

CHAPTER TEN

FAMILY OF THOMAS AND LEW ANNA STANLEY COLVIN

Lew Anna Stanley born Dec. 28, 1846 in Decatur Co. Iowa. She married in Siskiyou Co. Calif. Aug. 9, 1865 to Thomas William Colvin who had come around the Horn of South America before 1855 to San Francisco. They lived in Yreka, then Goose Lake then New Pine Creek, Lake Co., Ore. and Lincoln, Placer Co., Calif. She died there June 21, 1907. Their children:

1. **Frances P. Colvin** born 1867 in Hawkinsville, near Yreka in Siskiyou County Calif. She married J. Stanley McLaughlin at Lakeview, Oregon Nov. 13, 1887. She died 1967 in Salem, Oregon, being nearly one hundred years old at the time. She had her mother's photo album dated 1865 which is now in possession of her daughters in Oregon. This album had photos of Lew Anna, her father A.M. Stanley, sister Cela and husband Ben Studley, brothers Laffeyette, Lemuel and Chris and other relatives, some unidentified.
2. **Darwin Thomas Colvin** born June 19, 1869 in Hawkinsville, Calif. Married Dec. 25, 1892 to Dora Fleming whose relatives were in some way connected to the Mulkey Family of Lake County Ore. They were married at New Pine Creek where his family had their ranch. He died in a train accident at Lincoln, Calif. where his family were residing at that time, May 6, 1900. He and his parents are buried in the Lincoln Cemetery. Darwin and Dora had one child, a son, Ernest.
3. **Infant Daughter** born Dec. 30, 1871 and died the next day Jan. 1, 1872. This baby was referred to in Berle Porter's letter to Norma Weigand of Adin, Calif.

J. Stanley and 1., Frances McLaughlin, were the parents of three daughters who were all born at New Pine Creek in Lake Co. Ore. All were yet living in 1973 in Oregon near Salem and Aumsville, Ore.

- a. **Ethyl McLaughlin** born Aug. 22, 1889 married Aug. 5, 1907 at Lincoln, Calif. to Glen W. Calfee; they had a son:
 - i. **Darwin W. Calfee** who resides in Portland, Ore.
- b. **Georgia McLaughlin** born Feb. 14, 1896 married Nov. 14, 1914 at Santiam, Ore. to Roy E. Maple and they had a son and a daughter:
 - i. **Stanley A. Maple** born Jan. 4, 1916 at Portland. Stanley is married and has two foster children.
 - ii. **Ona Maple** who was born May 11, 1921, and she is married and has a dau., born Sept. 8, 1947 and is now no doubt a grandmother.?
- c. **Beryl McLaughlin** born Feb. 14, 1900 married Glen W. Porter June 2, 1923. They had no children and she resides in Salem, Ore.

2. Darwin and Dora Fleming Colvin had one child, a son:

- a. **Ernest Fleming Colvin** born May 28, 1894 at New Pine Creek, Ore. He married Sept. 3, 1919 at Hanford, Calif. to Neola Hall. He died Dec. 3, 1973 in Los Gatos where he was a Dentist. In College, his classmates thought he resembled Abraham Lincoln so much that they nicknamed him "Abe". Ernest and Neola had two children.
 - i. **Polly Colvin** born at Oakland, Calif. Oct. 16, 1920, is single and resides at Los

Gatos.

- ii. **Edgar Hall Colvin** born April 12, 1931 Saratoga, Calif., married Marylyn Scott April 2, 1955. He was born at San Jose, Calif. They have two children.

Mrs. Beryl Porter. was gracious enough to permit her grandmother's album with photos to be loaned so that we might have copies made from them.

**Letter from Lew Anna Colvin
To Ben and Jane Studley**

Goose Lake January 10, 1872

Dear Sister and Brother I take my pen to answer your letter I got some time ago hoping this will find you all well while I am laying in bed writing to you. I have bin siting today Tom come in and mad me go to bed we had bad luck with our Bab she was born Dec. 30 and died January 1 the first. Dear Sister it is very hard to give them up. I hope you may never have the trial of giveing one up. I wish you was here. I think that I will be able to do the cooking in A weeke we have to get our washing don we cold not get a girl they wont work out we can get a girl 2 but Tom wont have her we have lots of storms but it dont amount to much I asked the children if there is any snow on the ground Darwin says ther is a little bit the wind is blowing at a good rate today the chimney smokes good the sut fals fast it makes things clean how does Father like the winter in your Valley I loock for you all up here this Spring in May the fish will be plenty then and you can get all of them you want I tell you they are good put up in salt we had fish all summer if you keepe them coverd in brine they will keepe all summer I think that

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Father mite have come up and stayed with us this winter any how if he could not stand it any longer will you can tell him I sed son I will have to quit for time honeing to heare from you soone

From T W and L A Colvin
Annie

Tom says tell Jane that he would bin pretnear done plowing now if Ann had not been sick You can tell Benn if he dont harness up and up in the Spring I will come down there with a stick and starte him up this way I look for all Ann Colvin.

