

CHAPTER FOUR

JESSE HARRIS STANLEY FAMILY

Jesse Harris Stanley was born July 24, 1830 in Hendricks Co., Ind. He married Mahala Ann Smith, and they had three children. He was not in the 1860 census of Decatur Co., Iowa though his family was there. Feb. 17, 1865 is given by Rufas as his date of death, but this might be questionable for Rufas has his uncle Lemuel as dying on that same day, when Lemuel really died Nov. 1920 in Calif. Some of his family, Olivia and Billy, lived in Iowa, probably at Decatur Co. Perlina lived in Mercer Co. Mo. It is said he lived in Rolla, Mo. Iowa State Census 1851 shows Jesse H. as his father's neighbor.

The 1860 census of Eden, Decatur Co., Iowa p.121 shows:

Mahala Stanley	28	Missouri
Wm. "	12	Missouri
Palina "	9	Missouri
Olivia "	7	Missouri

The fact that Jesse H., the father, was not listed may indicate he was in the Military.

William & Olivia are named in the estate papers of their paternal grandfather (d. Oct. 15, 1881 near Lakeview, Oregon) which were settled 1889. Their father, Jesse H., died prior to his father, A. M. Stanley.

from an obituary Posted in Decatur County Journal-Iowa February 6, 1902:

Mahala Ann (Culp) Stanley & Jessie Stanley

Mahala Ann Culp was born in School County, Missouri (cannot read, tear in page) 1834, and died January 30, 1902, at the residence of J. W. Bowman, in Leon, Iowa, the deceased lived to the good age of 78 years and 26 days. When seventeen years old she was converted and united with the M.E. Church, and from that time until her death was a faithful and consistent Christian.

On January 14, 1840, she was married to Mr. Jessie Stanley. Of this union there were born three children, namely W.C. Stanley, P. J. Stanley, and Olevia E. Stanley, the last named of whom preceded the deceased, in death, by some years. After having been a widow for several years, the deceased was married again on June 10, 1872, to John Powers. The second marriage was also dissolved by death after a few years. In 1889, Mrs. Powers made quite an extended visit to California. In 1894 she returned to Decatur County where she has since resided.

The entire life of Mrs. Powers has been characterized by implicit trust in God, and a constant preparation for death. When death came, consequently, it found her ready to enter into the mansion prepared. Such expressions as the following have been characteristic of her life and experience, "I am still trusting in the Lord for I know He is all in all." "The longer

I live the more I see the need of His grace." "God is all my comfort."

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. J. W. Bowman by Reverend I. N. Woodward on Saturday morning, February 1, 1902. Interment was made in the Leon Cemetery.

Note: Years ago, some one wrote me that her surname was Smith. Jesse was b. in 1830 so the 1840 marriage date is wrong; It could be 1848. The School Co. could well be Schuyler Co. which is 2 counties east of Mercer County.

[Mahala's calculated birth date would be Jan. 4, 1824 and it is inconsistent with the census; I'll go with 1848 marriage. She is buried in the Leon Cemetery and her tombstone says 1834-1902; a death cert. was not available. g.m.]

Although Rufas A. "Gus" Stanley 1861-1957 has Jesse Harris Stanley as dying in 1865, descendants of Jesse Harris Stanley seem to indicate that no one knows what happened to him after an incident in the Gold mines of Calif.

Gard Meddaugh, son of Leonora Meddaugh, sent this bit of info. His relative, Lois Gibson of Hillsboro, Ore., also sent a copy several years ago:

I seem to remember, very vaguely, Aunt Lois telling me either a second son or remittance man from England being named Stanley to this country.

My knowledge of the family goes back only as far as grandfather, William Clemmens Stanley. I knew very little about him. The story that I was told about his father, Jesse H. Stanley, I heard from both Aunt Lois & Uncle Owen. That was during the California gold rush he left his family, I presume in Iowa, since that was where he came from to the gold mines. He had set up a sluice box, but in which area no one could tell me. He realized after a time that some one was robbing his sluice box in his absence. He stood watch one night & he saw a Chinaman apparently taking gold from his box. He threw a rock at the Chinaman, hit him on the head & killed him & the Chinese in camp became infuriated & planned revenge. When some of Jesse Stanley's friends heard of it, they persuaded him to leave camp at night dressed in woman's garments and that was the last anyone saw or heard of him. It makes a good story with sort of a Bret Harte twist.

