THE MINNESOTA CHAMPINE FAMILY HISTORY

Lake Belt School District 45: the Champine School about 1893

Back row from left: Mattie Champine, Dillie Champine, Henry Murtaugh, George Petschke, Mary Champine

Third row: Fred Prust, Bertha Schlorff, Albert Prust, Bertha Lehmann, Myra Watkins

Second row: Otto Prust, Ernest Wiedow, Jasper Champine, Alma Champine, Mabel Champine

Front row: Emma Lehmann, Martha Wiedow, Albert Wiedow, Otto Wiedow

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Abstract

This document presents the history of the Minnesota Champine family in America as we know it today. The possible origins and variations of the Champine name are discussed in Section 3. The history starts with Louis Champine (start of the Minnesota Champines) and traces his family and life in DeKalb, NY (Section 4), Darlington (Bowmanville), Ontario (Section 5), Sheboygan, WI (Section 6), and finally Plainview, MN (Section 7). Maps of these locations are also included. Copies of an original land grant from the English Crown to Louis in Bowmanville, Ontario and of the homestead to his son Charles Samuel Champine in Martin County, Minnesota are included.

- Section 8 provides biographical sketches of selected Minnesota Champine individuals
- Section 10 gives a short summary of important events for the Minnesota Champines
- Section 11 provides background for DeKalb, NY
- Section 13 provides background information on events in Darlington/Bowmanville/Tyrone, Ontario
- Section 14 describes the relationship to the Huguenauts
- Section 15 shows family descendants in diagram form
- Section 16 provides a list of the 250 descendants of Louis Champine (the earliest Minnesota Champine ancestor that we know about)
- Section 17 provides mortality records
- Section 18 provides a summary of cemetery records

About the cover

The cover shows a class of students in the Lake Belt district 45 school, also known as the Champine School, in about 1893. This is the earliest known picture of Champines. The school was on land donated by Charles Samuel Champine in part, and had many Champines as teachers or students. Louisa Champine, daughter of Charles Samuel Champine, had been the school marm in 1883. Nellie Bassett was the teacher in 1884. She is shown as "Nellie Champine" in 1885, having married George Champine in the meantime. Dillie Champine (also a daughter of Charles Samuel) taught in 1889, followed by Henry Murtaugh in 1891 who married Dillie Champine that same year.

The initial school building lasted until 1893, at which time it was replaced by a new building. Laura Ross taught in 1918. She married Glenn Reed, (son of Mattie Champine Reed), in 1926. Inez Champine (daughter of Charles Samuel) taught in 1920. Grace Myers taught in 1923. She married George Lloyd (Colonel) Champine, son of George W. Champine, in 1925. The last teacher at the Champine School was Beryl Champine Anklam, adopted daughter of Jacob and Ethel Champine, who taught in 1943-1945, after which time the students were transferred to District No. 29 in Ceylon.

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1. Forward

The Minnesota Champine Family in America is now in its ninth generation, starting with Louis Champine for whom our first information is in 1821. I have attempted to record what information is available about this family, especially the relationships, and dates and places of birth, marriage, and death. While most of the information is probably correct, it is likely that there are errors here and there. I would appreciate being notified of these errors. I would also appreciate any and all contributions of information about the Champine family. As the information is received I will update this document.

The primary sources of the information here are:

- The files of my father, Floyd;
- Clifford Champine of Minneapolis for the Clark Champine branch;
- Mrs. Anna Edwards of Plainview, MN for the John Fletcher Champine branch of the family
- My Uncle Colonel (George Lloyd) for the Charles Samuel Champine branch
- Ruby and Charlotte Junge of Sacramento, CA
- Jesse Pawlowski of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Various newspaper clippings, family Bibles, obituaries, census data, and information provided by many very helpful people have also been used. Of special note are:

"Descendants of Jacques LeRoux - French Huguenot", by Emojene Demerest Champine, Minneapolis Public Library, (929.2 L33C)

"The Townships of Darlington and Clarke", by John Squair, Salt

Lake City Mormon Genealogical Society Library, 971.566 H2S

"Out of the Mists", by Helen Schmid and Sid Rutherford,

Bowmanville Historical Museum, Bowmanville, Ontario

"Memorial Record of St. Lawrence County, New York", edited by Gales Curtis (Salt Lake City Mormon Genealogical Society Library, 974.756 H2C)

"Martin County, Minnesota History", by Martin County Heritage Book

Committee, Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont, Minnesota

"Martin County Before 1880", by William H. Budd published 1897

"History of Wabasha County", by Franklin Curtiss-Wedge published 1920

"They Chose Minnesota", by June Drenning Holmquist published 1981

"They Conquered the Wilderness", by Alvin Champagne published 1983.

Some of the information contained here is contradictory. Nevertheless, it has been recorded exactly as received. We hope that others can tell us which information is correct so that we can clarify the record. We will remove inconsistencies as new information becomes available.

The family history will be revised and updated from time to time as new information becomes available. I would appreciate getting any and all information about the Champines and Shampines to incorporate in this document.

Copies of this document have been placed in the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City; the Bowmanville City Library in Bowmanville, Ontario; the Martin County Historical Society in Fairmont, Minnesota; and the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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2. The Beginning

Our story about the Minnesota Champine Family in America begins with Louis Champine, born in 1801 (or perhaps 1800). Our first record of Louis is in DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York in 1821 with his marriage to Hannah Hewlett. There were other Champines and Shampines already in St. Lawrence County and in Canada at that time (what I know about them is described later).

There are two different and contradictory stories about where Louis came from. One story is that he was born in Canada near Montreal. This story is supported by the fact that in every census from 1832 until his death, Louis listed his birthplace as Canada. His death certificate says that he was born in Montreal, and in the 1880 census Louis's children (Charles, John, Mary, and Zaddock) all said that he was born in French Canada. Charles also said the same thing in the census of 1900. The family Bible of Mattie Champine Reed indicates that Louis was born in Canada. The distance from Montreal to DeKalb, New York is about 80 miles.

The other story is that Louis was born in France and came to America at an early age. The following information was related to me in 1967 by Mrs. Anna Champine Edwards of Plainview, MN about Louis, who was her grandfather. It is information told to her by her parents, John and Emma, because Louis and his wife Hannah both died a few years before Anna was born.

Anna said that Louis was born in France in 1801, one of the last (perhaps 14th) of a family of 17 children. At the age of nine while an apprentice, he and a 14 year-old friend stowed away on a ship headed for the New World. He was the only one to come, and everyone in this country named Champine is related (note: we now know that there are several unrelated Champines families). She gave the same information to Jim Nugent of Hays, Kansas in 1962, as stated to me in a letter dated November 29, 1967. (note: Anna's father John said that Louis was born in French Canada on the census record of 1880).

A letter was received many years later by Emma from France inquiring about descendants of Louis or John Champine. However, the letter was never answered. (The letter must have been in French: could it have come from Montreal instead of France?)

We take the date of birth for Louis from a letter to me from Sybil M. Peterson, 224 Fourth Street, Mora, Minnesota 55051, dated May 4, 1969.

She states:

"I have a book on the LaRue family, and it tells about Zedock Clark Champine, and Susan LaRue (my grandparents) being married Oct. 9th, 1853 at Orono, Canada. Zedock Clark was born Aug. 29, 1828 in DeKalb, St. Lawrence Co., New York so perhaps Lewis Champine was born somewhere in the east. I believe several of the Champines came down from Canada. In the back of the LaRue book, my mother Jessie Champine Struble had written:

> My grandfather Lewis Champine born Jan. 4, 1801
>
> Grandmother Hannah Champine born Apr. 3, 1802

but where they lived I don't know. As far as I know there are no Champines in Fargo any more."

Other references give Louis's birthday as January 4, 1800 and Hannah's birthday as April 3, 1801. Because Hannah was an orphan at age 10 she may not have been sure of her birth date or place.

The information on Louis coming from France was also supported by Ruby Junge of Sacramento, a great-grand-daughter of Melissa (Champine) Preston. She relates the following in a letter to me dated May 8, 1971:

"As to the Champine name, the Armorial Encyclopedia gives it as a Norman French family (note: this is actually from the "Champin" family). The insignia shows three boar heads on a silver shield. I found this of interest because it verifies in a way Grandpa's (Benjamin Louis Preston) story that his grandfather (Louis Champine) came from Normandy. He said Louis came at age 14 to New York, alone and speaking no English. He was so terrified he turned (on the dock) the direction in which France lay and cried as hard as he could. Also, Grandpa said Louis was blond and blue-eyed and spoke almost no French when he knew him. That would have been in the 1850s when the Champines moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin where Melissa and Peter Preston had been living since about 1847."

Whether this means that Louis's family was in Normandy or that Louis simply boarded the ship in Normandy is unknown. When we visited the genealogy library in Cornwall Canada we were told that most French that came to the new world came from the coastal areas including Brittany and Normandy rather than from the inland areas.

My Uncle George Lloyd (Colonel) remembered that his grandfather Charles Samuel Champine said that the family had come from France in the Alsace-Lorraine district (next to the Champagne province). The death certificate of Charles Samuel Champine recorded in 1931 adds further uncertainty. There is an entry for the place of birth of the father of the deceased in the death certificate (who would be Louis). The initial entry for the place of birth of Louis is Canada, but this was written over with an entry of France in dark letters. The death certificate was signed by my grandfather George W. Champine. This indicates that grandchildren of Louis were not sure where he was born. My working hypothesis is that Louis was born in Canada near Montreal.

3. The Champine Name

Many variations appear on the name Champine. In those days spelling was often phonetic, and there were many variations of all names. This section first describes the Minnesota Champine name, followed by the Michigan Champine name, followed by the Vermont Champine name, followed by the Maine Champine name.

3.1. Origin of the Minnesota Champine name

The first record of Louis is the 1830 census of DeKalb, New York, which lists the family of "Louis Chaimplain". The customers of Soper's Mill in Darlington, Ontario, in 1832-1835 include a "Champine". In 1846, "Lewis Champine" is recorded as a Darlington township officer. Also in 1846, "Louis Champaine" is recorded as donating to the Wesleyan Methodist Church Missionary Fund. The 1851 census of Darlington lists "Louis Champain" and his son "Clark Shampain". The marriage license for Charles Samuel Champine (son of Louis) and Lucretia Tiffany in 1854 spells the name "Chaimpine". Clark "Chaimpine" is mentioned in the minutes of Hampton Lodge No. 63, International Order of Good Tempelars (I.O.G.T.) in December 21, 1858. The I.O.G.T. was a militant temperance organization. The deed to the homestead of Charles Samuel Champine in Martin Co. Minnesota, shows the name "Chaimpine" in 1877, and the marriage license of his son

George W. has the name spelled the same in 1885. It was not until after 1885 that the name was spelled uniformly in its present form.

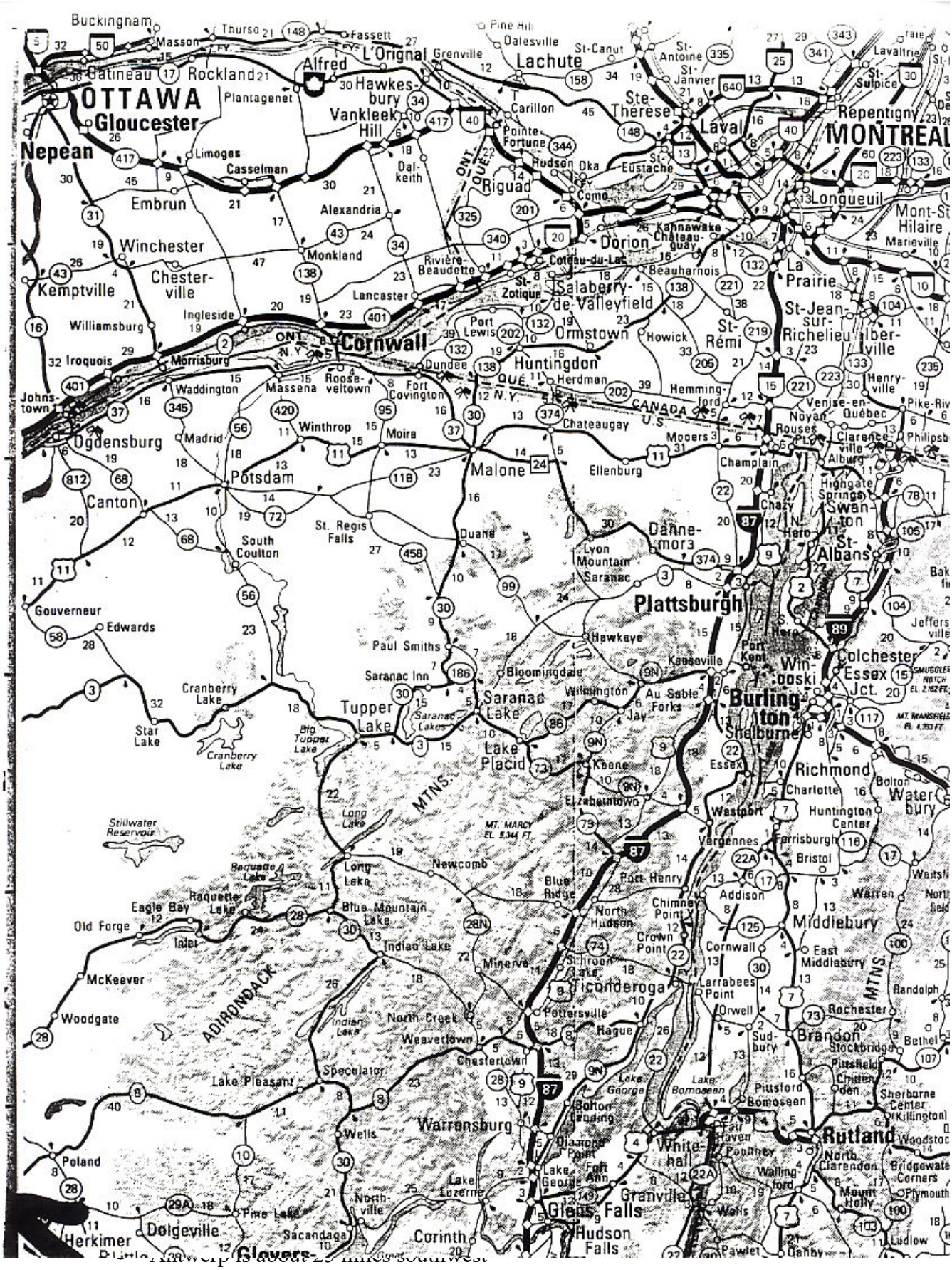
It seems almost certain that the original form of the name Champine was "Champagne". The best clue to the origin of the name is a statement in the Squair book about the history of Darlington Township, Ontario. It states (page 76) that the name Champine is probably a corruption of the name Champagne. Indeed, the pronunciation of the name "Champine" in English is very similar to the pronunciation of the word "champagne" in French.

4. The Start In DeKalb, New York

The first record about Louis is when he married Hannah Hewlett (also spelled "Hanna Hewlit" and other ways) in DeKalb, St. Lawrence Co., New York on 21 December 1821. Hannah was about 19 and had been an orphan since 1811. They were to live in DeKalb for the next 10 years.

A number of towns near DeKalb are important in this early history. The towns mentioned in the following description are all close together. Using DeKalb as a reference:

- Stockholm and Brasher are both within a few miles of DeKalb.
- Massena is about 35 miles northeast of DeKalb.
- Montreal, Canada is about 80 miles northeast
- Cornwall, Canada is on the St. Lawrence river about 10 miles downstream from Massena NY



Antwerp is about 25 miles southwest

MAP OF

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COUNTY

References

No. 1 Great Tract No. Three Macomb's Purchase

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3 St Lawrence Ten Towns

- Stormont, Canada is about 20 miles north of Massena NY
- Plattsburgh New York is about 80 east on the west shore of Lake Champlain across from Burlington VT.

Louis and Hannah had the following children in DeKalb; Sarah was born in 1823, Melissa Luzetta on August 11, 1825, and Zeddock Clark (hereafter called Clark) on August 29, 1828. The 1830 census of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York lists the family of "Louis Chaimplain":

1 free white male under 5 years (Clark was 2)
1 free white male between 30 and 40 (Louis was 29 if born in 1801)
1 free white female under 5 (Melissa was 5)
1 free white female between 5 and 10 (Sarah was 7)
1 free white female between 20 and 30 (Hannah was 28 if born in 1802).

There was no mention of Champines in the 1810, 1820, or 1840 census. For more background on the DeKalb and Canton area, see the DeKalb section.

4.1. Early DeKalb

We have looked closely into the history of early DeKalb because that is the first location that we are sure of for Louis. The following is largely taken from "History of St. Lawrence County", by Durant and Peirce, published in 1878.

St. Lawrence County is named for the great river on its northern border, and is situated on the border of New York state with Canada. It contains the 45th parallel of north latitude. The western part of the county adjoins Lake Ontario, which flows into a region of the St. Lawrence River called the "Lake of the Thousand Islands". This part of the river has some of the most beautiful scenery in North America. The region within the present limits of St. Lawrence County seems to have been a debatable ground between the Iroquois confederacy and the Huron-Algonquin nations of Canada; and from the earliest explorations by Champlain to the time of permanent settlement by the whites was never continuously occupied by either. It was common hunting and fishing grounds for both, but extremely dangerous to both, for the two nations dwelling on opposite sides of the St. Lawrence were always at war with each other and bloody encounters were sure to follow the meeting of their hunting parties. The region was nominally claimed by the Oneida nation of the Iroquois confederacy. The only Indians who seemed to have made a permanent home in the county since it was known to the Europeans were the Oswegatchies, a collection of families from the Iroquois nations who were converted to Christianity by the Jesuits and induced to withdraw from their kindred and settle at La Presentation, now Ogdensburg. The settlement started in 1749.

A very important voyage was that made by Jacques Cartier of St. Malo France who explored the St. Lawrence river valley in 1534, and again in 1535 when he sailed to the location of modern Quebec, and later the same year to the location of modern Montreal. From this time until 1608 there were no attempts to colonize this area. In April of 1608, Samuel de Champlain sailed up the St. Lawrence river and in June founded the city of Quebec, being the first permanent settlement in Canada and the third in the Atlantic region of North America. In 1611 he established a trading post on the island of Montreal and lived there until his death in 1635. The English held Canada from 1629 until 1632, but it was considered to be of such little value that it was returned to France in the latter year. In 1609 Champlain entered into an alliance with the Algonquins of Canada that laid the foundation of 150 years of warfare and bloodshed seldom equaled in North America. In 1625 the Jesuits first came to Canada and soon supplanted the Franciscans; the Jesuits came to

totally dominate the spiritual affairs of the region. The beginning of the end of French domination of the region including St. Lawrence County came in 1759 when Quebec was taken from the French by the English army under General Wolfe, and various mopping up operations continued into 1760. St. Lawrence County was occupied by a small guard on British troops until 1796 (20 years after the American Revolution).

In 1786 the state of New York passed a law to dispose of unappropriated lands. Each county was subdivided into lots of one square mile (640 acres) each and sold at auction to Alexander Macomb. Macomb had purchased much of the land between Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence River from the New York legislature for eight cents per acre, and was the owner of most of ten towns in the area. The lots in DeKalb were sold in June of 1787. The land committed to benefit churches and culture was subdivided into small lots and sold between 1829 and 1836. In 1792, Macomb sold DeKalb and three other townships to Samuel Ogden. Shortly thereafter Macomb went bankrupt. William Cooper of Cooperstown subsequently purchased the town and commenced its first settlement. After his death it was divided up into a number of tracts among his heirs. The land was generally surveyed in 1799.

DeKalb and Potsdam were settled starting in 1803. Many of the settlers were from older counties of New York. Winter was usually selected for moving as the streams and swamps were passable. The population of DeKalb was

- 541 in 1810
- 709 in 1820
- 1060 in 1830
- 1531 in 1840
- 2389 in 1850

In 1810 before Lewis arrived, St. Lawrence County had

- 247 looms
- 12 tanneries
- 2 distilleries making 25,000 gallons of spirits worth 80 cents per gallon.

In 1835 about the time Lewis left St. Lawrence County had grown tremendously and had:

- 54,000 head of cattle
- 10,000 horses
- 82,000 sheep
- 32,000 pigs
- 41 grist mills
- 110 saw mills
- 3 woolen factories
- 8 iron works
- 4 distilleries
- 25 tanneries

The first road in St. Lawrence County was built in 1808 and the first school opened in Ogdensburg in 1809. The first newspaper published in St. Lawrence County was the Palladium

started in 1810. The Methodist Episcopal denomination was one of the first to organize in St. Lawrence County. The "St. Lawrence circuit" was formed in 1811 with 84 members.

4.2. Clarks and Hewletts

Samuel Hewlett (also spelled Hulet) and Sarah Clark were the parents of Hannah Hewlett who married Louis Champine. The following information about the Hewlett family is as follows, provided by Ruby Junge in a letter to me dated Sept. 20, 1971 about the Hewletts in or near DeKalb, N.Y. Her letter reports on research done by Mary Bondi of Canton. Ms. Bondi states:

"John Hewlett's son Samuel died young (his wife Sarah died at the same time) and left infant children. In the estate papers, Samuel's father John stated that he and his wife were too old to administer the estate so the children were assigned a guardian, John Richardson. All of the children were under 14 when Samuel died July 31, 1811. The children were Hannah (2 April 1802 and other dates - 15 September 1880), Homer, Samuel Clark (12 February 1805 – 15 November 1889), John (22 February 1805 - 11 September 1906 at age 101 years), and Benjamin. John Hewlett says that Samuel left no blood relations except his children and himself (his father)." William Brooks Hull of Canton NY has done extensive research on the Hulet family history.

Various census records show Hannah's birthplace as New York or Vermont. Ruby Junge found a marriage certificate in the town clerk's office of Shelburne, Vermont for a Sarah Clark married to Samuel Hewlet of St. Albans, Vermont dated January 2, 1801. A Zedock Clark (her father we believe) was living there at the time. The name was also spelled "Hewlet", "Hulett", "Hulet", and Hallet" in various census records. A Zedock Clark Jr. died near Canton on January 28, 1811 (six months before Sarah). We assume that this was her brother. A Zedok Clark Sr. died in Canton in Canton in 1827. We assume that he was Sarah's father.

Earlier, the 1790 census of the town of Hinesburgh, Chittenden Co. Vermont shows a Zadock Clarke with two free white males over 16, three free white males under 16, and three free white females. The 1800 census for Shelburne, Chittenden Co. Vermont shows a Zadok Clark with two free white males under 10, one free white male over 45, one free white female under 10, one free white female over 16, and one free white female under 26. The same census shows a Zadok Clark Jr. with one free white male 16-26, two free white females under 10, and one free white female 16-26.

The earliest Clark that we have data on is John Clark, born about 1612 and who was in New Haven CT in 1639. That year he united with the first settlers in foundation of the government. He may have come in the "Elizabeth" to Boston from Ipswich in County Suffolk England in 1634 at age 22. He was made clerk of the military compound in February 1648. He and his wife died in 1649. The genealogy is found in "Families of Ancient New Haven" compiled by Donald Jacobus, 1974.

He had a son John born 1637 who married Sarah Smith and a grandson Samuel born 20 August 1666 who married Rebecca Brown. Samuel and Rebecca's son Zadoc was born 5 February 1701 at New Haven CT. He married Mercy Hurlbut on 9 December 1736. Zadoc and Mercy moved to Washington CT, which is the next township to Litchfield CT where Ethan Allen was born. There is a Champine family tradition of a relation to Ethan Allen. Zadoc and Mercy had a son Zadok who appeared in the census for Hinesburgh VT. He, his son Zadoc Clark Jr., daughter Sarah and son-in-law Samuel Hewlett all moved to St. Lawrence County New York. In the 1790 census they were in Hinesburgh, Chittenden Co. VT; in the 1800 census they were in Shelburn, Chittenden County VT. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 1 p. 794 says that Zadock settled

in Hinesburgh VT in 1786. At this time both Ethan Allen and his brother Ira had applied for land in Hinesburgh.

