# Descendants of SARAH CATHERINE BONE as of 9 June 2006

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Generation No. 1

**1.** SARAH CATHERINE<sup>30</sup> BONE (*ADAM*<sup>29</sup>, *CYRUS*<sup>28</sup>, *JOHN CRAWFORD*<sup>27</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>26</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>25</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>24</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>23</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>22</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>21</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>20</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>19</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>18</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>17</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>16</sup> *LEBON*, *JOHN*<sup>15</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>14</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>13</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>1</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>11</sup>, *RICHARD LEBON*<sup>10</sup> *DE BOHUN*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>9</sup> *DEBOHUN*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>8</sup> *DEBOHON*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>7</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>4</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>4</sup>, *HUMPHREY THE*<sup>3</sup> *GREAT*, *HUMPHREY THE*<sup>2</sup> *OLD*, *RICHARD OF*<sup>1</sup> *MARY*)<sup>1,2</sup> was born 09-December-1838 in Warren Co., near Lebanon, Ohio, and died 22-March-1909 in Wheeling, Carroll County, Indiana. She married ISAAC NEWTON WAGONER<sup>3,4,5</sup> 22-September-1864 in Carroll Co., IN, son of MARTIN WAGONER and ROSANNA MARTIN. He was born 15-September-1838 in Carrollton Twnsp, Carroll Co. Indiana<sup>6</sup>, and died 16-July-1924 in Carrollton Twnsp, Carroll Co. Indiana.

Notes for SARAH CATHERINE BONE:

Sarah Catherine moved with her parents and two brothers to Carroll County,

Indiana in the Fall of 1846

#### DEATH OF AGED WHEELING LADY MARCH 22ND

Sarah Catherine Bone--Wagoner died March 22, 1909 at her home in Wheeling, Ind., aged 70 years, 3 months and 13 days. She was born near lebanon, Ohio, December 9, 1838. She moved with her parents and two brothers to Carroll County, Ind., in the fall of 1846. She united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Wheeling, Indiana, in the year 1852, during the ministry of Rev. S.T. Stewart, being a member fifty-seven years. She was married to Isaac N. Wagoner September 22, 1864. To this union two cfhildren were born, Orion M. and Zulema. She leaves a husband, two children, six grandchildren, four brothers, two sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. N.W. Clark, assisted by Rev. O.L. Prentice of Flora. Scripture reading the 16th Psalm text, the 11th verse. Interment in the Deer Creek Cemetery.

Father, Children, Brothers, Sisters, those who mourn in spirit, there is only one true source of consolation that we shall meet those we love in another and better world where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

More About SARAH CATHERINE BONE:

Address (Facts Pg): 1900, Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana

Baptism: 1852, Cumberland Presbyterian at Wheeling

Burial: Deer Creek, Carroll County, IN

Individual Note: 1880, Census shows she was going by the name Catherine

Notes for ISAAC NEWTON WAGONER:

Isaac was drafted during the Civil War but did not go. He paid for a substitute to go in his place.

#### OBITUARY FROM THE FLORA PAPER

#### ISAAC NEWTON WAGONER, EARLY PIONEER, CALLED AWAY

Following an 8-weeks illness Isaac Wagoner, one of the early pioneer residents of Carrollton Township, died at his home just south of Wheeling school house at midnight Wednesday. He had been bedfast about a week and death was due to infirmities of old age. Funeral services will be held this (Saturday) morning at ten o'clock at the Wheeling Presbyterian church conducted by the pastor, Rev. A.R. Jones and Rev. Steen, of Ladoga. Interment will be made at the Deer Creek cemetery.

Isaac Newton Wagoner, one of twelve children of Martin and Rosanna Wagoner, was born in Carrollton township on September 15, 1834, making him at his demise 89 years, 10 months and 1 day of age. All his life had been spent in Carrollton township and for the almost 90 years he had witnessed marvelous transformations within its borders. He had seen the wild forests of the early days change into some of the most fertile fields in Indiana; he had witnessed the many improvements of the many years and had been instrumental in doing his part in making Carrollton township one of the leading agricultural spots of Carroll County. Although he was drafted during the Civil War he was unable to go but sent a substitute in his place. On September 22, 1864, he was united in marriage to Sarah C. Bone, who died 16 years ago last spring. To this union two children were born, both still living. They are Orien Wagoner, well known farmer of east of the city and Mrs. James Bridge, with whom he made his home. He also leaves two brothers, David Wagoner, of east of the city and William Wagoner of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and a large legion of friends to mourn his departure. Since early manhood deceased had been a member of the Wheeling Presbyterian church.

