a long distance, he had installed the pump half way up the hill and built a shelter for it. He had it hooked up so that water would be drawn half way up - and a return pipe would allow water to fall/drain back down to the spring causing a vacuum. This allowed the pump to have enough force to be able to push the water the rest of the way up to the house. In the 1950s this was a scientific achievement.

Hannah & LeRoy did everything possible to bring up their boys with a good work ethic. The boys were responsible for making sure there was water at the sink for mother and that there was plenty of wood for the cook stove and at the heater in the front room. It was some years after they moved to Dixonville that running water was installed. Prior to that water was drawn from a hand pump located just off the front porch of the house. Usually two 3 gallon buckets of water would do the job - unless, of course, it was Tuesday. On Monday evening a huge tub in the basement would need to be filled and a 10 gallon boiler on top of the stove would be filled for wash day. Tuesday was the day of choice for Wash Day because work wasn't allowed on Sunday.

Not long after Hannah and the boys returned back from their trip to see Uncle Charles in California, he pulled up and moved back and settled near the family. All the Harry Blair family having been brought back together once again they worked together to build and operate a saw mill not far from Cherry Tree, PA. The writer here has not idea, and would make no suggestion that Hannah was the drawing force that brought Harold Blair back from Erie, PA, or, brought back Uncle Charles from California. All that is sure, it wasn't long after these visits that they did return.

MADGE ALBERTA HOLMES

In 1901, Harry Blair Fleming married Madge Alberta Holmes. Madge was the daughter of Dorcie Dolphus Holmes and Mary Catherine Mentch of Penn Run, PA. Madge had "sugar" - was diabetic, and after injuring her foot blood poisoning set in. Operations, starting with a toe, then the removal of her foot, then the leg and finally up as high on the hip as possible - all efforts were defeated in stopping the gangrene that finally took her life. She died June 15, 1945. It wasn't long after this that Harry Blair returned to his profession as a lumberman. It was never said if it was Madge that prevented Harry from working in timber. One would assume so in that this is what he did as a young boy and this is what he did as long as he was able to work.

After Harry Blair Fleming left Bennett farm and moved to Cherry Tree, PA, timber was all he worked at. Just before retiring Harry did work timber in Clearfield County, PA, for a time. The writer knows nothing of the reasons for this - or if the Fleming sons were with him while he worked in Clearfield, PA.

HAROLD BLAIR FLEMING

Visits by the LeRoy Craig family to the big house of Uncle Harold were frequent. The boys loved to play with Harold's five boys and Harold would cut LeRoy, Bob & Ken's hair. The relationship was really great between Hannah and her brother Harold. Some time passed and the day that Harold became sick caused the relationship to change. Harold had developed a brain tumor and had several operations in an attempt to save his life. It was about this time that Hannah, never having been a bad girl, non-the-less,

she found religion in a big way. One might put it all together and believe that the pending loss of her brother, Harold, had a life changing effect on her. Harold, having been sick for a time, had to quit the lumber business and he purchased a Exxon Service Station at Cherry Tree, PA, and made an effort to provide a living doing that. Hannah and her family made several trips to Cherry Tree while Harold was sick and it is recalled one time when she may have gone at the wrong time. Harold told Hannah, sitting in the car at the service station, to come and visit any time. She would be welcome. "But, please, when you come to visit, leave your religion at home!" There was no mistaking this and it is as if the writer lived it just yesterday. Memories of Uncle Harold cease at this point.

The other boys, Hayes & Charles and their families finally settled near Rossiter, PA. They continued working..... [A work in progress 3/5/2002]

Harry FlemingSS#: 190-03-4387
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Death date: May 1976

Residence code: Pennsylvania

ZIP Code of last known residence: 15772
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Rossiter, Pennsylvania

Harry Craig of Rossiter, PA

More About Harry Blair Fleming:
A Craig Family URL 1: June 12, 2002, <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/r/a/Robert-b-Craig/>
A Craig Family URL 2: June 12, 2002, <http://www.tribalpages.com/tribes/rbchopper>
A Craig Family URL 3: June 12, 2002,
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Burial: 1976, Sample Run Cemetery, Rayne Twp, Indiana Co., PA
Social Security Number: Pennsylvania
Text: March 11, 2002, The Fleming Family

Generation No. 3

4. John Evans Holmes, born 1831 in Pine Twp., Indiana Co., PA. He was the son of **8. George Holmes** and **9. Eliza Ann Waters**. He married **5. Anne Dunwoody**.

