

Enos Vernon Detweiler

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Enos Vernon Detwiler was born in 1902 in North Dakota. He went by his middle name Vernon. During the Nazi rule of World War II, many streets and towns changed their names to sound more English. To avoid being associated with Germany, Vernon Detwiler changed the spelling of his last name from Detweiler to Detwiler.

Vernon married Sara Kurtz, who was born in 1909 in Pennsylvania. They were married in Maryland on May 10, 1930. Together Vernon and Sarah had three children: Mildred, Elbert, and Carolyn. Vernon worked as a dry-waller and was very successful. He retired from a successful career as a dry-waller to try farming.

Vernon bought a farm in Westover, Maryland in 1945, and moved his family out to the Eastern Shore. There he was a member of the Holy Grove Mennonite Church. His farm was not very successful and he was forced to sell most of it. The remaining land was rented out to farmers. With the money from the sold property, Vernon bought a house in Florida, living there during the winters. He then took up a successful career at dry-walling again back in Maryland. This was his occupation for the remainder of his life. Vernon died on October 24th, 1993.

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