In 1803 Samuel Hewlett's father John Hewlett traveled with Judge William Cooper (father of James Fenimore Cooper) to the DeKalb New York area. See the section on Visit to DeKalb for more information (Section 14.1).

4.3. Conditions for Early Settlers

Settlers coming into this region in the early 1800s were necessarily self-reliant and could do almost any kind of work that presented itself. They were forced to depend upon the rifle and trap for much of their food and some clothing. Each man needed to be skillful with the ax for clearing land for crops and for hewing out logs for the first cabin, crude harrows, sleds, and even rough cart wheels. The difficulty of travel over the trails and rough ground combined with other difficulties to make each family an independent, self-supporting unit. Each family raised its own food and produced its own clothing. But as time went on, life became less crude. Traders came in and established stores where products from elsewhere might be obtained. Money was very scarce and trade was carried on largely by barter.

Generally, the first mechanization was the gristmill. The sawmill was usually next. The log cabins were soon followed by frame houses. When the first requirements for food and shelter were met, the settlers had opportunity to resume or develop a trade.

At first, forests were regarded as obstacles rather than a source of wealth. Certainly they furnished warmth and shelter, but they had to be removed for fields and pasturage. This removal was often accomplished by skillful woodsmen notching all trees in a group on the same side. They would then fell one heavy tree against the group so that its weight, along with a favorable wind, would carry over the others in succession. The local saw mills produced dimension lumber, shingles, boards, and later lath, the early lath having been made by splitting hemlock boards. Without transportation, the sawed lumber could be sold only locally. Later, the steam saw mill became popular, and as late as the early 1900s steam saw mills were common.

4.4. Other Champines in St. Lawrence County, NY

There was a large French colony in and near St. Lawrence County at that time, and Louis may have been attracted to the area because of this. There were Champines and Shampines already in the area when Louis arrived. About 45 years later the Champines and Shampines lived near each other in southwest Minnesota.

Records from the Canton Historical Society show a Pottsdam (16 miles from DeKalb) census of 1815 entry for an "Elias Champine" as occupying Lot 7 and as having arrived July 9, 1803, about 18 years before Louis shows up on the records. Other information on early Champines and Shampines comes from William J. Shampine and from Ruby Junge. Their records show the following.

1820 Census of Massena, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.

John Champine
2 males under 10
1 male 26-45
1 female 10-16
1 fem+ale 26-45

all foreign born

1830 Census; Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.

John Champine born ca. 1797
males:
2 under 5 years
2 between 5-10
1 between 10-15
1 between 30-40

females:
1 under 5 years
1 between 10-15
1 between 30-40
All persons foreign born

1840 Census; Brasher, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.

Charles Champine born 1798
M. H. (2ND wife) born 1818 Vermont
John, born 1848
Maria, born 185

Henry Champine born 1844 in St. Lawrence Co.
Olive (wife) born 1846 in St. Lawrence Co.

Additional census data is contained in the section on DeKalb.

The records of William Shampine show that quite a number of Shampines lived in St. Lawrence Co., New York in the 1830s and later. Since the first record of Louis is also in St. Lawrence Co. (1821), it seems likely that he knew of them. They may have been children of relatives that came over earlier.

From "History of St. Lawrence Co." we read that:

Shampine, Joseph, private, enrolled 24 Sept 1861 at Ogdensburg
Shampine, Lewis, private, enrolled 19 October 1861 at Ogdensburg
Shampine, John, private, enrolled 24 October 1861 at Ogdensburg
Shampine, Charles, private, enrolled 20 August 1863 at Ogdensburg
These could all be sons of Jean Baptiste Champagne - the ages are about right.

5. Louis Moves To Darlington, Ontario

Between 1830 and 1832 the Louis Champine family moved to Darlington Township, Durham County, Ontario. The family included Sarah (about 8), Melissa (about 6), and Zeddock Clark (about 3). Henceforth we will use the date of 1831 for this move. Here Charles Samuel was born in 1832, Mary in 1835, and John Fletcher in 1841.

Darlington Township borders Lake Ontario, and is about 13 miles long by 9 miles wide. It includes the towns of Bowmanville, Enniskillen, Hampton, Tyrone, and Orono. Clarke Township is immediately adjacent to the east. The primary town of the region was (and is). Bowmanville, which had a booming economy in the middle 1800s.

In August, 1988 we visited Darlington and Bowmanville for the first time to get a better understanding of the area, the life, and times in the 1800s, and to try to find more information about the family. We found much more of all of these then we had imagined possible.

5.1. Darlington Background

Darlington was founded in 1793 on the north shore of Lake Ontario as a township in Durham County. The founders were immigrants from the United States. In 1808 and 1812, grist and sawmills were built nearby on Bowmanville Creek and were given the name of Darlington Mills. In 1823 the name of Darlington Mills was changed to Bowmanville.

Early Settlement and Pioneers of Darlington

This history of early Darlington/Bowmanville was written by one of the early pioneers in 1875.

The first settlers came to the Darlington area in 1794 (about 40 years before Louis arrived. We suspect that life was not much different when Louis arrived, and therefore this description gives us insight into the experiences of Louis and his family). One of the major attractions was the offer by the Lieutenant-Governor of Canada, John Simcoe, of 200 acres of free land to all males of the age of 18 years or older who settled in the country. To travel to the Darlington area, the early pioneers suffered innumerable difficulties and many hardships. Their families and effects were placed on board a Batteau (a large rude boat), which was coasted around the head of the lake, running into bays and inlets, in order to avoid storms, or for the purpose of cooking their meals, and camping during the night. The livestock, usually cows and horses, were driven around the shore on foot, having to cross swamps, marshes, lagoons, outlets, and rivers, as best they could.

During the winter, these pioneers spent most of their time in trapping and hunting; the deer and bear being so plentiful, that an abundance of animal food could be procured with but very little trouble. The furred animals were also very numerous, and required but little skill to trap them, their skins being about the only thing that could be sold for money.

A very great inconvenience felt among the pioneers was the want of a mill to grind their grain and corn, the nearest being situated at the foot of Lake Ontario, 60 miles distant. Those who went to mill usually took two weeks to go and return, using a canoe for the purpose, and hauling it up on the shore at night. When a storm occurred, they were weather-bound until it passed over. On their arrival at the mill, they waited till the grist was ground, when they returned home in the same manner. As going to mill was no small undertaking and attended with so many obstacles and perils, a great many expedients were resorted to, in order to obviate this necessity. Some of the settlers had brought large coffee-mills with them, and these were used to grind or crack their grain. Other contrivances were improvised; one method very much in vogue, was to make a rude mortar, by hollowing out a stump; sometimes this was done by boring, or chiseling, but it was frequently burnt out, and the cavity scraped with a knife, or other instrument, until all the charred spots were removed; then they had a wooden pounder attached to a swing-pole. They put the corn into the cavity, and pounded it with this rude pestle. This bruised corn was known by the name of Samp, and when pounded fine, was made into Johnny Cake, the course being boiled into mush. Another nutritious and wholesome article of food was found in the wild rice, which grew in most of the marshes, and in great abundance at Rice Lake. This was first parched, and afterwards pounded, and either made into cakes, or boiled, and acted as a healthful absorbent, when taken with animal food.

The Indians were very troublesome, and caused considerable anxiety, being armed and equipped, and very different from the remnants of the broken tribes occasionally seen at the present time

(1875). Open hostilities were, as a general thing, avoided, and there is only one instance recorded of a white man being killed by the Indians, although most of the settlers were in considerable dread of them.

Mr. Leonard Soper moved to Darlington in 1805, and erected the first sawmill built in the Township; but it was burnt down the following year; another was put up near the same place. About this time, Mr. John Burke, built a sawmill, on Barber's Creek, from which time the place was known as Darlington Mills until 1823, when it was changed to its present name, (Bowmanville). In 1806, Leonard Soper purchased from Augustus Barber, (after whom the Bowmanville Creek was named) the present Soper mill property. This is the mill where Louis is recorded as doing business in 1832.

His son Mr. Timothy Soper is also one of the very early settlers in the Township of Darlington. He was born in 1789 in the Township of Sidney, near the head of the Bay of Quinte, and was the first white child born in that Township. At that time, there was no white settlement in this portion of Canada, and only one vessel, the Mohawk, a schooner employed in the interests of the North West Fur Company, on Lake Ontario.

War of 1812

During the war of 1812, many brave and patriotic persons took up arms in defense of Canada against the United States. Just before and immediately after the declaration of war of 1812 by the American Congress was a period of great peril to the Canadian people, and required, not only all the skill, bravery, and tactics, of both the civil and military leaders, but also a great portion of the wealth of Canada had to be made available, in order to sustain the country against an invading foe; nor was this all that had to be contended with. Many persons who had lately settled in the country, were from the United States, and naturally retained a warm regard for the American Government, and its institutions; but from the generous policy of the Governor General, in granting 200 acres of land to all male settlers, in the hour of peril, the majority of these stood firm for the cause of their adopted land, while others required something more than gentle words to induce them to come forward in its defense.

In the correspondence of Colonel Baldwin (who was then on military duty in New York) to his friend, Mr. Richard Lovekin, he repeatedly urges upon him the necessity of requiring all persons who had taken government grants of land, to take the oath, saying, that those who refuse to help defend the country, should in fair justice, forfeit their lands, so granted.

This measure, no doubt, had the salutary effect of enabling many to decide promptly, in favor of the Canadian Government. Still, there were a few persons, even in the loyal Township of Darlington, who undertook to shirk the responsibility, by fleeing to the swamps, where they engaged, or pretended to be engaged in the manufacture of baskets and shingles.

At the termination of this war, which was settled by treaty, signed at Ghent, on the 24th day of December 1814, the finances both of Upper and Lower Canada, were very much exhausted. It had, however, the effect of developing to a very high degree, the patriotism and loyalty of the provinces; party spirit was hushed, and the people were cemented together for general good, and the prosperity of the country.

The Post Office opened soon after the war of 1812. The mail was brought from Kingston to York, once a week, on mule-back, or when traveling was good, during winter, in a sleigh. A Post Office was established at Darlington Mills, in 1829. The mail was carried in an open wagon, with passengers. The population of Darlington amounted to 118 persons.

The first store opened in Darlington in about 1820, a few years before the time that Lewis and Hannah arrived.

Mormons

In 1839, Bowmanville was visited by Mormon delegates, holding forth great inducements to converts, to follow them to the land of promise, situated somewhere in the United States. The Mormon interests were represented by Messrs. Babit and Taylor. The former, in one of his lectures, (which was largely attended, and in which some of the farmers began to take a very great interest) tried to establish, by comparison of the Hebrew and Indian languages, that the Indians of America were the descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel. Having concluded his lecture, he asked if any one present could controvert the position taken by him. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Tapscot, Baptist minister, arose and asked him, whether or not, it was essential for a person endeavoring to establish such a point, to possess a knowledge of the Hebrew language, to which Mr. Babit replied, that it was. Mr. Tapscot then asked him if he possessed a knowledge of that language; he replied that he did to a certain extent. After being questioned for sometime, and showing total ignorance in reference to the subject, he tried to excuse himself by saying that, being on a journey, and not able to refer to his books, he was not so well posted as he otherwise should have been. Mr. Tapscot then remarked, that however limited a person's knowledge of a language might be, they very rarely forgot the alphabet, and asked him if he could repeat it, or tell him the first letter of it; which he was forced to acknowledge he could not, and with confusion and chagrin, he saw the tables turned against him, and himself and colleague, exposed as false prophets and humbugs. They soon left the town. Thus ended disastrously the first attempt to establish Mormonism in Bowmanville.

The Indians

The courtship and marriage ceremony among the Chippewas, is very simple. After a young Indian Brave has had an ample opportunity of choosing from among his acquaintances the young squaw he desires, he embraces the first opportunity to repair to a concealed place, near her lodge, where he beats on an instrument, called the Tom Tom, and accompanies it by singing and shouting in a very loud tone of voice. If his lady-love thinks favorably of his suit, he will find, on the third night, a bell hung up in his place of rendezvous, the meaning of which he knows full well how to interpret. He next repairs to her father, and ascertains as to the purchase money, which usually amounts to about twelve dollars in furs, or other commodities; after having paid it, the Medicine Man is spoken to, and a feast is prepared, to which the friends of both parties are invited. Soon after, the friends assemble, and all is ready, the intended bride being present with her mother, and quite well aware of what is going to take place, affects to be entirely ignorant, and when approached by the young brave for the purpose of having the nuptial rites performed, appears not only surprised, but very angry, and refuses, point blank, to have anything to do with him. Her mother tries to persuade her, but to no effect, when the apparently disappointed lover rushes upon her, and takes her, by force, before the Medicine Man, who says a few words, after which the bridegroom takes her off to his wigwam, the bride still kicking, struggling, and fighting. As soon as she reaches the wigwam, a sense of duty pervades her, and all pretence ceases.

The population of Darlington in April 1827 (shortly after the time Louis arrived) was: 31 adult Baptists and 124 under 16 years of age; Methodists 45 and 180; Presbyterian 18 and 72; Church of England 7 and 28; Roman Catholics 10 and 40; professing no religion 61. Total 666.

In 1841 (25-30 years after Louis arrived), the town consisted of a large hotel, two or three stores, a blacksmith shop, cabinet shop, and several fine residences.

Bowmanville and Darlington Today

Today, (Port) Darlington is only a small port on Lake Ontario shipping mostly grain and other bulk items from huge elevators. Immediately adjacent, Bowmanville is a town of about 15,000 about 30 miles east of Toronto. It is officially in the region of Durham and in the "town" of Newcastle (like a township). Bowmanville was a boomtown in the mid 1800s after Louis arrived. It continued its strong economy until the early 1900s. Other nearby towns are Tyrone, Orono, and Enniskillen, all of which are very small. The Darlington Provincial Park is on the shore of Lake Ontario a few miles from Bowmanville. It has several large campgrounds and a pioneer home/museum dating from the 1830s.

5.2. Visiting the Louis Champine Water-driven Saw Mill

We knew that Louis and his son Clark had owned property in the area, and in particular had owned a water-driven sawmill in the area. In hopes of finding out more, we drove to Tyrone to visit a water-driven sawmill still in operation today. Tyrone is perhaps 10 miles north of Bowmanville (drive north on Liberty Street). It is a small farming town of a few hundred people, perhaps much as it was in the 1800s.

During the 1840s, Canada West (or Upper Canada) was a new land for many immigrants from England and Ireland. Wheat was not only a staple but a cash crop and each hamlet soon had their own mill to grind it into flour. When the Tyrone Mill was built, it was one of the first to be built in the agricultural area outside of Bowmanville and Oshawa. In fact, today it is the oldest mill in the Durham Region and though its uses have changed with the years, it is still water powered.

The Champine saw mill was located a mile or two upstream from the Tyrone Mill on lot 10, Concession 8. The following information comes from data that we got from the Land Registry Office in Bowmanville.

The land was first sold by the English crown to John Bradt on September 20, 1801 in the amount of 200 acres. The land was then sold to Lewis on September 28, 1844 (mortgage paid off seven years later). Notice that the spelling had changed from "Louis" in New York to "Lewis" in Canada. The settlers at that time must have had many financial problems, because parts of the land were sold or mortgaged many times. At some time between 1844 and 1860 the land was acquired by Lewis's son Clark (probably in 1850) who also ran the saw mill. As indicated below, Lewis bought 100 acres in lot 12 concession 10 in 1850, freeing lot 10 concession 8 to sell to Clark. In 1887 Tyrone had a population of 500.

The following information is taken from the book "Historical Sketch of Tyrone" by Nancy V. Lambert, published in 1968. The book is in the Bowmanville Public Library at 62 Temperance St., Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3A8.

"The homestead of James Woodley was Lot 8, Concession 8, Darlington. There he and his wife Ann raised their family of nine children. In 1860 James purchased the 88 acres to the west of the original farm (Lot 10) from Susan and Clark Champine of the North West Company. The land to the north, which is called the Promised Land, was purchased then.

"In 1874 James' son Richard took over this property. He moved the original mill down from Buffalo to its present site where other additions have been made to bring it to its present size.

"In 1887 James Woodley died. When the estate was settled they had a three day auction. Richard operated the saw mill until his death in 1919. In that year his son Clarence, the present owner, took over the business. Clarence's mother Mrs. R. Woodley and his sister Clara moved to Tyrone in 1925 at which time Gladys Collacutt of Bethesda became the bride of Clarence and chatelaine of the farm.

"Clarence Woodley and his wife Gladys, who died in 1956, had three children: Edith, Joyce, and James. James and his wife Jane (Hodgkinson) with their four children—Pat, Dianne, Susan, and James are presently living on the Woodley Century farm with Clarence Woodley.

"In 1968 Clarence Woodley is celebrating his 49th year as operator of the saw mill."

The land remains in the Woodley family today, and James Woodley is the current owner.

We drove the few miles from Tyrone to the Woodley (formerly Clark Champine) saw mill. James Woodley was there and told us more about the mill.

The Champine saw mill was about ½ mile north of the present Woodley mill. It is at the site of the former settlement of Buffalo. Jim Woodley says that the settlement consisted of about seven families, a furniture factory, and the Champine saw mill. We walked up to the settlement site, and could see the foundations of several of the houses. We could also see the former wells, now filled with rocks. The furniture factory was relatively near the houses, up stream from the saw mill. It did not have a holding pond and probably generated relatively little power. The holding pond for the saw mill was relatively large and the banks are still visible. The remnants of the holding pond dam are still visible. All buildings are gone.

The Woodleys moved the Champine saw mill ½ mile south to its present location on their property starting in 1873. Two years were required to dig the new holding pond and to move the building and machinery. A new side-shot turbine was installed in the late 1800s. The machinery used a reciprocal saw, and was relatively inefficient. Sometime in the early 1900s a circle saw was installed and is still being used.

The sawmill building erected in 1873-1875 still forms part of the present mill building, but a number of additions have been made. The large rough sawn timbers erected in 1873 are still visible.

The water driven saw mill is in daily production today.

After Louis moved from New York, he used both the spelling "Louis" and "Lewis". We will use the exact spelling that is found in the various records, and it will be seen that there is little consistency.

An indirect indication that there may have been other Champines in the Darlington area comes from the following reference found in the 1840 census for Cramahe Township, Durham County:

Roswell Champine, 11 in family.

The following other references to Champines have been found.

The 1833 Darlington Township Assessment records (on file in the Ontario archives, Toronto) show that Lewis owned 100 acres of cultivated land located on the west ½ of lot 6, concession 6. The 1834 census showed that he owned 80 acres, the north part of lot 9.

The 1835 assessment showed for "Lewis Champaign":

46 acres uncultivated

10 acres cultivated
1 oxen
1 cow

The 1839 assessment shows the "Louis Champine" family living on Lot 9, concession 7, with:

30 acres cultivated
20 acres uncultivated
Methodist
7 in family

Louis Champine's name appears in assessment rolls for 1842, 1844, 1846, and 1847. At a meeting of the inhabitants of the township of Darlington held in Bowmanville on January 5, 1846, "Lewis Champine" was elected as a fence viewer.

The 1848 assessment rolls give some indication of the life-style of pioneers.

Louis Champine, Farmer; Lot 10, concession 8.
Occupant-1
Family (others 6)
Methodist
Natives of Canada of French origin-5
Natives of U.S.-1 (Hannah?)
Females under 5-1
Number of children between 5-15: 2
Acres 130-tilled 30; woodland 100
Average value of cleared land per acre-$3.
Average value of wild land per acre-$2
Acres of wheat-3
Quantity of wheat-15
Acres of oats-10
Quantity of oats-200
Acres of Indian corn-3
Quantity of Indian corn-50
Acres of potatoes-1/2
Quantity of potatoes-100
Number pounds of maple sugar-100
New cattle-9
Horses-0
Sheep-7
Hogs-5

The land records for Darlington Township in Salt Lake City show a sale of Lot 12, Concession 10, registered March 8, 1850, from the Crown to "Louis Champine" for 100 acres. A copy of the sale is shown on the next page. This sale was of "Clergy Reserves" land, which was the source of considerable friction and bitterness between the citizens and the British. Other town records show the transaction as complete in 1847.

Squair says (page 369) "Its (Clergy Reserves) foundation lay in an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the year 1791 which provided:

"That no grant of lands hereafter made shall be valid or effectual unless the same shall contain a specification of the lands to be allotted and appropriated solely to the maintenance of a Protestant clergy within the said Province"."

Accordingly one seventh of all land grants were set aside for the support of the Protestant clergy. However, the citizen opposition was so strong that the land was sold off starting in 1840. A number of other land transactions are recorded for Louis in 1844, 1854, and 1855.

The census of 1851-1852 of Darlington Township, Durham Co. district 4, shows the following:

Dwelling	Name	Occupation	Birth	Religion	Age
House	Louis Champain	Farmer	Canada	Methodist	51
	Hannah Champain		U.S.	Methodist	51
	Charles Champain	Labourer	Canada	Methodist	18
	Mary Champain		Canada	Methodist	16
	John Champain		Canada	Methodist	10
Log	Clark Shampain	Farmer	Canada	Methodist	23
	Martha Shampain		Canada	Methodist	26
	Wallace Shampain		Canada	Methodist	2
	Adelaide Shampain		Canada	Methodist	1

Louis and Clark (father and son) lived on adjacent plots of ground, yet one name is spelled "Champain" and the other is spelled "Shampain". No mention is found of Champine in the 1861 census.

Shortly after the census of 1851-1852 Louis and his family left Darlington, telling friends that they were going to Michigan (Wisconsin was part of Michigan at that time). The obituary of Mary Champine Davis says that Louis and his family left Darlington and arrived in Wisconsin in 1853 where they stayed for ten years. Louis sold his farm in Darlington on December 24, 1855, to Jacob News. All of the Champines and the LaRues (French Huguenots) left over the next six years. As Squair states on page 76 "All those bearing the names LaRue and Champine migrated to the State of Michigan. Criness LaRue and his wife (grandparents of Clark's second wife Susan) are buried at Breedsville, Michigan." The last land transaction for Charles Champine was May 6, 1861, (Charles was in Mitchell, Wisconsin by 1854) and for Clark was December 16, 1861. This was when Clark sold his sawmill and 88 acres to James Woodley.

For more background on Darlington, see the section on Darlington.

We can only guess at the reasons for the Champines and LaRues leaving Canada. Squair tells us that these were turbulent times in Canada. In 1846 there had been a boom year due to expansion of wheat farming and construction of grain elevators. In 1848 there was a depression due to

repeal of the "Corn Laws" by Britain, eliminating price protection. The price of wheat bottomed out in 1851-1852, the lowest in 81 years. In 1853-1857 there was a boom due to rail building and the Crimean War. Depression came again in 1857.

Information in the Schmid book provides more indication (page 292).

"Between 1861 and 1871 almost 13 percent of the population left Clarke Township. This movement was only partially due to difficulties caused by the partial loss of the American produce market. Not all the people who left in the sixties were getting their entire living from the land and very few owned farms.

"Some wanted cheap land which was now scarce in this district. A descendant of Thomas Thompson writes: "Minnesota was still a territory and land was cheap". At the time Thomas left (1856--one year after the Champines and LaRues left) all of the farms in Clarke had been taken up. Families were large and each son would have to start out on his own. Many rented farms. Sometimes the rents were high and some could not make a go of it."