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More About John Evans Holmes:

Census: 1880, Pine Twp., Indiana Co., PA

Notes for Anne Dunwoody:

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More About Anne Dunwoody:

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 - vi. E D B Holmes, born 1871.

6. Isaac Mench, born July 23, 1830 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died July 24, 1878 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA. He married **7. Hannah Kellar**.

7. Hannah Kellar, born June 18, 1838 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died December 25, 1926 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA. She was the daughter of **14. George Kellar** and **15. Catherine Bowers**.

Notes for Isaac Mench:

Notes: 1870 Census, Cherryhill Township, Indiana Co., PA

Mench, Isaac age 40 m w farmer b PA

Hannah age 29 F w Keeping house b PA

Franklin age 10 M W

George W. age 8 M w

Mary age 7 F w

Ella age 5 F w

Jane age 2 F w

Isaac 1 M 2

Kellar, Catherine age 65 F w Keeping House b PA

Isaac was the executor of his Father's will.

More About ISAAC alexander mentch:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, Indiana Co., PA77

Will: Estate of Isaac Mentch, WB 4, p 495, 1878, Indiana County Courthouse78

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WB 22, p 210, #12380, Indiana Courthouse, Indiana, Indiana County, PA

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Indiana County SS

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Census: 1870, Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA

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More About HANNAH KELLAR:

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Church Attended: Brushvalley Lutheran Church19

Confirmation: October 1, 1853 at Brushvalley Lutheran Church, Brushvalley, PA19

Children of Isaac Mench and Hannah Kellar are:

- i. Frank Lincoln Mench, born September 28, 1860 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died December 31, 1931 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA.
- ii. George W Mench, born 1862.
- iii. Harriet Ella Mench, born August 15, 1865 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died October 10, 1947 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA.
- iv. Jennie Elizabeth Mench, born 1868; married James C Shaw; died in Gary, IN.

Notes for Jennie Elizabeth Mench:

More About JENNIE ELIZABETH MENTCH:

Church Attended: Member of the Stake Church in 1883 at the time of the Church construction

Lived in: Lived in Gary, Indiana at the time of the death of Hannah Mentch in 1926

- v. Isaac Alexander Mench, born 1869 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died 1933 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA.
- 3 vi. Mary Catherine Mentch, born November 11, 1863 in Penn Runn, PA; died June 10, 1952 in Phoenix, Arizona; married Dorcie Dolphus Holmes 1896 in Married on the train to Pittsburgh, PA.

Generation No. 4

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Thanks again,

Bios: Mikesell Family, Indiana Co, PA

SUBJECT: MIKESELL Family
SUBMITTER: E.K. Warner
EMAIL: wgene@twd.net
DATE: Jan 28, 1999
SURNAMEs: Altimus, Best, Bowers, Bricker, Coy, Holmes, Kunkle, Mikesell, Ralston, Rugh, Sleppey, Watterson
as recorded by Prof. J. T. Stewart in "Indiana County, Pennsylvania ~ Her People, Past and Present"
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Transcribed by E.K. Warner, Jan. '99

JOHN KUHNS MIKESELL, who owns a beautiful 200-acre farm in Blacklick township, Indiana County, belongs to a family which has been settled in these parts for several generations. The Mikesells are of German descent, John Mikesell, the founder of the branch in Indiana County, having been a native of Germany. He spent his early life there, coming to America when a young man, in the early part of the last century, and first settling in Bedford county, Pa. Thence he came to Indiana County, making his home in Center Township, on the Ridge near the line of what is now Burrell township. He became the owner of 300 acres in what was then an unsettled region, erected a small log dwelling and set to work to clear his land for cultivation. The rest of his life was spent at that place, farming, and he made many improvements on the property, building a stone residence and substantial barn, and in various other ways adding to its appearance and value. He married Margaret Altimus, and they became the parents of six children : Adam, who settled in Center township; Elizateeth, who married Peter Bowman; Peter, who settled in West Wheatfield township; Joseph, who died in Michigan; John, who died in Iowa; and Jonas. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell died on the farm and are buried there. They were members of the Lutheran Church, which he served as elder, and in politics he was an adherent of the Democratic party.

