

THE FAMILY OF ALFRED M. STANLEY

THE STANLEY FAMILY 2003

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INTRODUCTION

I have been collecting information on my Stanley family for several years. I had some information from my mother but a bit more from my aunt, Norma Ledbetter. Most of this came from Beryl Peoples and Lois Greiner. It was a start. Thru the 'net I learned of an Eva Lenore Stanley from Scott Valley, Calif. [I'm familiar with two Scott's Valleys but this was new to me] and a Stanley that married a Studley. It seemed my informant had obtained some information on this couple from Marvin Lander of Red Bluff, Calif. After a 30 minute phone call to Marvin, I had doubled my knowledge of the Stanley family and my head was swimming. Clearly, Marvin's information was far more complete than anything I'd heard of yet. We traded data by mail, my side being the clear winner, and, since Marvin had information on all the children of the family patriarch, Alfred Muir Stanley, I asked him if he could produce a book. It turned out that he had with copies in the California State Library in Sacramento and the Sutro Library in San Francisco. After some coaxing, he agreed to put together another copy and I would "publish" it. This was in 2000-2001.

After a couple of visits to Marvin's home in Red Bluff, I was sure I'd made the correct decision. Marvin is a bachelor a couple of years younger than myself [I'm not going to tell everything] and has had genealogy as a hobby for a large part of his life. He is following several families other than the Stanley family and does genealogy the real way, by writing letters and reading censuses. [I, on the other hand, spend most of my genealogy time on the internet.] Marvin wanted to clean up the pages and add new data. This was all done on a manual typewriter. My contribution, besides a few tidbits I'd found on the 'net was to put the information into a more consistent format and do a little editing.

I found the implications of the family life fascinating. They came from "somewhere in North Carolina" to hill-billy country of Tenn. to a Quaker area of Indiana, back to Tennessee, thence to Alabama, on to Missouri, to Iowa and then on to California and Oregon. The family seems to have more of the characteristics of the backwoodsman than the frontiersman in that they seem to me to be more interested in turning their backs on the towns of the era than in pushing the frontiers of the country. I'm not sure how consistent this is with several of them being newspaper editors. The letters that survived give an intimate look at the family.

The organization of the book is basically by the children in chronological order. Those that died young and left little trail are covered in the section on the family. I have tried to impose an outline structure to the chapters to keep the families straight within the chapters; the chapter numbers do not follow the position of the children in the family but the order does. As I'm incapable of "keeping my mouth shut", I have tried mightily to keep my interjections out of the text; I ended up using italics to differentiate my comments. I did add an end-note on the Gibson family and some notes at the end on my family and speculation on the family origin. The spelling of names is pretty much as they were found.

Therefore, It is my pleasure to present "The Stanley Family, 2003" by Marvin Lander.

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GREETINGS

Stanley family members, it is indeed my pleasure to have through the generosity of Gard and his wife Jean Meddaugh of Mountain View, Calif. in 2001, the chance to publish my book..... **Alfred Muir Stanley Family 2003.**

I began researching this family in 1958 after finding out that the family came to California as early as **1853**. It Was a slow process, but I had the good fortune in having other descendants of Alfred M. Stanley contact me and send much information, "Old Family Letters" & Photos. The names of these generous people are in this book.

About 1975, I sent an earlier version of my book to Norma Weigand, of Adin, Ca. and she placed it in The Studley Ranch Museum at Adin. I have never been there though! In 1988 I placed a copy in Sutro Library (Genealogical) in San Francisco and one in the State Library at Sacramento. They have records of these gifts.

My book had been sitting for years, other than having something added from time to time. And in 1999 Gard Meddaugh contacted me by phone indicating an interest in publishing my book and in which he will have a portion of his own research published.

I have never been able to find Joseph & Comfort Stanley, (supposed) parents of Alfred M., in any census records. Joseph is said to have died in 1854. Perhaps Gard, or some of his correspondents, or some other descendant of Alfred M. will be able find more on the line. I do have several lines down to the mid 1970s. My own line will be down to the children (b. in the 1990s) of my nieces, Gaylene & Rosie.

Rufas Augustas "Gus" Stanley b. 1861 Iowa son of Chris C., a son of Alfred M., was, it seems, the first to search out the family roots. He should be given credit for the earlier info that came my way, so that I was able to search further.

I began searching this family at age 18 years. And have had the pleasure of meeting other descendants of Alfred M. Stanley.