By this time many farms in the area were being abandoned because the lighter soils proved unsuitable for farming after the trees had been removed. Lending further encouragement to moving were reports from Kansas about "corn so high you have to use a ladder to climb up to reach the cobs", and reports of cabbage weighing 35 lbs and potatoes averaging 400 bushels to the acre. There was one report of a potato measuring 1 ft. 7 inches in circumference.

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Province of Canada.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, *GREETING:—*

Whereas, the Lands hereinafter described and granted, are part of the Lands which have been from time to time, according to the provisions of Law in that behalf, allotted and appropriated, and are commonly known as *Clergy Reserves*: And Whereas, by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the Eighth year of the late King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to authorize the sale of a part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada," and by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the Third and Fourth years of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of Canada, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof,—Power and authority is given to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government, respectively, as well of the said Province of Upper Canada, as of the said Province of Canada, with the advice of the Executive Council, to sell, grant, alienate and convey all or any of the said Clergy Reserves; And Whereas, in pursuance of the power and authority given in and by the said Acts, or by any one or other of them, a contract hath been duly entered into for the sale and conveyance of the lands, tenements and hereditaments hereinafter mentioned, being part of the said Clergy Reserves, unto Louis Champine of the Township of Darlington, in the County of Durham yeoman, his heirs and assigns, at and for the price or sum of Sixty-two pounds Ten Shillings Currency

NOW KNOW YE, that in consideration of the said sum of Sixty two pounds Ten Shillings Currency to our Commissioner appointed by Us to superintend the sale of the said Clergy Reserves, to and for Our use, well and truly paid, We have granted, sold, aliened and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell, alien and convey unto the said Louis Champine his heirs and assigns, All that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate in the Township of Darlington in the County of Durham of Our said Province, containing by admeasurement one hundred Acres more or less, being be the same the Clergy Reserve, Lot Number Twelve in the Tenth Concession of the aforesaid Township of Darlington

Recorded 30th March 1850

Registrar

Together with all the Woods and Waters thereon lying and being, **To Have and to Hold** the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby granted to him the said Louis Champine his heirs and assigns, for ever: **Saving, nevertheless**, unto Us, our Heirs and Successors, all Mines of Gold and Silver, that shall or may hereafter be found on any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Province of Canada; Witness Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin James Earl of Elgin and Kincardine Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward and Vice Admiral of the same &c &c &c at Toronto

this Eighth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~forty~~ fifty and in the Thirteenth year of our Reign.

Ser No. 2366
Reg. 9346
Ch. 3.9.

By Command of His Excellency in Council. J. Leslie Sec.
J. A. Price
Comr. of Crown Lands

The Alvin Champagne book gives additional insight as to why people emigrated from Canada to the United States. During the time from 1841 to 1843 over 100,000 people came to Canada from England and Ireland to escape problems of famine and poverty, causing serious overcrowding. Typhus had broken out periodically in Canada since the earliest days and there was another very serious outbreak in 1847, on top of the immigration problems. Smallpox, diphtheria, and yellow fever were also rampant. These and related problems led to riots and the burning of the Parliament building. Of the 100,000 people that migrated to Canada in the 1840s, 20,000 died on the way or shortly after arrival. Similar problems in the early 1800s plus better economic opportunity probably led to the migration of the Champagnes and Champines to America.

By this time there were both trains and lake boats carrying passengers west. It is possible that the Champine and LaRues took a lake boat west, going through Detroit and then landing at Sheboygan on the shore of Lake Michigan.

6. Everyone moves to Wisconsin

Many of the Champines ended up in Sheboygan, which is a city on the west shore of Lake Michigan 50 miles north of Milwaukee. Mitchell Township is in Sheboygan County, about 20 miles west of the city of Sheboygan.

Louis's daughters Melissa and Sarah, and son Charles Samuel all moved to Sheboygan before him.

Sarah Champine married Charles Nugent in Orono Canada on 28 February 1842. They were in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by 1844 where their first child Lewis F. Nugent was born. They had several more children in Milwaukee and Mitchell Township, Sheboygan County Wisconsin. They moved to Iowa in the spring of 1860 and are recorded in the census of Millersburg, Iowa County, Iowa on 19 July 1860.

Melissa married Peter Henry H. Preston in Durham County, Ontario. After the birth of their first child, Hannah, they moved to Milwaukee in 1846, and then to Sheboygan. Here, Benjamin, Ruby, Henry, Charles, Harry Leaver, John, Mattie, and Frank were born. a land patent (homestead) was issued to Peter H. Preston in the Green Bay Office of the BLM dated August 2, 1852 for 40 acres in Sheboygan County. Peter H. Preston shows up in Mitchell Township, Sheboygan County, in the 1855 Census. On November 7,1865 Melissa died in Mitchell, Sheboygan Co., Wisconsin.

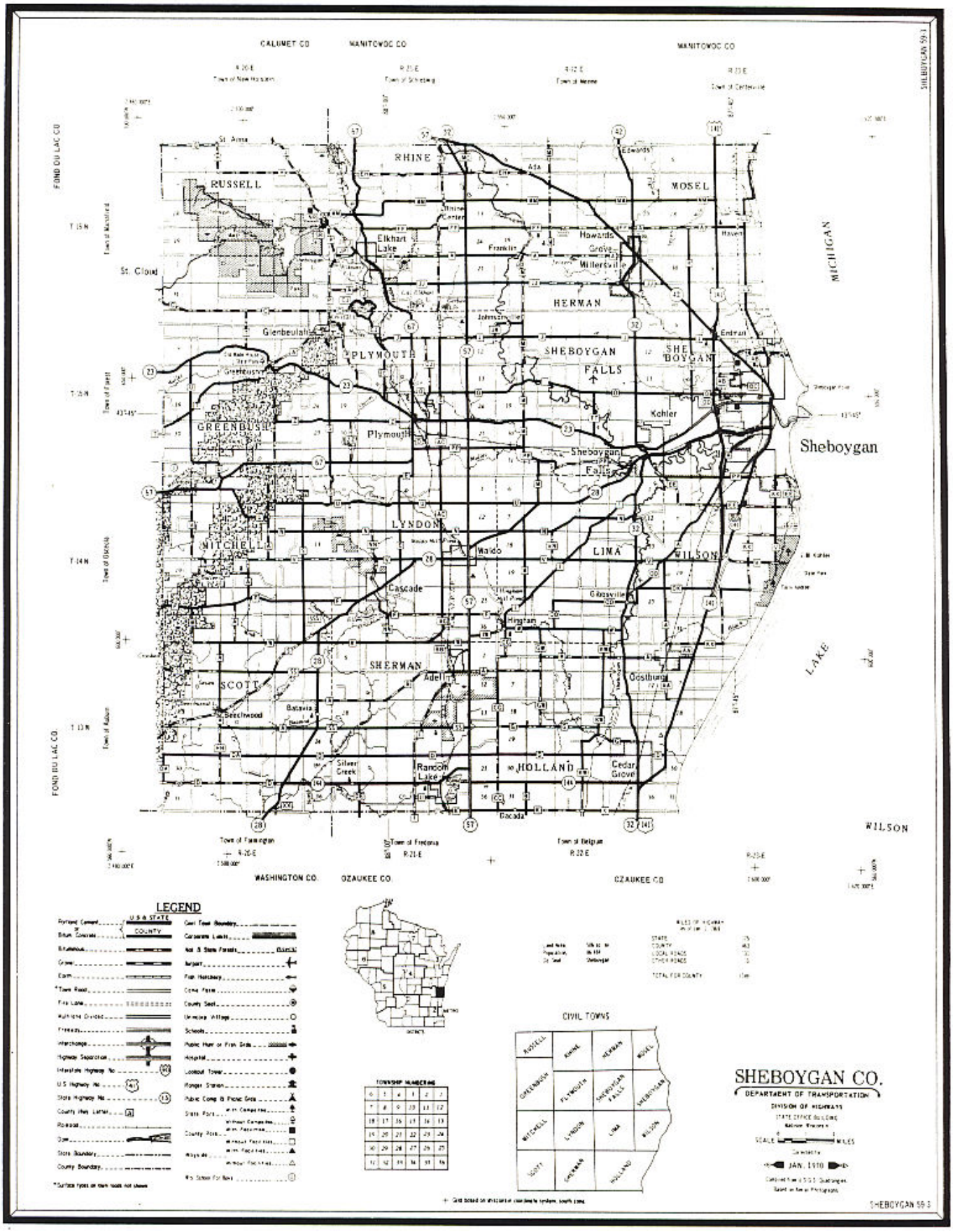
Charles Samuel and Lucretia arrived at Sheboygan on 7 June 1854 immediately after getting married on June 4 and bought land in July 1854. (In order to get to Sheboygan in three days it seems they must have taken a lake boat.) He sold it again in November, 1855 (Sheboygan Register of Deeds, page 406). He and Lucretia stayed in Wisconsin for ten years and then moved to Plainview, Minnesota in 1864 (from obituary of Lucretia).

Clark and Susan moved to Wisconsin in 1860 (as recorded in his obituary). They stayed about 18 months and then moved to a farm west of Plainview, Minnesota. They lived there until they moved into Plainview four years before Clark died.

Louis arrived in Mitchell Township, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin in about 1853 and lived there until at least 1870.

The notes from Ruby Junge show 1840 census data of Manitowac County, Wisconsin listing Joseph Champain with a family of:

one male under five
one male 10-15
one male 30-40
one female 5-10
one female 10-15
one female 15-20
one female 20-30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MICHIGAN
LAKE
RUSSELL
RHINE
MOSEL
HERMAN
PLYMOUTH
SHEBOYGAN FALLS
SHEBOYGAN
GREENBUSH
LYNDON
MITCHELL
LIMA
WILSON
SHERMAN
SCOTT
HOLLAND
Sheboygan
St. Cloud
Elkhart Lake
Glenbeulah
Plymouth
Kohler
Cascade
Adell
Oostburg
Cedar Grove
Random Lake
Silver Creek
Beechwood
Town of Farmington
Town of Fredonia
Town of Belgium
LEGEND
U.S. & STATE
COUNTY
CIVIL TOWNS
TOWNSHIP NUMBERING
SHEBOYGAN CO.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
JAN. 1970
SHEBOYGAN 59-3

two males 30-40
one male 40-50
one female 40-50

The same census in 1860 shows a Francis Champine family. The 1855 Mitchell Township state census shows a Nathanial Champine living in the household of Nath. Chapgne.

The 1880 census of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, Town of Rosendale shows:

Charles Champine, 36, born New York, father born NY, mother born NY
Emma, 28
Ella, 5
LeRoy, 1

Returning to Louis's family, the 1860 census shows the following in section 36, Mitchell Township:

Louis Champine, 59, born in Canada (consistent with being born in 1801)
Hanna Champine, 58, born in New York (consistent with being born in 1802)
Mary Champine, 24, born in Canada
John Champine, 19, born in Canada
Adelade Champine, 8, born in Canada
(Adelade is Clark's daughter by his first wife Martha)

The 1870 census in Mitchell Township Wisconsin shows for Louis:

Lewis, age 65, born Canada
Hannah, age 65, born Vermont
John, age 27, born Canada
Ada, age 18, born in Canada (Clark's daughter)

7. The Move to Minnesota

For some reason the Champines decided not to stay in Wisconsin. Charles Samuel stayed there ten years, but others moved on to Minnesota after only a couple of years in Wisconsin.

Travel had gotten much easier. The railroad had reached Chicago in 1852, Galena, Illinois (Mississippi River port) in 1853, and La Crosse, Wisconsin in 1858. At this time two boats per day were leaving Galena for St. Paul, Minnesota, each carrying up to 800 passengers. A Commission for Immigration had been established in Minnesota in 1855 to encourage immigration. A natural route for traveling to Minnesota from Sheboygan Wisconsin would have been to go to Chicago by lakeboat, take a train to Galena, and then to take a riverboat to Minnesota. (The railroad from Chicago to Minneapolis was not completed until 1867.) Minnesota would become a state in 1858, and the Homestead Act of 1862 would make free land available. Immigrants were pouring in during this time.

Plainview, Minnesota had been founded in 1856 and was growing rapidly. It was only a few miles from the Mississippi River and was a natural center for agriculture, shipping, and banking. Plainview is in Wabasha County.

Clark and Susan appear to have been the first to move to Plainview, arriving in 1860 or 1861. They were followed by Charles and Lucretia three or four years later, arriving in 1864. Charles chose this time to become a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1868.

United States of America

State of Minnesota
County of Wabasha

I, Charles S. Champine, do declare on oath, that it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United State, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and especially to Victoria, Queen of Great Britian and Ireland of whom I was formerly a subject.

Signed: Charles S. Champine

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th day of February A.D. 1868 at Wabasha by A. Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Minnesota in and for the County of Wabasha.

Louis and the rest of his children finally ended up in Plainview in about 1870, where he homesteaded a nearby 80-acre farm (2 miles east and 1.5 miles north of Elgin in Township 108 north, range 12 west, section 13). At age 70, Louis finally settled down. He and Hannah were to spend the rest of their lives here as were their son John and grandchildren Harry and Iva. The farm Louis homesteaded remained in the Champine name until 1955 when it was sold to Clarence Haak.

The 1880 census shows Charles LaRue and his wife living in Wabasha County Minnesota with a child and his mother. There was also an Edward Shampain and his wife living in Plainview.

Of Louis's six children, John and Clark remained in Plainview, as did all of John's children. Mary moved to a farm in nearby Elgin.

The 1880 census of Plainview listed Edward Shampine, age 25, born Michigan, and his wife Rosella age 23.

7.1. Arriving in Plainview

The following narrative is adapted from the history of Wabasha County. Although it was written about the first settlers to arrive at Plainview, we assume that the same narrative applies to the extended Louis Champine family that arrived six years later.

Plainview Township is well situated in that part of southeastern Minnesota known as Greenwood Prairie. It is one of the most southern townships in Wabasha County. The quality of the soil of this town is excellent; a rich, dark loam, with sufficient sand mixed in with it to create that degree of warmth so necessary to productiveness; while the land, viewed from an elevation, as it gradually rises and falls in rolling prairie as far as the eye can reach, reminding the spectator of the huge billows of the far-distant ocean. It has productive soil and pleasant location, with a surface sufficiently undulating to secure excellent natural drainage. The town is fairly well timbered in different portions, the number of trees having increased both by natural growth and by the planting of windbreaks and shade trees.

The first settlers in this immediate vicinity landed from a steamboat at Winona, came up across that county to St. Charles, and then found their way onto the borders of the marvelously rich Greenwood Prairie, arriving about April 8, 1855, about five years before the Champines. They saw in the broad acres that stretched out before them as they entered the beautiful valley, the

promised land which had been the burden of their thoughts and dreams, and caused them to plant their stakes, and declare this to be their future homes. That first evening the glorious sunset painted the landscape in splendor of gold and carmine, while a gentle breeze tossed the dry grass that covered the broad acres in every direction, into wavelets that reflected the silvery sheen of the last rays of sunshine that seemed reluctant to close the draperies, as the twilight deepened into night.

The first settlers probably gathered a few faggots from a nearby grove, and kindled the first campfire that was destined to mark the beginning of a settlement, which in the very near future must become one of the garden spots in the almost limitless northwest. Little did the first settlers reckon as they prepared their frugal meal, and spread out their blankets on the virgin soil of the beautiful valley of the Whitewater River, what part they were playing in the history making of the great state of Minnesota, then a territory. Wearied by their long march across the trackless prairies, they sank to slumber on their new made beds under the canopy of the starry sky, with no fear of wild beasts or prowling Indians. They were lulled to sleep by the gentle wind, and slept through the night, to awaken as the first streaks of light heralded another day. As the aurora heralded the approaching sunrise, the air was vibrant with the twittering of myriad's of feathered songsters, and the deep sonorous "boom, boom, boom" of the prairie chicken as the haughty male bird struts back and forth near their brooding grounds, puffing his gills, and emitting the deep sonorous booming, never to be forgotten by the early settlers.

With the dawn of another day, no time was to be lost, and soon the nearby groves were made to resound with the lively tune played with the shining axes as chips flew, and the enthusiastic group erected a log cabin shingled with elm bark. It served not only as a dwelling place for the pioneers who built it, but also as a shelter for many of the early settlers who came later. These people themselves called their settlement "Paradise", happy in the wonderful opportunities of the new homes they had found. But for many miles around, the other settlers referred to this community as the "Yankee Settlement."

The first year did much to justify the high hopes entertained by these good people. The rich soil gave promise of abundant crops, and a fair acreage of land was broken and planted. More cabins were erected, shacks put up for the cattle, and even a few fences constructed.

The cabins were for the most part overcrowded, one small single-room cabin sometimes accommodating several good sized families of parents and growing children, furnishing lodging as well for a few visiting friends.

The first settlers on Greenwood Prairie had come from eastern states where fruits were plentiful and preserves were considered a necessary part of the daily diet. It was natural, therefore, that they should consider with interest the possibility of obtaining fruit here. Various wild fruits and some berries were found here, crab apples, plums, strawberries, gooseberries and grapes. When these were not obtainable, the good pioneer ladies sometimes made pies from sorrel and brown sugar.

The Elgin Post Office was established in 1857. The Winona & St. Peter railroad was completed through Plainview Township in November 1878.

The Methodist Episcopal Church dates back to the earliest days. Many of the most prominent of the early settlers brought with them their Methodist faith from Vermont. The first Methodist services were held in 1855. Plainview was included in the St. Charles circuit.

Elgin has had four newspapers, the "Minnesota Union," the "Elgin Journal," the "Elgin Free Press," and the "Elgin Monitor." In the early days various neighboring papers at Winona,

Rochester, Wabasha, and Lake City carried Plainview news items. The first issue of the "Minnesota Union" was date July 4, 1879.

The Old Settlers' Perpetual Union of Whitewater Valley, with headquarters at Elgin, has been an important factor in binding together the old settlers and their families, and keeping alive those early traditions which otherwise would be rapidly fading into forgetfulness. The Union had its beginning with an informal meeting of Old Settlers held at Elgin, February 19, 1855.

The Elgin cyclone of July 12, 1883, was an event never to be forgotten in this vicinity. Contemporaneous accounts of the event in the newspapers of the time, give a complete description of the devastation wrought. No warning of the catastrophe was given. For some days the weather had been unsettled with light rains. The morning was somewhat cloudy. Nothing untoward happened in the forenoon, and at noon the people betook themselves to dinner. About this time the skies commenced to darken, the rain to fall, the wind to rise and the thunder to roll, and people began to quicken their steps in order to seek shelter from what they imagined world prove to be an ordinary midsummer thunder and rainstorm. Fortunate for them it was that they did so; fortunately it was that the school was closed; providential it was that the devastating wind struck the village at a time when nearly all the people had reached their homes, and together with their wives and children, had been afforded a few seconds' time in which to fly for refuge to their cellars.

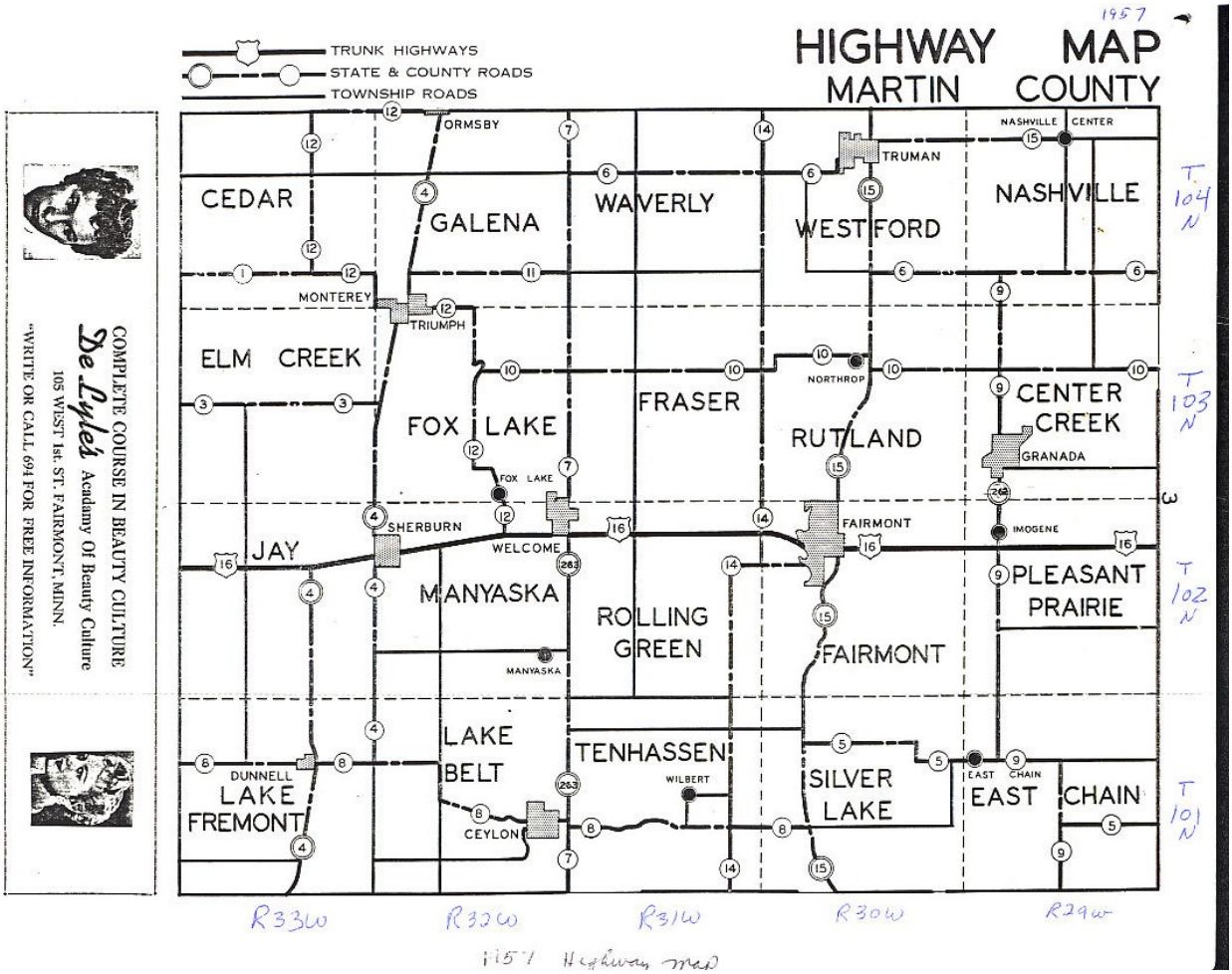
At about 12:10 the furious wind burst upon the village; with the pent-up force of whirlwind and tornado, hurricane and cyclone combined, lashed up to a degree of fury hitherto wholly unknown in this section of the country. Whirling, twisting, wrenching and tearing, it broke upon the defenseless village, and in less the two minutes' time literally blew it to atoms. So wholly unexpected was the occurrence that there was no time for the exercise of any thought save that of personal safety. Within the brief space of two minutes' time whole rows of buildings were leveled to the ground, some piled on top of others; houses lifted up bodily by the force of the wind, overturned, and their inmates violently thrown out and injured; other houses crushed and actually ground to pieces; acres of crops throughout the town laid waste; large trees twisted off at the trunk, five feet from the ground, leaving the roots in the soil; every business house in the place wrecked or unroofed; horses, cows and other cattle mangled and killed, and some of these, together with heavy timber form the lumberyard, parts of building and other weighty articles, picked up by the wind, lifted high in the air, and sent whirling through space, to come crashing to the earth at forty rods and more distant. The general line the storm took through the town was from west to east, bearing slightly toward the north, nor was its greatest degree of force attained until it reached the village, where it burst and scattered in different directions.

