

JACKSON, Dennis (Sec 23-19-27) Dennis "Doc" Jackson, son of John A. and Elizabeth Haley Jackson, was born in Nebraska in 1894. He came from Nebraska in 1913 with his brothers, Carl and John, and cousins, B. T. Myers and Charley Myers. They came to Montana by team and wagon, and homesteaded in the Dovetail area. Doc left for a time to serve overseas in World War I, then returned to Dovetail. In 1924 he married Inez Houts at Butte. She had been teaching in the area at the time.

After Inez's death in 1930, Doc moved back to Nebraska with his four small children so his other brothers and sisters could help him with the children. When the children were nearly grown, they moved back to Dovetail for a few years.

Doc was living with his daughter, Marcella, at the time of his death in 1965.

Marjorie Wynn is a retired school teacher, living in Woodburn, Oregon. John R. Jackson is deceased and buried at Crawford, Nebraska. Marcella Jackson is a doctor in Anchorage, Alaska. Evelyn Vogel lives with her husband on a ranch in Nebraska. (Elizabeth Myers Knapp, niece)

JACKSON, Floyd Floyd Jackson is the son of Mae and Carl Jackson, who homesteaded in the Dovetail area in 1913. He attended the Dovetail School. Some of his classmates were from the Carrell, Coffey, Garrison, Sikveland, Hanson, and Whisonant families.

Floyd is presently living on the home place, where in the 1930s they raised sheep. They went into the cattle business in the 1940s.

He is known for his mechanical abilities which he learned from reading motor magazines. (Floyd Jackson)

JACKSON, John L. (Sec 1,14-19-27) John L. "Jim" Jackson, son of John A. and Elizabeth Haley Jackson, was born in 1891 at Springfield, Nebraska. He attended Nebraska schools. Then in 1913 he came to Montana with his brothers, Carl and Dennis, and took up a homestead in the Dovetail area. Jim was a veteran of World War I, and returned to his homestead at the end of the war.

Jim's niece and family, Alice and Elmer Cold, came out to Montana in 1952, to help Jim on his ranch. They stayed until 1957, when they moved to Lewistown. (See also COLD)

When Jim decided to retire, he sold his ranch to a nephew, John Estes, and John's wife, Vi. He returned to Nebraska and got married. His wife died in 1963, and Jim came back to Montana. He died in 1968, after a short illness, and is buried in Lewistown. (Elizabeth Myers Knapp — W.T. 1-10-68)

JEFFERY, Percy W. (Sec 1,12-18-26) Percy Jeffery was born May 11, 1882, in Rotherfield, Kent, England. He received his early education in English church schools. He served in the Royal Navy for a number of years, then decided he wanted to find a drier country. He came to Canada in 1913 and then to Montana in 1914 to take up a homestead on Crooked Creek north of Valentine.

Isabella Mansley was born April 6, 1883, in Ainstree,

Liverpool, England. She was a registered nurse and ran a hospital in London during World War I. She came to Montana in 1919.

Percy and Isabella were married August 30, 1919, at Valentine and moved to Percy's homestead north of Valentine. They lived on the homestead until 1925, when they moved to a place about 1½ miles south and west of Ray Marr's. They lived there until the fall of 1951, when they retired and moved to Lewistown, Montana.

The following anonymous letter appeared in the Winnett Times at the time of their retirement: "Apropos of the paragraph in your last Times re Percy Jeffery, why not a few words of appreciation of Mrs. Jeffery also? She came here from England in 1919, was married in the Valentine country and has lived there ever since. There was hardly a family in the early days that she did not help with her nursing knowledge at sometime or other. Sometimes she was paid and sometimes not even thanked for her work, but those days and most of those people are of the past.

"I have known Mrs. Jeffery a long time. She served three years in World War I earning many decorations and being mentioned in dispatches. These last few years have been years of pain and suffering for her, and I hope and pray she will derive benefit and better health in this new move they are making. So wish her LUCK, she deserves it.

"This is from one who knows her well indeed." (W. T. 9-20-1951)

Percy died March 3, 1953, and Isabella died December 23, 1958. They are buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Jefferys had two children. Dorothy Isabella (1920) died in 1928 and is buried at their place on Dovetail. Richard W. (1924) attended the Dovetail School through the eighth grade. He took high school courses by correspondence through the college at Missoula and graduated from Grass Range High School. He stayed at home, helping on the place and working for neighbors. He married Norma Powell from Roundup, Montana, who had come to Dovetail to teach school. After his folks retired in 1951 and moved to Lewistown, Richard and Norma moved to Roundup, where Richard got a job driving trucks for the oil rigs. They still live in Roundup and Richard is retired. They have one daughter, Deborah Susan. (Richard Jeffery)

JENSEN, Johannes (Sec 6-18-28) Johannes Jensen left Dovetail for service in World War I. He wrote back to tell of being in New York City with a contingent of soldiers when the New York papers came out with big front page headlines "MONTANA COWBOYS HAVE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK." (Ida Rigg — W. T. 3-6-1942)

His homestead was purchased by Henry Hornseth in 1950.

JOHNSON, Ernest The 1915 school census for District #122, Fergus County, indicate Ernest and Isa Johnson had two daughters — Florence (1898) and Josephine (1908).

JOHNSON, Fred, Henry and John Fred and Henry Johnson had adjoining land near the Ray Marr homestead about four miles northeast of Valentine. John's homestead was about four sections away. The three were brothers.