**Pat (Hunt) Stanley of Saratoga, Calif., wife of Lloyd Stanley,. a descendant. of John R., son of Alfred M. 1968

**Lois (Dyke) Greiner and mother, Mary (Stanley) Dyke of Adel, Oregon & descendants of Wm. F. Stanley, son of Alfred M. 1970

** Norma Studley Weigand, in Red Bluff at her daughter, Avis Crews home, daughter & gr daughter of Cela J. (Stanley) Studley,. daughter of Alfred M. 1971.

**Harold & Barb Studley of Paradise, Ca. also a descendant of Wm F., son of Alfred M. 1982

** and, in 1999, Gard and wife Jean Meddaugh, dec. of Jesse H., a son Of Alfred M. Stanley

**I descend from Oliver H., a son of Alfred M. Stanley.

My many thanks to Gard and Jean Meddaugh for their generous offer to publish my book, along with info he will publish as well. Its time to give family members access to this volume.

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FORWARD

The early origins of this family are not yet established. In 1958 when I first became interested in tracing my family tree, I was told by family that records were not kept concerning early day people and pioneers. But this is not so, for records of various kinds are known to exist and with time and a lot of patience the records can be found. The traditions in mother's family about their Stanley line were that their grandmother, Lottie Stanley Stinchaum, was born at Yreka, Calif. (in Siskiyou county); that her family later lived in Pendleton, Oregon; that Lottie helped raise her younger brothers and sisters; that her father hired Chinese and Indians to work for him and that he killed a man.

However, Lottie was born in Iowa and probably in Decatur County where her father's family lived before crossing the plains to Calif. She was not born in Yreka. Lottie's mother was a Hatfield and there are many Hatfield families in Decatur County, Iowa in 1850 - 1860, but so far I have not been able to make a connection, though Nancy Hatfield Stanley was born in Tennessee as were some of the Decatur County Hatfields.

Lottie's brothers and sister were born at Yreka, and Lottie was raised there to young womanhood. And being the eldest child in the family and the fact that her mother died when some of the younger children were quite young would seem to verify the fact that she did indeed help to raise her younger siblings. Her father did not kill a man but rather he himself was killed, in fact, by Vigilantes.

Much of what I have found in my searches concerning this family has been verified by original worksheets of Rufas Augustus Stanley, a son of Christopher C. Stanley, who was an uncle of Lottie Stinchaum. Rufas, or Gus, as he was known, was born 1860 in Iowa. He was living in Lake County, Oregon with his parents and grandfather Stanley. In 1884 he joined the Mormon (LDS) Church, and this was his reason for acquiring information on his family so that his kindred dead could be baptized. My reason for searching the history is simply as a hobby. Being a member of the Catholic Church, there is no special command to trace one's family and the one thing about Catholicism that might seem similar to Mormonism is the practice of praying for the dead, for as Holy Writ says, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins". 2 Mach. 12. 46. and as St. Paul did for his deceased friend, Onesiphorus, Tim. 1.16-18.

A few of the dates which Rufas had in his works are not correct, but in his day access to public records was not what it is today. Some information on other branches of the family was received from Marie Dyke and her daughter, Lois Greenier of Adel, Lake County, Oregon and the grand daughter and great granddaughter of William Foster Stanley. Norma Studley Weigand of Adin, Calif., granddaughter of Cela Studley, has also sent copies of several old Stanley family letters written in the 1870s and 1880s and many copies of old photographs. Patricia Stanley, former wife of Lloyd Stanley, a great grandson of John Robert Stanley, sent information also. Stanley Perry and his sister, Theresa Eckhardt, grandchildren of Oliver H. Stanley, sent information. My grandfather, Claudius G. Hemenway, was a grandson of Oliver Stanley also.

Nita Barker and Mabel Lambert, descendants of William Foster Stanley, gave Norma Weigand old family photo albums which belonged to their grandmother, Mary Jane Studley. These will be placed in the Studley Ranch Museum at Adin, Calif. Norma was gracious enough to let me have copies of old family letters and photos. She also permitted me to keep the letter that my great great grandfather, Oliver, wrote to his father, Alfred M. Stanley, in 1877 from Pendleton, Ore. so I could place it in the State Library at Sacramento, which I did. I have also placed some photos of the Stanleys at the State

Library. I placed a photo of Eva Lanore Stanley Campbell with her sister, Mary Jane Studley, in the State Library, as well as Oliver and wife, Nancy, their daughter, Charlotte Stincham, with her son, Philbert Hemenway, her son Claudius, with his wife, Alice, and daughters, Linnie and Nora, and Oliver's sisters, Luanna and Cecelia, Pictures of Eve Campbell and her children, Jesse and Eva, I placed In the Tehama County Library (Kraft) at Red Bluff, as they lived in Red Bluff and the Children were born here.