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## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ISAAC NEWTON WAGONER

I, Isaac N. Wagoner, being of sound and disposing mind and memory to make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Item one, I first direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Item two, after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, I give, bequeath and devise to my son Orion Wagoner and my daughter Zulema Bridge all the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal, to be theirs absolutely and forever.

Item three, I nominate Harrison W. Barber as executor of this, my last will and testament.

Witness my hand this 15th day of May, 1924.

Isaac N.Wagoner his + mark

Witness to mark: Gus A. Hall

Edna L. Redding

Signed by Isaac N. Wagoner as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us at the request of him in the of each other this 15th day of May, 1924.

Gus A. Hall

Edna L. Redding

More About ISAAC NEWTON WAGONER:

Address (Facts Pg): 1880, Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co. Indiana

Baptism: 1858, Hopewell/Cumberland Presb. Ch, Wheeling

Burial: Deer Creek Cemetery

Cause of Death (Facts Pag: old age

Living With: 1910, Daughter Zulema Bridge

Occupation: 1880, Farmer

More About ISAAC WAGONER and SARAH BONE:

Marriage: 22-September-1864, Carroll Co., IN

Children of SARAH BONE and ISAAC WAGONER are:

 $2.\ i.\ ORION^{31}$  WAGONER, b. 03-January-1869, Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., IN; d. 22-November-1944, Flora, Carroll Co, IN.

3. ii. ZULEMA WAGONER, b. 12-April-1876, Carrollton Twsp., Carroll County, Indiana; d. 06-March-1951, Fairview Hospital, LaPorte, Indiana.

#### Generation No. 2

**2.** ORION<sup>31</sup> WAGONER (*SARAH CATHERINE*<sup>30</sup> *BONE*, *ADAM*<sup>29</sup>, *CYRUS*<sup>28</sup>, *JOHN CRAWFORD*<sup>27</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>26</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>25</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>24</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>23</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>22</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>21</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>20</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>19</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>18</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>17</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>16</sup> *LEBON*, *JOHN*<sup>15</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>14</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>13</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>12</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>11</sup>, *RICHARD LEBON*<sup>10</sup> *DE BOHUN*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>9</sup> *DEBOHUN*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>8</sup> *DEBOHON*, *HUMPHREY*<sup>7</sup> *DE BOHON*, *HENRY*<sup>6</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>5</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>4</sup>, *HUMPHREY THE*<sup>3</sup> *GREAT*, *HUMPHREY THE*<sup>2</sup> *OLD*, *RICHARD OF*<sup>1</sup> *MARY*)<sup>7,8</sup> was born 03-January-1869 in Jackson Twp., Carroll Co., IN, and died 22-November-1944 in Flora, Carroll Co, IN<sup>9</sup>. He married Martha Louanne Eikenberry <sup>10,11</sup> 02-March-1892 in Carroll Co., IN, daughter of HENRY EIKENBERRY and SUSAN SMOYER. She was born 13-September-1869 in Monroe Twnsp, Carroll Co., Indiana <sup>12</sup>, and died 03-November-1930 in Carrollton Twnsp., Carroll Co., Indiana.

Notes for Orion Wagoner:

From the Flora Paper

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO ORION WAGONER; IS FOUND

Orion M. Wagoner, 75, lifelong resident of the community east of Flora, and back in the late eighties a player on the famous foot ball team coached by "Snake" Ames, was found dead at his home four and one-half miles east of the city about 10:00 Wednesday morning of last week by John Oyler, a nearby farmer

who had gone to the home. Although Wagoner had been in poor health for some time his death was unexpected to his friends. Death was due to heart trouble and he had been dead, it is thought, about ten hours. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wagoner, early pioneers of east of Flora. Upon reaching young manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Eikenberry, who had preceded him in death. In his college days he played in the Purdue line on a team that ran top-heavy scores over Michigan, Chicago and others of the top elevens of today. His picture is among the immortals of the school that adorn the Memorial gym today. He had for several years been a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian church. Surviving are one son, Laurel, east of the city; a sister, Mrs. Zulema Bridge, of Young America, and a host of friends. The body was brought to the Leiter Funeral Home to be prepared for burial and services were held there Friday afternoon at 1:30. Rev. Ramsay and Rev. Clarence Sink officiated. Burial was made in Maple lawn cemetery.