NOTE. This is indeed an interesting story. And it probably happened that way. And since the family later heard of it, there must have been someone out in the gold mine when and where Jesse was who later related it to some other family member; perhaps a brother. If it was near Wm. F. or Oliver H. near Yreka, Siskiyou Co. Jesse H. was in the 1851 census in Decatur Co., Iowa. and his daughter Olivia was b. 1853 the year that Wm. F. and no doubt Oliver H. went west to Calif. (Did Jesse perhaps go to Calif with these two brothers in 1853?) This story was sent me also by Lois (Owen) Gibson of Hillsboro, Oregon in 1989. It may have come from her aunt, Leonora Meddaugh or from a separate source.

Children of Jesse Harris Stanley and Mahala Ann Smith or Culp.

1. **William C. Stanley** b. Oct. 12, 1847 Buchanan Co., Missouri married Sarah Jane Brown & resided at Mt. Moriah, Harrison Co. Mo. In 1880 he resided in Decatur Co., Iowa. In 1883 he brought his family to Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif.

[my info is b. 1849, g.m.]

2. **Palina J. Stanley** b. 1850-51 in Missouri, Probably in Mercer Co. By abt 1870 she married _____ Walters. in Jan. 19, 1881 she wrote a letter to her aunt Cela J. Studley of Adin, Modoc Co., Calif. in which she referred to her mother in Mo. and Billy & Olivia up into Iowa & that her brother Billy had received the picture of their grandfather "Stanley" & that it looked just like him. It was most certainly the photo taken by Brince of Lakeview about 1880.

Leon Reporter, Leon, Iowa
Thursday, June 10, 1897

While making a balloon ascension at Centerville last Saturday, JOHN WALTERS, of Lineville was killed. As the balloon went up, WALTERS struck the back of his head on a string of telegraph wires, turning him over twice, and as he went over his foot caught in the cut-off rope releasing the parachute and he fell to the ground, a distance of about sixty feet, striking on his head and back on a shed. When picked up he was unconscious and died in twenty minutes. The deceased was a young man 26 years old and leaves a wife and one child. His wife was at a sanitarium at Bethany at the time of his death.

His mother, MRS. P.J. BRIGHT, lives at Decatur. JOHN W. BOWMAN, an uncle, and son ED, and MRS. BRIGHT and her mother, MRS. M.A. POWERS, drove to Lineville Sunday.

[In the above note, John W. Bowman is the husband of Olivia, below and MRS. M. A. Powers is her mother, Mahala. I have seen Palina listed as Terlina as in the letter below but don't understand it. I suspect her name was meant to be Paulina. g.m.]

3. **Olivia Stanley** or Olivia Ellen Stanley b. Dec. 7, 1853 in Missouri & d. July 3, 1884. She married about 1875 in Mo. John Wesley Bowman b. 1848 d. 1933. Four children were born. John married 2nd Mary Emberling & had 4 children.

Information on Jesse Harris Stanley and son William Clemens Stanley has been sent March 22, 1989 by descendants, who also wrote other letters to me, Mrs. Lois L. (Owen) Gibson of Hillsboro, Oregon, a great great granddaughter of Jesse Harris Stanley. Mrs. Norma (Stanley) Ledbetter daughter of Otha L. Stanley, of Grass Valley in 1989 & since deceased. Gard E. Meddaugh, of Mtn. View, Calif. with reference to info from his mother, Leonora Stanley Meddaugh of Alameda, Calif. & now deceased. Michael J. Stanley of Grass Valley a son of Harold Gard Stanley, a son of Otha L. Stanley. Michael has sent a complete list of his lineage.

1. **WILLIAM CLEMENS STANLEY FAMILY**

William was b. Oct. 12, 1847 in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., Mo. He married Nov. 23, 1866 in Mercer Co. Mo. to Sarah Jane Brown b. Sept. 6, 1846 in Mercer Co. Mo. She was the daughter of Abner Brown & Priscilla Gibson. Sarah Jane d. Dec. 25, 1907 in Kelseyville, Lake Co., Calif. and is buried

there. William d. May 11, 1930 Long Beach, L.A. Co, Calif. and is buried in Grandview Cemetery in Long Beach.

Years ago, about 1968-9 when Pat (Hunt) Stanley & I were checking Lake Co., Calif. for Stanley information, we both had come across Otha Lonzo Stanley there but we did not know if or how to connect to the other Stanleys residing at Lower Lake. We had known that Otha was a printer, my knowledge came later, when I came into contact through letters from Lois Leith Owen, Mrs. Morris Gibson, of Hillsboro Oregon. In 1989 from her letter which shows she is related to Otha L. who as it turns out is a grandson of Jesse Harris Stanley. Otha Lonzo Stanley was a printer and there were newspaper people in the family, as we had found that Ransom Heenan Stanley, son of Otha L's uncle John R. Stanley had also become a printer later in his young life.