At this time, I plan to put my information into manuscript form and make several copies for various Libraries and depositories in the USA where the Stanley Family has resided: N.C., Tenn., Iowa, Ore, and Calif. I may also have copies published for family members who are interested. According to Rufas A. Stanley, whose father was Chris. C. Stanley, a son of Alfred M. Stanley, a son of Joseph and Comfort Stanley, wrote in a letter of 1932 that he had the line back to Joseph Stanley and Comfort, his wife. Joseph born about 1767 in Scotland. Some of Rufas' original work sheets were found in an old trunk belonging to Cela Studley, who died 1883-4 at Adin. The Studley ranch house burned to the ground in 1957, but the trunk was salvaged. Cela's grand daughter, Marie Wright, sister of Norma, had the work sheets until her passing in 1974. Then Norma acquired them, and she in turn had copies made for me. They show that Rufas had in his life joined the LDS Mormon Church and that was the reason for his attempting to trace the family line.

Searches of various kinds indicate that Alfred Mure - Muir Stanley had thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters, all by his first wife, Margaret Heather. Two sons, Francis and Joseph, were Civil War casualties in which they served. Jesse, another son, may also have been a casualty. Rufas thought his grandfather was born in 1812, in Tennessee. He married 1827, so 1812 a bit young as to his birth. Actually he was born 1809 in N.C. The 1850, 60 censuses of Decatur Co. Iowa, 1880 Lakeview, Ore, and the 1875 Great Register of Voters for Modoc Co. Calif. all indicate he was born 1809. Rufas does not give places of residence of Joseph and Comfort Stanley but he does give Joseph's death date as Feb. 17, 1854, so that Alfred's family must have remained in touch with Joseph's in order to have that date. I suspect the Joseph Stanley who lived in Campbell Co. Tenn. and was listed in the 1818-1823 tax list there was Alfred's father. Alfred's wife, Margaret, according to their grandson, Rufas, was a daughter of Thomas Heather. Thomas Heather is also found in Campbell Co. Tenn. in 1818 and 1823. Where Joseph Stanley resided as an old man in 1850 is not yet established, but perhaps Mo.

[I consider English a spoken language at the time and acceptant of various spellings. gm]

In 1853, two of Alfred's sons, William and Oliver, with their wives and Oliver's daughter, Lottie, crossed the plains to make their home in Siskiyou Co. In 1864, Alfred and other of his children also crossed the plains to make their home in Hawkinsville near Yreka in Siskiyou Co. Alfred's two younger daughters, Luanna and Cela, married their respective husbands here in 1865.

Alfred M. Stanley had lived in Warren and Marion Counties Tenn. and Hendricks Co. Ind. He lived briefly in Ala., to Dade Co. Mo., thence Mercer Co. Mo., Decatur Co. Iowa., and then to Siskiyou Co., Calif. His children lived here and in Placer Co., Sonoma, and Lake Counties, Calif., Adin in Modoc Co. Calif. and Lakeview and Pendleton, Ore. Alfred lived at Adin in 1875 and Lakeview in 1880 and he died there 1881. He is buried in the Oddfellow's Cemetery, but apparently no marker covers his grave; it seems he is buried in the plot of his son, Alfred N. Stanley.

After crossing the plains to Calif. and residing at Hawkinsville, Alfred's family removed to other areas of Calif. and Ore, and Nevada. His son, William, and his family moved to Placer County for a

time, living at Virginia and Dotie's Flat, then to Millville, Shasta Co. Calif. where he died in 1868. In 1869 Oliver moved his family to Pendleton, Umatilla Co., Ore. and after his wife died in 1874 to Pilot Rock, Umatilla County. Lemuel lived with Oliver for several years then about 1885 moved to Lakeview with some of Oliver's daughters, and still later to Vya, Nev. where his brother Alfred N. and other relatives had homesteads. Lafayette and Cela and Alfred N. moved to Adin, Calif and later Alfred N., Lafayette. Lew Anna and Christopher lived in Lakeview and New Pine Creek, Lake Co., Ore. Lafayette later lived at Anderson, Shasta Co. where he died. Lew Anna moved to Lincoln, Calif. where she died. Christopher may not have come to Calif. until after 1870? He was a blacksmith and was in the 1880 census of Lake Co., Ore. He may have been the C. C. Stanley who, in 1870, lived in Monona Co., Iowa and who was a blacksmith there. Among the old letters of Cela Jane, which were found in her trunk in 1957, was an envelope with the address, which town was in Monona Co., Iowa. Christopher lived at Walla Walla, Wash. and at Lower Lake, Lake Co., Calif. John lived at Lower Lake, Calif. Jesse and Mary Stanley Gibson Boxley remained in Iowa and Mo. and their families were situated in Decatur Co., Iowa and Mercer and Harrison Co. Mo. and addresses giving several towns in those places were found among old letters found in Cela's trunk in 1957.