Well I see that Ann has wrote all the news except my old sow has five little pigs. Ben if you see any of Providence men see if they will crush A tone of rock if we hail it down thare. Some of the quarts men up hear wanted me to write and see no more this time you see write son to.

T W C

Bab Baby girl the baby mentioned by Beryl Porter (dau of Frances) in her letter to Norma Weigand of Adin, Calif. Beryl did not know when it was born, only that it was a girl.

**Letter from Lew Anna Colvin
To Jane Studley**

Goose Lake Valley July 25, 1872

Dear Sister while I have a little time I will write to you. We are all well and hope this will find you all the same. Thomas is cutting hay he has two men hired now and it keeps me buisy amussing around to get something to eat we had green beans for dinner to day but we havent had any _____? yet and they was planted first we have potatoes as big as a goose egg our graine looks nice ontell it is falling down some of it is head height and had had no water on it & Dave Eltzreth has gone to the states on a visit he started out last Sunday mornin he will be gone two months he got Frances a dress Darwin a par of pants I will send you a pease of it if you dont get mad because my education is not good well never mind we have the trial of educating our children well we will talk over when you come up I think you mite have kepted out of the weedes and not have got biten by that consarred snake I thought I told you about that anuff I think you had beter come and stay all winter with us this winter if you have your legg broke well Jane I will have to quit soone for it is moste supper time you cant read it this thing.

How to cleane potatoes wash the dirt out of them in a wooden vesel with water stear them with a stick you will have your potatoes radey to put in the kettle in two minuets take half an hour to cleane them with your knife this is the way that mother makes chease put your runit in about a quart of water with plenty of salt in it at nite put in half a teacup of your runit if it dont come in about ten minuets put in a little more runit when the milt is loberd milk cut it with a nife let it stanet a little while for the chease to setle and the whay to come you will want two strainers dip your curde out in the straner have a basket to lay your straner in set it up on something so the whay can run out strane the same way in the morning dip the curd on the nite curd keep presin it with your hand littley tell the whay is most all out then pour boiling water on your curd then cook it in something big anuff to hold it Jane I will send another letter to you and you can draw it and send it to me agane the man is waiting

Frances and Darwin, children of Lew Anna Colvin
Mother- it is unknown who this refers to, but would be Lew Anna's mother-in-law ?
or their father's second wife Rebecca Sandlin, who would be a step mother of Lew A. and Jane.

**Letter from Low Anna Colvin
To Cela Jane Studley**

New Pine Creek, November 6, 1881

My dear (ONLY) sister I have neglected you to long by not writeing to you. My dear sister you know its not for the want of love for you Jane our dear father has left us and you for a better world I hope we will be prepared to meet death as I think he was They said that he prayed when he was suffering so that he might go to sleep and not wake up so he seemed to be asleep when he died the doctor sed he thought he knew that he was going for the tears run down Fathers cheaks

I think they was tears of joy Father had strong hopes of meeting friends and his Savor I think I know he has gone to rest God bless Sole may we be able to meet him there is my prayer I feel sometimes as if I could not give him up it almost melts my heart when I meat Fathers friends he had lots of them here I wish you could have been here for the funeral service Mr. Henderson preached A good sermond he Baptis Father and Mother Mother had been dead twenty four years liking two days Suppose you knew Father had Inflammatory Rhumatism was the cause of his death he knew me when I went to see him he had been sick four days before I knew anything of it they told me he had the rheumaie (rheumatism ?) fever Just as soon as I felt of his pulsts I told them the Inflammatory rheumatism the Dr. sed was it turned to it oh that awful disease we come home Tom was to sick with it in his arms has not been able to do aney thing since you see all of the work come on me now. and Darwin he helps I have built a wood shed this week and put up the fat hogs have got 17 head up Tom has gone to Paisly has been gone a week I feel uneasy about him for fear he will he sick while over there we cant find aney man that is worth thirty dollars thes hard times. graine worth one cent apound cant get any money at that price Sunday evening 13 You see I did not finish my letter Tom has got home he is some better of the