*[When young, Otha started the "New Era" in Kelseyville, later Ransom ran a paper of the same name in Modoc Co. Ozias' son-in-law Frank took over for Otha in Mendocino. John R's son, Alfred Ozias, and grandson, "Mort" ran the Middletown Independent".
gm]*

A Story of My Great-Grandfather: W. C. Stanley
Written by My Mother, Olevia Purinton Owen

From 1914 until June 1918, I lived in Southern California and while there each summer I visited my grandfather William C. Stanley and his second wife, whom I call Grandma as well as my grandmother who had died in 1907.

Grandfather lived at Westminister. When I first visited them, he was a retired farmer and Postmaster, having been the latter in Kelseyville, Lake County, California. He was a strict Methodist and active in church work as well as in the G.A.R. He was an early riser and thought that we all should be, I remember so well, when I went with neighbors to Santa Ana to the show, we didn't return until 2:00 Sunday A.M. Grandpa called me at 6:00 as usual as he wanted us up for morning prayer and for Sunday School and of course breakfast. Later they moved to Long Beach where I also enjoyed visiting him, we all loved the ocean and enjoyed going to the beach.

While in Westminister, Grandpa's hobby was a little leather and harness shop he had back of the house. I do not know whether he had it in Long Beach or not.

Grandpa died in Long Beach on 11 May 1930.

1. Wm. And Sarah Jane's Children:

- a. **Otha Lonzo Stanley** b. Oct. 1, 1867 in Mercer Co., Mo. died May 14, 1911 at Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif. bur. Kelseyville Cemetery. He m. June 17, 1896 Kelseyville to Mary Alice Gard b. June 17, 1872 in Kelseyville, Calif., d. April 1, 1963 in Oakland, Calif. and is buried in Kelseyville. She was the daughter of Charles Gard and Nancy Webb. Another page sent by Norma Ledbetter in late 1989 has this on four of Otha & Mary (Gard) Stanley's children:
 - i. **Charles Wm. & Ilene (Akin) Stanley**
 - (1) Harold Merle Stanley
 - (2) Patrick Akin Stanley
 - ii. **Leonora (Stanley) & Oscar Meddaugh**
 - (1) Gard Edson Meddaugh

- iii. **Park Owen Stanley** & Vera Matherson
- iv. **Harold James** & Frances (Fraser) Stanley
 - (1) Harold James Stanley
 - (2) Carol Lee Stanley
- v. **Norma (Stanley)** & Victor Ledbetter
 - (1) Stephen Victor Ledbetter (adopted)
- b. **Inze May Stanley** b. Nov. 4, 1869 Decatur Co., Iowa, d. Apr. 25, 1899 in Burbank, Calif. She married, Feb. 3, 1896, Samuel H. Thompson. March 22, 1989.
- c. **Frances Ann Stanley** b. Dec. 28, 1874 Harrison Co. Mo. and d. Nov. 13, 1939 at Lakeport, Calif. She m. John Edward Speilman.
- d. **Oren Ira Stanley** b. Dec. 18, 1877 Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa and d. July 24, 1879.
- e. **Bertha Olevia Stanley** b. July 19, 1880 in Humeston, Wayne Co., Iowa & d. June 24, 1904 Kelseyville, Calif. m. Oct. 20, 1902 at Kelseyville to John Henry Purinton.
- f. **Owen Garret Stanley** b. Sept 21, 1882 in Humeston, Wayne Co., Iowa & d. Feb. 12, 1966 in Marin Co., Calif. He married in 1907 to Sally Risdon. He later married Harriet Caig.
- g. **Jesse Olive Stanley** b. Apr. 26, 1885 Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. She married Apr, 2, 1903 to George Irwin.
- h. **Ada Lois Stanley** b. Nov. 26, 1887 in Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. She married Jack Esau May 12, 1914.

Otha Lonzo Stanley & Mary Alice Gard Family

William Clemens STANLEY was born 12 Oct 1849 at St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO; died 11 May 1930 at Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA; was buried at Grandview Cem., Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA.