There were six Stanley - Stanly families residing in Decatur Co., Iowa in 1850, and more in 1856 during the state census and in 1860 still more. One of these families was Alfred M. Stanley and another was Alfred S. Stanley. Just how he relates is not known, but when Alfred M. died in 1881 at Lakeview, Ore. his daughter wrote later that all the relatives were at the funeral except Jasper Stanley. Jasper was a son of Alfred S. He was living in Lake Co. also and had lived at Burgettville in Shasta Co., as did his brother, Harbor Stanley. A sister, Martha, and her husband lived at Fall River and the father at Round Mountain. There is buried in Lakeview - Oddfellow's Cemetery one Harb-- Stanley, no dates? but name was not completely readable. Jasper md. in Shasta Co. as did his sister, Martha, and they are mentioned in some old family letters of the 1880s. Voters Registration in Shasta Co. lists Alfred S. and some of his family. He seems to have been alive in 1880.

In his work sheets, Rufas writes that Joseph and Comfort Stanley had seven children, four sons and three daughters, but he names only one child, Alfred M. There was another, John J., who lived in various places with Alfred M. and have children of similar ages and several namesakes in both families indicate they were brothers. There was also Hiram Stanley and his sisters, Mary and Easter who married into the Vanderpool family who lived in Decatur Co., Iowa. Mary and Easter, had Alfred as the name of their sons and Oliver was the name of a son of one. Some of the Vanderpool family also lived in Siskiyou Co., Calif.

In this work I have tried to carry down to the present day, descendants of several of Alfred and Margaret Heather Stanley's children. Descendants of some of his children living today are not known. In some cases, letters which I wrote to various family members were not returned. In other cases information was not known, or the persons were not interested. I have tried to copy what was sent to me by those who have been so very helpful and without whose help I don't think I could have put together this work. In copying the some twenty six old Stanley family letters of the 1870s and 1880s, I have tried to copy them just as they were written, for this shows the writers of such letters, as they truly were. The letters show a very close knit family with much love (and in some cases disagreement with) for each other. I have also in some cases relied on traditions or stories, which make a work of this kind more interesting, but has some ray of the truth to it.

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1987

ALFRED M. STANLEY & MARGARET HEATHER

1809 NC 1881 Ore. 1810 Ky 1857 Iowa

Children & Grandchildren.

+ md. names of granddaughters.

William Foster Stanley 1828-1868	.....Mary Jane Studley	born
	Eva Lanore Campbell Studley	1857
	Lydia Ann Wilson Carmer	1859
	Clarissa Alice Stanley	1860
	William Francis Stanley	1861
	Eli Edward Stanley	1864
Jesse Harris Stanley 1830-1865-	.....William Clemmens	1847
	Palina J. Walters	1851
	Olivia E. Bowman	1853
Mary Elizabeth Gibson Boxley 1831-1870....	Lodema Gay	1851
	Fedilia A. Hamilton	1853
	Margaret Elizabeth Ballew	1856
	Rebecca Jane Brown	1859
	Julia Kronenberger	1862
	Alsie/Elsie A. (Boxley) Cox	1866
Oliver Havard Stanley 1833-1885	.....Charlotte T. Alford, Hemenway, urch, Stinchaum	1852
	Alfred Marion Stanley	1855
	Sarah Ella Smith Cochran	1859
	Marzella B. Finch 1860	
	Martha A. Huffman Burch	1862
	Louisa Jane Jennie	
	Huffman Peters	1864
	Nettie Frances Peterson Saunders	1866
	Luanna Rose Perry Wilbur	1868
	Nancy Olive Lark Frome	1874
John. Robert Stanley 1835-1911	.....Alfred Ozias Stanley	1858
	Ransom Henan Stanley	1860
	Minnie Weiser	1861
	Emma May Russell	1869
Ozias Lafayette Stanley 1837-1904	.....Oliver Hobert Stanley	1859
	Flora P. Beach	1867
	Alfred Perry Stanley	1875
	Annie Reynolds	1877
Francis Marion 1839-1863	no issue	
Christopher Columbus Stanley 1840-1926....	Rufas Augustus Stanley "Gus"	1860
	David Lemuel	1859
	Charles Newton	1862
Lemuel Hubert Stanley 1843-1920	no issue	
Joseph Duncan Stanley 1844-1862	no issue	
Luanna Stanley Colvin 1846-1907.....	Frances P. McGlaughlin	1867
	Darwin Thomas Colvin	1869
Cecilia "Cela" Jane Studley	.....Hattie Harvey	1866
	Franklin A. Studley	1869
	Eva J. Nave	1873
	Clarence Knight Studley	1877
Alfred Newton Stanley 1851-1930.....	Creed Columbus Stanley	1881
	Henrietta Etta Collier	1887
	Velva Rose Day	1894
	Alfred Newton Jr.	1897
	Joseph Stanley	19--
	Russo Stanley	19--

