

CHAPTER NINE

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STANLEY FAMILY

Christopher Columbus Stanley was born Nov. 25, 1840 in Franklin Co., Alabama according to his pension application as a Civil War Veteran. He served from Iowa as did his brothers. In 1840 his family were not found in the census of Franklin Co., Ala. He married July 5, 1858 in Iowa to Elanous Tidball who died as a young wife. He married again to Caroline Anderson. His third wife is unknown. His fourth wife was Sylvia True McBee. He was the father of three sons, one lived to adulthood, Rufas A. Stanley. He died Oct. 2, 1926 in Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. and is buried there.

Christopher's son Rufas "Gus" Stanley has his own mother as Elanous Tidball and Gus's daughter is Elanous. Yet years ago when I received Christopher's civil war record, I thought his wife was Eleanor Fireball!? She was the mother of his three sons, of whom two died in infancy. His second wife was Caroline Armstrong and they had no known children. In his Original work sheets, Rufas indicates that he was born in Iowa, and baptized in the LDS -Mormon - Church in 1834(?). His father was born in Franklin Co., Ala.; his mother was born May 22, 1840 in Penn. and died March 26, 1865 in Iowa.

Children of Christopher Stanley and first wife:

1. **David Lemuel Stanley** was born June 2, 1859, a native of Decatur Co. Iowa, and died Aug. 27, 1863.
2. **Rufas Augustus "Gus" Stanley** born Dec. 28, 1860 in Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa. In 1880 he was residing in Lake Co., Ore. with his father and stepmother and grandfather, A. M. Stanley. He married July 2, 1884 to Ann Lynn Dyson who died Feb. 16, 1908 and married again May 16, 1908 to her sister Mary Ellen Dyson both were born in Wambwell, Yorkshire Eng. Their parents were Harry and Lucy Kines Dyson. He married his second wife in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rufas was yet living in Murray City near Salt Lake in 1951 and probably died there about 1952. His widow was living there in 1957. His first wife died Feb. 16, 1908. Leon Decatur County Iowa. He was the father of eight children.
3. **Charles Newton Stanley** was born Dec. 15, 1862 in Jefferson Co. Iowa and died June 10, 1864.

Children of 1. Rufas A. Stanley:

These first three by first wife, Ann:

- a. **Jennie Alice Stanley** was born May 14, 1900 in Vernal, Uinta Co., Utah and died April 8, 1900.
- b. **Lyston Dyson Stanley** was born March 4, 1905 in Wallsburg, Wasatch Co., Utah and married Sept. 5, 1925 to Allie Bertras Clayborn. He died July 2, 1931.
- c. **Charles Leroy Stanley** was born May 5, 1907 in Murry, Utah. Md. Oct. 19, 1935 to Fernessa Clara Morris. He married again later to Jean Olsen. He may be the Charles L. Stanley yet living, 1976, in Salt Lake City.
- d. **Ealenous Stanley** was born Jan 13, 1911 in Vernal, Utah. She md. Brigham Frie Ward. It seems she was yet living about 1954 at 1896 East 4425 So. in Murray 7, Utah. Stake Wilford, Ward, Valley View 2nd.

- e. **Christopher Columbus Stanley** was born Jan 27, 1914 at Lyman, Uinta Co., Wyo. and may be the same one living in 1976 in the area of Salt Lake City.
- f. **Lucy Stanley** born Nov. 17, 1916 in Vernal, Utah.
- g. **Jaunita Stanley** born June 23, 1919 in Vernal.
- h. **Carrie Stanley** born April 21, 1922 in Siloom Springs, Arkansas.

**Christopher Stanley Letter
To Ben & Jane Studley**

Lake View, Oregon Jan. 22, 1881

Dear Sister & Bro I have not hear from you for so long we dont know where you all dead or alive. as to our parts we are all well & hope you are the same we are having sutch a nice winter that I am working all the time but dont do any thing we have a boy & a girl but the boy was 14 years old & the girl was 9 years old when they came, they are quarter breed Indians that we got to keep they are going to school he is in his third reader the girl in her 2nd reader I am plowing in the afternoons they are having Distracted meetings here (High N good)

Ben I want some Hungarian grass seeds I want you to send me some up if it is not more than A pint I would like to have a peck if there is any way of sending it so I can get it by the first of April Sile is here & I will send this to the office by him Dull times is nor more for the scarcity of money Stock is doing well & they rase

Excuse, but write & let me know how you all are & let me know if I can get them seeds

Yours as ever
C.C. & family to
Ben & Jane & family

Sile = Husband of C.C.'s & Jane's niece- the daughter of their brother, William F. Stanley
Indian boy and girl to keep- perhaps an arrangement to see to their schooling plus as servants ?
Distracted Meetings -(Religious nature)

**1880 census June 12 60th Enumeration District, Lake Co..Ore.
(this would probably be New Pine Creek near Lakeview)**

Christopher	Stanley	39	Blacksmith	Ala	fr	b. NC	mr	b. Ky
Caroline	"	38	Pa.	Pa~				Pa. wife
Rufas A.		18	Ia	Ala~				Pa. son
Alfred M.	Stanley	71	N.C.	N.C.				N.C.