Almost immediately after the storm, the sun shone out bright and clear, but soon the clouds again appeared, and a heavy rain added to the discomfort of the people, all that day and night and the next day.

The arrival of the 1 p.m. train going north to Plainview was the first means the inhabitants of Elgin had of communicating the terrible news of the disaster to the outside world, the telegraph poles and wires being blown down for the distance of about a mile and a half, and the electrical elements having affected the wires as far north as Plainview. At about 1:30 p.m. the telegraph operator managed to make connections with the broken wires and telegraph the fact of the occurrence to Eyota, and by these means was the news first made known. The response was as generously and promptly made as it was needed; money, clothing, food, merchandise and lumber from different parts of the northwest was sent in by kind hearts, to be received by willing and thankful hands. The afternoon train from Plainview brought at least two hundred persons from that place to the scene of the disaster, eager to render all the immediate assistance so needful,

while from all portions of the adjoining country people began to pour into the unfortunate village and help in the work of clearing away the wreck and aid in providing means of shelter for the homeless. The injured received all the attention and care possible from a big-hearted, whole-souled people, and before night arrived there were none but who had at least been temporarily provided for.

Louis died of a hernia in Plainview on 26 October 1874 (date from death certificate) and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery (no marker). Hannah died of dropsy 15 September 1880 (date from death certificate) and is buried beside Louis. The location of their graves is not known.



7.2. Charles Samuel Champine Moves to Martin County, Minnesota

After living in Plainview for five years and when Winnefred was one year old, Charles Samuel and Lucretia started out from Plainview in a covered wagon in May, 1869, to find a homestead in Martin County, Minnesota about 120 miles to the southwest. Part of the incentive may have been that Martin County has some of the richest farmland in America.

We do not know what Charles' wagon looked like, but we can make some educated guesses. Technology was important then as now. Horses were finicky eaters and seldom durable enough to be worked hard on the prairie. Both mules and oxen were sufficiently sturdy, and their relative merits were endlessly debated. Mules were faster, by three or four miles per day, but they were notoriously stubborn and given to stampeding. Oxen were more docile and had greater raw

pulling power. Oxen were considered to be the friends of the settlers as they could work all day with only the natural grasses to exist on. A pair of mules cost twice as much as a yoke of oxen. Nevertheless we know that the wagon Charles had was pulled by "two span of horses". Generally, pioneer families had relatively light farm wagons. The huge Conestoga freighter wagons often portrayed in films and fiction were actually too heavy and cumbersome for the rough trails. The lighter wagons could travel 15 to 20 miles a day carrying about a ton of cargo. As a rule their beds were no more than 11 feet long and supported 5-foot-high hickory hoops, which were covered with oilcloth or canvas. A favorite size for the box was 10 feet by four feet. Riding in a wagon was very rough and bumpy; most people preferred to walk. The trip probably took at least ten days or
more.

From 1920 plat map

MARTIN COUNTY'S ADVANTAGES

Martin County claims consideration upon its superiority as an agricultural region, its scenic, climatic and social advantages.

GEOGRAPHY—In the southern tier of Minnesota counties, abutting on Iowa, midway between Wisconsin and South Dakota. Thirty miles east and west, 24 miles north and south, containing 20 townships. Contains about fifty meandered lakes, no large streams. Gently rolling prairie, no rough or broken areas, natural timber along shores of lakes and streams. Greatest elevation 1,300 feet, which does not vary over 100 feet throughout the county. Traversed by the C. M. & St. P., C. M. St. P. & O., C. & N. W. and M. & St. L. railways. Within 24 hours of the great marketing and distributing centers of Chicago, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Sioux City and Des Moines. Twenty railroad stations within or upon the immediate borders of the county. More than 80 per cent of the farms are within six miles of market. County seat, Fairmont, population slightly less than 4,400. Seven villages have populations 300 to 1,500.

CLIMATE—Typical o the mid-temperate zone. Climatic diseases unknown. Severe storms either summer or winter are rare. Winters are invigorating but not extremely cold. Summers hot with sufficient moisture to insure rapid maturity of crops. The long autumnal season is especially delightful. Rainfall abundant but not excessive. April, May and June are the months of the heaviest rainfall. Average precipitation in the county for the last 30 years about 28 inches. The numerous lakes form natural reservoirs for surplus surface water, supplemented by natural waterways and a very extensive system of public ditches, principally tiled, with ample outlets through the Des Moines, Minnesota and Blue Earth rivers, which traverse adjoining counties.

POPULATION—About 22,000. Sixty-five per cent of the population is rural. European stock principally, especially on farms; well Americanized. German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Polish and Irish extraction predominates.

INDUSTRIES—Agriculture is and must remain the predominant, basic industry and source of wealth. Crop failures are unknown. The first crop ever raised in the county was corn and it is firmly established as the principal field crop. It has been grown successively and successfully since 1857. Good farmers consider 60 bushels per acre an average yield. Over 100 bushels have been raised on demonstration tracts and 80 bushels is common. Martin county corn has won more first premiums and awards than any county in the state and competes successfully with Illinois and Iowa.

STOCK RAISING—Especially growing and fattening for the market, is highly important. Most of Martin county's bumper crops are fed on the farms where grown and marketed on the hoof. The vast agricultural wealth rests on the combination of corn, hogs and cattle. Dairying is very profitable and there are numerous creameries. The poultry industry is highly developed and a source of large revenue. Through the efforts of the Farm Bureau and the County Agent, supplemented by the many farmers clubs, the raising of pure bred cattle and hogs is rapidly increasing.

OATS is the principal grain crop, profitable and highly necessary in proper rotation of crops. Most of the oats grown are fed locally. Cultivated grasses thrive and afford abundant pasturage and hay. Corn silage is an important feed crop in connection with the live stock industry and silos are found on all of the best farms.

SUGAR BEETS—Many have found prosperity in growing sugar beets, to which the soil is especially well adapted. The yield is heavy, averaging about 10 tons per acre, and the sugar content high, insuring the best prices. A canning factory at Fairmont offers a profitable outlet for truck farming. All garden and small crops do exceptionally well. Nowhere can a greater diversity of field products be grown with success.

The value of agricultural land is high, but much lower than in older sections of the Mississippi valley possessing fewer advantages. The average price per acre of farm land for the last six decades is as follows:

1860—Mostly unsettled.
1870—Mostly homestead land.
1880—$5 per acre.
1890—$12 per acre.
1900—$35 per acre.
1910—$50 per acre.
1920—$200 per acre.

RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL—These essentials of a successful community have kept pace with the material development. Churches of every well recognized denomination are within reach of all parts of the county. Lutherans predominate, with large congregations of Methodists, Catholics, Congregationalists and other denominations established in fine church homes in the various towns and villages, as well as in the rural communities.

There are eight high schools, one of which is in the splendid township consolidated school at East Chain. Public schools are within easy reach of every home and the standard is high. There are but two consolidated schools thus far established but several more are expected to build shortly. There are also several Lutheran and one Catholic parochial school.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS abound and farmers clubs are an important factor in all the progressive communities, numbering about 20 in the county. The Farm Bureau and County Agent have headquarters in the $300,000 court house at the county seat. Several of the villages have well organized commercial clubs that co-operate and work with the farmers' clubs.

ROADS—The county is committed to a policy of good roads. There are 189 miles of state highways established of which 76 miles are permanently improved. Motorists know when they reach Martin county by the superiority of the highways over surrounding counties. Lines of the proposed Babcock paved highway system are laid out to cross the county both ways.

SCENIC—The great number of wooded lakes, abounding in all parts of the county, many of them with lofty banks and deep, clear water, make the out-of-doors a panorama of delight. Beautiful drives, integral parts of the public highway system, circle and wind along the shore lines, banked with lofty trees "where summer sunshine sifts through entwining boughs" and, stretching off through verdant fields and pastures, dotted at frequent intervals with beautiful, prosperous homes, and leading into and through homey and hospitable villages, entrance the traveler and fill the resident with happy pride.

THE CAMPER, TOURIST AND PLEASURE SEEKER find the region pleasantly alluring. The lakes abound with game fish and water fowl. Wild life is abundant and varied. To all who appreciate nature at her best, Martin county is indeed the "Garden Spot of the World."

3 From 1957 Plat map

The original citizens of the Martin County area were the Winnebago Indians, who lived by farming, hunting, and fishing. The first recorded white men to visit the area were John C. Fremont and his French associate Joseph N. Nicolet in June, 1838. These men established Fort Tchan Hassan near the headwaters of the Des Moines River.

The first settler in Martin County, Calvin Tuttle, arrived in Tenhassen Township in March of 1856. When the first settlers arrived in the Fairmont area, they had to walk through grass as high as their heads, but they did not have to clear the land of trees—they simply had to break the sod. Martin County was officially opened for settlement following the Treaty of Traverse Des Sioux in 1851 and the land survey in 1857. The Spirit Lake Massacre of March 1857, and the Sioux

Uprising of 1862 when more than 700 settlers were killed had spread fear into the inhabitants of Martin County. After the end of the Civil War in 1865 a recession followed, and then the "Grasshopper Plague" of 1873-1877 descended on the impoverished farmers and many were forced to abandon their holdings and leave the country. The Bassetts arrived in 1865 and lived through these troubled times, but these problems had subsided by 1869 when Charles Samuel Champine arrived (many other very serious problems came after he arrived).

In spite of its flatness and isolation, the Fairmont area is very appealing. Calvin Tuttle, the first settler to come to the Fairmont area (he walked from Connecticut in 1856 as did almost all of the early settlers) said it very well, that Martin County was "a land of many and beautiful lakes and streams, and rivers of clear pure water abounding with large quantities of fish of many kinds, ducks, geese, swans, and other water fowl". That statement was and is true. What he did not say was the weather is quite severe in that area, with tornadoes and tremendous electrical storms in the spring, snow lasting into May in sheltered areas, temperatures of 100+ degrees in the summer, frost in September, and temperatures of 20-25 degrees below zero every winter. One has to be a native to enjoy it. I remember one time in the mid 1970 when the temperature did not get above ten degrees below zero for two weeks. The temperature will often remain below zero for a couple of weeks in January and will remain below freezing for three months.

William Budd, pioneer historian of Martin County, stated that in late 1856 the population of Martin County was about 50 people. There were no horses, and anyone who arrived did so by using ox-drawn wagons or by walking. The first settlers in Fairmont, county seat of Martin County, arrived in July, 1856. The original name was Fair Mount, but this was later changed to Fairmont. William H. Budd and E. Banks Hall settled on the shores of lakes that were to bear their names. Fairmont had the first post office in Martin County, dedicated October 9, 1858 with William Budd as the first postmaster. Fort Fairmont (on the site of the present court house) was established in 1862 shortly after the start of the Dakota (Sioux Indian) uprising which terrified settlers throughout southern Minnesota. The railroad reached eastern Martin County (Winnebago) in 1872 and Fairmont in July 1878. The Fairmont Opera House was completed in 1901 (and is still in use) and the courthouse was completed in 1907. Both of these buildings are within two blocks of where I grew up.

The Homestead Act was passed in 1862 and provided that settlers could claim up to 160 acres of land by proving five years of continuous residence. Alternatively the settlers could gain immediate ownership by planting at least ten acres of trees on each quarter section (160 acres). The odd-numbered sections were given to the railroads (which they resold) and two sections per township were allocated to schools. The area including Martin County was opened to settlement in April 1864.

I am quite sure that Charles knew where he was going because he traveled directly from Plainview to Martin County with his family. On the way to finding land he stopped at the farm of the Livingston family on the shore of South Silver Lake six miles south of Fairmont to inquire about the availability of land for homesteading. The Livingston family provided what information they had, and invited the migrant family to stay overnight in their yard near their log cabin. That same log cabin has been preserved and restored, and now is on display in Lincoln Park in Fairmont. The cabin is 16 feet square and has an overhead loft for sleeping.

The family arrived by horse-drawn covered wagon at the land that they would homestead on June 4, 1869 when Charles Samuel was 37 years old. The place was flat prairie land with grass as high as a man's head. The wagon box with its canvas cover was set on the ground for their first home.

Charles took the wagon running gear to Mankato to haul the lumber for the house. Until it was ready, my great-grandmother Lucretia had to look after the family of seven living in the wagon box in the middle of a trackless prairie with no one around for miles except perhaps for some Indians. Charles Samuel was gone several days. Mankato is about 70 miles from the farm, and the team of horses could travel about 15-20 miles a day. Therefore Charles was probably gone ten days to two weeks. My grandfather George was the oldest of the children that lived in the wagon box; he was thirteen years old; the youngest was Winnefred at one year old. Charles Samuel used the lumber to build a sod house in a small ravine where the family lived for a few years. Then they were able to build a "real" frame house with more lumber hauled from Mankato. This "real" frame house was home to Charles Samuel and later to Colonel until 1962, when it was replaced by a modern house.

The farm that Charles Samuel homesteaded is in Minnesota but one mile north of the Iowa state line two miles west and two miles south of Ceylon, MN. Ceylon is a small town of a few hundred people about 20 miles southwest of Fairmont. The land is the NE quarter of section 32, township 101 N of range 32 W (160 acres). The deed is signed by Rutherford B. Hayes and awarded to "Charles Samuel Chaimpine". The original homestead deed is still in the family (a copy is included here). The homestead was recorded at the land office in Worthington, Minnesota on 15 June 1877, eight years after Charles settled on the land. (See accession number MN2500-.334, volume ID 533, page 334, document 4325, image 00001181). Money must have been in short supply because Charles mortgaged his farm 13 times, usually for small amounts of money like $200 or $300.

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The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 4325
Application 6133

Whereas, *there has been deposited in the* GENERAL LAND OFFICE *of the United States a* CERTIFICATE *of the Register of the Land Office at* Worthington Minnesota, *whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of* Charles Samuel Chainpine *has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the* North East quarter of Section Thirty-two in Township One hundred and One of Range Thirty-two. in the District of Lands subject to sale at Worthington Minnesota. containing One-hundred and Sixty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE *by the* SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, *That there is therefore granted by the* UNITED STATES, *unto the said* Charles Samuel Chainpine *the tract of Land above described:* TO HAVE AND TO HOLD *the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said* Charles Samuel Chainpine *and to his heirs and assigns forever.*

In Testimony whereof, *I,* Rutherford B. Hayes, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the* SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE *to be hereunto affixed.*

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, *the* fifteenth *day of* June, *in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and* Seventy-seven, *and of the Independence of the United States the* One-hundred and first.

By the President: R. B. Hayes

By B. L. Lang Fesh, *Sec'y.*

S. W. Clark, *Recorder of the General Land Office.*

In June of 2003, we were going through the Pioneer Heritage Museum in Worthington, about an hour west of Fairmont. There, among the many building of historical interest, we found the Worthington Land Office building from about 1872: the very building where Charles Samuel had obtained his homestead, shown in this picture. Of course we were astonished at this stroke of good luck. I stood in the building and touched the walls, trying to imagine the presence of Charles there.

Charles and Lucretia were merrymakers. Neighbors would gather at their house. They would move the furniture out of the house and bring in a fiddler for dancing.

from 1920 plat map

MARTIN COUNTY, CITIES AND TOWNS

FAIRMONT, THE CITY OF HOMES

FAIRMONT—County seat of Martin county. Population 4,400 happy, contented, prosperous people. On a chain of 12 lakes, nearly all connected, extending a distance of 12 miles across the state line into Iowa. The city offers ideal living conditions. Thoroughly modern. The biggest little city in the west. Gives the impression of being a place of 10,000. Miles of paved streets and alleys. City-owned water, light and heating facilities. Has four banks with more than three million deposits, all lines of retail business housed in modern stores, nine churches, five public and two parochial schools building. Splendid $200,000 high school. All fraternal organizations. Live commercial club. Daily press. Three great railroad systems. Produce houses doing several million dollars business annually. Two gas engine factories, canning factory, two monument factories, and other industries; wants more. Parks and drives. Interlaken Amusement Park is one of the largest and finest in the west, costing over $100,000. Two large summer resort hotels, also two modern hotels in city. One of the finest golf courses in the country. A Mecca for thousands of tourists annually.

A city of homes in an ideal location on four beautiful lakes; many others within a few miles. Fairmont's people are friendly and hospitable. It is easy to get acquainted in Fairmont. No better place to enjoy life than in Fairmont. "They always come back to Fairmont."

CEYLON—Population 600; 18 miles southwest of Fairmont. On the C. & N. W. R. R.; 2 banks, cement block and tile factory, poultry specialty company, creamery, 3 elevators, one of the best schools in the Northwest. Has own electric light plant. The center of a very rich corn and stock raising community. Several beautiful lakes near at hand. Has several thriving business establishments.

DUNNELL—Population 250; 22 miles west by southwest of Fairmont, the county seat. Located on the M. & St. L. R. R.; 2 banks, 2 elevators, a thriving up-to-date creamery. Electric lights, a very good school. Has garage and several other going business concerns. Draws business from a community devoted to raising corn, live stock and dairy products.

GRANADA—Population 425; 7 miles west of Fairmont. Located on the C. M. & St. P. R. R.; 2 banks, elevators, garage, creamery. Electric light and power furnished from the dam at Rapidan, Minnesota. Several thriving business concerns. One of the best schools in this locality. Dairying and farming district. Much acreage devoted to the raising of corn.

MONTEREY—Population 250; 21 miles northwest of Fairmont. On the M. & St. L. R. R.; 2 banks, 2 elevators, creamery, garage, and other thriving business concerns. Excellent school facilities. The leading products are dairy, stock and corn.

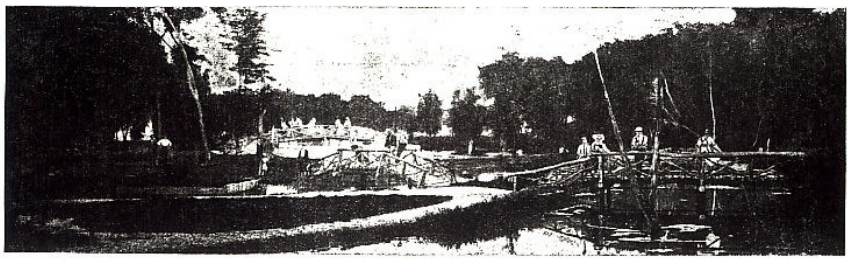
NORTHROP—Population 100; 5 miles north from Fairmont. On the C. St. P. M. & O. R. R.; 1 bank, 1 garage, elevator, complete modern school. The center of a thriving agricultural section.

SHERBURN—Population 1,100; 12 miles west of Fairmont. Railroad center on the C. M. St. P. R. R. and the M. & St. L. R. R.; 3 banks, 3 elevators, one of the most up-to-date creameries in the state. Has own electric light plant. Excellent schools, hospital, several garages and other thriving business concerns. Several beautiful lakes within easy walking distance from town. The center of a thriving agricultural community. The main products are: dairy, sugar beets, corn and stock.

TRIUMPH—Population 350; 20 miles northwest of Fairmont. Located on the C. & N. W. R. R.; 2 banks, 2 elevators, creamery, garage and several other thriving business enterprises. Excellent school facilities. In the heart of a dairying, corn growing, and stock raising community.

TRUMAN—Population 900; 12 miles north of Fairmont. On the C. St. P. M. & O. R. R.; has 3 banks, 4 elevators. (The Truman Farmer's Elevator Company owns two of these and does over a half million dollars' business.) New creamery doing a thriving business. Electric light nad power furnished from dam at Rapidan, Minnesota. Excellent school facilities, hospital, two garages and many other up-to-date business concerns. Truman is the heart of a rich dairying, corn and stock raising community.

WELCOME—Population 600; 7 miles west of Fairmont. Located on the C. & N. W. R. R. and the C. M. & St. P. R. R.; 2 banks, 3 elevators, one of the best creameries in the state of Minnesota. Garage and other thriving business concerns. Electric lights owned by the city. Hospital. Center of agricultural and dairying district.



RUSTIC BRIDGE SCENE—INTERLAKEN PARK

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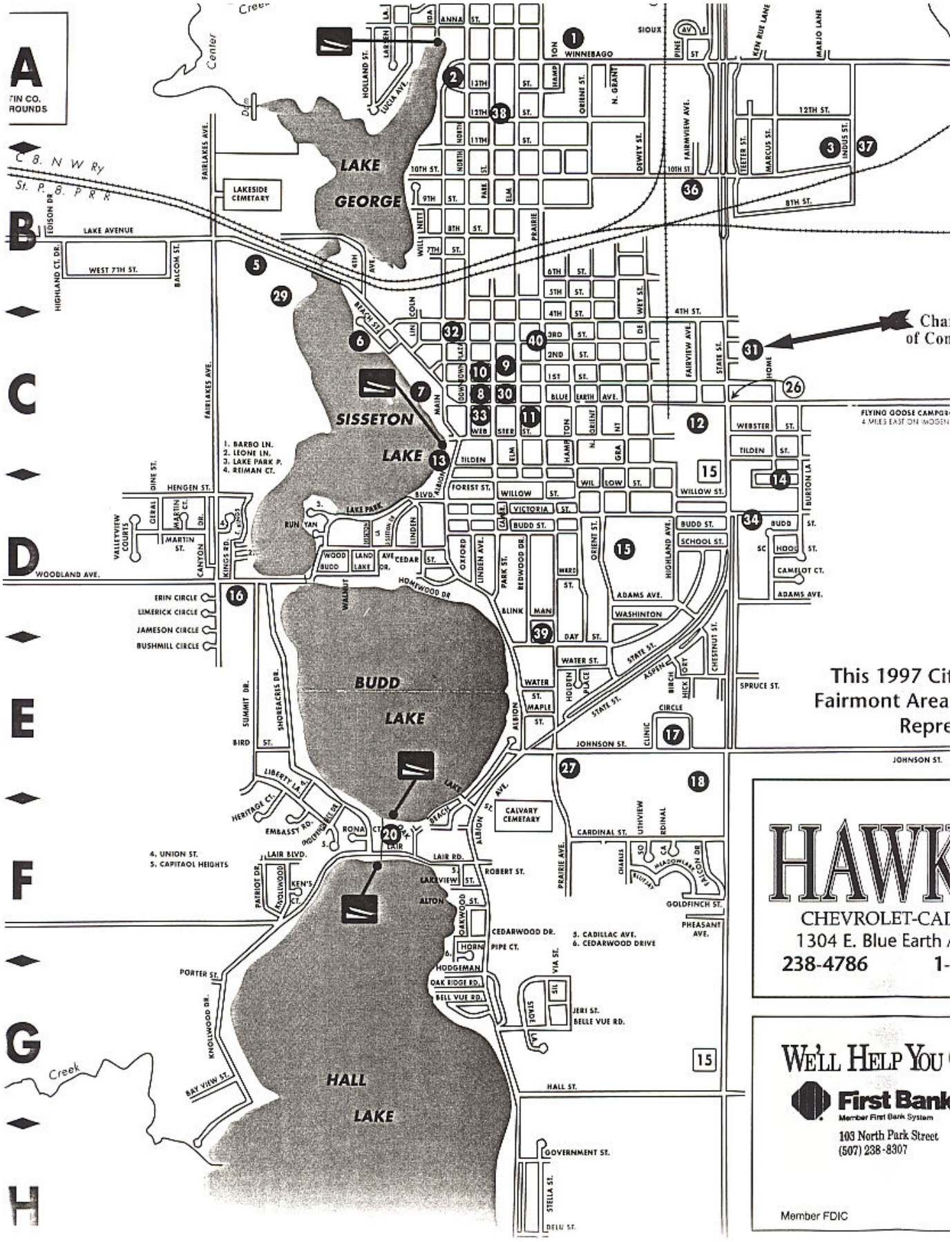
from 1920 Plat map

In the trackless prairie there was nothing to build with; no lumber, no stones, and no soil suitable for adobe. Therefore the first permanent pioneer homes were sod houses built into a shallow ravine. They used strips of the prairie grass usually 12 inches wide and 3-4 inches thick. We do



not know what Charles' sod house was like, but typically they were about 10 feet by 15 feet. The ground floor was for cooking and working, and a loft was accessible by a ladder for sleeping.