Sarah Jane BROWN was born 06 Sep 1846 at Mercer Co., MO; died 25 Dec 1907 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA; was buried at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

- a. **Otha** was born 01 Oct 1887 at Mercer Co., Mo.; his family home was in Iowa, but his mother's family lived across the state line, where she went for the birth of her first child.. Otha arrived 1885 at California. Otha and Mary Alice GARD (the daughter of Charles GARD and Nancy Ann WEBB) were married 17 Jun 1896 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA. They had the following children:
 - i. **Charles William STANLEY** was born 18 Nov 1897 at Mendocino City, Mendocino Co., CA; Charles and Ilene Grace AKIN were married 11 Dec 1932. Charles died 21 Dec 1972 at Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA; was buried at Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA.
 - ii. **Otha Leonora STANLEY** was born 01 Dec 1900 at Mendocino City, Mendocino Co., CA; Aunt Lee and Oscar Edson MEDDAUGH were married 08 Jun 1929 at Oakland, CA. Lee died 16 May 1979 at Alameda, Alameda Co., CA; was buried at Hartley Cem., Lakeport, Lake Co., CA.
 - iii. **Park Owen STANLEY** was born 05 Mar 1902 at Mendocino City, Mendocino Co., CA; Park and Vera MATHERSON were married 07 May 1950. Park died 30 Aug 1967 at Miami, AZ; was buried 01 Sep 1967 at Pima Cem., Pima, AZ.

- iv. **Harold Gard STANLEY** was born 17 Sep 1903 at Ukiah, Mendocino Co., CA; Harold and Frances FRASER were married 24 Nov., 1926; died 25 Mar., 1974 at Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA. Harold was buried 28 Mar 1974 at Kelseyville Cem., Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.
- v. **Norma Jean STANLEY** was born 09 Aug 1906 at Ukiah, Mendocino Co., CA; died 26 Jan 1994 at Grass Valley, Nevada Co., CA; was buried 31 Jan 1994 at Kelseyville Cemetery, Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA; Norma and Victor Clarence LEDBETTER were married.

Otha died 14 May 1911 at Lakeport, Lake Co., CA of tuberculosis. The Application for State Orphan Aid indicates that Otha L. Stanley was a printer and a Mason and that he died of tuberculosis after a four year illness. Otha was buried at Kelseyville Cem., Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

[I have heard that Harold later chose James for his middle name, g.m.]

Mary Alice GARD

The parents of Mary Alice GARD are:

Charles GARD was born 06 Feb 1824 at Dixon, Preble Co., OH; Charles and Nancy Ann WEBB were married 26 Oct 1854. Charles died 23 May 1876 at Morgan Valley, Lake Co., CA; was buried at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

Nancy Ann WEBB was born 16 Sep 1834 at Warren Co., TN; Nancy and Charles GARD were married 26 Oct 1854. Nancy died 03 Sep 1925 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA; was buried at Kelseyville Cem., Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

Mary was born 17 Jun 1872 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA. Mary and Otha Lonzo STANLEY (the son of William Clemens STANLEY and Sarah Jane BROWN) were married 17 Jun 1896 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA. They had the children previously listed. Mary died 01 Apr 1963 at Oakland, Alameda Co., CA. Mary was buried at Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

Harold Gard Stanley & Frances Fraser

Harold Gard STANLEY

The parents of Harold Gard STANLEY are:

Otha Lonzo STANLEY and
Mary Alice GARD described above.

Harold was born 17 Sep 1903 at Ukiah, Mendocino Co., CA. Harold and Frances FRASER (the daughter of Richard Floyd FRASER and Lena Bell BROCK) were married 24 Nov 1926. They had the following children:

Harold James STANLEY Jr. was born 27 Feb 1928 at Lakeport, Lake Co., CA; Jim and Patricia Rose YOUNG were married 05 Jun 1949 at Middletown, Lake Co., CA.

Carol Lee STANLEY was born 12 Jul 1930; Carol and James WHITLOCK were married; Carol and Jack BRABROOK were married.

Harold died 25 Mar 1974 at Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA.

Harold was buried 28 Mar 1974 at Kelseyville Cem., Kelseyville, Lake Co., CA.

Frances FRASER

The parents of Frances FRASER are:

Richard Floyd FRASER was born 12 Nov 1877 at Lakeport, Lake Co., CA; Floyd and Lena Bell BROCK were married 31 Aug 1905; Floyd and Katie ALLEN were married 1930; died 27 Jun 1948.

Lena Bell BROCK was born 04 Apr 1884; Lena and Richard Floyd FRASER were married 31 Aug 1905; died 27 Jun 1916 of blood poisoning at childbirth when Bruce was nine months old.