JONES, G. L. (W. T. 12-6-29) "Word was received here today that G. L. Jones, also known as 'Buffalo Jones,' of Valentine, died in a Great Falls hospital on Thanksgiving Day. He had recently been working in the mines at Hughesville, where he was taken ill and removed to Great Falls.

"Deceased was a pioneer of the West, having made three trips up the Missouri River as a cabin boy on river steamers before finally homesteading in the Valentine country in 1912. He has made his home at Valentine ever since.

"He had one son and one daughter. Both live in Seattle, Washington."

KAMRATH, Arthur (Sec 13-18-28) Arthur Kamrath was better known as "Monty Price" after a character in a book he had read. Monty rode from Hardin to Winnett in the spring of 1936, leading two saddle horses. Two weeks prior to this cross-country ride, he had made a saddle horse trade with Bill Hedman. Confidentially, Monty claimed he had won the horse in a game of Twenty One. On arriving in Winnett, he found the Hedmans (including Bill with a cast on his leg) playing cards at the Town Tavern.

As told by Monty: "Carl mumbled through a cigar, 'You might as well join us, as the day is shot anyway. We'll all ride tomorrow.' I agreed to stay and help ride, not knowing the horse we were going after was the one that had broken Bill's leg. After a useless two weeks of riding, they decided I could take my pick of the horses, so I picked a pacer that lived for twenty-seven years.

"During the days we were hunting that special horse, they gave me a snaky, unpredictable, half-broken gelding to ride. Apparently this was to test me, as they knew I had rode a rough string in the early 1930s while working for Chappel Brothers Company of Rockford, Illinois. This



Arthur Kamrath "Monte Price" at the Sanford place

company was better known as the CBC who trailed horses from Mosby to Miles City, and from Mosby to Rosebud to be shipped east on the railroad. Needless to say, their trifling form of aggravation gave me further incentive to stay."

Monty worked for many years for the Hedmans and eventually bought the Herb Killham place in the late 1930s. He ran a bunch of cattle and still worked part time for Hedmans. After about 20 years, he sold his ranch to Carl Hedman. This enabled him to buy a house in Winnett for his retirement and to remain there until his death. (Margaret Hedman) (See also KAMRATH — Winnett)

KASTNER, Robert H. "Bert" (Sec 19-18-29) Robert H. "Bert" Kastner was born in 1878 in Iowa. He came to Montana in 1902 and homesteaded in the Dovetail area in 1908. He married Inda Marks. They had four sons: John married Wilma Manuel and was killed in a hunting accident; Robert; Edward died of a self-inflicted gun shot wound; and Fred. (See KASTNER — Winnett)

Bert lived on Dovetail Creek until Inda died, then moved down on the Musselshell, where he lived until his death at home. Inda died in 1927 and Bert died in 1952.

KAUREN, Hawkins S. (Sec 30-18-28) Hawkins and Clara Kauren had four children listed in the District #169 school census for 1919, 1920, 1922. They were Roger (1-26-1904), Earl (6-9-1906), Robert (1-6-1911), and Eugene (8-22-1912).

KELLEY, Mark (Sec 15-17-26) Mark and Lettie Kelley had two children — Lucy (1901) and George (1902) — listed in the 1915 school census for District #122, Fergus County. (See also KELLEY — Blakeslee and Teigen)

KILLHAM, Clement C. (Sec 13-18-28) Clement C. "Noisy" Killham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Killham, was born in Ault, Colorado on August 21, 1906. He came to Dovetail with his family in 1917. He married Myrtle Johnson in 1927. They moved to the Old Samples Crossing Ranch on the Judith River in 1938. They had seven children: James and Clayton of Lewistown, Montana; Joseph of Miles City, Montana (Joe was manager of Montana Lumber and Hardware Company at Winnett for several years); Anna M. Goladay of Orofino, Idaho; Beverly Knerr of Lewistown; Betty Killham and Barbara Grindheim of Danvers, Montana.

Clem died January 15, 1978 and is buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery. (See also KILLHAM — Winnett)

KILLHAM, Herbert (Sec 13-18-28) Herbert Killham was born August 29, 1884, at Weldon, Colorado. He came to Dovetail with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Killham, and family. He filed for a homestead in 1917, where the James Killham family also lived. Herbert was a World War I veteran. (Taft Killham, brother)

"Herbert Killham, one of the four Killham brothers who were overseas, tells about breaking horses for the cavalry officers in Germany. Herb rode 'em before the officers all right, but when the mount was turned over to the officer, it was different — Let 'er Buck!" (Ida Rigg — W. T. 3-6-1942)



The 79 School along the 79 Trail — Back row: Mr. and Mrs. Gid Busic, Carrie Barber, Enid Killham, Lucy Killham, Mrs. Roy Kirkendall, Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkendall. Front row: Leone Kirkendall, Jim Barber, Will Kirkendall, Taft Killham, Elverna Kirkendall.

KILLHAM, James W. (Sec 13-18-28) James W. Killham was born on October 20, 1853, at Chicago, Illinois. Lucy Ann Corbin was born January 1, 1863, at Argyle, Wisconsin. James and Lucy were married December 14, 1881. They lived in the Weldon and Ault area of Colorado, where their eleven children were born. In 1917 they moved to Dovetail with most of the children. Since Mr. Killham had already used his homestead rights in Colorado, four of the sons filed for homesteads at Dovetail. The parents lived on Herbert's homestead and helped the boys prove up on their homesteads. Those children who were old enough, worked out at jobs around the country. The younger ones went to school at the 79 School that was near their home.

The children were: Blanche (who remained in Colorado); Herbert; Joseph; Wilford; and Sidney (who filed on homesteads); Merle (who came later and filed on a homestead); Robert (who came to Montana, but did not file for a homestead); Enid; Clement "Noisy," and Taft.

