

CHAPTER EIGHT

FAMILY OF LAFAYETTE AND RHODA F. G. STANLEY

Ozias Lafayette Stanley was born Nov. 13, 1837 in Warren Co. Tenn. He married Feb. 7, 1858 to Rhoda Frances Gibson who was probably a sister of Mary's husband John. Both were from Indiana. They owned the leading Hotel in Lakeview, Ore. He died Jan 2, 1904 at Anderson, Shasta Co. Calif. and is buried in the Oddfellows Cemetery at Anderson. His wife died here in June 1904 and is buried beside him. Stones cover their graves. They had about six children.

[please see my appendix on the Gibsons, g.m.]

1. **Oliver Robert Bob Stanley** was born 1857 in Decatur Co., Iowa He was yet living in 1929 according to estate records in Shasta Co. Courthouse at Redding. He never married and was in custody of his sister Annie Reynolds.

2. **Flora P. Stanley** was born 1867 in Calif. and probably at Hawkinsville, Siskiyou Co. She married Frank Beach and had a daughter, Pearl Beach, who married _____ Parr. This family resided in Lake Co., Calif. and earlier in Lake Co., Ore. Flora died Sept. 25, 1912. Pearl is also dead.

[Frank took over the Mendocino paper from Otha Stanley, g.m.]

3. **Alfred Perry Stanley** was born in 1873, evidently in October or early Nov. when the family lived on Crooked Creek in Lake Co., Ore., P.O. Willow Ranch. The family had resided at Adin in Big Valley, Modoc Co. Just prior to this, he married, March 10, 1897, in Lake Co. Calif., to Hattie Morlan. He was possibly yet living in 1929.

4. **Annie R. Stanley** was born 1877 in Lake Co. Ore. near Lakeview. She married Charles O. Reynolds about Nov., 1895 in Lake Co. Calif.(?) where they resided for some time. Henry Maulden, Lake County's historian, went to school with their children. In 1929 Annie was residing in Redmonds, Deschutes Co., Ore. Children: Wilma, Ralph, Florance and Jean Reynolds.

5. **Hattie Olla Stanley** was born after 1880 but died young; she was mentioned in the letter of her parents in 1882 Nov to her aunt Cela Studley.

There seems to have been another child born named Lafa - Lafa for the father Laffeyette; he was named in letters of Oct. 1, 1873 and Nov. 12, 1873 to the Studleys of Adin, Calif. This child, one letter stated, named the brother Perry, and Rhoda named him Alfred, so Lafa was older than Alfred Perry. Evidently born 1870-80 but died before 1880, he is not on the 1870-80 censuses with his parents family.

In 1888, O. L. Stanley and family are living in Sonoma Co. Calif. Then they went to Lake Co. Ore. to Lake Co. Calif. to Ore, again, then to Shasta Co. at Anderson, Calif. where he died in 1904 and his wife died about six months later; both are buried in the Oddfellows Cemetery at Anderson. They had children or relatives at Lakeview, Ore.

**Letter of Ozias L. Stanley to
B.f. & C.j. Studley of Adin, Calif.**

Cheewakan, (Ore.) July 29th 1873

Well B. F. as it is noone will say a few words to you I got through cutting hay day before yesterday and commenced hauling yesterday I will be down as the time set if nothing hapens more than I know of as soon as I am done hauling hear I want to build a house & C. I hope this will find you all well & C. this leaves us all well thoe feeling a little lonesome I still remain yours truly

O.L. Stanley

The above letter evidently written not long after they moved from Adin to Ore. "little lonesome"

Letter of Rhoda F. Stanley to C .J. Studley

Crooked Creek or Bargh, Oregon July 30, 1873, P. O. Willow Ranch

Dear brother and sister and children it is with pleasure I try to write to you we are all well and hope these fiew lines will find you all well and doing well I dont like this valley as well as I did that it looks mour like Big Valley O. L. is done cutting hay and is halling It when he gets it don he will build us a cabon we are living in a tent in Sid's claim O.L. and Jasper will bild about 5 miles from I think George and Marthy will go back to Fall River he is helping O L Jasper is helping T. Ward Freeman they is 16 of us in the two camps Tom and Annie will go home this week you must excuse me for not writing sooner I was so tired at Goos Lake and we are so fare from any Post Offes we had no chance to send any letters out till now and I dont know that we will get to send any mour soon they is not much travel in here we have no neighbors the nearest woman is 10 miles I will have to go to Goos Lake when O L goes down I dont know how I can live here I get so lonesome I have bain washing today I must help Marthy get supper we have all had a good time A picking Curents and makeing jel two of us would go and two stay and cook I would ride watch the other a pony O.L. got for (Zebe) at Hot Spring Valley he traded with a Inden (Indian) I wish you could be here with me You and B. F. had better come up with O.L. and stay all winter tell father we all want to see hem he dont know how bad I will miss him to stay with me when O.L. is gone if he was her I would knot have to go to Goos Lake this fall over the ruff road I must tell you I have the best new store in the state nomber seven our littel dogs is as prety as ever and smart two we call one Kitty and Keno Mr. Hoyet cant get this Keno for a cow if he did the other we think this will make the best dog Jane you must kiss the children for me I send my love to Ellen and all inquiring friends Tell Father to write and knot let his traps rust for they is plenty of bever Dames here writ as soon as you get