A real sod house can be seen at Sanborn, Minnesota. It is the McCone 1880 Sod House and is open for inspection. We visited the McCone sod houses (three of them) in July of 2002 and found it extremely interesting. They are only 20 miles east of the farm in Walnut Grove Minnesota that Laura Ingalls Wilder lived in while growing up. Her sod house was about 10 feet by 12 feet with one window covered by grease-soaked paper, and housed a family of two adults and three children. A replica can be seen at the McCone farm. (Another sod house can be seen at the Worthington Pioneer Heritage Museum).

The McCone farm has an "expensive" sod house build with lumber for doorframes, window frames, rafters, and stringers. It has several windows with real glass. This house is about 15 feet by 30 feet, and cost about $50 to build in 1880. The nearby "low cost" sod house is built with saplings for rafters and stringers, and only one window covered by grease-soaked paper. It measures about 10 feet by 15 feet and cost $5 to build in 1880. We learned that in either case the house had to be built 12-15 inches higher than the final height, because the walls shrank that much as they dried out. The McCones have allowed several acres surrounding the sod houses to revert to the natural prairie state. When we visited, the flowers were in full bloom and were very beautiful.

Settlers brought simple tools: a walking plow, a scythe, an axe, a spade or shovel, and a hoe. In addition to farming, the pioneers were trappers and hunters to feed the family. Fortunately, there was abundant game in the area including pheasants, rabbits, fish, ducks, grouse, prairie chickens, geese, and quail. There were also wild strawberries, gooseberries, grapes, plums, and crab apple trees.

Beds were built as wooden frames with ropes stretched across the frames. Corn husks or hay were stuffed in a fabric bag for a mattress. The roofs of sod houses often leaked in the rain (and for two or three days after a heavy rain), so the babies were put in the bureau drawers to stay dry. Light at night was provided by a saucer of grease with a piece of twisted cloth for a wick. They gave little light and smelled bad, but they were better than nothing. There were often Indians wandering in the area, and they would sometimes come up to the sod houses and would poke their fingers through the paper windows to see what was going on inside.

One of the first things the settlers had to do was plant the garden for food. They generally planted cabbage, squash, beans, pumpkins, potatoes, carrots, and lettuce. Food was initially cooked over an open fire, and then later on a sheet metal cook stove. Most settlers used twisted grass or buffalo chips for fuel, and we can assume that this family did as well. To get water, they had to dig a well by hand (very dangerous) and line it with stones. They also had to build a stable for the horses, a hog barn, a chicken house, and had to plant a grove of trees. The settlers generally built a root cellar on the north side of the house where it would stay cool. The large amount of work required them to work from sunrise to sunset. After a few years Charles and Lucretia were able to build a "real" house with more lumber.

After arrival, one of the first things to be done by the settlers was to plant wheat and other grains. The women would use the lighter hand sickle to cut the wheat, tying the wheat into bundles. After flailing the wheat, they would fan the grains by using the wind to blow out the chaff. No grain was ever lost. The families usually had a few cows. The women skimmed the pans of milk and made butter with their churn. The women made their own soap. A spinning wheel stood handy in the house, and the women spent many hours at the wheel. A handloom was used to

weave the thread into cloth. When not occupied with these tasks, the women made candles. They started with a tub of grease and a tub of cold water. Wicks of twisted string were prepared, and four or five were tied to a stick. The wicks were lowered into the boiling grease and then quickly dipped into the cold water, which hardened the grease. This operation was repeated several times until the candle took on the desired thickness. They were not beautiful, and they gave off a red light and a lot of smoke, but they were all that were available.

7.3. School District No. 45: The Champine School

One concern of the pioneers was for the education of their children and the Champines were no exception.

Initially, schooling was done in the home by the mothers. In 1849 the Minnesota Territorial legislature passed a law for the establishment and maintenance of common schools. Every township containing not less than five families constituted a school district. These schools were supported by private subscriptions of the local parents with school age children rather than by taxes. These schools were usually small, one room, white buildings measuring 12 by 24 feet. Each school had a tower and a bell, with a rope hanging down to ring the bell. Children walked up to two miles to get to school. School furniture was home made. Each school had a cloakroom in the front and a coal shed in the back. There was also a potbellied stove. The teacher had a desk, a set of maps, a globe, and pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. There was a water pail, a single water dipper from which all would drink, a washbasin for washing hands, and a coal pail. Winters were difficult because it was hard to keep the schools warm: sometimes ink in the desks would freeze. A strip on land around the school was plowed to serve as a firebreak as prairie fires were frequent and fast moving.

District No. 45

Desks were nailed to the floor so students could not move them around. Because paper was very expensive, subjects were taught by recitation and rote except for arithmetic and handwriting. The students brought a lunch for noon, consisting usually of homemade bread, sometimes soaked with homemade sorghum or syrup, homemade butter or lard, jelly, a hardboiled egg, and an apple. Sometimes the lunches would freeze in school during the winter. Teachers needed only a seventh grade education, so some of the students were often as old or older than the teacher. Each school day started with pledging allegiance to the flag, reading a passage from the Bible, and saying the Lord's Prayer. Each student was tutored individually, and students usually graduated at age 11-15. To graduate, the student had to pass the State Board Examination, which was quite difficult.

Two years after their arrival, Charles Champine and others petitioned for a school district in southwest Lake Belt Township. School District No. 45 was established on Janury 3, 1871. Charles Champine and Alonzo Wiltse each donated ½ acre in Section 32 for the school house. The school was built in the middle of the north border of Section 32 using the donated land on the

border between the two farms near where the Champine sod house had been. (Later Alonzo's brother Elwin married Charles's daughter Lillian).

There were many Champines in the school (about half of the students) and it was built in part on Champine land, so it was called the "Champine" school. This picture of the Champine School is courtesy of the Martin County Historical Society.

The school year was different then. As described by Jeanette Cardwell Champine in the Ceylon Herald newspaper of June 2, 1949, the school year consisted of two three-month sessions each year: one in the fall immediately after the crops were harvested and one in the summer immediately after the crops were planted, in both cases between crops when farm work was at a minimum. Children were an important source of farm labor at that time. Like most others of her generation, she went to school from age seven to age 13, and after that became a full time worker on a nearby farm.

Before her marriage, Nellie Bassett was a schoolteacher in District 21 in Martin County, Minnesota in 1883-1884 teaching at the Amber Lake School at the south end of Amber Lake. She had six students there. The Amber Lake School had been established in 1866 and was a model for rural education and was one of the first schools in the county to receive state aid. As a first class school it had free text beeks, 100 square feet of blackbords, a 12" globe, a drinking fountain, a large dictionary, an encyclopedia, and a good heating and ventilating system. The Amber Lake School continued in use until 1958.

The following year 1884-1885 she changed to teach in District 45 in Lake Belt Township where she had seven students. George Champine had purchased the next farm south about two years earlier, so there was ample opportunity for George and Nellie to meet. On 15 March 1885 at the age of 29, George married 20-year old Nellie Bassett

The list of teachers at the Champine school has several interesting names. Louisa Champine, sister of George Champine, had been the school marm in 1883. As indicated above, Nellie was the teacher in 1884. She is shown as "Nellie Champine" as teacher in 1885, having married George Champine in the meantime. Katie Personius was shown as teacher in 1886. Dillie Champine (sister of George) taught in 1889, followed by Henry Murtaugh in 1891. "Major" Arthur Nelson taught in 1897, and later joined the Sentinal staff in Fairmont.

The initial school building lasted until 1893, at which time it was replaced by a new building. Lura Mabel Ross taught in 1918. She was the future wife of Glenn Reed, (son of Mattie Champine Reed). Inez Champine (sister of George) taught in 1920. Grace Myers, future wife of George Lloyd (Colonel) Champine, son of George W. Champine, taught in 1923. The last teacher at the Champine School was also a Champine; she was Mrs. Beryl Champine Anklam, adopted daughter of Jacob and Ethel Champine, who taught in 1943 and taught the last class in 1945 at which time the students were transferred to District No. 29 in Ceylon.

Several of the children of Colonel and Grace Champine went to the Champine School. Here are the recollections of their daughter Jeanne Champine Lamp of the school.

"There was a cloak room that you entered first, where everyone had their own peg for coats, etc. and the space underneath was for boots and lunch boxes. I believe even the girls wore buckled galoshes. Girls wore dresses with long underwear underneath and long tan cotton stockings over the top of that. It's a wonder we could move! There was no such thing asgirls wearing slacks, even after we went to "town" school. I never owned a pair of jeans until I was a junior in high school.

“The main room had rows of desks. On the front wall was a set of maps in a box. They were set one above the other andworked like roller window shades; you'd pull down the one you wanted to see. The maps were flanked by large portraits --Washington on one side and Lincoln on the other. The teacher's desk was in the left front corner, I believe, and a large flag was in a stand on the right. We said the pledge of allegiance to start each day. I know there was a piano but I can't recall just
where it sat. It seems to me it must have been on the side wall.

“There was a Red Wing crock type water cooler and we all drank from a common tin cup. I remember it hanging from the spigot on the crock. The opposite corner had the wood-burning stove. It was the teacher's job to get that going in the morning but the older boys were then expected to keep it going during the day.

There was a globe at the front of the room. It was suspended from the ceiling and could be pulled down by a pulley arrangement for closer inspection. In addition to the swings, there was a teeter totter in the yard and a well pump for the water to fill the cooler.

“I remember the outhouses, of course, and holding up either one or two fingers if one had to go between regular breaks. I prided myself that I never had to.

“We usually walked along the fence line between the corn and the grove to the road and then follow that to the school, but if Bob and Don (Champine) were in a hurry, they'd cut kitty-corner through the corn. I used to be terrified that I would get lost trying to keep up with them and not be able to find my way out.

“There was a long piece of pipe propped in the branches of a couple of trees and some of the more daring ones would sit on it and while holding on, launch themselves down and all the way around until they were back sitting up where they had started. I was petrified to try it but too proud not to and did accomplish it a few times. There was a swing set made of the same kind of pipe and it seems to me some actually sent the swings up and over but I might be making that up.

“When I was in fourth grade, Beryl had me start teaching the first graders to read. It had to be tough for a teacher to devote time to all eight grades and all subjects. It was hard to remember to call her Miss Champine in school but Beryl otherwise, so I usually just called her Miss Champine all the time.” (End of quote).

Country schools were used in Martin County until 1970. The one room rural schoolhouse from District 110 was moved to the Martin County Fair Grounds where it is open to the public during the fair.

There were no churches in the early days, so religious services were held in various homes each Sunday.

Martin County has some of the best farmland in the world. The topsoil is rich black dirt and was six feet thick. There had never been a crop failure in recorded history until 1993 when everything got rained and flooded out. The climate is such that some of the best sweet corn and peas can be grown there, thus giving rise to the food processing in the Fairmont Canning Company.

Martin County was undergoing rapid growth, and showed a population of 3,867 people in 1870 as compared with 154 in 1860. There was a major plague of grasshoppers during 1873-1876 that

consumed everything green. Over 400 people were left destitute. In 1875 a prairie fire burned half of the county, destroying homes, stables, haystacks, animals, and groves. Presumably these events caused problems for Charles Samuel and his family also.

Charles Samuel and his ten children prospered in Martin County. His son George purchased five farms including the one immediately south of the Charles Samuel homestead where he took up residency. On 30 July 1891 John N. Champine, another of his sons, purchased 40 acres in Section 28 Township 101 Range 32W very near his brother George. Charles Samuel's many children and grandchildren mostly lived in Martin County all of their lives.

Most of the people who came to Martin County did not stay, unwilling or unable to withstand the isolation, danger, very hard work, knowledge of how to survive on the frontier, or the severe climate. There was a significant number, though, who had arrived as pioneers and were still there 65 years later. This included most of the Champine extended family. This common pioneer heritage created a strong bond among them, based on the common experience of arriving on the open prairie and transforming it into a civilized society. The pioneers of Martin County formed the "Martin County Covered Wagon Club", composed of all of those that had arrived in Martin County in a covered wagon. Those that had arrived by covered wagon and who still resided in Martin County in 1935 gathered for a picture of the club. Six Champines are in the picture, and two others belonged to the club but were not in the picture.

This common bond among covered wagon pioneers is exemplified by the obituary for my great grandfather Charles Samuel Champine as follows, printed in the Ceylon paper at his death in 1919. I find it very moving.

> "Gramp" is dead. The words flew over our little village on Saturday morning as on the wings of the wind. Wherever it touched it left sorrow, and the expressions of sympathy for the bereaved wife and children were many and from the heart.
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> "Gramp" as he was lovingly known; "Gramp" to all, both young and old had been a familiar figure on our streets and in our village life for the past ten years or more, making his short journeys from his home down town after his mail or other daily wants, stopping a short while to pass the time of day with one and all; he had become one of our accepted necessities, and to think that no more will his cheery voice be heard, that no more will his familiar countenance be seen among us, can not fail to remind each one that life is but a passing shadow and that to each and every one must come the final hour when it will be said " he is gone".
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> "Death came silently. In the stillness of the night the grim reaper entered the home and touched lightly the aged brow and the eyes which were closed in sleep and the soul of our friend passed into that eternal rest from which none return. His aged wife was first to discover that he had gone away when she went to call him in the early morning.
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> "Charles Samuel Champine was born May 12, 1932 in Ontario, Canada of French-American parentage. He lived in the land of his birth through his boyhood's and young manhood's days, receiving the rugged training which fitted him for the pioneer life into which he entered in later years.
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> "On June 4, 1869 he arrived in Lake Belt Township, Martin County, and took up a homestead on what was then virgin prairie. With tireless energy and unbounded confidence in his own ability and in the land of his adoption he carved out a home from the soil meeting many discouragements, many trials, many disappointments, but winning out in the end.

> "About ten years ago, after forty years residence in Lake Belt, he and his faithful helpmate moved to this village to spend their declining years in peace and quietness, resting from years of toil which had been necessary to develop the smiling, fruitful land of which we are so proud today.
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> "Twelve children were born to call him father and ten of them are living to mourn his passing.
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> "Yes, "Gramp" is gone! Another name is stricken from the every lessening roll of our old settlers, and a solitary woman in the sunset of life and a lonely home is left to attest how sadly they will miss him. It must be so; these tender human ties cannot be severed without a pang. Yet in death there is no cause for grief. His life work was done and well done. He had passed, by fifteen years, his golden wedding day and wearied with life's duties and cares, weary of suffering and waiting, he lay down to rest.
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> "How much this community owes him and such as he. It is impossible to estimate, though it would be a grateful task to trace his influence through some of the more direct channels, to hold him up in these degenerate days, in his various characters of husband and father, of neighbor and friend, to speak of the sons and daughters he has reared to perpetuate his name and emulate his virtues. But it comes not within the scope of this brief article to do so. Suffice to say he lived as he thought; rightly. Not for him our tears; rather let us crown his grave with garlands; few of us will live as long or as well, and fewer yet will the Angel of Death greet with such a loving touch."

My grandfather George was born in November 15, 1856 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, oldest son of Charles Samuel and Lucretia. He arrived in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota, in 1869 in the covered wagon with the rest of the family. In March 15, 1885 at the age of 29, he married Nellie Bassett, nine years his junior and daughter of a pioneer family. With her, he moved onto the next farm south of the family homestead. George and Nellie farmed there until he retired in 1925 at the age of 69, except for living three years in Sherburn, Minnesota during 1914-1917. Upon retirement they moved four miles to Ceylon.

My father Ted was born on George's farm on February 16, 1900 along with his twin brother Colonel. Colonel moved to the Charles Samuel farm and Ted moved to Fairmont where he was an electrical contractor until his death in 1966. I was born in Fairmont as were my two brothers. We three brothers moved to Minneapolis after college. My older daughter Renee and son Mark were both born in the Minneapolis area, and my younger daughter Lisa was born in New Jersey while were on termporary assignment there. We all lived in Minnesota until 1980 when I moved to the east. My two daughters and son located near us after they graduated from college.

8. Champine Individuals

The following describes some of the individuals for which I have information in more detail. We do them by major families starting with Louis and Hannah Champine.

8.1. Children of Louis and Hannah Champine

The children of Louis and Hannah Champine were: Sarah (1823), Melissa (1825), Zeddock Clark (1828), Charles Samuel (1832), Mary (1835), and John (1841). The following provides more information on them.

8.1.1. Sarah Champine Nugent

The following is in part from James Nugent. In addition, Erdine Nugent of Vancouver, Washington has compiled a very comprehensive history of the Nugent family, and has given permission to use some of her research here.

Sarah Champine was born to Louis and Hannah Champine on or about February 1, 1823 in DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York. She married Charles Nugent, a man born in Ireland and 23 years her senior, probably in 1841, probably in Orono, Canada (a few miles from Darlington). This may have been a second marriage for Charles. Charles was about six feet tall and quit slim. It was said of Sarah that she had red hair and was of short, stocky build. She loved flowers, and that flowers and beautiful pictures always graced her home. She was a hard worker who fed and watered livestock in the tradition of the pioneer woman.

In all, she had 11 children:

Born in Canada

Mary born 15 December 1837

Born in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

Lewis F. born 1844
Hannah Luzetta born 20 April 1846
Adelia Ann born 1 February 1848
William Clark born 15 March 1850
John Charles born 24 November 1852
Sarah Jane born 26 February 1855
Don Fernando born 6 June 1856

Born in Iowa

Viola Jerusha born 2 March 1860
Leonard Franklin born 11 April 1862
Frances Ophelia born 19 march 1864

Charles and Sarah Champine Nugent

There is some uncertainty about Mary, the oldest child. She was born about 15 December 1837, about four years before Sarah and Charles were married. Mary might have been from a former marriage of Charles, and in fact her birth certificate indicates that her mother was Sarah F. Clark. However, Mary looks amazingly like Sarah Champine Nugent, although Sarah was only 14 years old when Mary was born. Sarah's last child was born when Charles was 64.

Charles and Sarah lived in Mitchell Township, Sheboygan Co. Wisconsin from 1844 until 1859; near Millersburg, Iowa until 1868; Adel, Iowa and Oto, Iowa until 1870 and Sioux County, Iowa until 1871.

Over 400 people have descended from Charles and Sarah Nugent. She died 3 July 1882, and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery near Matlock, Iowa (near Worthington, Minnesota). Charles died 4 February 1883 and is buried beside Sarah.

8.1.2. John Fletcher Champine

John was born August 3, 1841 in Darlington, Canada to Louis and Hannah Champine. He arrived in Plainview with his father in 1861, and on July 1, 1872 he married Emma Slawson at Elgin, Minnesota, near Plainview.

The 1880 census of Elgin Township, Wabasha Co., Minnesota shows:

John Champine, age 38, born Canada
Emma (Slawson), age 29, born Wisconsin
Ida, age 7, born Minnesota
Alice, age 4, born Minnesota
Harry, age 1, born Minnesota

Louis and Hannah asked John and his new wife Emma to move in with them and take care of them in their old age. John agreed to do this. In return, the farm belonging to Louis would be operated and managed by John until the death of Louis, at which time it would belong to John. John did this, including paying the taxes. Two years after the verbal agreement, Louis died without a will in 1874. Five years later, in 1879, Hannah died without a will. Then, on September 4, 1898, John died in a threshing accident without a will.

At this time, Clark (John's older brother) claimed that no agreement had existed between Louis and John, and attempted to have the farm split among 21 heirs. The case went to court as case No. 7185 and was tried in District Court in Wabasha, Minnesota. Clark lost.

All of John's children stayed in Plainview. Alice and Anna married brothers. Iva and Harry never married and lived on John's farm.

The following is John's obituary published in the Plainview News, 10 September 1898.

Fatal Accident

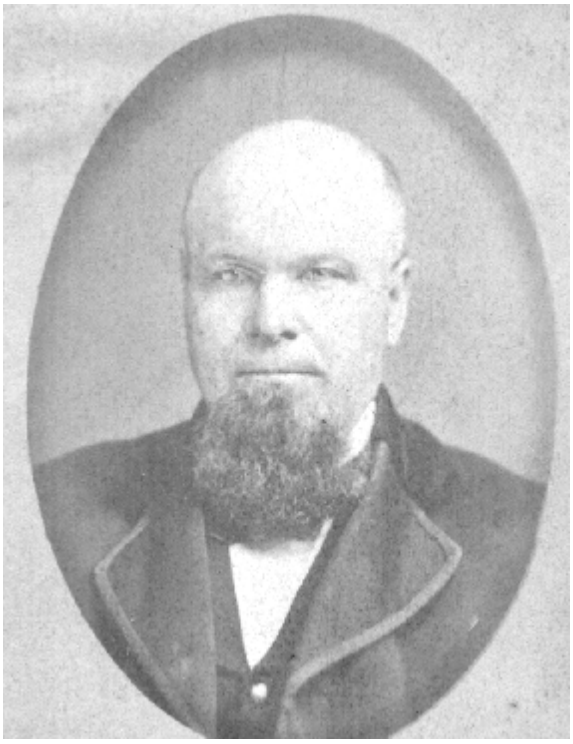
John Champine Looses His Life in an Unfortunate Misstep

John Champine met with a fatal accident Friday afternoon. While threshing on his premises he climbed upon the separator to watch some repairing that was going on and when he was ready to descend he stooped down placing his hands on the edge of the machine and jumped to the ground backwards. In alighting, he struck upon a small stick, about a half inch square, driving it into his body about sixteen inches. The stick was immediately removed and physicians summoned, who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident, and who gave him the necessary medical assistance. The wound was fatal, and less than forty-eight hours after the accident he gave up the earthly battle.

John Champine was born in Durham County Canada 3 August 1841. He moved to Wisconsin in 1853 and to Minnesota in 1863 where he has since resided. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Slawson, 1 July 1872, and to this union was born three girls and a son.

8.1.3. Zeddock Clark Champine

Clark was born in DeKalb, St. Lawrence Co., New York on August 29, 1828, the oldest son of Louis and Hannah. He moved to Darlington Township, Ontario with his parents at the age of 3. Sometime around 1848, Clark "Champion" married Martha Bowers (3 years his senior, born about 1825) and had children Adelaide in 1849, and Wallace in 1850. Martha and Wallace died in 1851 (Wallace was 18 months old). Adelaide went to live with her grandfather Louis.



Zeddock Clark Champine

In 1853, he married 18 year-old Susan LaRue in Orono, Ontario. Susan was born September 24, 1835 in nearby Enniskillen. Together they had ten children.

Squair has the following information about Clark Champine and the LaRues (page 76).

"Criness LaRue (or LeRoux) according to Henry LaRue Powers of Kirby, was clerk of Township of Clarke in 1832, and for some time after. The LaRue (or LeRoux) family represented a rare type of stock in our region. According to tradition in the Powers family they were of French Huguenot origin, and had come to America by way of Holland as early as 1670, settling in New York and New Jersey. Rebecca LaRue was married to Nathaniel Powers and had 12 children. She had a sister Rachel who was married and had children. Her brother was Criness LaRue who had children. A son of Criness, Samuel, had eleven children. One of his daughters was Susan, who became Mrs. Clark Champine. Her husband owned a sawmill on lot 10, Con. 8 Darlington (Tremaines map 1861), afterwards the property of Richard Woodley (Beldens Atlas, 1878). Clark Chaimpine (sic) is mentioned in the minutes of Hampton Lodge No. 63, I.O.G.T. (December 21, 1858) as having ceased to be a member of the Charlesville Lodge."