James died December 17, 1935, and Lucy Ann died May 5, 1935. They are both buried in the Lewistown Cemetery. (Taft Killham, son)

KILLHAM, Joseph (Sec 23-18-28) Joe Killham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Killham, was born November 1, 1886, at Greeley, Colorado. He came to Montana in 1917 with his parents and family and filed on a homestead in the Dovetail area. He engaged in raising stock in this area for many years. He never married.

Joe died February 23, 1946, and is buried at Lewistown, Montana.

KILLHAM, Robert (Sec 13-18-28) Robert J. Killham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Killham, was born July 18, 1897, at Weldon, Colorado. He came to Montana in 1917 with his family and worked on various ranches in Central Montana.

Lula C. Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O.

Garrison, was born September 15, 1913, at Hominy, Oklahoma. She came to Dovetail with her parents in 1916. (See also GARRISON)

Robert and Lula were married December 22, 1934. In 1938 they moved to Fairfield, Montana. In 1950 they moved to Seattle, Washington, where Bob worked for the Boeing Company until he retired in 1961 and they returned to Winnett. They had no children.

Robert had one daughter by a former marriage — Audrey Hegge of Kirkland, Washington.

Lula died in 1963 and is buried at Winnett. Robert died in 1973 and is buried in Lewistown City Cemetery.

KILLHAM, Sidney L. (Sec 24-18-28) Sidney Killham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Killham, was born in 1892 in Weldon, Colorado. He attended school in Colorado. He filed on a homestead near Dovetail in 1917. He served in the Army in World War I. He returned to Lewistown, Montana, and on May 2, 1921, married Caroline Lewis.

They lived at Danvers, Montana, until 1945, then moved to a ranch east of Denton, Montana. In 1960 they moved to Lewistown.

They had four children — Sidney (Seilstad) of Winifred, Montana; Viola (Donaldson) of Denton; Hazel of Lewistown and George of Moccasin.

Sid died December 13, 1975, at Lewistown and is buried in the Lewistown Cemetery.

KILLHAM, Wilford I. (Sec 7-18-29) Wilford Killham was born at Greeley, Colorado, on October 22, 1888. He came to the Dovetail area in 1917 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Killham, and family. He was named "Champion Amateur Bronc Rider of the World" at the Cheyenne, Wyoming Rodeo in 1915. He was crippled later at a rodeo at Greeley, Colorado. He had one daughter, Wanelda. He died in March of 1964 and is buried at Miles City, Montana.

"I saw Bill Killham trudge off to war with a cow skull painted on his satchel, with the words 'Hook Em Cow,' inscribed on it. They'd know he was a real Montana cowboy all right." (Ida S. Rigg — W. T. 3-6-42)

KISKA, Vendell Vendell and Catheron Kiska left Czechoslovakia in 1905 and came to the United States. They moved from Mississippi to Wisconsin and finally to Montana. They settled west of Valentine on the Spiroff place.

They had seven children — Anna (1895), Emily (1898) Mary (1900), John (1902), Margaret (1905), Vendell (1906), and Andrew (1908).

Mary Kiska married Ilio Phillips, who had a homestead just east of Valentine. (See also PHILLIPS)

KRAFDEN, Egnatius (Sec 19-20-27) Egnatius Krafden was born in Odessa, Russia. He settled north of Crooked Creek and south of the Wartzluft place after coming over from Russia. He had been herding sheep for many years and was working for Tom Iverson when he died. Brooding over his ill health and conditions in Russia, he committed suicide with a 30-06 rifle. His body was

found by Vane Phillips in the cabin he was living in at Iversons. He died in October 1941 and is buried at Lewistown.

LAMBERT, Edward G. (Sec 29-18-25) Edward G. and Anna Lambert and family moved from Indiana to Montana about the same time as the Clifford Clark family. They lived about nine miles southwest of Valentine. Their holdings were later acquired by Clifford Clark.

The Lamberts had three children — Elsie, Clarence and Hartley. Hartley had homesteaded about three miles east of his parents. Elsie married Leonard Martz. (See also MARTZ)

LANE, William E. (Sec 22-17-27) William E. Lane, son of Peter and Mary Elizabeth Lane, was born November 6, 1870, in West Plains, Missouri. He came to Butte, Montana, from Missouri in a covered wagon in 1892. He homesteaded in the Valentine area in 1898 and was one of the earliest settlers of that area.

In 1906 he got the bid on the first mail route between Valentine and Edgewater (known now as the Forbes Leslie Ranch).

Blanche May Long was born in 1886 in Woodland, Washington. She and William were married in Lewistown in 1912. They had five children — Peter, Elwin, Homer, Franklin and Nettie — all born at Valentine.

They lived on the homestead for many years before moving to Winnett. William helped with spring lambing at the Wiggins Ranch near Flatwillow for several years. In early spring of 1952 he moved back to the homestead alone. He died of a heart attack on June 4, 1952, at his cabin. He was buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Blanche Long died in 1967 and is buried in Woodland, Washington. (Franklin Lane, son)

LEROY, Charley (Sec 25-19-27) Charley Leroy was a bachelor, a mysterious and secretive fellow. He left his cabin every spring, returning to it late every fall. If there was a stranger at the post office, Charley would hide around the hill until the stranger left. He would then come in after his mail and ask who it was and what he wanted.