Frances was born 09 Sep 1907. Frances and Harold Gard STANLEY (the son of Otha Lonzo STANLEY and Mary Alice GARD) were married 24 Nov 1926. They had the children previously listed.

Frances and Harold STATTON were married.

Frances and Frank GORDON were married.

Frances died Dec 1995.

Family acknowledgments re. this family line, Jan. 16, 1989 & Mar. 20, 1989 from Lois Gibson of Hillsboro, Oregon who sent many pages of data on her line. She is the granddaughter of Bertha Olivia Stanley & John Purinton & sent info down to her family. Norma Ledbetter in 1989 sent info mainly down to the family of Wm. Stanley & Sarah J. Brown.

In 1999, Gard Meddaugh Mountain View sent info, mainly what Lois Gibson had sent in 1989 with extra information that neither Lois or Norma had sent.

Michael Stanley, another of Gard's kinsmen, of Grass Valley, Calif. also sent some information.

Here is what Lois Leith Owen Gibson sent to me in Jan. & March of 1989:

- e. **Bertha Olevia Stanley**, daughter of William Clemens Stanley & Sarah Jane Brown, was b. July 19, 1830 at Humeston, Wayne Co., Iowa. She d. June 4, 1904 at Kelseyville, Lake Co., Calif. She married, Oct. 20, 1902 at Kelseyville, to John Henry Purinton (Hardware store owner) who was born Aug. 29, 1866 at Sioux City, Sioux Co., Iowa to Isaiah Joel Cartis Benton Purinton & Catherine Annah Minard. John H. died Oct. 17, 1948 at Modesto, Stanislaus Co., Calif.

Two children were born:

- i. **Merle Inze Purinton** born May 14, 1903 in Kelseyville, Calif. M. Apr. 28, 1920 Roy Earl Pruett, & d. Oct. 12, 1987 San Francisco, Calif. Merle Inze Purinton's husband, Roy E. Pruett. was b. Jan. 31, 1897 at Cobb. Valley, Lake Co., Calif. and d. Nov. 29, 1965 Yreka, Siskiyou Co., Calif. Merle Purinton & Roy Pruett had children all born in. Yreka, Calif.

- (1) **Barbara Lee Pruett** b. Apr. 5, 1921, m. Aug. 28, 1940 to Floyd Taylor.
- (2) **Olevia May Pruett** b. Sept. 5, 1922, m. Nov. 30, 1940 to Webster B. Flock & d. 1981.
- (3) **Roy Delwin Pruett** b. Oct. 13, 1923, Feb. 9, 1946 Faeth Flock
- (4) **Alere Eunice Pruett** b. Feb. 1, 1925, m. Mar. 15, 1950 Forrest M. Heath.

- (5) **Lisabel Letitia Pruett** b. June 21, 1926, m. Nov. 30, 1946 Rich. Smith.
 - (6) **Jacquith Ann Pruett** b. Apr. 25, 1929, m. July 7, 1951 James Robinson.
- ii. **Olevia Lois Purinton** born June 17, 1904 in Kelseyville, Calif. m. Feb. 28, 1923 Robert Vester Owen. She d. Dec. 15, 1979 Forest Grove, Washington Co. Ore. Robert V. Owen was born Sept. 17, 1880 at Wren, Benton Co., Ore. Olevia Lois Purinton & Robert V. Owen had children:
- (1) **Robert Vester Owen** ~. Jan. 1, 1924 Woodlake, Tulare Co., Calif. m. Mar. 26, 1947 m. Ruth Halinsworth. Robert married second Zina Noble Courier or Courier Noble.
 - (2) **Lois Leith Owen** b. Nov. 2, 1928 Grants Pass, Josephine Co., Oregon m. Nov. 15, 1948 Morris Grant Gibson. They have 10 children. It was she that sent me information re: the family and descendants - in Jan. & Mar. 1989.
 - (3) **Gene Franklin Owen** b. Nov. 10, 1930 Grants Pass, Ore. d. Nov. 27, 1930.
 - (4) **Eileen Jane Owen** b. Oct. 19, 1934 Corvallis, Ore. m. Sept. 14, 1954 Richard Creighton Giberson.