Susan's mother was born Jane Dixon in Dublin, Ireland on November 17, 1813. As a small child she came with her parents to Canada and settled near Montreal. She married Samuel LaRue on February 29, 1830.

The first two of Susan's children were born in Darlington. They were Mattie Mabel, born January 2, 1856 and Louis Samuel was born January 9, 1859.

Clark and Susan moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin in about 1860 where Clark Hilliar was born April 13, 1861 in Trenton. About 18 months after they arrived, Clark and Susan moved to Plainview, Minnesota. Clark Hilliar died in Plainview on March 17, 1874 at age 13.

Susan's parents had moved to Waupun, Wisconsin in 1857. In 1862 they moved to Plainview, Minnesota.

Clark and Susan arrived in Plainview in 1861 or 1862 and moved onto a 120-acre farm two miles west of Plainview (Elgin Township 108 north, range 12 west, Section 12). Here Fred LaRue (Champine) was born November 9, 1863. Wallace B. was born November 17, 1866 and died on

December 3, 1867 at age 18 months, the second of Clark's children named Wallace to die in infancy. Jessie Grace was born January 10, 1869; Sybil Mary was born July 7, 1871; Katie was born October 7, 1873; Jennie Lind was born June 30, 1876; and Inez Evangeline was born January 29, 1879.

Wabasha County, MN, land records show Clark buying an 80 acre farm located 108 N, R12, S12 in Wabasha County, MN near Elgin, MN, from his father-in-law, Samuel LaRue, in 1861. The following is a record of Clark's land transactions that we know of.

Grantee	**Grantor**	**Date**	**Legal Description**	**Legal Description**	**Record Book Entry**
Clark Champine	Samuel LaRue of Dodge County, WI	Dec. 13, 1861	108 North, Range 12, Section 12	W ½, SE ¼ (80 acres) $700	Book I, page 505
Clark Champine	Daniel Keaney, Olmstead County, MN	May 22, 1863	108 N., R. 11, S.18	E ½ of NW ¼ (80 acres)	Book K, page 242
Clark Champine	Samuel LaRue, Wabasha County, MN	Dec. 17, 1868	T. 108, R. 12, S. 12	SW ¼ of NE ¼ (40 acres) $1,000	Book Q, page 614
Clark Champine	Samuel LaRue, Wabasha County, MN	Dec. 17, 1868	T. 108, R. 12, S. 12	W ½ of SE ¼ (80 acres) $2,000	Book Q, page 615
Clark Champine	A. G. Foster, Wabasha County	Jan. 13, 1877	T. 109, R. 12, S.2	Lot 20 in N ½ (10 acres) $120	Book 17, page 517
Clark Champine	E. L. Dugan, Wabasha County	March 17, 1877	T. 109, R. 12, S. 2	Lot 7 in Section 2 $20	Book 14, page 258

The pioneers of that time were rugged individuals, and Clark was certainly no exception. Wabasha was the county seat, about 20 miles from Plainview and being a river town on the Mississippi it was wild and wide open. Outlaws preyed on the lumberjacks who came in from the timber drives with a roll of money. Pat Sacks was a famous badman of that period who had killed a man during a robbery on a boarding house. Shortly after, news leaked out that Pat was in Plainview, heavily armed. Clark went into town that day with a light wagon and two hired men.

Clark overpowered and handcuffed the murderer and also saved him from being strung up, by driving him and the sheriff through a dense wood to the county seat.

The 1870 census for Elgin, Wabasha Co. Minnesota shows Clark (age 40), with wife Susan (age 35), and children Mattie (age 14), Lewis (age 11), Clark (age 10), Fred (age 6), and Jessie (age 1). It also shows a Richard LaRue (21) working for him as a farm hand. The same census shows Susan's parents Samuel and Jane LaRue with their four children living in the same county.

The 1880 census of Wabasha Co., Elgin Township shows:

Clarke Champine, age 51, farmer, born New York,
father born Canada
mother born Vermont

Susan (wife) 44, born Canada
Father born Canada
mother born Ireland

Louis (son), age 21, school teacher, born Canada
Frederic, age 16, born Minnesota
Jessie, age 10, born Minnesota
Sybil, age 7, born Minnesota
Jennie, age 4, born Minnesota
Inez, age 1, born Minnesota

Clark and Susan remained on the farm until 1895, at which time they moved into Plainview.

Clark's daughter Adelaide is shown living with her grandparents Louis and Hannah in Mitchell, Sheboygan Township, Wisconsin in August 1860 in the U.S. census. Later she went to South Dakota. On December 31, 1871 she married Charles White. One son, Chauncey was born. In the fall of 1883 she went to Codington Co., North Dakota and filed on a homestead near Florence. She married John Newell on December 14, 1883. One son, Robert, was born. John Newell died in January 1884. In 1921 she moved to Watertown, North Dakota. She died 2 November 1927 in Florence, South Dakota and is buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Plainview and Watertown.

(Much of the following information is from Jessie Pawlowski of the Struble line in a letter to John Champine dated February 23, 1987.)

Jessie Champine graduated from high school at age 17 and then taught in a country school for four years near Plainview. She married Edward Lyman Struble in Plainview on December 24, 1890. They then went to Mora. He built the first furniture store in the town.

Louis, Inez, Mattie, Sybil, and Jennie went to Fargo. Louis arrived in 1883, was cashier of the United States Land Office in the territorial days of the Dakotas, and later was a banker. In 1885 he started a loan business. In 1890 he organized the Merchants' State Bank from which Fargo's First Bank System was started. He married Emogene Demarest on September 11, 1844 and had one son Clifford who became a lawyer in Minneapolis. Emogene Demarest Champine did considerable work on family history and wrote a book on the LaRue family history. A copy is in the Minneapolis public library. Louis later married Bessie Murray and had son Murray. Louis married three more times but had no additional children.

Mattie married Dr. Eugene Carlton Davis in Plainview on January 2, 1881. He died of typhoid that same year.

Sybil married Arthur Gilman Lewis in Davenport, North Dakota in 1891. He was a Cass County, North Dakota auditor during 1903-1911. His son, Francis Clark, became mayor of Longview, Washington. Sybil later went to Hood River, Oregon.

Inez married Albert Anderson. They had a daughter Grace. Albert died in 1917. Inez later married Byron Cole on July 2, 1922 in Fargo. Grace was raised by Inez and adopted by Byron.

Fred went to Fargo, and then to International Falls. None of Clark's family remained in Plainview.

Samuel and Susan LaRue moved to Jackson County, Minnesota in 1873, and settled in Enterprise Township. They moved into the town of Jackson in the winter of 1881. Samuel died August 10, 1882 at which time Susan went to live with her daughter Mrs. F. W. Lindsley. Her son Criness also lived in Jackson at that time. Susan died on June 14, 1903.

Clark died on November 30, 1899 in Plainview. Susan died on July 23, 1911 in Fargo, North Dakota. Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Plainview.

The following is the obituary for Clark as printed in the Plainview News Gleaner, December 1, 1899.

Death of Clark Champine

Stricken with Paralysis

"Monday night Mr. Clark Champine was stricken with paralysis, which entirely disabled his left side. He seemed in usual health up to the time of retireing, but had been in bed but a short time whenhe felt a peculiar numbness in his left hand, and soon the whole left side was affected. Dr. Waste was summoned and some of the neighbors notified, and all was done that could be suggested during the night. In the norning Dr. Slocumb was called in consultation but all the remedies seemed to have little or no effect. He died Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

Clark Champine was born in the year 1826 [note: this date is probably incorrect: all other recoreds show his birth to be 1828] at Dekalb, St. Lawrence Co. New York. He moved to Canada with his parents while young. He was married in 1853 at Orino, Canada to Miss Susan Larue. They moved to Wisconsin in 1860, but after living there about eighteen months they moved to the farm west of Plainview, which was their home until four yours ago this fall, when, on account of Mr. Champine's health they moved into the village where they have since lived.

His wife, two sons, and six daughters, survive to mourn his loss. The sons, Louis and Fred, have been away from the home for years. The daughters are located as follows: Mrs. John Newell, Watertown SD; Mrs. Mattie M. Davis, Fargo, ND; Mrs. E.L. Struble, Mora, MN; Mrs. A.G. Lewis, Fargo, ND; Miss Jennie, Aargo; Miss Inez, Plainview. Clark was well known throughout the county as a genteel, whole-souled man, kind husband and father, a good citizen. The funeral occurs today at 3 o'clock from the house and will be conducted by the Masonic Fraternity.

8.1.4. Charles Samuel Champine

Charles was born in Darlington, Durham County, Ontario, May 12, 1832, to Louis and Hannah Champine. He lived there until he married Lucretia Tiffany (also of Darlington) in Bowmanville, Canada, on June 4, 1854.

Tiffany is a Huguenot name spelled "Tiphaine" in France. Lucretia was related to Charles Lewis Tiffany who was the founder of Tiffany and Company, Jewelers. Charles Lewis Tiffany married Harriet Olivia Avery Young on 30 November 1841. He had started the first jewelry store in 1837 at 259 Broadway in New York. In 1850 he established a branch in Paris, in 1866 a branch in London, and in 1870 a store at Union Square and 50th Street in New York. He was given the French Legion of Honor award in 1878 and was jeweler and silver smith to the Queen of England.

Both Charles Lewis Tiffany and Lucretia Tiffany Champine were descendants of Humphrey Tiffany who arrived about 1660 in Rehoboth (now Sekonk, Rehobath, Attleboro, Swansea MA and Pawtucket RI). Humphrey Tiffany was the son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Tiffany and was born February 7, 1706.

The family originated in Italy, went to Brittany, and then during the Norman conquest went to England. The name originally came from Theophania or Epiphany. They probably lived in Yorkshire. The name Tiffany was first mentioned in England in Longstaffe's Richmonshire page 142-143.

Squire (title of a Justice of the Peace) Humphrey Tiffany was killed in a storm by lightening with Miss Frances Low. The horses were also killed. Samuel Sewall wrote in his diary:

"On Wednesday PM July 15 1685 , very dark and great thunder and lightning. One Humphrey Tiffany and Frances Low, daughter of Anthony Low, are slain with the lightning and thunder about a mile or a mile and a half beyond the Billingses farm, the horse also slain that they rode on, and another horse in the company slain and his rider who held the garment on the maid to steady it at the time of the Stroke, a coat or cloak, astounded but not killed. Were coming to Boston."

A tablet placed on the tree near by reads:

> "Squire Humphrey Tiffany
> and Mistress Low,
> By a stroke of lightening
> Into eternity did go."

Humphrey and his wife Elizabeth had children Sara, James Thomas, Evenezer, Consider, and Hezekiah.

For more information see "The Tiffanys of America: History and Genealogy", by Nelson Otis Tiffany, New York.

8.1.5. Ward Family Connection

While researching the family history of the Tiffany line in the summer of 2009, we found a connection to the Ward family. Al Ward was the richest person in Fairmont. He arrived in Fairmont in 1863 with $10 in his pocket, and was able to build it into a business that owned 17,000 acres of farm land. George W. Champine worked for Al Ward on occasion. Doing more research on the Ward family over the following year we found that Al Ward and we are both descendants of William Ward of Sudbury MA, born in 1603 in England, making us sixth cousins three times removed. The Ward family was instrumental in settling Marlborough MA, which includes a Ward Park, Ward Playground, and Mt. Ward. William's great grandson Artemus Ward was the first commander in chief of the colonial army during the Revolutionary War until he was replaced by an upstart named George Washington. This same family research showed that the best man at our wedding (Jim Fancher) is also related to the Wards and to us.

8.1.6. Charles and Lucretia in Wisconsin

It is interesting to note that on this marriage license of Charles and Lucretia, the name is spelled "Chaimpine". According to a newspaper article about their 62nd wedding anniversary, the couple arrived in Sheboygan Co., Mitchell Township, Wisconsin, on June 7, 1854 only three days after being married. This would suggest that they arrived by lake boat, because it would be the only way to travel that far in three days. Here Charles bought the west half of the NE quarter of section 26 from H.F. Lymen on July 1, 1854. The "Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the Town of Mitchell June 1, 1855" by Captain V. Bloget, gives the following information (from Jim Nugent):

Head of Family	Males	Females
Charles Champine	1	2
Charles Nugent	4	5

Charles Samuel and Lucretia Champine family about 1904

The family of Charles Champine apparently included his wife and one female child. This female child is not accounted for anywhere and may have been a live-in helper. A boy, Wallace, was born May 24, 1855 but died four months later. Subsequently, George, John, Lever, and Lillian were born in Sheboygan. Then, in 1864 after having lived in Sheboygan for ten years, they moved to Plainview where Louis and Clark were then living. Here, Louez was born in 1965 and Winnefred in 1868.

The children born in Lake Belt were Dillie in 1870, a baby in 1873 who died in infancy, Mary in

1875, Mattie in 1877, Willie in 1885 (died in infancy), and Alma in 1886.

This photograph, taken in about 1904, shows the family of Charles and Lucretia. Although Charles could speak French, he declined to do so, even to French settlers who traveled to see someone who could speak their native tongue.

Of the 12 children born, 10 survived infancy and were all living to celebrate the 62nd wedding anniversary (1916) of Charles and Lucretia. About 1913, they moved to Ceylon, and when

Charles died on August 22, 1919, Lucretia made her home with her daughter Winnie in Ceylon until she died on August 29, 1927.

8.1.7. Mary Champine

(From her obituary in the Plainview News, 26 June 1897)

The community was startled and pained to hear of the unexpected death of Mrs. Richard (Mary) Davis, of Elgin, which occurred on Sunday about 1 o'clock, and was caused by heart failure. She was busy about her household duties, in her usual good humor and had just completed hulling strawberries for dinner. She was in the meantime conversing with her son, when suddenly she bent forward and rested her head on the table before her. Her husband and son went to her side to ascertain the trouble, but with one gasp she expired. Death had come with its cruel and relentless touch and took away one beloved by family, friends, and the whole community. She was always a thoughtful self-denying loving wife and mother, always ready to lend a helping hand to any in trouble.

Mrs. Mary Champine Davis was born near Toronto Canada on 17 June 1835, making her 62 years and three days old at the time of her death. In the year 1853 she came with her parents to Wisconsin where she lived for ten years, and in 1863 moved to Minnesota. In 1866 she was married to Richard Davis who together with one daughter, Fanny, and one son, Lewis, are left. Besides these she leaves three brothers: Charles Champine living in Martin County, and Clark and John of this place. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Teachout were held in the M.E. church, Elgin on Tuesday.

Thus lived one, loved and respected by all, whose place can neer be filled, either in the home or in the community.

8.2. Children of Zeddock Clark and Susan Champine

The children of Clark and Susan were: Mattie (1856), Louis (1859), Clark H. (1861), Frederic (1863), Jessie (1869), Sybil M. (1871), Jennie (1876), Inez E. (1879), Katie (1873), and Wallace. More information on some of these individuals is given in the following.

8.2.1. Mattie Champine Davis

(From "Pioneer Women Teachers of North Dakota", pp. 130-132.)

Mattie Mabel Champine Davis was born on January 2, 1856 in Darlington, Ontario. On both sides of the family she came from Revolutionary War stock. Her father (Clark) was a direct descendant of Ethan Allen, and her mother from James (or Henry) LaRue (the original spelling was LaRoux). (The assertion that Clark was a direct descendant of Ethan Allen has been checked and does not seem possible. All of Ethan Allen's children have been accounted for in the Allen genealogy. It is, however, possible that they were relatives as the Allens, Clarks, and Hewletts all lived in the same area near Burlington, Vermont, with the Allens and Clarks coming from the same town in Connecticut. Ethan Allen's house and homestead on a bend in the Winooski River in Burlington still is standing and has been converted into a museum.) Her first ancestor in America was Wilheim Peter Bartholf, a Dutch Huguenot preacher who came to America in 1684. Other ancestral names were de Rapaljes and Ryersons. Her French ancestors had been traced back to the 1500s and two who helped architect the Tour de Beurre, one of the towers of the famous cathedral of Rouen. Jacques, one of the designers, is buried under the organ loft.

The family moved to Plainview, Minnesota while Mattie was a small child. There she attended the village school and at the age of 16 successfully passed the teacher's examination and was issued a second grade certificate which entitled her to teach in an ungraded school.

After teaching in rural schools for a few years she and Dr. E. C. Davis were married and began housekeeping in a rose covered cottage. Within the year there was an epidemic of typhoid fever in the community and Dr. Davis was one of its victims. Mattie was also an early victim of typhoid and was in a coma when her husband died. She closed the cottage and returned to teaching. When her brother suggested that she go with him to Casselton in Dakota Territory, she agreed. She taught for a number of years in Casselton and then served as superintendent of the village school. While in Casselton she took an active part in the organization of the Dakota Education Association in 1887. She left Casselton to accept a position in the Fargo schools.

In 1896 she successfully sought the office of Superintendent of Schools in Cass County, the first woman to be elected to that office in the new state of North Dakota. She was reelected six times and served until 1910, fourteen years.

During a visit to Oregon, Mattie saw the statue of Sacajawea, the Shoshone Indian woman who had guided Lewis and Clark westward from their winter camp on the Missouri River. On her return, she proposed that a similar statue be placed on the Capitol grounds in Bismarck. It was dedicated October 13, 1910, and Mattie was one of the speakers on that occasion.

She was one of the organizers of the Northern School Supply Company of Fargo, and at the time of her death was a director and first vice president.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Lake Agassiz chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Mecca chapter of the Eastern Star, and the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America.

She died in Fargo at the age of 80 on January 6, 1936.

8.2.2. Jessie Grace Champine Struble

(From her obituary.)

Jessie Grace Champine was born January 10, 1869 in Plainview, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Susan and Clark Champine. Her early life was spent in Plainview where she taught school. She was married to Edward L. Struble in Plainview on December 24, 1890. They were the parents of six children. In 1896 she moved with her family to Mora where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Struble was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by: three sons, Ward of Ironton, Minnesota, Wendell of Portland, Oregon, and Edward of Lake Park, Minnesota; three daughters, Mrs. Peter Peterson (Sybil) of Mora, Mrs. Cecil Browne (Dorothy) of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. James Newhouse (Hope) of Rochester, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

After the death of her husband, she lived with her daughter Sybil Peterson. She died on December 9 at the age of 92 years and was buried in the Oakwood cemetery.

8.2.3. Sybil Champine Lewis

(From her obituary.)

Mrs. Arthur G. (Sybil) Lewis of Hood River, Oregon, widow of a one time Cass County auditor, died at Longview, Washington where she had been staying with her sons. The funeral will be at Hood River.

Mrs. Lewis, the former Sybil Champine, left here (presumably Cass County) with her husband in 1911, going to Hood River. Mr. Lewis died there October 2, 1949(?). He was Cass auditor from 1903 to 1911. Mrs. Lewis leaves three sons; Francis and Eugene of Longview, and Arthur Jr. of Pinehurst, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Norris (Jessie) L'Abbe of Kelseyville, California; two sisters, Miss Jennie Champine, a retired Fargo teacher, Jessie Struble of Mora, Minnesota, and nine grandchildren.

8.2.4. Jennie Champine

(from "Pioneer Women Teachers of North Dakota, pp. 126-127.)

Jennie Champine was born on June 30, 1878, one of the four daughters of the Champines of Plainview, Minnesota. She completed her elementary and high school education in the public schools of Plainview, graduating in 1896. Following graduation, she taught a short term in a country school at Whitewater, Wisconsin, and in the Plainview Grade School during 1896-1897. Miss Champine continued her education at the Winona Normal School in 1897-1898.

The lure of adventure brought her to Fargo in September of 1898 and she was assigned the fifth and sixth grades at Hawthorne School, where she continued until 1900, when she was transferred again, this time to be the principal and eighth grade teacher at Washington School. Each time she made a transfer her salary and responsibilities were increased. Miss Champine was an excellent disciplinarian and the administration of the school system was aware of her abilities. Her beginning salary in 1898 was fifty dollars a month; by 1914 it had increased to 113 dollars a month.

After a year at Washington School she was returned in 1904 to Central as the eighth grade teacher and principal of the elementary grades. In 1913 when Agassiz School was completed, she received recognition again by being appointed eighth grade teacher and principal. Miss Champine was relieved of teaching duties and made a full time administrator in 1921. This arrangement was something new and a distinct advance in elementary school principalships. She continued in this position until her retirement in 1939.

On July 13, 1939, the *Fargo Forum* carried headlines which read "Miss Champine in Fargo Schools Since '98 Resigns." The *Forum* continued, "Miss Jennie Champine, who has been teacher to hundreds of men and women now in prominent places in the business and civic life of Fargo and elsewhere, having been an instructor or principal in the Fargo Public School system continuously since 1898, has resigned as principal of the Agassiz School. It was accepted Wednesday with expressions of regret by the Board of Education."

During her years in Fargo, Miss Champine attended Fargo College during summer sessions and was graduated in 1916. Graduate work during summers at the University of Minnesota followed in somewhat regular succession for several years. Miss Champine remained in Fargo during the years of her retirement until her death on July 23, 1956.

8.3. Children of Charles and Lucretia Champine

The children of Charles and Lucretia that survived childhood with their birth dates were: George (1856), John (1859), Lillian (1860), Lever (1863), Louez (1865), Winnefred (1868?), Dillie

(1870), Mary (1875), Mattie (1877), Alma (1886?), and Wallace. Information on several of them is given in the following.

8.3.1. George Wilson Champine

George W. and Nellie Champine 50th anniversary in 1935

George was born in November 15, 1856 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, oldest son of Charles and Lucretia Champine. He arrived in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota, in 1869 in a covered wagon with the rest of the family at age 13. Charles and Lucretia homesteaded a farm on the NE quarter of section 32, township 101 of range 32 (160 acres). George lived on the family farm with them until he was 27. George then bought his first farm, 160 acres, in 1883 from James Linnen for $700 ($4.37 per acre). The farm he bought, which is now the Champine Century Farm, is the SE quarter of section 32, township 101 of range 32 (160 acres). The railroad had come through five years earlier in 1878 and had opened up eastern markets for the farm products. This greatly increased the profit capability of farms, so George's timing was good. The farm George bought was the next farm immediately south of his father Charles's homestead and on the Iowa line. The farm had been homesteaded in late 1873 by a Hans Jorgensen, four years after Charles had homesteaded the farm immediately to the north. Jorgensen sold it to a Sarah Cantwell, who in turn sold it to James Linnen. All of the owners mortgaged the property frequently.

In 1871 the Champine School had been built on the northwest corner of the Charles Samuel farm. In 1884 Nellie Bassett arrived as the new school marm. There was ample opportunity for George and Nellie to meet.

On 15 March 1885 at the age of 29, George married Nellie Bassett, nine years his junior and daughter of a pioneer family. His father-in law Ashley Bassett built a house for the newlyweds on George's farm as a wedding present.