Sometimes he would mention Chicago gangsters or G-men from Chicago. One such time was on a late fall day. He came after his accumulation of summer mail and remarked that he thought the Chicago gangsters had him for sure that morning. When asked why, he told of putting some eggs on to boil. When the water got hot, they started popping just like a bunch of shots. He was very indignant at the neighbors who had guaranteed the eggs to be fresh when sold to him in the spring, just before he left for the summer. He insisted he had put them in a cool place so they should have been okay if they had been fresh to start with.

One fall in the late 1940s he didn't return. Word came from up north of a mysterious drowning and all that was found was the name Charley Leroy in the pocket of his clothes. (Marguerite Coffey Cook — W. T. 7-16-64)

LEWIS, Andrew Andrew and Emma Lewis lived east of Valentine. They had one son, Andrew E., born in 1901. (W. T. 1-2-25) "Andy E. Lewis and Florence Mae Messenger were married in Lewistown December 16th. The groom is son of Mrs. Emma Lewis and the bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Messenger. The couple are well known in eastern Fergus County and will make their home on his mother's place east of Valentine."

LEWIS, Bernard Bernard Lewis, son of William and Jenny Lewis, was born in 1906 in Albia, Iowa. He came to Valentine with his brother and parents in 1912.

Bernard tells the story of how he saw Montana for the first time. "I had been seeing long passenger trains and 100-car freight trains going at high speeds through our town of Albia all my life. They were headed from Chicago, Illinois, to Denver, Colorado, on the Burlington route. You could hear the whistles for eight miles.

"My first view of Montana country looked to me to be a land of cutbanks, many colored buttes, sage brush, and buffalo grass prairies. Valentine was very small, and the country didn't look like Iowa. It seemed very vast and open."

Bernard and Ronald stayed on the homestead and farmed until the dry years of the 1930s made them decide to leave the Valentine area. Bernard and his mother moved to a ranch east of Lewistown, Montana, known as the Weingart place. In 1959 he married Ethel Kerns and they have one daughter, Monica. Bernard and Ethel still reside on a part of the ranch just east of Lewistown. (Bernard Lewis)

LEWIS, Marvin (W. T. 12-9-21) "Last Friday at Lewistown, Lucy Kelley and Marvin Lewis were married. They are well liked in this community and everybody wishes them a long and happy life. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had a dance last Saturday night in honor of the newlyweds." (See also LEWIS — Blakeslee)

LEWIS, Ronald Ronald Lewis, son of William and Jenny Lewis, was born in 1903 in Albia, Iowa. He came to Valentine with his brother and parents in 1912. He farmed with Bernard, his brother, on the farm at Valentine for many years. They acquired quite a bit of land as other homesteaders gave up and left for other areas. In 1922 they purchased a new Fordson tractor and later bought a used one, to be able to farm more acres.

In the dry 1930s the Lewis brothers decided to leave Valentine. They leased land in the Snowy Mountains in 1936, but by 1938, after the dry years, they found that crops no longer matured so near the mountains. Ronald, who by now had married Helen Housel, leased the Housel Ranch near Casino Creek. (Bernard Lewis)

LEWIS, William H. (Sec 35-18-26) William H. Lewis and wife, Anne Jane "Jenny" came from Albia, Iowa, in 1912, to take up a homestead at Blood Creek about four miles east of Valentine. William and Jenny Lewis traveled by Burlington Railroad from Albia, Iowa, to Judith Gap



Community gathering — Back row: Everett Lane, Rob Sinclair, Paul Hagen, Bernard Lewis, Mary Phillips, Jenny Lewis. 2nd row: Vane Phillips, Ilio Phillips, John Sinclair, Isadeen Sinclair. 3rd row: Della Sinclair, Lola Sinclair, Ronald Lewis

junction which was the end of the line. With them were their two sons — Ronald aged nine, and Bernard aged six — and Mrs. Lewis' father, Archie Sinclair.

After many weary days on the train, they finally arrived at Judith Gap junction, where they changed to the Jawbone Line to go to Lewistown. John and Robert Sinclair, Mrs. Lewis's brothers, met them at Lewistown. After a few days rest in Lewistown, the men loaded the Lewis's belongings and supplies in the Sinclair wagon drawn by a four-horse team, and they started off to their new home about eighty miles east. After better than two days, they finally arrived at the John Sinclair homestead.

William staked out a flat area near the Sinclair homesteads. He wanted land that looked as much like Iowa as possible. To make it legal, he had to go back to Lewistown to file on it as his homestead. He completed their cabin in 1913.

Mrs. Lewis was a school teacher and taught her sons at home until the Long School was constructed in 1914. There were many homesteaders in the area by then so now the children had a new school to attend.

William and Jenny Lewis and their family continued to ranch and farm on their homestead. They enjoyed their work, their neighbors, their community, and above all "life" in the homestead years.

William Lewis died in 1930 at his homestead. Jenny Lewis continued to farm the homestead with her sons until about 1936, when she moved with her son, Bernard, to the Lewistown country and spent the rest of her life there. (Bernard Lewis, son)

LIND, Clyde Clyde Lind was a brother of Mrs. Paul Hagen. He served in the horse brigade in France in World War I. He lived on the Newman place near Dovetail for a few years, then moved to the Valentine area where he ran horses.

Clyde married Mrs. Addie Bevis in 1926, and they made their home at Valentine for several years.

(W. T. 6-2-1927) "Clyde Lind was in from the Valentine country last Tuesday. He drove a four-horse team hitched to a wagon. Arriving at Buffalo Creek he found it nearly bank full. He remembered the days when he swam artillery horses through the rivers in France, so with a shout and a crack of the whip, he sent the team plunging in. After swimming about a block downstream, the team made shore with Clyde and the wagon not much worse for the swim.