The 1890 Special Census Civil War Veterans Encampment Precinct Marrow Co., Oregon p.001
Christopher C. Stanley
(NOTE: Census also gave Military Unit he served with and dates.)

Letter to Mary J. Studley
From Rufas A. Stanley

Oct. 5, 1932
4935 Popular St.
Murray City Utah

(Mary J. Stanley Studley died 1925)

Dear Cousin: If I mistake not you are one of William F. Stanleys girls. Pleas excuse me for being so bold. What I want to know is can you inform me where I can write to find the deth dates Birth dates of the wives of the Stanleys Brothers, when they were married, ther wives maden name where lived and ther children Birth dates and names, if you can give me any of those dates, anyone or more you will confer a great favor on me. What I want I will give you a copy of below beginnin with your father.

William Foster	Stanley	Born Sep 7-1828	Married date	deth date
wife	maden name	blank		
Children	Eva L. Stanley	-----	-----	----
	Frank	" -----	-----	----
	Edward	" -----	-----	----
	Eva L.	" married Siles Studley		

This will give you an idea, I want to get the geneology of our family in group form, I want all of the Stanleys Brothers, deth dates I have thes Birth dates no deth dates Uncle Newton sent them to me, (his widow sent them) (next page)

No 2

I want your Birth date, where born, Marriage date. Siles Birth date his father Birthdate his deth date his mothers maden name where born when died your father deth date your mothers if possible when married year and month and year if possible Frank Stanley and Edward and your line is left blank of dates not knowing the dates I was compelled to leave them blank. be kind enough to give me all the information you can in regards to geting the wives maden names, -or if you know of any of ther children names, married names, let me have them and P.O. Address So I can write to them.

Aunt Rachel Uncle Newtons widdow is alive she lives at LakeView Oregon She is the only one that is left of the Stanley brothers wives as far as I know, I do not know her maden name I have asked her about it twice but no name came Probably an oversight. She sent me all the Stanley Bro. Birthdates. I acidently found A Post Card you wrote to Father when he was at Yountvill Cal. The Post Date was 1914 Aug. 21. Hoping this leter may reach you or some of your family. May the Lord bless you all R.A.Stanley (or Guss) (CCStanley's Son)
4935 Popular St.

Murray City Utah

On May 10, 1938 Gus also wrote his cousin Annie Reynolds in which he wrote her that the parents of Joseph Stanley b. 1767 were Lord Stanley & his wife Bettie _____? of Berkshire. Thus the legend that Joseph was from Scotland and that the family were Aristocrats; see Lottie Stinchum's reference to family to her uncle Galen Hemenway.

Oct 28 - 1932
4935 Popular St.
Murray City Utah

Mr. Chester Studley
R.1 Box 227
Sanoma, Cal

Dear Cousin. After a long search and several letters I have learned your P.O. add. from Frank Stanleys widdow. I am writing you to get some information in regards to our relatives or the records of our familys Your mother being a Stanley girl, please give me her birth date when she married Silas Studley your father also your wifes maiden name. and your children names Births if married to whom. if any should be dead that date is neccassary, or any information you can go back as far as you can, to your grand father Great grand father, ther wives Sides is wanted to compile the records, Births and deth dates is neccassary, if no other data can be obtained, if marraiges is not available, give other dates if not, just names down leaves the space blank you will see by the names I put down they are your Father and Mother. Family

Then comes your family, Your grandparents on your side, and your grandparents on your mothers Side, and the same on your wifes side, her father and mother and Grandfathers Side if possible I have your grandparents on the Stanley Side as far back as Joseph Stanley Born in Scotland 1767 his wife Maden names there is no record, her given name was Comfort you see her record is not complete The dates that my father had was proxy or about 1767 There is no deth dates of eather it is left blank untill I can find dates

I am thanking you in advance for your cortesy Some of thoes records may be beneficial to our children some day if not at the present time Your uncle Chris Stanley passed away in Lower Lake California at the age of 86 on Oct. 26-1926- was 1840. I am his only living son R.A. Stanley or better known as Guss. You may want to know why I am so anxious to get the records. I beleive the time is coming that it will be neccassary to prove who we are, throug thoes records it can be don.
God bless you and Yours Your Cosin R.A.Stanley

P.S. hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

NOTE... Joseph & Comfort, Was Joseph a son of Lord & Bettie Stanley below?

On May 10, 1938 Annie (Stanley) Reynolds (Then probably of Oregon?) wrote her cousin Rufas A. Stanley.

OUR GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS Lord STANLEY of Stanley Manor at Berkshire, England. But g.g.grand---father of ours was disinherited because he married a French maid, Bettie. He became a Captain of a ship, there was quite an estate left in England. Uncle J.R. (John Robert) Stanley being a lawyer traced it up, and the ones handling the estate admitted there was still a vast estate, but they wrote it would take so much red tape on account of their son being disinherited, it would cost more than it was worth to get it. I saw this letter that they wrote to Uncle John Robert which was during the year 1893 so he and father concluded to let it drop..

Annie Stanley Reynolds

[I have a transcription of the same note and took it as saying there was an estate but one would need to prove a connection as well as get a settlement. g.m.]