Letter of Terlina J. Walters to her Aunt Cela J. Studley of Adin, Calif.
Jan. 19, 1881

To Mrs. Benjamin Studley, Aden, Big Valley, Siskiyou Co.
Calif. Via Susanville

Jan. 19, 1881

Dear Aunt I sete my self to anser your kind letter I receive a few days ago Was glad to hear that grandfather was wel this winter has bin vary cold and dry til in the last fiew days it has bin snowin

Mother is wel she was up hear the other day and I helped her make her dress Mother has bine up to Iowa one a visit to see Olevia and Billey and they was all wel She said that Billey had grandfathers picter and it looks just like him and when I go up their I ame gon have one taken from it I want to see it so bad I cant hardley wate.

Grandmother Sandlir lives close around hear I see them every once and a while you wanted to now what stockin yarn was worth I do not now now but I will find out and write and tell you I was glad to hear of your house I wish it was so I could help you with your work I have not vary much to do now Lodema is as fat as ever write and tel me grandfathers post so I can write him tel uncle write if he will write to me I wil anser it for nothing is more plesure to me than to hear from you all back their I now I cane not good but maby you can read it if you cant write and tel me and I wil get some one to write for me for I want you all to write to me if I could see you I could tel you more in 1 hour than I can write in 1 week tel

uncle write if I could see him I could talk him to death I think
you and uncle Nute might send yours pictures to me and yours
companion to I would love to have them the best in the world
I will close this leaves us all well
write sune

from T J Walters to C J Studley

on back page is written this:
Aunt Rhoda wrote to Billy Stanley to know what Rebecca Coffey's
post office you tell her it is Forist City Holt Co. Mo. H.P.
Mequerry want you to send Rhoda post office address in your
next letter She answered the last letter that you got from
them and never got any answer she would write if she knew
where to direct to.

e. **JOHN WESLEY AND OLIVIA BERTHA STANLEY BOWMAN FAMILY**

I received Alfred M. Stanley's estate papers from the Lake Co., Oregon Courthouse about 1970 but evidently not all papers were sent as a Jan. 2001 letter from Loretta Hubert in Oklahoma, refers to her, Olivia's, death, and her four children are then also named in the proceedings. Her widowed husband, John Bowman had guardianship to control their portion of the mother's inheritance

Their children:

- a. **Cora A. Bowman** b. 1876,
- b. **Hattie O. Bowman** b. about 1876
- c. **Josie Maude Bowman** b. Oct. 7, 1877 at Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa
- d. **Clyde Edwin Bowman** b. Dec.31, 1878 at Leon, Iowa

P. 121 1880 census of Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa:

Bowman,	John W.	32	b. Ohio	father b.Pa.	mother Pa
"	Olivia E.	27	b. Missouri	father b.Tenn	mother
			Mo		
"	Hattie	7	b. Iowa		
1.	Cora		5	b. Iowa	
2.	Josie	3	b. Iowa		
3.	Edwin	1	b. Iowa		

John was listed by occupation as Harness Maker

[here is a note I recieved; I regret I cannot credit it. g.m.]

Hello! In doing research for my Bowman line I found information on Olivia Stanley Bowman. I couldn't see that you had much info on her posted and would be glad to share what little I have on her.

Descendants of John Wesley Bowman

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1 [1] John Wesley BOWMAN b: 1848 in OH d: 1933
.. +Olivia Ellen STANLEY b: 07 Dec 1853 in MO/OH d: 03 Jul 1884
..... 2 Cora A BOWMAN b: Abt. 1876
..... 2 Hattie O BOWMAN b: Abt. 1876
..... +? BASSETT
..... 2 Josie Maude BOWMAN b: 07 Oct 1877 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA
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..... 2 Clyde Edwin BOWMAN b: 31 Dec 1878 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA
 *2nd Wife of [1] John Wesley BOWMAN:
 .. +Mary E EMBERLING b: 1860 in IL m: Abt. 1887 d: 1940
 2 Helen BOWMAN b: 13 Feb 1888 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA
 2 Lulu BOWMAN b: 27 Dec 1889 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA
 2 Lena W BOWMAN b: 10 Jul 1892 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA
 2 Grace BOWMAN b: 05 Apr 1894 in Leon, Decatur Co, IA

I have a copy of guardianship papers of John Bowman's and her children. Apparently her grandfather died in Oregon after her death and so the money \$60 was given to her children. John was given "guardianship" of them and had to report to the court about the money and the children's well being. It mentions that she is an heir to Alfred M Stanley who died in OR, but does not list the relationship.