Jonas Mikesell, son of John, was born March 7, 1804, on the Ridge farm in Center township, and there received such educational advantages as the subscription schools afforded. However, he became a well informed man in spite of his lack of early opportunities, and was well read in both German and English. Working at home until he reached manhood, he then removed to Clarion county, locating near Salem, on a farm owned by his father-in-law, Christopher Rugh. It was a tract of 123 acres, and he carried on its cultivation for some time, eventually selling out and returning to Indiana County. Settling at his parents , old home on the Ridge in Center Township he cared for his widowed mother in her declining years and operated that place,

which comprised 180 acres of fine land. He lived there the remainder of his life, improving the farm greatly. He died Jan. 16, 1854, and was laid to rest in the family burying lot on the farm. He married in Center township, Catherine Rugh, who was born at Rugh Station, in what is now Burrell township, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Best) Rugh, and died at the old homestead. She is buried in the cemetery of the Luther Chapel at Coral. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was quite active in church work. Politically he was a Democrat. They were the parents of ten children: Julia Ann, who died unmarried in 1909; John Kuhns; Solomon, who died from the effects of wounds received while serving in the Civil war; Abraham, who died in Altoona, Pa.; Christopher, also deceased; Jonas, Jr., deceased; Augustus, who died in boyhood, Isaac, deceased; Jacob, twin of Isaac, who died in infancy; and Philip, who resides in Illinois.

John Kuhns Mikesell was born March 4, 1833, near Salem, in Clarion county, Pa., and was but two years old when his parents returned to Indiana county. He attended school in Center township, and acquired his knowledge of farming under his father's tuition, working with him upon the home place until he died and subsequently cultivating that tract on his own account for a number of years, until the land and coal were sold, in 1890, to the Graceton Coal & Coke Company. He then moved to Blacklick township, buying the Alexander Gordon farm, a tract of 224 acres which he has since occupied. He follows general farming and stock raising. Mr. Mikesell considers no detail of his work too trivial for attention, and his home and surroundings show his taste and thrift. He has erected buildings and made other notable improvements on the property during his ownership, and few farmers have their work on a more systematic and orderly basis.

Mr. Mikesell was married in Center township June 2, 1870, to Keraenhappuch (Carry) Coy, a native of Pine township, this county, daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Sleppey) Coy, and they have had a family of five children, namely: Augustus Babb, who resides on the homestead, working for his father, and at present acting as a director on the school board of Blacklick township, being secretary of that body; Laura May, who married Edward Berkley and lives in Middletown, Ohio; Ira B., now living at Steubenville, Ohio; Christopher, who died on the farm; and Mary, unmarried, who lives at home.

Mr. Mikesell is a member of the Lutheran Church at Coral, which he helped to organize, and he is at present serving as elder and superintendent of the Sunday school, being one of the most efficient workers of that congregation. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but now supports the Republican party.

The "Coy family" to which Mrs. Mikesell belongs, is also of old settled Center township stock. John Coy, the founder of the family in Indiana county, came hither from Bedford county, Pa., settling in Brushvalley township in 1820 and later moving to Pine township, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Sarah Bowers, and they had a large family, viz.: Lewis; Franey; John B., who married Margaret Empfield; Adam, who married Rachel Lyda; Sarah, who married George Empfield; Peter, who married Mary d Stevens; Nancy, who married Samuel Stall; Elizabeth, who married William Fowler; and David, who married a Miss Dick. Lewis Coy, son of John and Sarah (Bowers) Coy, was born in 1812 in Bedford county, Pa., and was a boy when he came with his parents to what was then known as Brushvalley township, Indiana County. Later he moved with the family to Pine township, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming, dying in July, 1896. In 1834 he married Margaret Sleppey, who was born in 1810, daughter of Abraham and Ann Sleppey, and they had a family of nine children, three

sons and six daughters, one of the latter being the wife of John Kuhns Mikesell.

JOHN P. MIKESSELL (deceased) was a most respected resident of Center and White Townships, Indiana county, where he was a prosperous farmer and stock dealer during his active years. For some time before his death he lived retired at Indiana. Born Nov. 19, 1833, on his father's farm at Graceton, in Center Township, he belonged to a family of German extraction, being a son of Adam Mikesell and grandson of Jonas Mikesell, of Brushvalley township, this county. The latter married a Miss Altimus, of Pike county, Pennsylvania.