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4. Dr. Stacy M. Hemenway

b. Jan 13 1836
p.b. Pleasant, Laporte, Ind
m. Nov. 26, 1888 K. Falls
d. Feb. 19, 1914
p.d. Yainix, Klamath, Oregon

2. Claudius Galen Hemenway

b. Mar. 18, 1889
p.b. Olene, Klamath, Oregon
m. May 8, 1911 Redding, Calif.
d. Mar. 5, 1932
p.d. Redding, Shasta, Calif.

5. to Charlotte T. Stanley

b. Mar. 8, 1852
p.b. Prob. Decatur Co. Iowa
d. June 1, 1935
p.d. Redding, Shasta, Calif.

1. Vera Rosie Hemenway

b. Feb. 15, 1918
p.b. Redding, Shasta, Calif.
m. Oct. 19, 1936, Red Bluff, Calif.
d. Nov. 22, 1978
p.d. Red Bluff, Tehama, Calif.

to Bud Franklin Lander Sr.

b. Jan. 7, 1912
p.b. Hopmere, Ore
d. July 15, 1981
p.d. Eugene, Ore.

8. Elias Meade Stowe

b. Nov. 7, 1838 ??
p.b. Cleveland, Ohio
m. Feb. 14, 1878, Nebr.
d. Nov. 12, 1917
p.d. Napa, Napa, Calif.

3. Alice Lillian Stowe

b. Apr. 24, 1896
p.b. Guinda, Yolo Co., Calif.
d. Aug. 21, 1963
p.d. Redding, Shasta Co., Calif.

7. Alice Celina Snyder

b. June 27, 1858
p.b. Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
d. May 7, 1916
p.d. Redding, Shasta Co. Calif.

8. Dr. Ansel Asa Hemenway

b. 1806
p.b. Harbor Creek, Penn.
m.
d. 1895
p.d. Eugene, Ore
9. to Abigail A Whitmore
b. 1814
p.b. Maine
d. 1906
p.d. Eugene, Lane Co. Ore.

10. Oliver Havard Stanley

b. Dec. 13, 1833
p.b. Warren Co., Tenn. m.21
m. June 22, 1851, Iowa b.
d. Nov. 5, 1885
p.d. Pilot Rock, Umatilla, Ore.
11. m. Nancy Ann Hatfield
b. 1833 Mulberry Gap b. 1810 Va.
p.b. Claiborne Co., Tenn m. 1832-33
d. July 1874 d. 1901 Mo.
p.d. Pilot Rock, Umatilla Co., Ore m.22 Rebecca Warwick
b. 1815
d. 1845-47

20. Alfred Mure Stanley

b. Mar. 23, 1809 N.C.
m. Nov. 15, 1827 Tenn
d. Oct. 15, 1881

Margaret Heather
June 19, 1810 Ky.
d. Oct. 17, 1857 Iowa

22. Moses B. Hatfield.

b. 1810 Va.
m. 1832-33
d. 1901 Mo.
m.22 Rebecca Warwick
b. 1815
d. 1845-47



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Dear Mr. Lander:

The Sutro Library gratefully acknowledges your gift of your work on The Stanley Family. This represents a fine addition to our collection and will be of value to the many researchers who use our library.

Again, thank you for this fine contribution and for your continued interest in the Sutro library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Glover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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