The Leon Cemetery Sections B-C-D
 BOWMAN, John W. Co. M 3 Iowa Cav. (16-4)
 BOWMAN, John W. 1848-1933 (16-3)
 BOWMAN, Mary E. 1860-1940 (16-3)
 BOWMAN, Olevia Ellen wife of J.W. died Jul 3, 1884 aged 30y 11m 24d (14-23)

Oct. 2 1999 Saturday: Gard Meddaugh & wife Jean made a visit to my home and he gave a bit of info On the Gibsons of Mercer Co., Mo. & Decatur Co., Iowa. There were questions in the person of Rhoda F. Gibson Stanley (1860 census) age 21- b. 1859 Ind. Residing with Rhoda & husband Ozias Stanley was 9 year old Rebecca Gibson b. Indiana and this Rebecca just may be the Rebecca Coffee mentioned in the letter of Jesse Harris Stanley's granddaughter T. J. (or P. J.) Walters in 1880 to her aunt Cela J. Stanley Studley of Adin & Big Valley, Calif. in which she mentions Rebecca Coffee of Holt Co. Mo.

Gard Meddaugh's info shows that:

James Gibson and wife Sarah Gibson are parents of Lewis Gibson b. 19 May, 1791 in Stokes Co. N.C. m. 10 Feb., 1814 in Knox Co. Kentucky & d. 24 Mar. 1848 at Mill Grove, Mercer Co., Mo. His wife was Priscilla Wilson b. 1795 Knox Co., Ky. & d. 1828/1829 Putnam Co. Indiana (where the Gibsons seem to be from prior to coming to Mo. & Iowa).

Lewis & Priscilla Wilson Gibson were parents of Priscilla Gibson b. before 1821 Putnam Co. Indiana. Priscilla Gibson m. Abner Brown in Grundy Co., Mo. in 1843 & in turn their daughter, Sarah Jane Brown b. 6 Sept. 1846 in Mercer Co., Mo. m. 1866 in Mercer Co. to William C. Stanley, son of Jesse Harris Stanley & Mahala Smith (or more likely Culp). Sarah Jane d. 1907 in Kelseyville, Calif.

It is possible/probable ? that Lewis & Priscilla Gibson were parents of James & John Gibson who took up land in Mercer Co. Mo. 1859. ***[Please see my note at the end of this chapter; g.m.]*

The 1850 census Mercer Co., Mo. lists Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson age 44 b. Ohio & in her family included John, age 19, b. Ind. It may this John who m. Mary E. Stanley daughter of Alfred & Margaret (Heather) Stanley of Eden, Decatur Co., Iowa.

The 1880 census of Mercer Co., Mo.

John B. Gibson	50	b. Ind.
Mary E. "	28	Tenn
Lodena (Lodema)	9	b. Ind.

Fiedela, M. E. & J. E. all b. Iowa

In this family was her sister Lovina(Luana) 15 b. Ia. & Lewis N. Gibson 25 Ind. Surely Lewis N. Gibson here shows connection to the elder Lewis b. 1791.

In 1860 Ozias Stanley & wife Rhoda F. (Gibson) are at Pleasant Plains, Decatur Co., Iowa p.94 P.O. Nine Eagles a neighbor of his brother John R. Stanley.

Ozias Stanley	22	Tenn
wife Rhoda F.	21	Ind.
Oliver H.	10/12	Ia.
Rebecca E. Gibson	9	Ind.
cousin Benjamin Stanley	20	Tenn.

Might I suggest here that Lewis & Priscilla Wilson Gibson also had beside Priscilla b. bef 1821 James & John & that one of these men married to woman named Elizabeth b. 1806 in Ohio. (Well Lewis b 1791 may have been bro to these men.) That Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson was the mother of John born 1830 Ind. Lewis N. b. 1857 Ind. Rhoda F. b. 1859 Ind. and Rebecca E. b 1840-41 Indiana.

** As this is my family I will take the liberty of adding a bit of information to Marvin's.*

Otha Lonzo Stanley got his middle name from a relative [I don't know who] named Alonzo. He arrived in California in 1885 according to his pension application and was a printer who started the paper "The New Era" in Kelseyville in 1890. The paper didn't last too long for he combed the coast looking for a job and landed one working for August Heeser's Mendocino Beacon. His first three children were born in Mendocino City where he was an editor on the Beacon and was involved in community activities, was a school trustee and helped support his brother Owen in Fort Bragg. After 7½ years, he moved, in 1903, to Ukiah for his health taking a job as foreman for the Dispatch. His job in Mendocino was taken by Frank Beach, son-in-law of Ozias Lafayette Stanley. He stayed in Ukiah for 4 years and his two youngest children were born there. He then moved to Lakeport where he built a house and a boat and ran a print shop until he died there of TB. My mother, his daughter, said the family moved from Iowa to Missouri so he could be born in that state. I believe Wm. and Sarah went to get help from her parents Lewis and Prescilla (Wilson) Gibson of Mill Grove.