this direct to Willer Ranch we live forty miles or more from
ther.

We remain yours truly till death
R.F. Stanley and Family
To C.J. Studley and Family

O.L. = Rhoda's husband

Jasper = a relative; he was a son of Alfred S. Stanley and they also resided in Decatur Co. Iowa before coming west. Martha = a sister to Jasper. George Hollenbeek = her husband; they married in Redding 1873. Jasper married there 1873 also to Ellenor Donn. Sid (Sile or Silas) = brother to B.F., C.J.'s husband and married to her niece, Mary Stanley, who married 1873 in Redding also; they all lived in Lake Co. Ore. Tom and Annie = the Colvins. Father = Alfred M. Stanley.

1860 census Pleasant Plain Decatur Co. Iowa P.O. Nine Eagles p 94
neighbors of his brother John R.

Ozias L. Stanley	22		Tenn
Rhoda F.	21		Indiana
Oliver R.	10/12	Sept (1859)	Missouri
Rebecca E. Gibson		9	Indiana
Benjamin Stanley	20		Tenn.

Rebecca = a sister to Rhoda

Benjamin = a cousin to Ozias.

Letter of R. F. Stanley
to C. J. Studley

Oct. 1, 1873

Dear Brother and Sister will write a few lines to let you know we are all well and hope these few lines will find all well and doing well I would have wrote to you sooner but I could not think of any thing to write and I did not feel like writing I have took so many pills and eat so many melons I feel better but have no noose to write we dont have any visitors here Sid and wife is all that has bin in our house since O.L. left if you can get any time any place send Annie home for she cant take time to go any place she has hired a girl now every lady may live at Goos Lake and put one frills that want to but I wont stay any longer than I have to I wish I could bin down there to help eat corn I went to a garden at the mill and bought some corn we have green bean for dinner today I will send Hattie and Frank some plum jel to make them a Christmas cake we want to see the children Flora and Lafa want their paw to come home and bring Hattie Frank and Babey with him Tel O.L. that Lafa says he will be his boy now and he dont want him to bring one in his way he says he will step on his fingers and whip him bab cakes on more than any of the children About his pa being gone we all think the time long since he left I received his letter Yesterday I was glad to hear he was well since Jasper left we

have maid A pair of fraims and quilted a comfort I have about all of my sewing don Flora has her quilt most don I will quilt it next Jane if you have any seed spair send me I cant think of anything mour to write kiss the children for me Flora wants them to kiss her pa for her every day is as long as two to me tell nephew Sile and Mary I wish them A long and happy life my respects to all I remain as ever R F Stanley

To C J Studley and Family

Laffeyette I will send Bobs boots back he cant get his foot In the leg of them his feet is one inch thicker than it is long I will send the length it wont mete around his instep by one inch I think you had better get him shoose but do as you pleas and think best.

note- Annie, probably Annie Colvin

Hattie, Frank and Babey (Eve) children of C. J. Studley

Flora and Lafa and Bob, children of R.F. and O.L. Stanley; who Lafa is is not quite known but he seems to be another child born before Annie. Bob was a nick name for Oliver Robert, their eldest son. Lafa died young before 1880.

Jasper = a cousin - son of Alfred S. Stanley and his wife Elisbeth HEATHER! Sile and Mary refer to their marraige 1873 long and happy life. Sile = brother in law to C.J. and Mary = her neice.

1870 census Lassen Co. Calif., Susanville P.O.
neighbors to his sister C.J. Studley.

Stanley,	L	36	farmer	Tenn.
	F	36		Missouri
	O.R.	11		Iowa
	F	4		Calif.

East Oregonian newspaper published in Umatilla Co. ? Ore. May 9, 1882 p2 col3:

O.L.Stanley nominated assessor by the Lake Co. Ore. Democratic Convention held Tuesday.

