

MARTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The MARTY Genealogical Newsletter

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Clara Dorothea Marty Leiker

As usual the time between newsletters seems to go by all too fast. The past six months have brought lots of news for this publication, some good and some bad. There have been several new arrivals which are always a joy to report. My youngest daughter, Stacey, made me a grandparent for the first time. My grandson, Dylan, was born in November 1993. Grandchildren really are very special. You get to have all the fun and then give them back to their parents for diaper changes and the like.

Sadly with this newsletter I must report the passing of Geneva Pauline Judd Percival. I did not know her personally but it is with sadness that I report the passing of any family members. Geneva was my first cousin one generation removed. Our common ancestor was George Carl Marty.

My research time has been even less than in the previous months. With the weather warming and the snow starting to melt I am sure spring must be close at hand. Old man winter was kind to us in Alaska. We had less than average snow fall and the coldest weather was -37 degrees Fahrenheit. The cold lasted less than two weeks. We had many weeks of zero to ten below. Great winter in Alaska!!

Now it is time for "breakup". Thawing



Clara Dorothea Marty Leiker
Photo taken about 1946



Clara Dorothea Marty Leiker
Photo taken 1 Oct 1987

was born, 28 July 1922, to Henry Herman Marty and Amalia Sophia Catherine (Von Fange) Marty. She was born in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas.

Clara married Henry John LEIKER on 17 June 1940 at Salina, Saline County, Kansas and five children born to their union.

Larry Eugene LEIKER was born 25 May 1942
Curtis John LEIKER was born 29 October 1944
David Lee LEIKER was born 7 November 1948
James Ernest LEIKER was born 31 March 1951
Deborah Ann LEIKER was born 7 March 1953

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of the snow, drying of all the mud from the roads, and of course the ice going out on the rivers.

The northern lights have been absolutely gorgeous the past few days. With the warmer weather it's nice to be able to stay outside and watch them for an extended period of time. The entire sky has been ablaze with swirling colors of red, green and silver. Wish you could experience them in all their glory. I have been in Alaska sixteen years and the aurora borealis still amazes me. I believe that no matter how long you live in the far north, the beauty of it never loses its fascination.

From the stark white of winter and brilliant wildflowers in the summer, to the golden blanket of leaves in the short fall. Alaska seems to have only two types of admirers. Those that love it and those that hate it.

You are a cheechako (chee chaulk o) until you have lived through one winter and a sourdough after that.

Sourdough - sour on the country, no dough to get out. Not true, I do not believe anyone would live here and endure the winters if they did not truly love the state, the life style, the outdoors, hunting, fishing and the other uncountable things to do and see in the "Last Frontier", Alaska.

We really do have only two seasons in Fairbanks, winter and the Fourth of July.

I am adding a new feature starting

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Clara and Henry live in Salina and to the best of my knowledge have for the better part of their fifty three years together. In an age where many marriages last less than a few short years, Clara and Henry have without a doubt had a very special relationship.

I received a letter from one of Clara's nieces who recognized her mystery photo in the last issue. Following is that letter in its entirety.

Dear Aunt Clara,

I just want you to know that many of my fondest memories are of you and the times we spent together.

Do you remember the fun we always had? How we laughed and clowned around? I remember that it was you who taught me to do lazy daisy stitches on my embroidery one summer when I visited you.

You also taught me to decipher cryptograms. They are still one of my favorite pastimes. One summer I rode the train down to Salina. You met me at the station in the middle of the night. I spent much of that summer with you, and we had such wonderful times! I remember a picnic by the river, with all the aunts, uncles and cousins there. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and there were boats on the river. I remember the pond in City Park where the goldfish were so big. I had never seen them in anything but a fishbowl, and I was amazed that they could grow so big.

And all the trips to Dairy Queen!

We used to go for milk shakes after all the kids were in bed. Or we would go out to the diner on the highway where Uncle Henry and his cronies went for coffee after the swing shift. (Who stayed with the kids while we were gallivanting around? I don't remember that!)

Your little dog, Candy, had puppies that summer. I took one home with me. She wasn't really big enough to separate from her mother. I think we had to bottle feed her for awhile. I named her Cindy, and we had her for a long time.

Do you remember the letters we used to write? We would write up and down, back and forth, in squares, circles, spirals, any crazy way we could figure out. When I was taking Spanish in high school, I once wrote you a letter in Spanish and then mailed the translation a couple of days later! I always wanted to be like my Aunt Clara when I grew up. And in some ways, I guess I am. Some people think I look a little like you. And our families were the same size: four boys, one girl, until Esther came along. And we both like sewing and crafts and our grandchildren. We even have some of the same health problems. Every girl should have a favorite aunt when she is growing up.

You always were (and are) mine. I just wanted you to know.

*Love,
Carol*

Letter from Carol Ida Buck Overman. Thanks Carol for sharing your memories.

Births, Deaths, Marriages

BIRTHS:



Dylan Cole Marty

Dylan Cole Marty joined us on 26 November 1993 in Olympia, Washington. Dylan is the son of Stacey Lynn Marty and the first grandson of R.M. Marty.

Caitlyn Margaret Overman joined us on 29 July 1993. Caitlyn is the daughter Jeffrey and Jackie Overman.

Amanda Jo Geist joined us on 6 November 1993. Amanda is the daughter of Thomas and Wendy Geist.