Nellie was the daughter of pioneer Ashley Bassett and grand daughter of William Orlando Bassett, Civil War veteran. She was born in Wilton, Minnesota and arrived in Tenhassen Township, Martin County at the age of three months in October, 1965 with the family. The Bassett farm was in section 34 of Tenhassen. Also in the pioneer party were her grandfather William O. Bassett and uncle Jerome Bassett who settled on adjacent land. Although I am sure she did not know it,

we found out later that she was a descendant of William Bassett, the Pilgrim who arrived in Plymouth MA in 1621 on the ship Fortune just after the first Thanksgiving**.**

George and Nellie farmed there until 1914 when they lived in Sherburn so that the twin boys Floyd (my dad) and Lloyd could go to high school. In 1917 the boys finished high school (although they did not graduate) and they returned to Lake Belt where they moved onto the farm of Charles Samuel Champine which George had purchased in 1907. George and Nellie farmed there until he retired in 1925 at the age of 69.

George and Nellie were the parents of six children, the first of whom (a boy) did not survive infancy. Those surviving were Mabel (Mrs. Cecil Todd), born in 1886; Sibyl (Mrs. Alfred Severson), born in 1890; Alice (Mrs. Chester Shore), born in 1896, and twin boys Ashley Floyd (Ted) and George Lloyd (Colonel) born in 1900.

George was active in public affairs in his younger days, and was clerk of school district 45, a Lake Belt Township school. This school was known as the "Champine" school as it was on land that was part of the Charles Samuel Champine homestead and half of the students were Champines.

George was a very industrious and practical business man in addition to operating his own farm. He had one of the first threshing machines in Lake Belt, and often did threshing for his neighbors. He was an active horse trader and many local people bought horses from him. It is said that he hardly ever came home with the same horses that he started out with.

George acquired five farms. He bought the original Charles Samuel homestead from his father in 1907 for $66 per acre. He also bought land in sections 28, 32, and 33 in Lake Belt Township on the Iowa border. After retirement he returned to Sherburn for a time and then moved to Ceylon. At the age of 70 he often walked from Ceylon to the farm, a distance of “only” four miles. He died in his home in Ceylon on September 30, 1941 at the age of 84 years 10 months, having lived in Martin County for 72 years. Nellie died in the home of her daughter Mabel in Fairmont at the age of 77 less than six months later on March 15, 1942.

Sybil, Mabel, Colonel, Alice, Ted Champine about 1905

Of the five children, all spent considerable time in Martin County except Alice who moved to Worthington, 60 miles west. Mabel lived in Fairmont until 1944, and then moved to Spokane. Sibyl and her husband Alfred lived on George’s original farm, the farm south of the original homestead, until 1941 when they moved to Ceylon and then to Fairmont. George transferred ownership of the original Charles Samuel homestead to Colonel (Lloyd) in 1938 who farmed it with his son Bob. Floyd went to Fairmont, working initially for the County Engineer and then the Railway Motors. In 1925 he opened a radio repair shop and then went into electrical contracting.

The following is the obituary of George Champine as published on the front page of the "Ceylon Herald" on Thursday, 2 October 1941.

"George Champine passes away suddenly Tuesday morning at his Ceylon home. Died at his home in this village, at 6:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 30th, 1941, George Champine, at the age of 84 years, 10 months, and 14 days.

"George Champine was one of the few remaining pioneers of this community having been a resident in Lake Belt Township ever since the middle sixties. He was always a man of excellent habits, fine moral character and sturdy constitution, and he continued to be active in his accustomed pursuits till long past the age at which men ordinarily drop out of the ranks of the workers. To this end there is no doubt that his sun-shiny disposition largely contributed. He met most of the conditions and situations of life with a smile. He was a practical, matter-of-fact man, but had his own peculiar way of extracting merriment from life as it went along, and he was not disposed to worry about matters that could be bettered in other ways. This cheerful spirit remained with him until the last. He was a good neighbor, and a fine friend, a kind husband and father and a considerate brother. His best monument will be the good report that he has left behind him in the community in which he has lived for four score years.

"George Champine was born in Wisconsin on November 16, 1856, and with his parents, he came to Minnesota and Martin County in 1869, and settled with them on a farm in Lake Belt of which he was still the owner at the time of his death.

"He was married on March 15, 1885 to Nellie Bassett, the daughter of a pioneer family. With her he moved onto a farm south of the old family homestead and this farm he still owned, it being occupied by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. And Mrs. Alfred Severson.

"Six children were born to this union, five of whom are still living, one son having died in infancy.

"He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife and five children, they being Mable, Mrs. Cecil Todd of Fairmont; Sibyl, Mrs. Alfred Severson, Lake Belt; Alice, Mrs. Chester Shore of Worthington; and twin sons, Lloyd of Lake Belt; and Floyd of Fairmont. Other surviving relatives are two brothers, John and Lever, both of this community, and three sisters, Mrs. Louez Woolcutt, Tenhassen; Mrs. Walter Reed, Fairmont; Mrs. Dillie Murtaugh, Mankato, as well as ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

"Death came from the ills incident to advancing years and to a weakened heart. On the morning of his death he had risen early as was his custom and was dressing when the end came.

"Funeral rites are being held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Ceylon Methodist Church with Rev. G.W. Powell officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Lake Belt cemetery.

"He will be missed by his many friends, especially the writer, for it was his daily custom to drop into the Herald Office when ever he came down town and bandy words with us and these visits will be missed sorely. May the Master of all life, seat our friend in a special place closer to the throne where he can see and greet those who come later."

8.3.2. John N. Champine

John was born to Charles and Lucretia Champine on 11 May 1859 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He arrived by covered wagon in Martin County in 1869 with his family when he was 10 years old. He married schoolmate Jeanette Cardwell, daughter of Jacob Cardwell on 11 May 1886 in the Cardwell home.

Jeanette was born in Hustisford, Dodge County Wisconsin in 24 September 1861. The Cardwells were pioneers who arrived in Martin County in 1865 and homesteaded a farm two miles west of Ceylon not far from the Champine homestead.

Jeanette married Homer Watkins in 1880. Anna Almyra Watkins was born 30 March 1882 in Iowa Lake Township, IA. Homer died about this time only 15 months after the marriage. Anna married Werley Hayworth in Mankato MN. They had a daughter Merva J. Hayworth. Anna died in Esterville IA on 11 September 1958 and is buried in Lake Belt cemetery.

John and Jeanette began farming in Lake Belt Township on a farm adjacent to the Charles Champine homestead, which they continued to their retirement. They were parents of three boys. The first two, Charles and Jacob were twins born 13 February 1887. Earl was born 30 September 1898. John was an organizer of the State Bank of Ceylon and served on the board of directors from the beginning of the bank business. The family belonged to the Methodist Church in Ceylon. In 1915 the couple retired to Ceylon. The couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on 10 May 1936 in Ceylon with most of their local relatives attending.

John died 17 December 1943 at the home of his daughter Anna in Tenhassen Township, Martin County Minnesota. He is buried in the Lake Belt cemetery. Jeanette died at age 91 on 17 March 1953 and is buried with her husband.

8.3.3. Lever Elsworth Champine

Lever was born in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, on January 1, 1863 youngest son of Charles and Lucretia Champine. He arrived in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota in 1869 with the rest of the family. As a young man, Lever went to work in St. Charles, Minnesota (25 miles from Plainview). Here he met Minnie Hammer, and married her on August 16, 1884. Minnie had been born November 3, 1866. Their marriage is recorded in Fillmore County. He brought his bride to Lake Belt, and moved in with his father Charles Samuel, on the original homestead. His first child, Jasper (Jep), was born March 11, 1886. Minnie died 18 days later at the age of 19 due to complications in the birth.

Lever subsequently married his brother George's sister-in-law, Daisy Bassett, on March 5, 1891. He moved onto the farm that joined the northeast corner of the original homestead. Here, Ashley, Madeline, Percy, and Inez were born. Jep remained with his grandparents until he was a young man. He then went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and worked aboard a steamboat that delivered milk to cottages around the lake. His uncle, Steve Barnett, was the engineer on the boat. Jep subsequently moved to Chicago. Ashley married Mabelle Peterson of Dunnell and farmed initially in Jay Township south of Sherburn. Later he moved to a farm near Danbury, Wisconsin. Percy farmed in Martin County.

Lever and Daisy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with about 200 friends and relatives on their farm where they began married life together. Other golden wedding attendees included his brother George and his wife, his brother John and his wife, and sister Lillian Champine Wiltse and her husband Elwin. All three boys had been married by the same minister, Rev. G. W. Stone. Lever died on the farm on December 29, 1945 at the age of 83 and is buried in Lake Belt Cemetery. Daisy died December 9, 1959 at the age of 90 in the home of her daughter Madeline, in Glencoe, Minnesota. She is buried with her husband.

The following is his obituary from the "Ceylon Herald," January 3, 1946 issue.

LEVER CHAMPINE ANSWERS FINAL SUMMONS

Death Follows Several Weeks Of Illness. End Comes Late Saturday, At Age of 81 Years

"While his death was not unexpected because of his feeble condition following a paralytic stroke suffered weeks ago, the report that Lever E. Champine had passed away proved a great shock to the many relatives and old friends of the family who had hoped that in spite of his infirmed age he might rally and be restored to his aged wife. However, this was not to be and Lever Champine answered the final summons last Saturday, December 29th, just two days shy of his 83rd birthday, which would have been on New Year's Day. He had been a resident of Lake Belt Township for over 50 years and was the youngest son of the late pioneer Charles S. Champine and wife.

"Mr. Champine was born in Wisconsin but came to this state in his infancy with his parents. For a time the family moved in the neighborhood of St. Charles, Minn., where he was wed to Minnie Hammer of that village, who died about a year after their marriage. After coming to Martin County he was wed to Daisy Bassett of Tenhassen, with whom he celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just a few years ago.

"He is survived by his wife, one son, Jasper, by his first wife, who is believed to be a resident of Chicago; Ashley of Wisconsin; Percy of Sherburn; Madaline, Mrs. Bernie Hawthorne of Blue Earth; Inez, Mrs. Chester Ringenberg of Rochester; other surviving relatives are three sisters: Mrs. Louez Woolcutt of Tenhassen; Mrs. Dillie Murtaugh of Mankato and Mrs. Walter Reed of Fairmont.

"Funeral rites were held yesterday, Wednesday, at 1:30 PM from the home and at 2:00 o'clock from the Ceylon Methodist Church in Ceylon."

8.3.4. Mary Champine

Mary Champine was born 30 July 1875 the fifth daughter of Charles and Lucretia Champine in Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota. She married Irvin J. Fowler in Fairmont, Minnesota on 22 February 1898. One child was born to the couple but died after a few days. The couple spent their first five years in Montana and then returned to Iowa where they farmed for 15 years. In 1918 they moved to Dolliver Iowa, their final home. Mary was a member of the Ceylon Royal Neighbors of America.

She died on 20 September 1936 in Dolliver. She is buried in Tenhassen Cemetery. Irvin died two years later on 23 July 1938 in Ceylon and is buried with his wife.

8.3.5. Dillie Champine

(From her obituary)

Funeral services were held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in North Mankato for Mrs. Dillie Murtaugh, pioneer Martin County resident who died at a Mankato hospital Friday (4 December 1953). She was 84. Mrs. Murtaugh had been a resident of Mankato since 1909. Her husband, the late Henry C. Murtaugh, former rural schoolteacher who taught in Pleasant Prairie, Lake Belt, and Tenahssen, died in 1946. Mrs. Murtaugh was born in Lake Belt Township Oct. 25, 1870, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Champine. She was married to Henry Murtaugh in 1891. They had two children who survive; Claude of Nishawa Indiana, and Mrs. Earl Ryan of Chicago. A son Cecil died at age 6. Interment is in Lakeside Cemetery, Fairmont, where her husband and son are buried.

8.3.6. Winnefred Champine

(Material taken from her obituary)

Winnie Champine was the third daughter born to Charles and Lucretia Champine 15 September 1865 in Plainview, Wabasha County Minnesota. In 1869 she came with her parents in a covered wagon to Lake Belt Township and has lived there ever since. She married Stephen G. Barnett of Tenhassen Township, Martin County 6 December 1894. They were married in Winnebago Minnesota at a time when it was just a stopping off place on the open prairie. They live two years in Delavan and then moved to a farm in Tenhassen Township until about about 1916. The couple then moved to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. After three years they returned to a farm in Ceylon. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the farm and retired in March 1928. The couple had no children. Stephen died in Ceylon 27 July 1928. Winnie died 27 June 1936 in Dolliver, Iowa and is buried with her husband in the Tenhassen Cemetery, Martin County.

8.3.7. Lillian Emma Champine

(Material taken from her obituary)

Lillian Emma Champine was born at Cascade, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin on 15 April 1860, eldest daughter of Charles and Lucretia Champine. She arrived in Lake Belt Township, Martin County by covered wagon in 1869 with her parents. She was to live in Lake Belt Township all of her life. She married Edwin J. Wiltse, son of another pioneer family on 31 March 1885. Edwin John Wiltse was born in Dodge County, Wisconsin on 4 June 1856 and a few years later came to Lake Belt Township with his parents. The couple bought the Cardwell homestead, which they farmed. Edwin was postmaster of Lake Belt Township; the post office was in their home. They moved from their farm to Ceylon about 1912. Four children were born to the couple: Millie, Serena, Sylvia, and Wilbur. She was a member of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Lillian died 20 May 1929 at age 68 in Lake Belt Township, Martin County and she is buried in the Lake Belt Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. T. S. Mondale (father of the future Vice President.) Edwin died about seven months later on 15 December 1929; his service was also conducted by Rev. Mondale. Edwin is buried with his wife.

8.3.8. Louez Champine

Louez Champine was born to Charles and Lucretia Champine 8 July 1865 in Plainview, Minnesota. She arrived in Lake Belt Township, Martin County Minnesota in a covered wagon with her family at the age of four years in 1869.

Louez married Johnson B. Woolcutt on Christmas Day, 1889. Johnson was born in Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio on 5 September 1846. At the age of four he and his parents moved to Lemonweir, Wisconsin where they lived for 15 years. This is the same town where the William Orlando Bassett family lived. The family name at that time was spelled Wolcot. Johnson was the child of Jonathan Wolcot born 1796 and Eliza Wolcot born 1809. In 1865 the family moved to Tenhassen Township where his father homesteaded the farm where Johnson and Louez were to live for the rest of their lives. Johnson was a veteran of the Civil War.

When the couple married they moved onto his father's farm, which is near the shore of Little Tuttle Lake in Tenhassen Township. The Woolcutt farm was originally practically in the pioneer village of Tenhassen, now disappeared, a couple of miles east of Ceylon. The farm is immediately adjacent to the historic Tenhassen Cemetery. Louez had a beautiful flower garden on the farm, which was widely known as a show spot. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge. The couple had no children.

Johnson Woolcutt died on Valentine's Day in 1930 at the age of 83. He received full military honors at his funeral service delivered by Rev. T. S. Mondale. He is buried in the Tenhassen Township Cemetery on the edge of his farm.

Louez died in Fairmont Minnesota at the age of 88 years on 17 January 1954. She is buried with her husband next to the farm where she lived for 66 years.

Louez and Johnson Woolcutt

8.3.9. Mattie Champine

Mattie Champine was born 3 May 1877 to Charles and Lucretia Champine in Lake Belt Township, Martin County Minnesota.

Mattie married Walter Bailey Reed on 17 July 1897 after a four-year courtship. Their wedding day was a blazingly hot Minnesota summer scorcher. They drove their horse and buggy to the Fairmont Congregational Church where they were married by Rev. Dickinson. Shortly after their marriage the couple lived to Wallingford, Iowa, and then to a farm near Maple Hill, Iowa, and then to Emmet County before returning to Martin County and the Fairmont and Ceylon areas. The couple had seven children: Glenn (1897), Lewis (1900), Alma (1902), Fern (1905), Walter (1907), Jasper (1910), and Jeanette (1912). By the time of their golden wedding anniversary celebrated in the Fairmont Methodist Church in 1947 with 130 friends and family, they had 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in July of 1952.

Mattie Champine Reed

Mattie died in Fairmont at the age of 75 years on 13 February 1953. The service was held in the Methodist Church in Fairmont officiated by Rev. Charles Spear. She is buried in Lake Belt

Cemetery. Walter Reed died in 1963 at the age of 87 in Mason City. He had been born 12 November 1876 in Carroll County Illinois. He came to the Dolliver vicinity as a small boy with his parents Mr. And Mrs. Samuel B. Reed. He was buried in Lake Belt cemetery next to his wife.

8.4. Children and Grandchildren of John N. and Jeanette Champine

The children of John and Jeanette Champine were: Charles, Jacob, and Earl. Information on them is as follows.

8.4.1. Charles E. Champine

(From his obituary in Fairmont Sentinel)

Charles Elmer Champine was born 13 February 1887 with his twin brother Jacob on a farm in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota to John and Jeanette Champine. After secondary school in Ceylon he attended Mankato Commercial College. On 16 February 1908 he married Rissie Follett. The couple and the rest of the wedding party traveled from Ceylon to Estherville Iowa by train (about ten miles) for the wedding. Because of a heavy snow the trip took two days. The couple had four sons (including Howard, Claire, Elmer, and Gerald), and three daughters (Myrle, Edith, and Dorothy). Charles was associated with the Ceylon State Bank from 1907 to his retirement in 1956.

Charles and Rissie Champine 50th wedding anniversary

Charles died at his summer cabin in Onamia, Minnesota on 24 May 1968 and is buried in Lake Belt Cemetery. Rissie died 6 March 1977 and is buried with her husband.

8.4.1.1.Beryl Charlotte Champine

(From her obituary in the Fairmont Sentinel).

Funeral services for Beryl C. Anklam, 85, of Fairmont Minnesota, will be held at 10:00 A.M. at Grace Lutheran church in Fairmont with the Rev. Mark Braaten officiating. Burial will be at 12:30 P.M. Monday in Lake Belt Cemetery in Ceylon, Minnesota.

Mrs. Anklam died Thursday, December 26, 2002 at the Fairmont Medical Center-Mayo Health System in Fairmont.

Beryl Charlotte Champine was born July 2, 1917, and adopted by Jacob and Ethel May (Ditz) Champine. We believe that Beryl was the daughter of the sister of Ethel, who died in child birth. Beryl attended school and graduated from Ceylon High School. She then attended Mankato Teachers College for two years. She taught in the Champine School in Lake Belt. On October 31, 1945, Beryl was united in marriage to Alfred Anklam in Fairmont, Minnesota. They made their home in Ceylon, Minnesota before moving to Fairmont in 1962. Beryl was a homemaker for many years until 1965 when she began working for J.C.Penneys in Fairmont. She retired in 1980. Alfred died January 22, 1983. She continued to make her home in Fairmont until moving to the Lutheran Retirement Home in Truman in 1997. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Beryl volunteered at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont after her retirement and also enjoyed visiting her family.

She is survived by two son, Dale Anklam and his wife Karen of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and Gray Anklam of Fairmont Minnesota, and a cousin, Velma Mangun of Bloomington, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister, Roberta, and one brother.

8.4.2. Jacob E. Champine

(From his obituary)

Jacob Elvin Champine was born 13 February 1887 on a farm in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota with his twin brother Charles to John and Jeanette Champine. He attended rural school in District 49 and graduated from Ceylon high school. He and his twin brother attended Mankato Commercial College during the winter of 1906-1907. After a year in business he returned to farming. He married Ethel Ditz of Ceylon on 3 December 1911. The couple farmed in Iowa for several years before returning to take over the operation of his father John's farm when his parents retired to Ceylon in 1913. Jacob died 28 November 1957 on his farm and is buried in Lake Belt Cemetery.

8.4.3. Earl W. Champine

(From his obituary)

Earl Wallace Champine was born in Lake Belt Township on 30 September 1898 the youngest son of John and Jeanette Champine. He enlisted in the army on 27 June 1918 as was assigned to the ordinance corps at Raritan, New Jersey.

The following is the entry for Earl in the book **Martin County in the World War - 1917**: CHAMPINE Earl Wallace - Corporal Son of Mr and Mrs John Champine Ceylon Minn. Born at Lake Belt Twp Martin County Sept 30 1898 Resident of Ceylon Minn when enlisted at Albert Lea Minn June 27 1918 as private in ordnance corps. Assigned to 1st Provisional Ordnance Convoy Co Camp Raritan NJ. Made 6 trips with truck convoys between Detroit Mich and Raritan NJ Discharged at Raritan Arsenal NJ June 9 1919

He was discharged on 26 December 1918 and returned to Ceylon where he married Mayme (Mary Louise) Cook on 19 November 1919. In 1920 he and his wife moved from Ceylon to Sherburn and entered the furniture business with his brother-in-law. Earl and Mayme had a daughter Erlyse Eilene Champine who was born on 14 Dec 1920 in Lake Belt. Earl died suddenly on 18 August 1921 at age 22 following an operation for appendicitis. He was buried in Lake Belt Cemetery with full military honors. Mayme remarried in 1923. She had been born June 4, 1900. She is buried in the Sherburn cemetery.

8.4.3.1.Erlyse Eilene Champine

Erlyse graduated from Macalaster College in 1941 and interned a year at the Miller Hospital in St. Paul before passing the national registry and becoming a registered medical technologist. Erlyse married Eugene Steinbrenner in Everett, Washington, on February 12, 1944, while he was in the Army Air Corps and she was working as a medical technologist in the General Hospital.

Eugene's parents were born in St. Paul, and were second generation German and Polish immigrants. Eugene's father (Clarence) and mother (Sophie Herch) were married in 1920 and had three children; a brother and sister still reside in St. Paul.

They moved to Centralia in November, 1952, after Gene completed his University of Washington residency for Ph.D. degree. Erlyse worked as such in hospitals, clinics, and for individual doctors while Gene was in the service while he attended the Universities. Gene received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1954. He took a position as project leader in forest soils with Weyerhaeuser Company Forestry Research Center. He worked there for 28 years until his retirement in March, 1981.

Peter, their first child, was born in March 1954. He graduated from W.S.U. in physics and received his M.S. from UCLA. in geophysics in 1978. He married Kathy Zadina in 1976 and has two children; Ryan, born in 1980, and Jennifer born in 1984. He is currently employed by Pacific Power and Light at the power plant in Centralia.

Judy was born in September 1955. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a B.A. in sociology in 1979. She married David Phillips, a local painting contractor in 1976. They have one child, Brett, born in August 1984. She received her M.A. in May, 1985, from Pacific Luthern University in educational psychology.

Howard Champine

David was born in August, 1957, and attended Centralia College where he completed a program in diesel mechanics. He apprenticed as a mill wright and is currently employed by Jetstar, Inc. He married Teresa Harper in 1982. They have two children; Kevin, born in 1982, and Lisa, in 1985.

Josesph was born in June, 1960. He is attending the University of Washington and will graduate in business construction in the School of Architecture in December, 1985. He is unmarried.

8.5. Children of Charles and Rissie Champine

8.5.1. Howard E. Champine

(From obituary in Fairmont Daily Sentinel, 18 July 1998

Howard Edward Champine was born 4 September 1910 in Ceylon to Charles and Rissie (Follett) Champine. He was a 1928 graduate of Ceylon High School. He worked as a carpenter in the Ceylon area. He entered the U.S. Army on 29 May 1942, serving as an engineer in various locations, including the Aleutian Islands. He was honorably discharged 1 October 1945. He

returned to Ceylon and was employed as a general contractor and carpenter. He married Lavina Schmidt on 9 June 1949 in St. John's United Church of Christ, Ceylon. After their marriage they lived in Ceylon where he worked as a carpenter. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Ceylon and the Nassen-Detert American Legion Post No. 529 of Ceylon. Howard and LaVina had a son Dean. Howard is buried in the Lake Belt Township cemetery.

Obituary of LaVina M. Champine

LaVina Magdalena Mary Champine, age 89, of Ceylon, passed away at the Minnesota Manor Health Care Center in Minneota, Minnesota. Funeral services will be 2 PM Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Ceylon Methodist Chaurch. Burial will be in the Lake Belt Cemetery. Visitation will be at the curhch two hours prior to the service.