Letter of O.L. Stanley
to B.F. & Jane Studley

Goose Lake, Cala Nov. 12, 1873

B.F. & S.J. Studley

Dear Brother and Sister Your letter come to hand some days ago and as Rhoda was not able to write it has layed over till now I have been down in Hot Springs Valley geathering up A few head of Cattle (7 head) that we lossed on our way up I was gone 5 days got home last night it keeps me on the jump all the time and it appears as if I cant get any thing done I am going to starte up to Cheewaken as soon as I get Rhoda moved over to Annie's, she will stay thare till I get my shanty ready to move into -- Jasper is going to move up when I go & Rhoda is geting so as she can sit up about half of the time she is gaining slowly our boy is growing fine he weighs 10 lb gross Rhoda calls him Perry Alfred I wanted to call him Comadore but she wouldnt let me: so I call him buck

Lafe named him Perry & Rhoda put Alfred to it. You had better come up and see him for I dont want to bragon him till you see him for you might think that I was leying (lying) Father is up on Crooked Creek traping and hunting he is well, I bought two boxs pills and A gross of Epsoms Salts for him so I think that he will get along anyhow; Rhoda says if that picture and frame comes on for you to get them and take care of them for her Charley Stearns wants to know how his Mare is doing that he left on Pasture at your place & thee Rasp and Pinchers of your is here but I know nothing of it till after I got your letter I asked Sile and he said that Jake Watson put them in the wagon siele, thought that they belonged to Jake. I will send them down the first chance. Nosey Pendleton said that he would carry them down (he Nosey is carrying the mail) but I dont know wheather to trust him to carry them or not but if you think he well carry them safe I will send them by him so let me know.

we was very sorry to hear that you had all been sick but was glad to hear that all was well again we have all had our turn at the Red Nosed Cold but are about over that Hoyt is at home by this time and happy again did he sell I left my Curry Comb and Horse Brush at your place. Please send them up if you have a chance, and if you get any money to spaire before spring you pay Lauer & Co. Some for me and I will give you credit for the same if he ask you any thing about me tell him no to be uneasey for if I dont pay him soon I will pay him interest on it. I dont want you to think that I am duning you for I dont mean that I did not know but you might sell stock or hay. And want to stop interest & them taxes if you don't settle them see that Edson does give S.J. & M.J. Studley our best wishes Rhoda says that she wants to see you and the children and tell Hattie and Frank that I often think of them and wish that I could see them often.

take good care of the little girl Eva Jane Flora says tell

Aunt Jane Hattie and Frank that she wants to see them so
hoping that she may find you all well and doing well. I will
close by asking you. all to write yours as ever Truly Flora
says tell Hattie she has got her quilt done

O.L. & R.F. Stanley & family

To B.F. & S.J. Studley & Family good night

Envelope has: Willow Ranch Mrs. Jane Studley Adin Big Valley Cal
Perry Alfred = son of O.L. and Rhoda Stanley
Father = Alfred M. Stanley
Sile = Silas Studley S.J. and M.J. Silas and wife Mary Jane
Hattie, Frank and Eva Jane = children of Ben and Cela Studley
Flora and Lafe = children of O.L. and Rhoda

Letter of Rhoda Stanley to Jane Studley

Aug. 12, 1877

Dear Brother & Sister I will write you a few lines to
lett you know we are all well and hope these fiew lines will
find you all well We Received B.F. letter last week we was
glad to hear of your good luck we was afraid to hear from you
I hope you will have good helth we recived your last letter
last night I would have answerd B F letter sooner but I have
bin scalding bed bugs and making soap and gloves and paching and
finished me a rapper last Fall I am som fat I cant get in my
dreses I cant fassen them and they hant worth making over

O L has bin bording in town 2 weeks A blacksmith they work
all the time and have 3 days work on hand now to do He had to
hire our house built it will be some we can move the last of
this week O.L. came hone last night and (Derand Cool this
morning and him and Eliba Hariferd is dressing A pig it will way
200 pou Tom give it to me last Fall we had five hogs we kild
2 three weeks ago and pickled them we didnt loose a pound
it is as good as fish I wish you all was hear to help eat ribs
tomarow O L has to goe way tomarow he bought me a new sewing
machean last week is the emproved how it cost 46 dol he sais
there is a tucker and every thing with it

it is at the store wating for me the week will be A long and I
will feel big when we get in our new house and have a machine to
sew on I make teo pair gloves A week and could sell mour if I
had them I wish we had some of your berys they hant any wild
fruit up here Henery Hariferd was married to Miss Parker Jo
Howard was married last week to Miss Hubard Nute is gon A
Sparking to day if nothing hapens he will start to your house
next week T W has ben very sick he is able to be up now they
have moved to their ranch he sais he will build A new house
and stay there I will close write soon we remain your well
wishing brother and sister till death

R F Stanley and Family

Nute = Newton A. Stanley the youngest brother of O.L. & Cela Jane.
T W probably Anna's husband Colvin the other names are evidently neighbors and friends.