"Clyde stated that it looked like forty bushel to the acre in the Valentine country, and that he may yet go to Paris with the American Legion next fall."

The Linds left the Valentine country and went to the west coast for several years, then came back to Cat Creek and to Winnett where they lived about 15 years. (Les Bevis)

LOESCH, George (Sec 23,25,26-18-27) George Loesch was born in Columbus, Indiana, in 1886. He came from Indiana where his family had a tin shop. He worked on road jobs at the time roads were built with teams of horses.

Mary Chaffin was born March 8, 1867. She came as a small child with her parents in a covered wagon from Missouri to Park City, Montana. She was married to Fred West and they had one child, Everett West, born in Park City (9-19-1891). Fred West died at Fromberg, Montana, in 1901 and is buried there.

Mrs. West worked as a cook on a number of road crews. She met George Loesch on one of these jobs, and they were married in 1914. They moved to Dovetail when the country was opened for homesteading and picked out a place for themselves probably in 1914.

They were a hard-working couple and ran cattle, sheep and some horses. They always had time for a cup of coffee and a visit if neighbors came by, or if a young cowboy stopped for a drink of cold water from the well for himself and his horse. They remained at the ranch at Dovetail until their ill health forced them to move to Winnett in 1946. They turned over the operation of the ranch to Curt West, their grandson.

George Loesch died in 1949 and Mary died in 1950. They are buried at the Winnett Cemetery.

Curtis West inherited Loesch's ranch and ran it for several years before selling it to Robert Weingart. (Ethel West Peters, granddaughter)

LONG, Charley W. (Sec 35-18-26) Charley W. and Anne Long came to the Dovetail area in 1913. They had been neighbors of the William Lewis family and of the John and Robert Sinclair families in Iowa.

Charley, being an accomplished horseman, decided to make the trip with three covered wagons pulled by two teams of large draft horses and one team of large mules. He drove the lead team himself and got two venturesome young men (David Craft and Charley Major) to drive the others.

They came by way of Jordan, crossed the Musselshell River at Mecaha, then up the 79 freight trail to Valentine.



Long School — Back row: Bill Hailstone, Viola Sinclair, Margaret Hailstone, Ruth Stephens (teacher). 2nd row: Jeane Hagen, Lewis Phillips, Elwin Lane. 3rd row: Wanda Sinclair, Homer Lane, unknown, Edwin Barnett and George Phillips

As they came down out of the Valentine hills and approached the flat lands, they saw three men, William Lewis and sons, digging postholes. Charley drove the wagon up to them and said, "Hiya Bill. So this is the Promised Land. It sure is beautiful grassland."

Longs picked a homestead close by, just south of Blood Creek, and built their home there. They gave land to build the first schoolhouse, which was known as the Long School, District #168. The school was finished in the spring of 1914, just in time for a dance on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. Charley also helped lay out the roads in the area. In 1922-23 Longs sold their homestead and livestock and moved to the growing town of Winnett. They owned a hotel building and a livery stable in Winnett for many years.

Charley and Anne had six children — Blanch, Pearl, Myrtle, Lloyd, Maggie, and Susan. Lloyd was killed in a riding accident in his teens. The other children married and are living in other places in Montana. Charley, Anne, and Lloyd are all buried in the Winnett Cemetery. (Bernard Lewis)

LONT, Edwin (Sec 35-18-27) Ed Lont and his wife, Maggie, lived close to the Lon Turner place. They had no children. They moved back to the Lewistown area and Ed herded sheep for ranchers around that area for many years. They both passed away and are buried at Lewistown. (Myrtle J. Lefferts, niece)

LUND, Kjestine (Sec 34-19-26) Kjestine Lund was born in Denmark in 1890. When she was twenty-one, she came with her brother Peter to the home of her dad's cousin in Iowa. The cousin helped her find work. She worked as a hired girl on farms in Iowa. The farms where



Kjestine Lund

she worked usually had a sickly person to care for.

In 1912 she and Peter heard about the free land in Montana, so they left Iowa to come to Montana. They found land in the Valentine area. Peter built a house and Kjestine stayed with him and did the cooking and washing for six months out of a year. During the other six months, she would work for wages either on the Dengel Ranch near Grassrange or in a boarding house called Huffman's in Lewistown. Peter fenced Kjestine's homestead for her and broke up the required number of acres in exchange for her help.

After five years, when the homestead became her own, Kjestine went to Kansas City and to California to work. She worked as a maid for rich people. She told about the little cap she wore and of eating in the kitchen away from the family.

When she was about forty-five years old, she went to work as a cook at the Masonic Home in Helena. She retired from that job after twenty years.

Kjestine loved to travel. She made at least nine trips back to her native Denmark. Sometimes she would take side trips which took her to many of the countries in Europe.

After her retirement she made her home with her sister Nikoline and brother-in-law, Ray Marr. During this time she resumed her hobby of painting landscapes. She also learned china painting for an additional hobby, giving away her plates to her many friends. She also enjoyed growing flowers.