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Rheumatism. all of the relatives was down to the funeral services but Jasper Stanley I would like to see you I would have went to Big Valley two weeks ago if Tom had been well. Tom got A letter from Billy Crow the other day he has got so he cant hardley swallow when he goes to swallow liquids it wants to go down his wind pipe he says he fears it will be his lot to starve to death but he will never sease hopeing it will never be the case. We went to Church today the folks here are more like the folks in the States Jane I wish you and your family I mean Ben too because it wouldnt be all if he did not come too would come up to see us I cant write aney thing this from your well wishing sister

L. A. Colvin

Our Dear Father - Alfred Muir Stanley
Mr. Henderson - Baptist Minister of Lake Co. Ore, who years before, evidently in Iowa, had baptised Alfred and his first wife Margaret Heather Stanley who died Oct. 18, 1857 in Decatur Co. Iowa.
Tom Colvin - husband of Lew Anna
Darwin - their son
Jasper Stanley - relative, son of Alfred S. Stanley a relative of Alfred M. Stanley; an in-law.

**Letter from Lew Anna Colvin
to her sister Jane Studley**

Goose Lake Novem 23, 1873

Dear Sister & brother I will send you a pease of paper to let you know we are well and hope this will find you well, I have written to you but have not herd from you Rhoda is here now she is geting along very well she is going home this week the babe grows like a pig Rhoda and me made two quilts last week Thomas has been gon to Jacksonville three weeks I dont know when he will come back How does Mary like married life I would like to ask you some questions but you wont let me what makes Ben write so often and have so much to say I tell you I wish that Thomas would come back home you dont know how lonesome it is here when he is gon so long, and I think that I will have the best husband in the state Well Jane how is the Babe and the rest of the little ones kiss them for me Frances says would I like to see aunt Janes litle babey wouldnt I like to pound it is so sweet Jane I have sold my chickens this winter with out any trouble I have solde 18 dol worth this fall and old sheepe got killed the other day we think the dogs killed him well I think this will do of this trash for this time excuse all mistakes write soone

To Annie Colvin
Mrs. Jane Studley

Rhoda - wife of brother Ozias Lafayette Stanley
Thomas - husband of Lew Anna
Frances and Darwin - children of Thomas and Anna Colvin
Mary - neice of Anna and Jane being their brother William's daughter who married Jane's husband's brother, Silas J. Studley, in 1873 in Redding.
Babe - seems to be Rhoda and Ozias L.'s son Alfred Perry Stanley born 1873
Aunt Jane's Babey - Eva Jane Studley born 1873.

On Dec. 19, 1880 and Nov. 6, 1881, two more letters were written by Lew Anna Colvin to her sister Jane Studley. The last letter dated Feb. 23, 1882 given here following refers to part of the estate of their father, Alfred M. Stanley, who died intestate Oct. 15, 1881 in Lakeview, Ore. Lew Anna's husband Tom was the Administrator.

Feb. 23, 1882

My dear Sister and brother we are all well and hope this will find you the same if you have not sent Father's business Books and pappers up I think you had better send them to Tom as he has the buisness to attend to Tom is going to town today and I wont have time to write but little this time. I never did see such hard times any whare as it is here Cant get aney money to goe so I must quit good Sister

The above from Lew Anna Colvin

1880 Census Lake County Oregon
60th Enumeration District p. 24
June 24

Colvin, Thomas W.	47	Farmer	New York	New York	New York
	Lou Ann	33	wife	Iowa	N. Carolina
	Frances P.	13	at school	Kentucky	Cal
	Darwin T.	9	son		Cal Iowa

Evidently Thomas had brothers living here at this time also. At Crooked Creek Precinct:

Colvin, Sidney	41	Stockman	NY	NY	NY
	Electa				
	Hattie				
	Lillie				

Colvin, Augustus	42	Farm.&Stockman	NY	NY	NY
	Mary				
	Narcessa				

In her letter of Nov. 6, 1881 Lew Anna wrote her sister, Cela Studley, that Mr. Henderson preached the sermon of father's funeral stating that Mr. Henderson baptised father and mother, Mr. Henderson and family are found in Lake Co. in 1880.

1880 census p. 21 60th enumeration Dist. Lake Co. Ore. June 22

Henderson, Henry M.	65	Minister	Maryland	Md	Md
	Ann P.	wife	Kentucky	Va	Va
	William	son	Missouri		
	Victor	son	Kansas		
	Vincent	son	Calif.		
	Edward	son	Calif.		
	Levin D.	son	Calif.		

In 1870 Augustas Colvin and family were living at Table Rock in Siskiyou County.

The Calif. Great Register of Voters of Modoc County, Calif, shows that Reverend Henderson was living in Willow Ranch, Modoc Co. May 31, 1888 Henry Merrell Henderson age 73, Minister born in Maryland.