Joseph Kaleb Overman joined us on 7 April 1994. Joseph is the son of Chris and Peggy Overman

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL

DEATHS:



Geneva Pauline Percival
1913 - 1994

Geneva Pauline Percival, the daughter of Lloyd and Elizabeth Marty Judd, was born August 27, 1913 at Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas. She died January 6, 1994 at the Thayer County Memorial Hospital in Hebron, Nebraska at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Geneva was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hebron, Nebraska She was a member of the United Methodist Women and also a member of the Thayer County Memorial Hospital Guild

Geneva attended school and graduated from high school in Lincoln, Kansas in 1931. She worked for her room and board when she was going to high school She was united in marriage to Charles A. Percival on January 31, 1934 at Salina, Kansas. This union was blessed with 5 children and 59 years of marriage. The family lived in Kansas and later moved to the Carleton, Nebraska area where Geneva and Charles were engaged in farming. Geneva was an active 4-H Leader for 12 years in the

Carleton area and was involved in extension clubs for many years. She was an active person in her garden and loved to can the produce which she produced. She loved sewing, knitting, embroidery work, crocheting and crafts of all types. Upon their retirement from the farm Geneva and Charles loved to travel and explore the United States, Canada and Mexico. She had a special love for her grandchildren and great grandchildren especially when they came to visit Grandma and Grandpa

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Elizabeth Judd; one daughter, Barbara Ann Griffith in 1966; one granddaughter, Michelle Percival in 1966; one daughter in law, Barbara Percival in 1979; and one brother, Clarence Gallop.

Geneva is survived, her husband, Charles of Hebron, Nebraska; two sons, Charles Percival and his wife Susan of Ainsworth, Nebraska and Richard Percival and his wife Alice of Hebron, Nebraska; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Cornmesser and her husband John of, Security, Colorado and Mrs. Judith Graning and her husband Robert of Red Cloud, Nebraska; 19 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren; also survived by brothers, Franklin Judd and his wife May Louise of Lincoln, Kansas and Arthur Judd and his wife Rosie of Beverly, Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Lottie Chard and husband Olan of Spring Hill, Kansas; one son in law, Voyd Griffith and his wife Janice of Topeka, Kansas; one sister in law, Mrs. Jean Gallop of Wichita, Kan-

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Funeral services were held Sunday, January 9, 1994 at the First United Methodist Church in Hebron, Nebraska with the Reverend L Patterson Culligan officiating. Internment was held at the Carleton Cemetery in Carleton, Nebraska

Music for the service was provided by Mr. Terry Peterson who sang "In The Garden" and Reverend L Patterson Culligan who sang "Precious Lord Take My Hand". They were accompanied by Kathy Priefert. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace".

Casket bearers were Randy Cornmesser, Ray Cornmesser, Steve Percival, Jan Pruitt, Troy Wayman and Terry Griffith.

Services conducted by Hacker Funeral Homes, P C, Hebron and Bruning, Nebraska.

Editors Note: It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Geneva, I had spoken with her on the phone and she had written me several times but I never had the pleasure of meeting her. I grew up in Nebraska, not to far from where she and Charles lived. But as families some times do we never visited. My loss, I am certain. Charles my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Geneva's passing has prompted me to pursue her children and grandchildren, who should be receiving this newsletter. I shall attempt to

acquire current mailing addresses for them.

MARRIAGES:

To my knowledge. No one took the plunge.

Please send any information, to include photographs, to the editor.

GOTTLIEB MARTI

State of Minnesota

County of Hernigan

Pension case no———of Elizabeth Rutzen, widow of Gottlieb Marty Company B, 12th Ills, Vol. Infantry.

Joseph Gray being duly sworn says that he is 41 years. That he became acquainted with Gottlieb Marty in about 1852 or 53. That affiant saw Marty of Beardstown, Illinois within a week of his return from the Army in the spring of 1865 affiant believes at that time he said Marty had the chronic diarrhea and the Piles. He also had sore eyes. His color was bad, sallow and he complained of pain in his back and side. He was not able to perform any labor. He also complained of head ache. That affiant lived a neighbor with him from his discharge until he died in the spring of 1877. That affiant saw him frequently sometimes every few days and sometimes there would be a

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with this issue. For the lack of a better name I'll simply call it the "Family Album". In it I will include many photo's. Hopefully I can entice some of you to contribute some of your treasures as well. Any photo's sent will be promptly returned via certified first class mail. Or if you would prefer sent me photocopies of them and I will attempt to use them. I hope you enjoy this new feature.

Until October, take care.

R. M. Marty



Do you know this Marty?? She will be the subject of an article in the next issue.

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month or so. Affiant saw him several times each and every year from discharge. He got some better for awhile and then got worse and died. He had frequent attacks of chronic diarrhea and continually complained of pain in his back and side, and of head ache and his color remained bad and sickly. He was not really able to perform labor at all. But he did some light work. In affiant's opinion he died soon and was not able to perform much than one fourth as much as an able bodied man from his discharge until his death because of chronic diarrhea and piles and this trouble with his back and side. That affiant has no interest in this matter and his post office address is Minneapolis (General Delivery) Minnesota.

Signed Joseph Gray.

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Joseph Gray before me this 24th day of May 1890. I have no interest in this matter. Signed EW Grey Notary Public.

Stamped by the pension office on June 5, 1886.

Editors Note: I am enclosing these affidavits exactly as there were written or in some cases as best as I can transcribe them. Some are hand written and age has not been good to them. My copies are photocopies I acquired from the National Archives in Washington D.C.. Gottlieb Marti Marty is the oldest known Marty. I continue to search for his ancestors.

FAMILY ALBUM



From left - Henry Leiker, David Leiker, Curtis Leiker and Clara Marty Leiker
Taken about 1946



Charles & Geneva Percival
Just prior to their 50 th Anniversary



Lloyd Judd
Father of Geneva Pauline Judd
Percival