More About Orion Wagoner:

Address (Facts Pg): 1910, Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana

Burial: Carroll County, Indiana

Cause of Death (Facts Pag: Heart Attatck

Cemetery: Maple Lawn, Flora, Indiana

Education: Attended Purdue University

Individual Note: Possible middle name of Martin

Occupation: 1910, Farmer

Religion: Presbyterian

Notes for Martha Louanne Eikenberry:

OBITUARY FROM THE FLORA PAPER (1930)

#### MRS. ORIEN WAGONER DIES SUDDENLY FROM APOPLEXY

Mrs. Orien Wagoner, aged 61 years, one of the best known and most highly respected ladies of Carrollton township, passed away suddenly last Saturday evening at the family home about six miles east of Flora. Death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. She had been in ill health for some time. Complaining of being tired, Mrs. Wagoner had gone to a bedroom to rest on a day-bed. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Willard Allbaugh, a relative and neighbor, called at the home and when Mr. Wagoner went to tell her of the company he found her stricken. She expired almost immediately. The affidavits of both the husband and Mrs. Allbaugh that death was due to natural causes were substantianted in the report of County Coroner C.W. Hunter who was notified. The death coming so suddenly was a shock to her many friends.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, with Rev. H.C. Chapin, pastor fo the Flora Presbyterian church, in charge. Burial was made in Maple Lawn cemetery.

Mary Louanne Eikenberry, daughter of Henry and Susan Eikenberry, was born in Monroe township, September 13, 1869. At her demise she was 61 years, 2 months and 16 days of age. She was married to Orien Wagoner on March 2, 1892. To this union three children were born, two dying in childhood. Her entire married life had been spent on the farm where they have come through the years to enjoy the genuine hospitality. Her genial personality had drawn to her many friends, all of whom will miss her keenly. In

1894 she united with the Hopewell North Presbyterian church at Wheeling, continuing in that relationship until death. Besides the husband and one son, Laurel, the immediate relatives are two grandchildren, Raymond and Virginia Wagoner; three sisters, Mrs. Jake Kingery, of west of Bringhurst; Mrs. I.N. Landis, of east of the city and Mrs. C.W. Reiff of Idaville.

More About Martha Louanne Eikenberry:

Alternate Name: Martha Eikenberry

Burial: Carroll County, Indiana

Cause of Death: stroke

Cause of Death (Facts Pag: 1930, stroke

Cemetery: Maple Lawn, Flora, Indiana

Occupation: farm wife

More About Orion Wagoner and Martha Eikenberry:

Marriage: 02-March-1892, Carroll Co., IN

Children of Orion Wagoner and Martha Eikenberry are:

i. LEE ELLIS $^{32}$  WAGONER  $^{I3}$ , b. 15-February-1897, Carroll County, Indiana; d. 18-December-1910, Carroll County, Indiana  $^{I4}$ .

Notes for LEE ELLIS WAGONER:

OBITUARY IN FLORA PAPER

LEE WAGONER, CRIPPLE SINCE INFANCY, DIES HOME PARENTS

Lee Ellis Wagoner, eldest son of Orion M. and Martha Louanna Wagoner, was born February 15, 1897, died December 18, 1910; aged 13 years, 10 months and 3 days.

The death of Lee was the second death in Mr. Wagoner's family, his mother having died several months ago. It was the first death in Mrs. Wagoner's family. Few families so large can say as much. From the cradle to the grave Lee was afflicted with pecular and painful bodily ailments. Everything that could be done was done to relieve him, but without avail. The aid of many physicians was saught and he was faithfully ministered to by loving hands and for a time it seems that he grew stronger but only for a time. All hopes were soon blasted as he was seen to be growing weaker and weaker and his sufferings were severe until one day God said it is enough, and Lee went away to be with Christ. We can not say of him that he taught school so many years, or preached the gospel so many years, or that he was a missionary so many years, or that he did any great things that big strong men do. We cannot even say of him that he was in a certain grade at school doing better work than any boy of his age, as is sometimes said of strong healthy boys. He did not have the body or physical strength to give his mind a chance. And yet, he did his work. He fulfilled his mission; His tasks are done. His garb of toil is laid aside and he is of that great company that have gone up through great tribulation and he wears a white robe and a crown of rejoicing. He had so much patience in suffering, was always cheerful, had a smile for everyone, loved everyone so much and was loved in return. He drew out the sympathies of his parents.......

More About LEE ELLIS WAGONER:

Burial: Carroll County, Indiana

Cemetery: Maple Lawn, Flora, Indiana

 ROY NEWTON WAGONER<sup>15</sup>, b. 26-April-1900, Carroll County, Indiana; d. 16-September-1912, Carroll County, Indiana.