Lakeview Oregon: Aug. 12, 1877 Letter of O. L. Stanley to the Studleys of Adin, Calif. B. F. & C J. and family

dear Brother and Sister Rhoda has wrote all the news and left me nothing to say onley I am too glad to hear that you all rite and have a fine boy I would like to see him I think I could find a name for him but I guess that I will waite and let Ben name this one give him some big name Sile is over at Chewaucan haying & C Mary is quite fleshy now & when you come up call at Lakeview and get your blacksmithing done by O.L. Stanley & D. B. Fisk write soon I am as ever your brother O.L. Stanley

a fine boy = Clarence Kinight Studley born 1877
Sile = brother of B F Mary = wife of Sile.

Letter of O.L. Stanley
to C.J. & B.F. Studley

Lakeview, Oregon March 12, 1881

C.J. & B. F. Studley and Family

Dear Sister and Brother and family I hope that this may find you all well and I hope that you will excuse me for my delay in writing I feel mean about it myself, but I got to thinking on it tonight and I thought I was treating too bad but I think that it will puzzel you to read it my eyes have failed me till I cant read to do any good of an eavening and after working hard all day well you how that is yourself so I will offer no more appologies but say that we are all on foot but Rhoda is not very well but is getting better she has been having a very serious time with a sore throat but is geting better of that but that other thing is still getting biger purty soon by and by make a good sing you keap save too mutch & Father is well we are at work on our new mill this week I think we will (start ?) up the old mill to sawing next week and run it till our new mill irons get here all of the relation are well as far as I know and indications are good for A good yeild of young (obes?) this Spring some are joining the Church and others dont want to and so it goes when I get this letter from Mo. I will send it to you and then you can see how they are doing out back there. come up in June Rhoda says that she dont want this one cracked they have all been cracked here this winter but one and that they had neither Doctor or Doctoress so please excuse and write soon to your wellwishing brother till death

O.L Stanley good night

L.H. Stanleys

P.S. is Pilot Rock Umatilla Co. Ore.

Father = Alfred M. Stanley

Letter from Mo. evidently relatives from Mo. Jesse and Mary's family in Harrison or Mercer Co.

L.H. Stanley = brother of O.L. and Cela J., residing with brother O.H. in Pilot Rock.

Letter of O.L. Stanley To Ben and Jane Studley

Lake View Lake County Oregon

Feb 15th, 1882

B.F. & C.J. Studley

Dear Brother and Sister and family with pleasure I seate my self to answer your very kind letter that came to hand the other day we was very sorrow to hear that B.F.s health was still poor and I hope that will find him improving if not entirely will agin I did think and calculate to go down to your place before now but the weather has been so cold and stormy that I could not very well travel and as soon as the timber gets thawed out I must start the Mill. I have had the longest rest this winter that I have ever had on the Coast and I must say that I feel good over it I feel as if I could go to work and do something now. I only hope and wish that B.F. could say as mutch for himself. Jane nothing could do me more good than to with you and B.F. and have an old fashion talk and time I would try to amuse B.F. in some way or other. The snow in this Valley is from inches to 2 ft deep but today it has been thawing and the prospects are favorable for A general thaw but it may fail I hope not- this leaves us all well Flora is away going to school Perry is learning at home Bob has been troubled with abcess on his jaw but is about well Annie is as fat as A pig Hattie Olla is smart but not very large she weighs 15 lbs - she is creeping Rhoda's health is better than it ever was she brags on how stout she is. The relation are all well as far as I know. C.C. is still scattering around as usual. Cant be contented or satisfied at any thing or any where. Thos, C. Colvin has been appointed Administratoer on Father's Estate he ordered one copy of the paper sent to you containing the notice I will also send you the notice in this Did Father have any Book that he kept his accounts in if so let us know what amt. he holds against C.C. or any one else down there As all these things has to come into the Appraisors of the Estate. The reason that I write about this Is we understand Father to say that C.C owed him \$110.00/100 C.C. says now that he only owed Father \$70.00 Now B.F. & C.J. I am not writing this for any slur or out of mallace to anyone and hope you wont take it so. we thought that you might know more about than we did the way that I have it was the first loan was \$50-----.00 to buy Mill Irons. Next \$20.00 to pay taxes Next was \$40.00 at Toms and _____