Kjestine remained active until about five months before her death, when it became necessary for her to go to a nursing home. She passed away shortly before her 96th birthday in 1986. She kept her land until her death. It is now leased to Monte Lund (no relation). (Gunda Sikveland Lewis)



Lars Lund

LUND, Lars (Sec 25-19-26) Lars Lund, youngest brother of Peter Lund, Kjestine Lund and Nikoline Marr, was born in 1899 and came to the United States from Denmark in 1919. His older brother, Kristian, had returned home from World War I. Lars was not needed on the family farm. Kjestine, his sister, was home for a visit, so Lars decided to go back to America with her. At this time, Kjestine was employed in Kansas City, Kansas. Kjestine worked as a maid for well-to-do people at this time. Lars found employment in a factory. Between factory jobs he came west to visit his sister, Nikoline, and to work for his brother-in-law, Ray Marr, during harvest. At one time, he had decided to go back to Denmark, but a stroke of fate prevented him from doing this. He was robbed of the money he had saved, so he had to stay and work longer in Kansas City.

After some years of working, he decided to buy some land near Ray Marr's place. He bought a small tract and began farming in 1926.

In 1929 Miss Nora Kinsella, born in 1903, came from Minot, North Dakota to teach the Dovetail School. She boarded at Tom Iversons. She met Lars at Iversons. Helen Wagar, the teacher Nora replaced, and Andrew Iverson had just been married. Kjestine and Lars Lund came to visit them. Consequently, Lars and Nora were introduced and began keeping company. Nora continued to teach at Dovetail, and in the spring of 1931 she and Lars were married in Lewistown.

After Nora married Lars, she was not permitted to teach school at the Dovetail School, so she taught the Rice School on Blood Creek.

Farming was not very profitable during the 1930s, so Lars sold his farm to Ray Marr in 1939 and resettled at Kinsey, Montana. Nora started teaching the Kinsey School in 1944 and taught there for the next twenty-five years. In 1969 they sold their place at Kinsey and bought a house in Miles City, Montana. Lars passed on in 1976. Nora still lives alone in her house in Miles City. (Gunda Sikveland Lewis)

LUND, Monte (Sec 1,14-19-27) Fred and Agnes Bauman came to Montana in 1907. They arrived at Hinsdale on the train. They had an uncle in the area and stayed with him for awhile. They lived in various parts of the state before coming to the ranch 20 miles east of Roy, Montana, in 1913. They homesteaded there. They had two children, Harold and Alice. Harold Bauman never married and still lives at the home ranch.

Alice married Gus Lund in 1927. They had one son, Monte. Gus died in 1929. In 1934 Alice married Earl Adams and lived on the Musselshell River. They had one daughter, Dolly. Alice and the children later returned to the home ranch.

In 1959 Monte Lund rented the Jim Jackson place on Dovetail Creek and lived there for five years. In 1962 they bought the Eldon Phillips place in the Valentine area.

In 1961 Monte married Donna Williams, who was teaching at Valentine. They have two children. Tye is working on the ranch with his folks. Terrena married Jim Young. They worked for Earl Brady for several years and are now near Big Timber. (See also YOUNG — Brush Creek)

Fred died in the late 1940s. Agnes passed away in 1966. Alice died in August of 1986. The home ranch has been in the family for 75 years and four generations. Over the years they neighbored with the people of the Valentine and Dovetail area. They often did business in Winnett and participated in many events in Petroleum County. (Donna Lund)

LUND, Peter (Sec 34-19-26) Peter Lund, born in Denmark in 1888, came from Denmark in 1911 to the home of his father's cousin in Iowa. In 1912 he and his sister heard about the free land in Montana, so they left Iowa to come to Montana. They picked out homesteads about half way between Valentine and Dovetail. Peter built a house and Kjestine stayed with him, doing all the cooking and washing.

In 1928 Pete married Dorothy Rice (1904), daughter of



Pete Lund and sister, Nikoline Marr

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rice. (See also RICE — Ashley)

Around 1935 they moved from Dovetail to Sand Point, Idaho, where they raised their family and remained for the rest of their lives.

They had seven children — Pete Jr., Dorothy, Evelyn (deceased), Rita, Jerry, Ray and Rodney. Jerry drowned and Ray lives in Alaska, but the other four live in Idaho or Washington. (Gunda Sikveland Lewis)

MARINOFF, Chris Chris Marinoff was born in 1895 in Bulgaria. He and his brother came to homestead in the Valentine country in 1913. His brother returned to Bulgaria. Chris was naturalized in 1920.

Elsie Boneff came from Bulgaria, with her brother when she was fifteen. They met their father in Waterloo, Iowa, where he had come several years before.

Chris Marinoff ordered Elsie as a bride from a mail-order catalog. Elsie took a train to Harlowton and Chris met the train. They were married at Harlowton, took the train to Lewistown, then walked out to Chris' homestead near Valentine. Shortly after she filed on a nearby homestead, they moved to Great Falls where Chris worked in the smelter. They had three children born in Great Falls — Rose Mary (died shortly after birth), Ben and June. When June was a baby they returned to the homestead.

Elsie's father, Ben Boneff, and brother, Yrdan Boneff, came from Waterloo and filed on adjoining homesteads.

Chris raised sheep for several years. They moved into the Greyhairs house which had three rooms and two cellars. There were four more children born to the family — Martha, Jim, Joe, and Janie. These babies were all born at the ranch with the help of Mrs. Shaughnessy, who was a midwife.

The children went to a country school 2½ miles away. Ben, June, Martha, Jim and Joe went to Winnett High School, and Janie went to Roy High School.

Chris went to work for the railroad at Winnett in 1946, then transferred to Lewistown, Montana, where he was hit by a train and killed in 1951.

Elsie continued to live with her boys on the ranch almost until her death in 1986.