Adam Mikesell, father of John P. Mikesell was born in 1794 in Center township. He passed his life in agricultural pursuits in that township, where he purchased the tract of five hundred acres upon which he resided until his death. He died, however, in Washington township, while on a visit, in November, 1877. He was a citizen of worth and high character, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Mikesell married Margaret Bricker, who died in Center township, and they had children as follows: Israel, Mary, Philip. Enos, Violet (married William Sutton), Jonas, John P., and George.

John P. Mikesell was reared on the farm and received his education in the common schools of Center township. There he began life for himself as a farmer, and he remained in his native township until the fall of 1879, when he removed to White township. He was engaged in general farming and stock dealing. shipping stock to Philadelphia. He came into possession of 112 acres of his father's property in Center township. In 1890 Mr. Mikesell retired and moved to the borough of Indiana, where he passed the rest of his days in retirement, his death occurring Dec. 31, 1905. He purchased property upon settling in the borough, and the comfortable home his widow now occupies was erected in 1904. Mr. Mikesell was a Democrat in political connection, but took no active part in such matters.

On March 10, 1868, Mr. Mikesell married, at Blairsville, Indiana county, Sarah (Sallie) Ellen Holmes, who was born in Brushvalley Township, this county, and received a good education, attending public school and the academy at Pineflats. To Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell were born two sons: Addison Holmes and Torrence. The latter, born Sept. 10, 1876, is deceased. The former, born Feb. 20, 1869, in Center township, was married June 13, 1888, to Monetta Ralston, daughter of Samuel Ralston, of Cherryhill township, this county, and they have two living children, Arthur Talmage and Helen Beatrice; they also had sons John and Walter Gilbert, now deceased. Addison E. Mikesell resides on his own farm in White township.

Mrs. Mikesell is thoroughly alive to business activities in the borough of Indiana, in which she takes an intelligent interest. Broadminded and highly respected for her many sterling qualities, she is an honored and influential member of the community. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged.

The Holmes family, of which Mrs. Sallie E. (Holmes) Mikesell is a member, came from Ireland, her father, George Holmes, being but three months old when brought to this country. He was a carpenter by trade, doing fine woodwork principally, being employed in the construction of some of the best dwellings erected in his day in Indiana County. He died in Cherryhill township, this county, when his daughter Sallie was quite young. He married Eliza Ann Watterson, who was born in Milford, Kent

March 13, 2001 E-Mail from Chuck

Bob -- think I found William and James E. Holmes sons of George in Pittsburgh. Have a strong hunch that the Holmes family settled in Pittsburgh. There are lots of them from Ireland. Chuck

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August 20, 2002

don't have much on Anne Dunwoody. Her parents were Robert Dunwoody b. 1784 in Ireland and Nancy Askins b. 1808 in Ireland. Robert died 1847 in PA. and Nancy died 1889 in PA. Anne was born 1830 (I don't have a death date for her) she married John E. Holmes son of George Holmes b. 1789 in Ireland, d. November 29, 1853 in Cherryhill ., Indiana Co., PA buried at Harmony Cemetery, Penn Run, Indiana Co., PA. George's wife was Eliza Ann (Waters or Watterson). Back to Anne and John, their children were Robert Holmes b. 1859, George Holmes b. 1862, D.D. Holmes (male) 1866, K.J.H. Holmes (Female) b. August 16, 1863, John S. Holmes b.1868 and E.D.B Holmes (Male) b. 1871.

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More About George Holmes:

Burial: 1853, Harmony Cemetery, Penn Run, Indiana Co., PA

E-Mail (Facts Pg) 1: December 08, 2001, Email

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**11. Nancy Askins**, born 1808 in Ireland. She was the daughter of **22. Joseph Askins** and **23. Lavina Pickett**.

Children of Robert Dunwoody and Nancy Askins are:

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- ii. Anne Dunwoody, born 1831 in Pine Twp., Indiana Co., PA; married John Evans Holmes.
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Robert Dunwoody and his 2 sons, Robert and Thomas drank from a contaminated spring while building a house in Laurel Swamp, Pa. In one week they all died of Typhoid Fever.

More About Robert Dunwoody:  
Notes (Facts Pg): August 20, 2002, EaH

- iv. Thomas Dunwoody, born 1834; died 1847 in PA.
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Notes for Mary Dunwoody:

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Child of George Kellar and Catherine Bowers is:

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*Generation No. 5*

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