Notes for ROY NEWTON WAGONER:

OBITUARY FROM FLORA PAPER

#### DEATH CALLS YOUNG SON OF MR. AND MRS. ORIEN WAGONER

Death again entered the home of Mr. and Mrs Orien Wagoner in Carrollton township and closed the earthly career of Roy Newton, aged twelve years, four months and twenty days. A year ago last December another son, aged 13 years was called away. Roy took sick on Friday and although the parents realized his condition was bad, it was not thought that there was any immediate danger. The illness began with acute indigestion and later uremic poison set in and on Monday evening at seven o'clock, his eyes were closed in death and his earthly suffering ended. Besides the sorrowing parents, he leaves one brother. He was a bright young boy and will not only be greatly missed in the home, but by the entire neighborhood. He attended school at Wheeling and was a general favorite among his school-mates. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the parents during their hours of sadness. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. N.W. Clark officiating. Interment was made in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

More About ROY NEWTON WAGONER:

Burial: Carroll County, Indiana

Cemetery: Maple Lawn, Flora, Indiana

iii. LAUREL H. WAGONER<sup>15</sup>, b. 07-August-1903, Carroll County, Indiana; d. Unknown; m. MILDRED WIKEL, Abt. 1924; b. 13-July-1904, Howard County, Indiana; d. 10-March-1948, Carroll Co., Indiana.

Notes for MILDRED WIKEL:

SERVICES SATURDAY FOR MRS. WAGONER

FLORA, IND., MARCH 11---Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred M. Wagoner, will be held at the family residence, east of Flora, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Rev. Clarence Sink officiating. Burial will be made in the Maple Lawn Cemetery. The body will be returned to the residence Thursday evening where friends may call. [1948]

More About MILDRED WIKEL:

Cemetery: Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora, Ind.

More About LAUREL WAGONER and MILDRED WIKEL:

Marriage: Abt. 1924

**3.** ZULEMA<sup>31</sup> WAGONER (*SARAH CATHERINE*<sup>30</sup> *BONE, ADAM*<sup>29</sup>, *CYRUS*<sup>28</sup>, *JOHN CRAWFORD*<sup>27</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>26</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>25</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>24</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>23</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>22</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>21</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>20</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>19</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>18</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>17</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>16</sup> *LEBON, JOHN*<sup>15</sup>, *ROBERT*<sup>14</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>13</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>12</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>11</sup>, *RICHARD LEBON*<sup>10</sup> *DE BOHUN, HUMPHREY*<sup>9</sup> *DEBOHUN, HUMPHREY*<sup>5</sup> *DEBOHON, HUMPHREY DE BOHON, HENRY*<sup>6</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>5</sup>, *HUMPHREY*<sup>4</sup>, *HUMPHREY THE GREAT, HUMPHREY THE*<sup>2</sup> *OLD, RICHARD OF MARY*)<sup>16,17</sup> was born 12-April-1876 in Carrollton Twsp., Carroll

County, Indiana, and died 06-March-1951 in Fairview Hospital, LaPorte, Indiana. She married (1) GEORGE HENRY MCMANAMA <sup>18,19</sup> 11-August-1896 in Carroll Co., Indiana<sup>20</sup>, son of WILLIAM MCMANAMA and SERELDA FISCHER. He was born 10-July-1871 in Cass County, Indiana, and died 26-April-1964 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She married (2) JAMES W. BRIDGE<sup>21,22,23</sup> 25-April-1908 in Carrollton Twsp., Carroll County, Indiana, son of JOHN BRIDGE and MARGARET GATES. He was born 30-August-1857 in Deer Creek Twsp., Cass Co., Indiana<sup>24</sup>, and died 04-April-1926 in Wheeling, Carroll County, Indiana.

Notes for ZULEMA WAGONER:

FROM THE HOOSIER DEMOCRAT PAPER, FLORA, INDIANA

MRS. LEMMA BRIDGE OF YOUNG AMERICA, DIES AT LAPORTE

Following a lengthy illness, Mrs. Lemma Bridge of Young America, a native of Carroll County, died Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 at the Fairview Hospital in LaPorte. The body was brought to the Leiter Funeral Home and will be returned to the residence this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the Young America Baptist Church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:00, with the Rev. Harry Rea in charge. Burial will be made in the Deer Creek Cemetery.

Deceased was born in Carroll County on April 12, 1875 and at her death was almost 76 years of age. Her husband, James Bridge, died in 1926. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge at Young America. Survivors are four children, May Overholser, South Bend; Omer Manama, of Waterloo, Ind., Howard Manama, of East Mobile, Ill and John Bridge, of LaPorte; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. (March 8, 1951)

More About ZULEMA WAGONER:

Baptism: Presbyterian Church

Burial: 09-March-1951, Deer Creek, Carroll County, Indiana

Cause of Death: Coronary Occlusion

Cause of Death (Facts Pag: Coronary Occlusion

Residence: St. Road 29, Carroll Co., Indiana

Notes for GEORGE HENRY MCMANAMA:

Met Orphy at Marian college. They were enrolled there to learn to be teachers.