Ben served four years in the armed services during World War II, then returned to the ranch where he, Jim and Joe still live. None of the boys ever married. June lived with her husband, Don Conolly, at Valentine until after Don's death. She now lives in Lewistown. She had four children. (See also CONOLLY) Martha lived in Great Falls, then the Fort Benton area. She has five children. Janie lives in Tacoma, Washington, and she has three children. (June Marinoff Conolly, daughter)

Arlee Conolly Richards wrote this about her grandmother: "My grandmother, Elsie Marinoff, gardened, canned and preserved all the family's food. One of my fondest memories is of her root cellar chock-full of food. I can still see her six-foot braids of onions hanging there."



Class at Long School: Tom Hanson, LeRoy Barnett, Austin Barnett, Stanley Phillips, Bill Hanson, Benny Marinoff, Dick Hanson. Front row: June Marinoff, Martha Marinoff, and Virginia Hanson

MARR, Frank (Sec 30-19-27) Frank Marr came from Utica, Nebraska. He had been around Lewistown working as a timekeeper for "Pick-handle" Burke. His brother Ray and he decided to take up a homestead. (See also MARR, Ray) Ray Marr said the first year that he and his brother batched on the homestead, they ate 400 pounds of sugar. Besides all of that sugar, they also ate a lot of molasses. They would have molasses pie for dessert. When asked how he made the pie, Ray said with molasses and cornstarch baked in a pie shell.

While Frank was on the homestead he met Ione McDougall whose family also came from Nebraska to homestead. Ione and Frank were married in Butte in 1917. After a while, Frank and Ione moved to Lewistown. Frank owned and operated the Empire Cigar Store until he retired. Frank and Ione had two children — Frank S. Marr, now of Sun City, Arizona; and Betty Jane (Dowler) who died in 1983.

Frank's homestead was bought by Ray Marr and is now in the Warren Weaver Ranch. Frank and Ione both passed away within one month of each other in 1969.



Nikoline and Ray Marr

MARR, Ray (Sec 31-19-27) Ray Marr was born to Bill and Laurena Marr in Utica, Nebraska. He was one of six boys. He went to grade school in Utica and worked on the family farm.

In 1912 he came to Montana. His brother Frank Marr was already in Montana. They decided to take up a homestead. They went to Grassrange and a man there offered to locate them. After they were located they went back to Nebraska. In the spring of 1913 they brought in an emigrant car full of machinery and other necessities. Ray remembered that his mother sent a bushel basket of homemade buns with them on the train.

Nikoline Lund was born in Denmark. She came to Iowa in 1913 to a cousin of her father's. She worked as a hired girl in Iowa for a year. Her brother Peter Lund, who had a homestead in the Valentine country, wrote to her about homesteading. Nikoline and her sister Kjestine decided to get a homestead near their brother, Peter. Nikoline came to Montana in 1914. She proved up on a homestead and also worked as a hired girl on the Dengel Ranch and as a hired girl for different people in Lewistown. When she worked on the Dengel Ranch, she had to cook for 24 people, besides doing the washing for the current schoolteacher. She and the schoolteacher shared a cabin on the ranch. Because she homesteaded near where Frank and Ray Marr had a homestead, she soon met Ray. Ray and Nikoline were married in Lewistown on October 23, 1916.

Ray and Nikoline built a fine ranch on Dovetail Creek. Their ranch included the homesteads of Ray and Frank Marr, Nikoline, and Peter Lund. Monte Lund (no relation) leases Kjestine's homestead.

The Marrs lived on Dovetail Creek until 1950. At this time they leased their place to Torger Sikveland and moved to a smaller place on Casino Creek out of Lewistown. They continued to live there until 1970. In the fall of 1970 they moved into Lewistown.

Ray and Nikoline lived long active lives. Ray passed away February 28, 1988, four days before his 97th birthday. Nikoline at age 96 is still living in her home.

Roy Weaver bought the Marr place in 1960 and later sold it to his son Warren. Warren and his family make their home on the property. (Gunda Sikveland Lewis)

MARSH, Clifford and Samuel (Sec 27-18-25) Clifford Marsh and his father, Samuel, homesteaded seven or eight miles south of Valentine on Sage Creek. Two brothers, Otto and Raymond, also homesteaded nearby.

Clifford and his wife, Opal, had two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, Irene, married Webb Stephens. Opal, now widowed, lives at Livingston, Montana.

MARSH, Otto (Sec 33-18-25) Little is known about Otto Marsh. The following clipping demonstrates just one more problem faced by the homesteaders.

(W. T. 6-24-21) "On Monday of this week, a lost ad was inserted in the Times for a white-faced, bay gelding, by

Otto Marsh of Valentine. Tuesday evening, Carl Bjorhus met a short, heavy-set man, about 38 years of age, wearing good clothes with a white collar, and with a six shooting gun on his hip. This was south of Jitney near Smith Crossing and Box Elder Creek.

"The horse he rode corresponded to the description of the bay gelding advertised by Marsh. The man stopped Bjorhus and asked him several impudent questions as to where he was going, what he was doing, and where had he come from. He was also driving three other saddle horses ahead of him, all of which were lathered from the terrific speed he was driving them. He stated that he had to make thirty miles the other side of Mosby that night, but Bjorhus was of the opinion that from the condition of the horses he would be unable to do so.

"Inasmuch as Winnett has not been selected as a point for a deputy sheriff, and it was impossible to get telephonic connection with Lewistown, no action was taken.

"It would seem that the sheriff of the county should appoint a resident deputy to be located in Winnett to handle such rush affairs in the eastern part of the county. The way things now stand, a horse thief could hit the North Dakota line before there would be any possibility of getting the proper authorities on his trail."