Well B.F. Newt has been talking me about your Stalion Colt. I had been thinking some of getting one if can get things fixed so as I could but times are so hard and its all jawbone up here there is some good horses up here for sale but they hold them all to high not because they are scarce for all mosst every other

man has one and I hate to be out of fashion what will yours weigh and how old is he. and what is your price and terms on him let us know and then we will see what we can do_____ Now B.F. I want you hurry up and get well and come up you and Jane and all of the children and make us along visit as soon as the toads gets good give John Bouchard my regards tell him that I would like to see him what has become of the root Doctor I heard that he was going to A.T. if he goes down there he ought have an other Diploma to take with him I often think of them Old Tricks and laugh to myself, Our love to all of the children and good share to yourselves please answer soon as ever your Wellwishers Truly

O.L. & Rhoda F. Stanley & Family
To B.F. & C.J. Studley and fam

please send the amt due Father on an extra sheet of paper in my next letter.

also part of letter written Feby 15th, 1882 directed to Thomas Saeldon or John Small:

The place to send for carpet work Montgomery Ward & Co. 227
and 229 Wabash Avenue Chicago, Ill. No s
487 White Carpet work 5 lbs Bundles 23 cts lbs
488 Colored " " " " 28 cts lbs
Cotton Twine in Balls 22 cts lbs
You can get a Book sending to them first

As ever your sister R.F.S.

Jane come up I will show you and help you to weave your carpet write soon and dont put it off RFStanley.

Flora, Perry, Bob, Annie and Hattie Olla = children of O.L. and Rhoda Stanley; as of this letter written 1882 no mention of Lafe or Lafa who evidently died by 1880. Hattie was born after 1880 as she was not listed with the family in the 1880 census of Lakeview, Ore.

Father = Alfred M. Stanley - estate who died Oct. 15, 1881 intestate in Lake Co., Ore.

Newton = Alfred Newton Stanley another brother; C.C. = another brother.

1880 census June 12 60th enumeration district Lake Co., Oregon

Ozias L. Stanley	42	manufacturer	Tenn.	N C Ky
Rhoda F.	41		Ind.	Ky. Ind. wife
Oliver R.	19		Mo.	Tenn. Ky son
Flora P.	13		Calif.	Tenn Ky. dau
Perry A.	6		Calif.	Tenn Ky. son
Anna R.	3		Calif.	Tenn Ky. dau

The 1889-90 Gazetteer of Oregon, Washington & Idaho shows O.L. Stanley at Lakeview, in Brewery business.

The History of Mendocino and Lake Counties Calif. 1914 pp 485-486 has a biography on Charles O. Reynolds. In part - To New Pine Creek, Ore. 1900, 1907 to Kelseyville (Lake Co., Calif.)

married Miss Annie Stanley; four children, Ilma, Ralph, Florace and Jean, members of the Christian Church.

A phone call from Lois Gibson of Hillsboro, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1988 tells me that in May 10, 1938 Annie Reynolds received a letter from Gus Stanley, her cousin, in which he wrote that Joseph Stanley b. 1767, was a son of Lord Stanley & wife Bettie of the Isle Of Mann.

The isle of Mann is between Ireland & N. England & S. Scotland.

Is the legendary Aristocracy of the family which grandmother Lottie Stanley Stinchaum told her grandson Galen Hemenway when he was a boy & that they were from Ireland & Scotland?

Rhoda Annie Stanley (4. above) was the daughter of Ozias Laffeyette Stanley & Rhoda Frances Gibson b. 27 Apr. 1877 Lake Co., Ore., md. 15 Jun 1897 Lakeport, Lake Co., Calif.. & d. 12 Mar 1949 Lakeport, Calif.

Husband, Charles Oliver Reynolds, b. 15 Dec., 1868 Los Angles Co., Calif. and d. 27 Dec. 1928 Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif.

They had 4 children:

- a. **Ilma Reynolds** b. 15 Apr 1901 New Pine Creek, Ore & d. Apr. 1979 Lakeport, Calif, she md. _____ Dresback.
- b. **Ralph Reynolds**
- c. **Florence Olive Reynolds** b. 3 Sept., 1908 Kelseyville, Lake Co., Calif.. d.. 25 Sept. 25, 1966, m. William Howard Guyer
- d. **Jean Reynolds**

info from Jan Calogines, PO box 382, Kelseyville, Ca 95451 [*edited a bit by g.m., see my Gibson info.*].

I have known of this family for years in my research on the Stanley name.