More About GEORGE HENRY MCMANAMA:

Address (Facts Pg): 1920, Monroe Twsp., Adams Co., Indiana

Burial: Decatur, Indiana

Social Security Number: 315-26-0884

Marriage Notes for ZULEMA WAGONER and GEORGE MCMANAMA:

Carroll County, Indiana

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Name: G H McManama

Spouse: Zulommia Wagonor

Marriage Date: 11 Aug 1896

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County: Carroll

More About GEORGE MCMANAMA and ZULEMA WAGONER:

Divorce: 1906

Marriage: 11-August-1896, Carroll Co., Indiana<sup>25</sup>

More About James W. Bridge:

Address (Facts Pg): 1910, Carrollton Twp, Carroll Co., Indiana

Cemetery: Deer Creek Cemetery

Individual Note: 1910, Census fails to note his first marriage

Occupation: 1910, Farmer

Residence: St. Road 29, Carroll Co., Indiana

Marriage Notes for ZULEMA WAGONER and JAMES BRIDGE:

Cass County, Indiana

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Name: James W Bridge

Spouse: Zul?? McManama

Marriage Date: 25 Apr 1968

Date: 31 Aug 1857

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County: Cass

More About James Bridge and ZULEMA WAGONER:

Marriage: 25-April-1908, Carrollton Twsp., Carroll County, Indiana

## Children of ZULEMA WAGONER and GEORGE MCMANAMA are:

i. ADAH MAE<sup>32</sup> MCMANAMA<sup>26,27,28</sup>, b. 11-May-1897, Young America, Cass County, Indiana; d. 17-August-1970, South Bend, Indiana; m. LORA LOVELL OVERHOLSER<sup>29,30,31</sup>, 25-February-1914, Carroll County, Indiana<sup>32</sup>; b. 08-December-1895, Carrollton Twp., Carroll County, Indiana; d. 10-November-1974, South Bend, Indiana.

Notes for ADAH MAE MCMANAMA:

Forty seven relatives of the late Daniel and Eliza Overholser met Sunday for the first reunion at Riverside Park. A picnic dinner was served at noon, with Wilbur Richardson, of Camden, leading in prayer. Officers elected for the next year include: Mrs. Harry Overholser, South Bend, president; Mrs. Fred Sines, Gary, vice president, and Mrs. Lora Overholser, South Bend, secretary-treasurer. The Overholser reunion will be held next year on the second sunday in June at Riverside park.

More About ADAH MAE MCMANAMA:

Address (Facts Pg): 1970, 517 E. Bowman, South Bend, Indiana

Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Osceola, Indiana

Cause of Death: Coronary Thrombosis, Coronary Arteriosclerosis

Social Security Number: 309-36-4831

Notes for LORA LOVELL OVERHOLSER:

REPRINT FROM JUNE 20, 1972 SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

This summer won't be quite the same without Ovie.

He's hung up the cap, mask and chest protector, stored the shin guards and shoes and left a void in the ranks of the city's baseball umpires.

Lora L. Overholser is the full handle, but everybody called him "Ovie" during the 46 summers he toiled on the bases and behind the plate.

He can't remember how many games he worked in an officiating career that spanned more than 56 years, the first 10 around the Logansport area, but the figure approaches 2,000, give or take a few.

In more active years, Ovie officiated high school basketball games in the winters, then divided time on both baseball and softball diamonds in the summers. He confesses that softball "never really appealed to me but I loved baseball."

And he was one of the good ones, earning the respect of coaches as well as his own umpiring fraternity. "Every ump makes bad calls," he says, "but I believed in every one I made."

Ovie first donned the small blue cap and chest protector back in 1915, a year after his graduation from Burlington High School in Carroll County, about 20 miles south of Logansport. He was a young man then, of course, and when not umpiring he played baseball in the Logansport, Kokomo and Monticello areas.

But he was lured to South Bend in 1925 when officials of the old Studebaker Athletic Association heard of his diamond prowess and hired him for one of its departmental teams. He worked at his job 37 years before retiring.

He remembers that it was fashionable then to sometimes bring into town well known players who'd perform for a game or two to help publicize the Studebaker leagues and swell the crowds at the long dismantled Lippincott Park.

He speaks with pardonable pride of once playing alongside Charley Gehringer and Lyn (Schoolboy) Rowe who later earned fame as the second baseman and pitcher of the Detroit Tigers. Ovie, normally a second baseman himself, shifted over to play shortstop. He can't recall exactly when he was a "teammate" of Gehringer, "but it was in the late '30s'".