MARSH, Raymond (Sec 27-18-25) Raymond Marsh and his wife, Viola, lived on Sage Creek near the homesteads of his brothers and his father. They had one son, Verle, who lives in South Dakota.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh

MARSHALL, Richard (See TWO CROW RANCH)

MARTZ, Leonard R. (Sec 30-18-25) Leonard R. Martz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Martz, was born in 1891 at Le Roy, Minnesota. He homesteaded with his folks in 1913. He served in World War I. In 1921 he married Elsie Lambert, daughter of a neighboring homesteader, and they moved to Olympia, Washington. They had two children, Ann Chadwick and Merle Martz. (Lewistown Daily News — 10-10-65)

MATHESON, John (Sec 26,27-20-27) John Matheson was the first settler on the place now known as the Horse Camp on Crooked Creek. Roy Hanson went into partnership with him. They were both horsemen and ran horses. Roy bought the place later. In 1932 or 1933 John Hedman bought the horse camp property. (Henry Hedman)

McBRIDE, Eli (Sec 28,29-18-27) Eli and Blanche McBride homesteaded in the Dovetail area in about 1914. Blanche was a sister of Mrs. Chris Egeland. They had 12 children. They moved from Dovetail to the Forestgrove area, probably in 1919.

In the Dovetail-Valentine school census for 1917 and 1918 were found the names of four of the children: Dolores born in March of 1912; Fay born in April of 1913; Byron born in May of 1914; and Dona born in March of 1917. (See also McALLISTER — Winnett)

Mrs. McBride died in 1962, and Mr. McBride moved to the Havre area. (Clara Egeland Hill, niece)

McDONALD, Augustus (Sec 23,24-17-26) Augustus McDonald married Jennie Tunnicliff, daughter of Henry and Ellen Tunnicliff, in 1907. In 1917 they bought a place north of Winnett, next to Charley and Pete Tunnicliff, Jennie's brothers. (See also TUNNICLIFF — Ashley) They moved from the homestead to California in about 1932.

They had six children — Mabel (1908), Pauline (1910), Margaret (1912), Ruth (1916), Helen (1921) and Ronald (1925). (Mary Ida Gill, niece)

McDOUGALL, Katie H. Katie H. McDougall came from Nebraska with her three children, Ione (9-21-1894), Dewey (6-2-1899) and Harry (10-9-1893) and homesteaded on the ridge above Valentine, across the road from Nikoline, Kjestine, and Peter Lunds' places.

Ione McDougall married Frank Marr in Butte, Montana, in 1917. Frank and Ione both died in 1969. (See also MARR) (Gunda Sikveland Lewis)

McENEANEY, T. B. (Sec 6-17-25) T. B. McEneaney lived ten miles west of Valentine on the old south Roy-Valentine road. Mr. McEneaney's place is now part of the Southworth Ranch. T. B.'s brother, William, lived on Box Elder near the Staff School.

McFARREN, Otto (Sec 33-18-27) Otto McFarren was born May 7, 1888, in Nebraska. In 1914 he came to Grassrange on an immigrant train. He filed for a homestead south of Dovetail.

Margaret Johnson was born June 23, 1896, in La Follette, Tennessee. She came to Grassrange in 1914 with her parents and grandparents when she was eighteen. She filed on an unproved claim in 1916 near Yellow Water. Her family went back to Tennessee in 1917.

Otto and Margaret met in Hilger where Otto was working on a treshing crew, and Margaret was working in a cafe. They were married July 4, 1917.

Otto and Margaret had seven children — Edith, Ethel, Elin, Esther, Evelyn, Chester Carl, and Floyd Robert. Esther was the first baby born (November 5, 1924) in the new Petroleum County.



Margaret and Otto McFarren

McFarren's homestead was at the base of the Dovetail-Valentine Ridge on the south, on the Dovetail road to Winnett. The hill to the top of the ridge was a tough one when muddy or icy, so many times Otto had to take his team of horses and pull people up the hill. This hill is still known as the McFarren hill.

One cold bitter morning, about 25 below, Mr. McFarren jumped out of bed and started up the fires, put a big teakettle of water on to heat, then went back to bed to wait for the house to warm up. After a time, they heard an odd noise, sort of a splat-hiss, so they got up to see where the noise came from. They found that as the water in the teakettle boiled, the steam had risen to the ceiling and formed icicles. As the house warmed the icicles were melting and the water drops were falling back on the stove!

Edith attended the Dovetail School for one year and the Long School for one year before her folks left the Dovetail area. They moved to Winnett for one year, then to Yellow Water for a time where the children went to the Stroup School, then back to Winnett.

Mrs. McFarren worked for a time at the Leader Hotel, then leased the hotel for three years. (The story is told when the first train came to Winnett in 1917 the hotel was full, so they hung a blanket between the beds to divide the room and then charged \$3.00 for each bed.)

Otto helped build a road from Winnett to Mosby across the Musselshell River, using teams of horses. When the bridge across the river was built, a dance was held on the bridge as an opening celebration.

They left Petroleum County in 1936 and moved to Shepherd, Montana. Otto died July 23, 1976. Margaret lives with her daughter, Evelyn Lile, in Billings, Montana. Ethel and Esther have both passed away. Edith McFarren Hunter lives at Shepherd. Elin McFarren Wambolt lives in Billings; Carl McFarren and Floyd McFarren both live in Billings, also. (Floyd McFarren, son) (See also JOHNSON — Flatwillow; McFARREN — Flatwillow and Winnett)

McGUIRE, Perry A. (Sec 21,22-18-27) Perry McGuire homesteaded in the Dovetail area about 1917 or 1918. He sold out his holdings and left in about 1923. About a