Inze May Stanley d. 25 May, 1899 (childbirth?) in Burbank, Los Angeles Co., Calif. My mother knew nothing about her but corroborated the spelling of Inze. I have a photo of her about highschool age with Mary Alice Gard. She m. Feb. 3, 1896 to Samuel H. Thompson.

Frances Ann Stanley m. John Edward Speilman in 1894, John Henry Brown in 1906 and William Piner in 1936. I have wondered if J. Brown was related to Wm. Stanley's wife, Sarah Jane Brown Stanley.

Owen Garrett Stanley got his middle name from a family name the Gibson's carried thru generations. It was probably from Capt. Garrett Gibson** who served from Modena, Mo. in the Mexican and civil war. Uncle Owen supported my mother thru U.C. Berkeley and Otha supported him thru high school. Owen was to graduate in civil engineering from Stanford when the 'quake destroyed his records. He

was able to graduate as his professors agreed that he passed his classes. He said he was shaken out of Stanford.

Jesse and Lois Stanley ran a small gift shop on Balboa Island in the late ,40s; I have a picture of them in front of their shop. Lois lived in Palo Alto in the early '60s when we did.

***Due to the importance of the Gibsons to the Stanleys (a subject for future research) I will insert the family here; this is taken from L.D.S. files and I have independent corroboration and the line back to Lewis's grandfather, Valentine Gibson, b. about 1723 in Virginia; g.m.*

Descendants of <u>Lewis GIBSON</u> :	19 May 1791	Prob, Stokes Co., N.C.	
wife <u>Priscilla WILSON</u>	1793	Knox Co., Ky.	
		m. Knox Co., Ky. Feb 10, 1814 by M. Foley.	
Mary GIBSON	10 May 1814	Knox Co., Ky.	m. Thomas Job
James W. GIBSON	24 Oct 1816	Knox Co., Ky	m. Nancy Howard
Castleton "Cash" GIBSON	9 Jan 1819	Knox. Co., Ky	m. Lucy Wilson
			m. Margaret E. Walton
Priscilla GIBSON	Abt. 1821	Putnam Co., Ind.	m. Abner Brown
Garrett GIBSON	3 Feb 1826	Greencastle, Putnam Co., Ind.	m. Eliz. Akers
wife <u>Elizabeth BUTCHER</u>	1806	Putnam Co., Indiana	
John B. GIBSON	14 Feb 1831	Putnam Co., Ind.	m. Mary E. Stanley
Nancy GIBSON	1832	Putnam Co., Ind.	m. Solomon Mundell
Louis N. GIBSON	4 Feb 1836	Putnam Co., Ind	m. Margaret Powers
Rhoda GIBSON	Abt 1839	Putnam Co., Ind.	m. Ozias L. Stanley
Rebecca GIBSON	1840	Putnam Co., Ind.	
Beda GIBSON	1843	Mercer Co., Mo.	m. Sophia Boxley
Rachel GIBSON	15 Jan 1846	Mercer Co., Mo.	m. John H. McQuerry
Kiziah GIBSON	1848	Mercer Co., Mo.	

I have also seen John B. Gibson referred to as John Butcher Gibson which follows as his mother was Elizabeth Butcher. John died in the civil war; he enlisted in Leavenworth, Kansas. Priscilla (the name was often spelled that way) later married David Deweese then Lewis Gay. I don't understand the 1880 census showing them together.

The Gibson family seems to have lived in Putnam County, Indiana from 1820 to 1840 before coming to Mercer Co. Putnam is next to Hendrix County where Alfred M. and family lived in 1830.

[Jesse is the most enigmatic of the children of Alfred M. Stanley. We have reason to believe he was born in Hendricks Co., Ind. from the records of Rufas Stanley and the fact that his father was in the 1830 census there. He seems to have left a wife with 3 small children [or 2 and "one in the oven"] to go to California, got in trouble there and left, possibly to Missouri again. Rufas probably has his death date correct tho there is some doubt as he duplicated the date for Lemuel who actually died 55 years later. There were Jesse H. Stanleys who patented land in Texas Co., Mo. and served in the civil war from Indiana but we don't know if he is ours. g.m.]