As a high school basketball player, Overholser helped his Burlington team win the Carroll County Championship in the 1913-14 season and remembers that "only one official" worked games in those days.

"Basketball was slow moving them," he says, "and a team was lucky if it could score 25 points. We had to dribble once, then shoot or pass. When we scored, we gathered back at midfloor for a new center jump."

Back in the pre-World War II days Ovie played baseball for the late Paul T. (Pop) Frankel as well as for Studebakers. One of his teammates was Ollie Bejma who later played shortstop for the Chicago White Sox and old St. Louis Browns of the American League. Springbrook Park, later called Playland, was the site of most contests.

There was plenty of pre-War II softball around South Bend, with the City Recreation Department's leagues providing most of the action. Among the better known umps working with Ovie were Steve Fabian, Walter Watts and Penie Fink, all deceased, Barney Zoss, Ernie Moore, John Kotzenmacher and Ed (Gabby) Wentland. Only Zoss and Wentland are still active.

Umpiring was a labor of love for Ovie and it had to be because there was never much money involved. "When I started we'd get \$5 per game," he remembers. "Now it's up to \$10 and \$15 with perhaps mileage thrown in." There's no cost of living increase reflected there.

Ovie's three son's attended Riley High, a stone's toss from the family home at 517 E. Bowman St., and two of them --Lora and Buddy-- played baseball and basketball for the Wildcat's. Lora played on a sectional Championship club and Buddy once signed with the Chicago Cubs, going to spring camp with them before being farmed to Macon, Georgia.

Buddy is currently a golf professional in Saginaw, Michigan, after serving three years in a similar capacity at the Elks County Club in Benton harbor. There are also four daughters, but wife Adah Mae died a couple of years ago and the family home is fairly quite now.

Ovie doesn't plan to live with his memories. Awaiting his 76th birthday next Dec. 8 he keeps active by helping kid baseball players out, wandering over to the Riley diamond now and again for a look.

He's turned to another sport, too, horse-shoe pitching and one bookshelf in the living room is full of trophies. There are two for bowling prowess alongside them and it's easy to see that Ovie is not retiring to the old rocking chair.

He'll be missed around the city's baseball and softball diamonds.

#### FROM BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 1910-1914 BY JAMES COLONEL BROWN, 1968

"First of all, I'm going to discuss both Russell Dillon and Lora Overholser jointly, because of their close association and friendship. Russell and Lora came to Burlington High School during our senior year. Russell was a senior, Lora a junior. They came from the Wheeling High School, which did not have a senior year.

Russell was a very good and finished high school basketball player when he came to us. He fitted in well with the team, and added a very great amount of strength to it. He was a smooth, polished player, afte the manner of that day, and was a good shot at the baskets.

Lora was one of those rather rare fellows who was simply a natural born athlete. In addition to being a very good basketball player, he was good at baseball. He was very quick and very fast. He had quick hands and a sure eye, with fine muscle coordination. I think he and I worked together very well as guards. As I am sure all of you remember, I was the back guard whose job it was to break up the play as the opposing team charged toward our basket. In those days, as you know, dribbling was not permitted or practiced. The only thing we could do with the ball was to pass it and throw it or shoot baskets. If we ran with the ball, we were usually fouled by the referee, and Lora was the best high school guard that I ever saw. He was particularly adept at sensing where the opposing team would throw the ball and with his great speed, intercepting it. Had Lora been a bigger man physically, he would no doubt have made an outstanding record in the field of sports.

The last time I saw him, he said that he had played baseball with the Studebaker team for many, many years; then softball; had been a referee in basketball; an umpire in baseball; and had officiated in football for many years. He was a scout for the Chicago Cubs and he had two sons who played in the Cub system. He said that his boys were very small, and he doubted that they were big enough to make the grade with the parent Cub team. I've watched the papers, but I don't think they succeeded in becoming regulars on the "varsity."

I don't think Lora finished his fourth year at Burlington High School. Whether he had further formal education in the schools, I don't know. He said he had a happy family life, and I think, eight children. So far as I know, Lora still lives in South Bend. I would be glad to see him again. I hope that at the next anniversary meeting, in the spring of 1969, we can all be together again for the reunion. Though Lora was not technically a member of our Senior Class, he was fully accepted as a member of the basketball tam, and by adoption we will remember him as one of us."

## FROM BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION BOOK BY JAMES COLONEL BROWN, 1970

"Lora was a graduate of Burlington High School. He had his first two years at Wheeling and the last two years at Burlington where he was a star basketball player on a very strong Burlington team which included George Oyler, Orvie Harmon, Russell Dillon, Clark Metzger and Colonel Brown. Lora's wife was Miss Adah Mae McManama, a very close relative of the noted Indiana Wagner family and thus related to a large number of Carroll County people including Colonel Brown and his family.

Lora Overholser was a natural-born athlete. He was good at baseball and basketball. Upon graduating from Burlington High School, he moved to South Bend where he was employed by the Studebaker Corporation and played baseball on their noted and outstanding baseball team. He also played independent basketball for a number of years. Later he umpired baseball, refereed basketball and football and is still umpiring baseball there in South Bend. He bowls in the winter time with a very good average and is an outstanding horseshoe pitcher throughout Indiana. The Overholser's reared seven children. There were:

DEAN OVERHOLSER who is married with no children.

MARY SIDENBENDER who is married and has two sons.

CAROL JEAN VAN DE SAMPLE who is married with no children.

MARJORIE MARKS who is married and has two children.

LORA OVERHOLSER, JR. who is married and has five children.

GERRY MANTEI who is married and has three sons.

Buddy Overholser who is married and has two boys and one girl.

Two of the sons were professional baseball players in the Chicago Cub Organization. Had they been bigger physically, they no doubt would have become famous baseball players. Lora Overholser has lived a good and happy life. He has a fine family. They are good people and we are proud to acknowledge them as relatives and to have them as our friends."

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LORA LOVELL OVERHOLSER

I, Lora Lovell Overholser, a resident of the City of South Bend, County of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM I I direct that all of my just debts, including the expenses of my last illness and burial, be paid from my estate as soon as convenient after my demise.

ITEM II Should my wife, Adah Mae Overholser, survive me, I give, devise and bequeath unto her all my property and estate of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever situated and in and to which I have any right, title or interest at the time of my death.

ITEM III Should my wife, Adah Mae Overholser, fail to survive me, then and in that vent I give, devise and bequeath all of my property and estate of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever situated and in and to which I have any right, title or interest at the time of my death, to my children, Charles Dean Overholser, Mary Arlene Sidenbender, Carol Jean VanDeSample, Marjory Irene Marks, Lora Eugene Overholser, Geraldine Mantei, and Buddy Lewene Overholser, or to their descendants if any of them be deceased, in equal shares per stirpes and not per capita.

ITEM IV I nominate and appoint my wife, Adah Mae Overholser, as executrix of this, my Last Will and Testament. Should she fail to survive me, I nominate and appointment my son-in-law, Harold Marks, as executor. I direct that the personal representative of my estate shall serve without bond insofar as permitted by law. I give and grant unto the personal representative of my estate full power and authority to offer for sale and sell any property constituting an asset in my estate, real, personal or mixed, at public or private sale, with or without notice, and without obtaining any order of court to make sale, all as my personal representative shall deem to be in the best interests of my estate and of the beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 17 day of December, 1959.

Lora Lovell Overholser

The foregoing instrument consisting of this and the preceding page, on each of which we saw the said Lora Lovell Overholser write his name, was in the presence of each of us, on the date last above written, signed, sealed, published and declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament. He requested us to act as witnesses thereto and we saw him sign said instrument as aforesaid and thereupon at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, we have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses thereto on this 517th day of December 1959.

George N. Beamer, residing at South Bend, Indiana Thelma Gray, residing at Granger, Indiana Helen M. Weber, residing at South Bend, Indiana More About LORA LOVELL OVERHOLSER: Address (Facts Pg): 1970, 517 E. Bowman, South Bend, Indiana Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Osceola, Indiana Individual Note: Played semi-pro baseball and held the state championship for horseshoes Occupation: Worked for Studebaker Corporation Marriage Notes for ADAH MCMANAMA and LORA OVERHOLSER: The marriage license of Adah and Lora show two different dates. One is 1913 the other is February 25, Carroll County, Indiana Index to Marriage Records 1850 - 1920 Inclusive Volume II Letters M - Z Inclusive Name: Adah M McManama

Spouse: Lora L Overholser

Marriage Date: 25 Feb 1914

Date: 11 May 1897

Book: 16

OSPage: 139

County: Carroll

More About LORA OVERHOLSER and ADAH MCMANAMA:

Alternate Date: 15-November-1913, Carroll Co., Indiana

Marriage: 25-February-1914, Carroll County, Indiana<sup>32</sup>

ii. OMER ARTHUR MCMANAMA<sup>33</sup>, b. 27-July-1900, Cass Co., Indiana; d. 26-March-1954, Waterloo, DeKalb, Indiana; m. REBA FRANCES ROOP, 04-February-1922, Cass Co., Indiana; b. 07-December-1904, Angola, Indiana; d. 20-June-1963, Angola, Steuben Co., Indiana.

Notes for OMER ARTHUR MCMANAMA:

#### MISS REBA FRANCES ROOP AND OMAR MCMANAMA MARRIED SATURDAY EVENING

Another wedding that proved to be a very pleasant surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties was that of Miss Reba Frances Roop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roop of this city, and Mr. Omar McManama, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. McManama, residing near Monroe, which was solemnized Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the United Brethren parsonage, by the Rev. C.J. Miner.

More About OMER ARTHUR MCMANAMA:

Burial: Maplewood/Decatur Cem., Decatur, Adams Co., Indiana

Occupation: Worked for General Electric

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Burial: Maplewood/Decatur Cem., Decatur, Adams Co., Indiana

More About OMER MCMANAMA and REBA ROOP:

Marriage: 04-February-1922, Cass Co., Indiana

iii. HOWARD ANCEL MCMANAMA<sup>33</sup>, b. 13-June-1902, Indiana; d. Unknown, Florida; m. (1) MYRTLE; b. Unknown; d. Unknown; m. (2) FREDA A. BAUER, 02-September-1922; b. Unknown; d. Unknown.

Notes for HOWARD ANCEL MCMANAMA:

still living - details excluded

More About HOWARD MCMANAMA and FREDA BAUER:

Marriage: 02-September-1922

## Children of ZULEMA WAGONER and JAMES BRIDGE are:

iv. JOHN W.  $^{32}$  BRIDGE, b. 18-February-1911, Carroll County, Indiana  $^{34}$ ; d. 1980, Houston, Texas; m. VENITTA I. STAFFORD, Abt. 1928; b. 1912, Carroll Co., Indiana; d. 1984, Houston, Texas  $^{34}$ .

Notes for JOHN W. BRIDGE:

More About JOHN W. BRIDGE:

Cemetery: Deer Creek Cemetery

More About VENITTA I. STAFFORD:

Burial: Carroll County, Indiana

Cemetery: Deer Creek, Cass Co., Indiana

More About JOHN BRIDGE and VENITTA STAFFORD:

Marriage: Abt. 1928

v. WILLIAM ISAAC BRIDGE, b. 04-September-1912, Carroll County, Indiana; d. 06-December-1916, Carroll County, Indiana.

Notes for WILLIAM ISAAC BRIDGE:

William Isaac, aged 4 years, 3 mos., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bridge, died at his home, December 6, of infantile paralysis and was buried Friday in the Deer Creek Cemetery. (1916)

More About WILLIAM ISAAC BRIDGE:

Cemetery: Deer Creek Cemetery

### Endnotes

- 1. 1880 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 2. 1900 Carroll County, Carrollton Township, Indiana Census, Series: T623 Roll: 361 Page: 131.
- 3. 1880 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 4. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 5. 1900 Carroll County, Carrollton Township, Indiana Census, Series: T623 Roll: 361 Page: 131.
- 6. Information from family bible, History of Carroll County, published 1881,information written down by his daughter.
- 7. 1880 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 8. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 9. Date provided by James HammerAdditional Date information provided by Darilee Robbins
- 10. 1880 Monroe Twp., Carroll County, Indiana Census.
- 11. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.

- 12. Darilee Robbins has Martha's birth date as 04-29-1869
- 13. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 14. Found on Tombstone.
- 15. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 16. 1900 Cass County, Deer Creek Township, Indiana Census.
- 17. 1880 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 18. 1900 Cass County, Deer Creek Township, Indiana Census.
- 19. 1880 Young America, Cass County, Indiana Census.
- 20. Index of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Indiana, 1880-1920, Book 10, page 465.
- 21. descendants of John Townsend Bridge by Marilyn Bridge Brown, 49.
- 22. 1860 Cass County, Deer Creek Township, Indiana Census.
- 23. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 24. Found on Tombstone.
- 25. Index of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Indiana, 1880-1920, Book 10, page 465.
- 26. 1900 Cass County, Deer Creek Township, Indiana Census.
- 27. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 28. 1930 7th Ward, South Bend, St. Joseph Co., Indiana Census, ED 71-46, Sheet 6B.
- 29. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 30. 1900 Carroll County, Carrollton Township, Indiana Census, Series: T623 Roll: 361 Page: 132.
- $31.\ 1930\ 7 th\ Ward,\ South\ Bend,\ St.\ Joseph\ Co.,\ Indiana\ Census,\ ED\ 71-46,\ Sheet\ 6B.$
- 32. Index of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Indiana, 1880-1920, Book 16, Page 189.
- 33. 1910 Carrollton Twp., Carroll Co., Indiana Census.
- 34. Found on Tombstone.