LaVina Magdelena Mary Champine was born to Henry and Ella (Meyer) Schmidt on September 24, 1918, on the family farm near Ceylon in Martin County. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ceylon.

On June 9, 1949, LaVina was united in marriage to Howard E. Champine. They made their home in Ceylon, where LaVina was an active Women's Guild member and the organist at church for 65 years, she also was a member of the Ceylon American Legion Auxillary. Her enjoyments and hobbies included Playing cards, bowling, vegetable and flower gardening, and planning the organ.

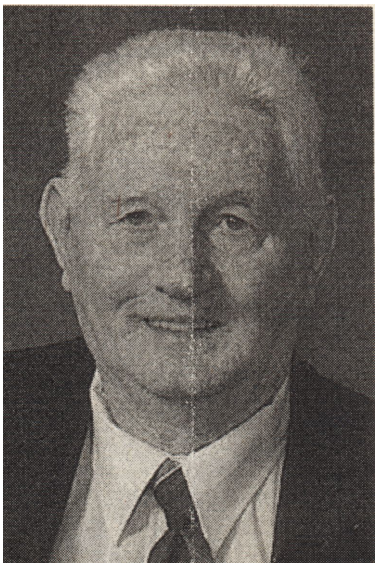
LaVina passed away at the Minneota Manor Health Care Cnter on Sunday, March 30, 2008. She had reached 89 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Karen Champine of Marshall; granddaughter Alison Champine of Marshall; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Babe Schmidt of Ceylon; also other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Howard.

Blessed by the memory of LaVina Champine.

Hamilton funeral Home.



E.R. (Mose) Champine

8.5.2. Elmer R. Champine

(From obituary in Fairmont Daily Sentinel)

Services for E.R. (Mose) Champine, 80, of Armstrong Iowa will be held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Armstrong. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Armstrong.

Champine died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001 at Valley Vue Nursing Home, Armstrong. Visitation will be 5:30-7:30 P.M. today at Henry-Olson-Furhman Funeral Home, Armstrong. Thre also will be a vigil service 7 P.M. today at the funeral home.

Elmer R. Champine was born March 6, 1920 in Ceylon, son of Charles and Rissie (Follett) Champine. He graduated from Ceylon High School in 1938 and attended the University of Syracuse, Syracuse New York. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He married Aletha K. "Alec" LeClair on July 31, 1943, in Syracuse, NY. They lived in Ceylon and northeast of Dolliver. He farmed and worked as a rural carried for the U.S. Postal

Service in the Ceylon area. He became a resident of the Valley Vue Nursing Home in April, 2000. She died May 26, 2000.

He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Armstrong; American Legion Post, Ceylon; and the Association of Rural Mail Carriers.

Survivors include: son, Charles Champine and wife Ann of Dolliver: daughters Dorothy Surber of Palm Springs, Calif.; Mary Hamm and husband Bob of San Diego, Calif.; Charlene Meier and husband Curt of LaGrange Wyoming; Maureen Benda and husband Mark of Peachtree City Georgia; and Patricia Snook and husband Mike of Council Bluffs Iowa; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; daughter-in-law Ruthe Champine of Eden Prairie; brother Claire Champine and wife Jerry of Higginsville Mo., sisters Myrtle Champine and Edith Loos both of Baudette; and sister-in-law LaVina Champine of Ceylon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one son, two brothers and one sister.

(Obituary of Aletha Kathleen LeClair)

Althea Kathleen LeClair, the daughter of Odric and Charlotte (Delaney) LeClair, was born August 21, 1918, in Two Harbors, Minnesota, and departed this life on Friday, May 26, 2000 at Valley Vue Care Center in Armstrong, Iowa, at the age of 81 years, nine months and five days.

Althea LeClair Champine

She received her education and graduated from Two Harbors High School. Following high school, Alec attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she obtained her bachelors degree. Prior to World War Two, she taught school in Ceylon, Minnesota.

On July 31, 1943, Alec was united in marriage to Elmer (Mose) Champine in Syracuse, New York. Following World War Two, the couple moved to Ceylon where she taught school and they raised their family. In 1958, the family moved to a farm northeast of Dolliver, Iowa. She taught Home Economics in the Swea School District for a number of years. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, reading, and sewing. She has been a resident of Valley Vue Care Center in Armstrong since April of 2000. Alec was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong.

Alec is survived by her husband, Mose, of Armstrong; one son, Charles Champine and and his wife Ann of Dolliver; five daughters, Dorothy Surber and friend Larry Kast of Palm Springs, California; Mary Hamm and her husband Bob of San Diego, California; Maureen Brenda and her husband Mark of Peachtree City Georgia; Patricia Snook and her huband Mike of Council Bluffs Iowa; eleven grandchildren; daughter-in-law Ruthe Champine of Eden Prairie Minnesota; and one sister Pat Murphy of Hemlock Michigan. She was preceded in death by one son John; her parents; two sisters; and one brother.

8.5.3. Edith F. Champine Loos

(From her obituary)

Edith (Fluff) was born December 13, 1921 in Ceylon MN, the daughter of Charles and Rissie (Follett) Champine. She graduatd from Ceylon High School in 1939, and attended Mankato

Business College. Fluff married Jake P. Loos on March 8, 1942. They were business partners for many years in the Loos Garage in Ceylon MN. During those years they were active in many Ceylon community events and Fluff was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 47 years. Fluff and Jake retired to their favorite vacation spot at Winter Road River near Baudette MN in 1979. Prior to that, they had spent six enjoyable years building their dream retirement home with the help of many friends and relatives. Her children are happy Fluff was able to spend her last few months at this favorite spot. An avid fisherwoman and cribbage player, Fluff was also a great "wild game" cook, happily feeding and entertaining the many visitors they welcomed to their home. In the quiet time, she liked to quilt and read. Fluff was a member of the Oak Harbor Golf Club. For many retirement years, Fluff enjoyed the annual winter trek to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. There she, Jake, and her two sisters golfed and enoyed side trips to Padre Island and Mexico.

Fluff passed away Friday morning, August 26, 2005 at the Lakewood Health Center in Baudette MN at the age of eighty-three years, eight months and thirteen days after a brief battle with lymphoma.

Fluff is survived by one son, Douglas; three daughters, Penny, Susan, and Myrle (Jackie) Loos; two grandchildren, Steven and Diana Loos; one brother, Claire Champine and his wife Jerry, of Higgensville MO; one sister, Myrle Champine of Baudette MN; two sisters-in-law, LaVina Champine of Ceylon MN and Darlne Eisenmenger and her husband Pal of Fairmont MN; many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Fluff was also preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Gerald, Howard, and Elmer Champine, and one sister, Dorothy McClary. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

The memorial service was held in the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel, Fairmont Minnesota, and she is interred in Lake Belt Cemetery.

8.5.1. Myrle Champine

(From her obituary in Fairmont Sentinel June 2012)

Myrle Champine, daughter of Charles and Rissie (Follett) Champine was born February 13, 1917 in Ceylon, Minnesota. She passed away peacefully on June 8, 2012 at the age of 95.

She graduated from Ceylon High School on February 23, 1944. She entered the Coast Guard as storekeeper first class and was honorably discharged on May 24, 1946. She worked for 1st national Bank of St. Paul until she retired in 1977.

Myrle enjoyed golfing, reading, and traveling throughout the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii.

She is survived by her brother, Claire Champine of Fairmont, Minnesota: several nieces and nephews: and other relatives and friends.

Myrle was preceded in death by her parents; brothers; Gerald Champine, Howard Chammpine, and Elmer (Mose) Champine; and sisters Dorothy McClary and Edith Loos.

A private family committal will be held at a later date. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences can reach her family at: Chuck Champine, 148 140th Avenue Ceylon, Minnesota 56121, or Jackie Loos, 2400 East 37th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

8.6. Children of Lever and Daisy Champine

The children of Lever and Daisy Champine were: Ashley, Percy, Jasper (mother was Minnie Hammer), Madeline, and Inez. Information on them is as follows.

Percy and Florence Champine Wedding 1929

8.6.1. Percy Lee Champine

Percy Lee Champine was born 18 May 1897 in Lake Belt Township, the youngest son of Lever and Daisy Champine. He went to school in the Champine School District No. 45 and then served in the U.S. Army from 15 August 1918 to 20 December 1918. After his discharge he returned to the family farm in Lake Belt Township. As a hobby he played the clarinet in the Ceylon band.

The following is the entry for Percy in the book: Martin County in the World War - 1917:

CHAMPINE Percy Lee - Private Son of Mr and Mrs LE Champine Ceylon Minn. Born at Lake Belt Twp Martin County May 18 1897 and resident of that place when inducted at Fairmont Minn Aug 15 1918 as private for ambulance driver NA. Assigned to ambulance service at U of M Minneapolis Minn for training later transferred to Camp Crane Allen town Pa Discharged Dec 26 1918

He married Florence Foell on 23 June 1929 at her home near Ceylon by Rev. T. S. Mondale (father of the future vice president). She was the oldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tourtellot) Foell. She was born in Lake Belt Township. Mrs. Mondale played Lohengrin's Wedding March. After marriage the couple farmed in Lake Belt Township until 1936, when they moved to their own farm in Manyaska Township. The couple was members of the United Methodist Church in Ceylon. The couple adopted two children: Kenneth and Charnelle. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the Sherburn Methodist Church.

They retired in 1986 in Sherburn. Percy died at the age of 91 on 14 December 1988. He is buried in the Lake Belt Cemetery. An open house was held for Florence on 20 November 1994 in the United Methodist Church in Sherburn in celebration of her 89th birthday. Florence died 18 April 1998 at the age of 91. She is buried with her husband.

8.7. Children of George and Nellie Champine

Children of George and Nellie Champine were: Mabel (1886), Sibyl (1890), Alice (1896), Lloyd and Floyd (1900). Information on them is as follows.

8.7.1. Mabel Champine Todd

Mabel Claire Champine was born on 7 March 1886, first child of George and Nellie Champine on their farm in Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota.

She married Cecil Leroy Todd on 4 March 1908 at the bride's home on the George W. Champine farm in Lake Belt. Cecil had been born in Frankville, Iowa. 30 June1886. The couple began farming the original Charles Champine homestead. Mabel and Cecil had two daughters: Helen Lucille born 25 April 1910 and Marjorie Merle born 28 March 1914, both in Lake Belt Township. They ultimately had six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. The couple moved to Postville Iowa in the 1920s, and then to Fairmont in the 1930s before moving to Spokane, Washington in 1945. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1958. Cecil died on 3 June 1960 at the age of 73 in Spokane. Mabel died on 14 January 1978 at the age of 91 in Spokane and is buried there in the Fairmount Memorial Cemetery.

8.7.2. Sibyl Champine Severson

Sibyl Lucretia Champine was born 24 August 1890 to George and Nellie Champine on their farm in Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota. She married Alfred Peter Severson in the bride's home on the George W. Champine farm on 10 September 1913. He was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, about 17 miles east of Fairmont. The couple initially lived in Sioux City, Iowa but after one year returned to Sibyl's father's (George's) farm where she had lived all of her life which she and her husband farmed. Sibyl wrote the Lake Belt Township news for the Fairmont Sentinel for a time. They celebrated their Silver wedding anniversary on the farm with about 50 friends. They had no children.

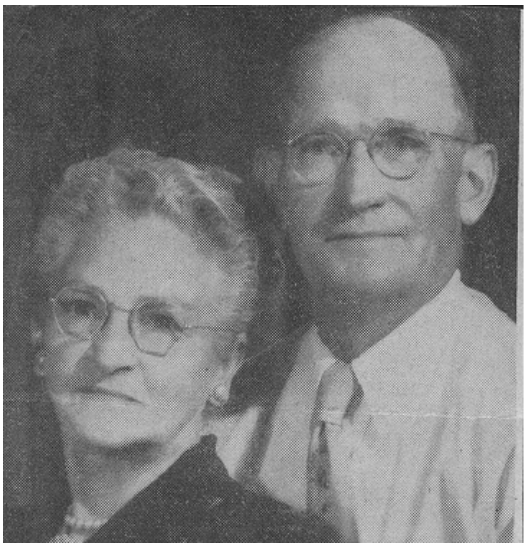
Sibyl and Alfred Severson wedding picture 1913

The couple moved to Ceylon in about 1940 and then retired in Fairmont in about 1942. She died on 6 May 1973 at 82 years of age in Fairmont. Alfred died a short time later and is buried with his wife in Lakeside Cemetery, Fairmont at north 43 degrees 39.610 and west 94 degrees 28.330.

From her obituary.

Services for Mrs. Alfred Severson, 82, of 623 East Fourth Street will be 2 p.m. at Goodell Funeral Home in Fairmont, with burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Mrs. Severson died of the infirmities of age Sunday



Mabel and Cecil Todd 50th Wedding Anniversary 1958

at Lake Haven Nursing Home in Worthington, after an illness of two months.

Born Sibyl Lucretia Champine August 24, 1890 in Lake Belt Township, she was married to Alfred Severson September 10, 1913 in Fairmont. The couple farmed in the Lake Belt area, where Mrs. Severson wrote Lake Belt news for the Sentinel. After moving to Fairmont, she worked for the canning factory.

Alice Champine Shore

Survivors include her husband; a brother and two sisters, Lloyd Champine of Ceylon, Mrs. Alice Shore of Worthington, and Mrs. Mabel Todd of Spokane, Washington.

From the obituary of Alfred Severson.

Services for Alfred Severson, 89, of Fairmont were held on Friday, July 5, at the Goodell Funeral Home in Fairmont, with burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Mr. Severson died Wednesday morning at Lakehaven Nursing Home in Worthington.

Born August 25, 1884 in Winnebago, Mr. Severson married Sibyl Champine September 10, 1913 in Fairmont. They farmed in Lake Belt Township until 1945 and retired to Fairmont. She died in 1973.

Survivors include two sisters; Mrs. Gertrude Lehmann and Edna Severson, both of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

8.7.3. Alice Champine Shore

Alice Beryl Champine was born 26 Se
Champine on their farm in Lake Belt T hool
in Lake Belt, and then attended Hamlin
Worthington school system and becam
Church. She married Chester Milton S urn,
Minnesota. Chester had been born in W a
son to the marriage: Robert Shore born

The couple farmed in Worthington, Mi y
1958. Alice died on 28 November 198
Cemetery near Ceylon, Minnesota in th 8 in
Worthington Minnesota, He is buried

Colonel and Grace Champine wedding 1925

8.7.4. George Lloyd Champine

George Lloyd Champine was born Feb yd
(Ted) at the home of his father George
grandfather Charles Samuel. He was g nning
mate of Teddy Roosevelt, by his Uncle
Colonel when a small child, at the time Teddy Roosevelt was running for President and his running mate was Colonel Fish. The twins took the names Ted & Colonel. George Lloyd became Colonel and Ashley Floyd became Ted, if they weren't called Colonel or Ted, they went by their middle names to avoid confusion with their father George, and Uncle, Ashley. Neither of them

ever used their given names again, in fact, most people, including their teachers, didn't even know their real names. He attended District 45 School and Sherburn High School.

Colonel married Grace Myers on June 3, 1925 at the home of his parents in Lake Belt Township. Grace was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers, and second oldest of the Myers siblings, falling between Clarence and Curtis. She was born March 3, 1905 in Lake Belt Township and died December 23, 1999 at Fairmont Minnesota after living her entire life in Martin County. She stayed behind in Ceylon when the rest of her family moved to North Dakota in 1919 because she wanted to finish her high school education. She worked at Andrews General Store for room and board and after graduating in 1922 as valedictorian of her Ceylon high school class, she completed a year of normal school, which gave her a license to teach. Immediately following graduation she taught school at District 45, the "Champine School" located in section 32 of Lake Belt Township southwest of Ceylon for two years. While teaching there she lived a mile east of the school, renting a room from Jake and Ethel Champine. Her first term (1923-1924) was for eight months, the school enrollment was 27, and the position carried a salary of $80. The second term (1924-1925) was for nine months with a salary of $90. The school was on land that was part of the Charles Samuel Champine homestead where Colonel was living, so there was ample opportunity for them to meet. They were married by Rev. W. J. Walker. Attendants were Mildred Ross and Floyd Champine.

At age 42 Colonel volunteered for the Army and served eight months in the medical corps until the army discharged him because of age. He then volunteered for the Navy when the war broke out, and served as a medical corpsman attached to the Marines in the Pacific Theater for several years. He was aboard a troop ship that made 19 trips across the Pacific and two trips to France.

He reentered the Navy at the age of 50 during the Korean War, serving for 18 months as a corpsman mostly at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. He was also assigned to the Marine base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

When asked why he would enter the military for the third time at that age he said, "I have six children, who in the world has more reason to defend this country than I do. That spirit of service was passed on to his children, the four surviving boys all served in the military, 3 of them for 20 years or more.

Grace was active in the Methodist Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent. She was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows. She was a lover of poetry and language and was fascinated with words and puzzles. She passed that interest on to each of her children. She was a faithful letter writer to family and friends. She was a wonderful cook, preparing plain foods that were mouth watering, expertly and efficiently done and always served at exactly the same time. If dinner (lunch to you city dwellers) was not on the table exactly at the stroke of noon Colonel could be seen sitting in his chair buttering a slice of home made bread. She always worked in the Methodist Church kitchen as for many years was the only person that made gravies for the church dinners. She could make wonderful jams and jellies out of anything from wild grapes and plums to currants and gooseberries. She weathered many tough times without complaining. During the last third of her life, she was afflicted with recurring bouts of depression, but her mind remained sharp until death. She was very much loved by her friends and family.

The couple lived on the original Champine homestead and farmed it until Colonel's death in December 1977.

Colonel was an avid hunter and was considered one of the best wing shots in the area.

Colonel and Grace celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the home of his sister Sibyl in Fairmont, with his brother Ted and other sister Alice.

About 250 people attended the open house celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, held in the Methodist Church in Ceylon on 8 June 1975.

Colonel died suddenly at home on 4 December 1977 and is buried in Lake Belt Cemetery.

Grace died 23 December 1999 in Fairmont, and is buried next to Colonel in the Lake Belt Cemetery. The following is her obituary.

"Grace Ellen Myers was born March 3, 1905, in Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Wilbur and Mary (Holmes) Myers. The Holmes family was one of the first families to settle in Lake Belt Township.

“Mary Holmes was a ninth generation descendent of Elder William Brewster, who was born in England in 1566 and who, after traveling to Holland in search of religious freedom, found his way to America aboard the Mayflower.

“She attended grade school in Martin County and worked at Andrews Grocery in Ceylon while attending Ceylon High School, graduating with the class of 1922. She then attended Normal School in Fairmont, Minnesota where she received her teaching certificate. Upon completion she taught school in District 45, Lake Belt Township. (The school was on land donated from the farm of Charles Samuel Champine.)

“On June 3, 1925, Grace was united in marriage to G. Lloyd (Colonel) Champine at the Charles Samuel Champine home in Lake Belt Township. This farm had been homesteaded in 1877 and remains in the family at the present time, having been named a Century Farm in 1977. The couple lived on the original Champine homestead until Colonel’s death on December 4, 1977. Grace entered the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in August of 1986. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ceylon, Minnesota and a former member of the WSCS.

"Mrs. Champine died Thursday afternoon, December 23, 1999, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, Minnesota at the age of ninety-four years. Survivors include four sons, Robert Champine and his wife, Lois of Ceylon, Minnesota, Ray Champine and his wife, Sara of Puryear, Tennessee, Jerry Champine of Pontiac, Illinois, and Veryl Champine and his wife, Cheryl of Truman, Minnesota; two daughters, Jeanne Lamp and her husband, Robert of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, and Marilyn Will of Northfield, Minnesota; seventeen grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren; one brother John Myers and his wife, Ruth of Cambridge, Minnesota; one half brother W. Eugene Myers of Libby, Montana; and two sisters, Jessie Tysver of Bremerton, Washington and Arlene Tysver of Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Colonel and Grace Champine, and kids about 1950

"She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Donald in 1944; three brothers; and one sister.

“The funeral was Monday, Dec. 27, at Ceylon United Methodist Church. Interment was in Lake Belt Cemetery of rural Ceylon.

“Olson Funeral Home in Ceylon was in charge of arrangements. "

(Information contributed by Robert and Veryl Champine, and Marilyn Will).

8.7.5. Children of Colonel and Grace Champine

Seven children born to the marriage: Robert, in 1927; Donald, in 1931; Jeanne, in 1934; Ray, in 1937; Marilyn, in 1938; Jerry, in 1940; and Veryl, in 1944.

8.7.5.1.Robert Leslie Champine

Robert Leslie Champine was born September 1, 1927. Bob, like most of the young men his age, left school before graduating to join the US Navy during the Second World War. He spent the war years as an electrician aboard the USS Dionysus. Following his discharge from the Navy he returned to Ceylon and worked for the Ceylon Block and Silo Company building grain silos. He left that company to farm full time on the original homestead. He married Lois Hutton April 13th, 1977 and they continue to live on the family farm which has been in continuous ownership since 1869. Bob has been very active in the Ceylon American Legion, helping rebuild the building after a major fire and has served as Commander for the past two years.

8.7.5.2.Donald Roger Champine

Donald Roger Champine was born June 13, 1931. He was stricken at age 13 with a disease thought to be either spinal meningitis or bulbar polio. Medicine at the time was not as advanced as today and there were no "miracle drugs", Don died from the disease on November 1, 1944 at the Fairmont hospital.

8.7.5.3.Jeanne Fay Champine Lamp

Jeanne Faye Champine was born March 7th, 1934, and went to school the first six years at the country school located on the corner of the Champine farm, and then on to Ceylon High School. Following graduation, she worked for Western Union in LaCrosse and Racine, Wis., and Albert Lea, Minn., where she met Bob Lamp of Grand Meadow, Minn. They were married on January 1, 1954, and raised 5 children.

Jeanne has worked as a church secretary, a nurse's aide, as the business manager at Community Memorial Hospital in Spring Valley, and then for many years at the Spring Valley office of Minnesota Loan and Thrift, which later became Minnesota First Credit and Savings, starting as cashier and becoming manager after two years.

She was a stay at home mom until 1969, when she became the assistant business manager at Community Memorial Hospital in Spring Valley, Minn. In 1977,she joined Minnesota First in Spring Valley as a cashier, soon became assistant manager, and was made manager in 1980. At the time it was relatively rare for a woman to manage a financial institution and she was encouraged by the home office to sign correspondence and checks with her initials rather than her first name. Her office often led the five branches of the company for volume of loans proportionate to the size of the city, and also low delinquency ratings, and was frequently named office of the month. She became one of the first women in the formerly all male Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley and served for 20 years as its secretary-treasurer, an office that was divided in two when a disastrous auto accident caused her to be unable to continue. She spent a month in St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester and over three months in rehab at Meadow Manor Nursing Home three blocks from her home, where her husband had formerly been the administrator. She retired in 1994 and now works part-time as a proofreader/editor for Phillips Publications, which produces six weekly newspapers in the southeastern Minnesota area, and also as a part-time secretary for a combined charge of two Methodist churches. Current interests include working one day a week in nearby Spring Valley proofreading and editing for the publisher of five weekly newspapers. She also volunteers at the Grand Meadow Library one day a week and recently edited and proofread an autobiography by local writer Jon Laging.

Jeanne married **Robert Lamp** on 1 Jan 1954 in Ceylon, Minnesota. Robert Lamp was born in Austin, Minnesota, June 25, 1932, and moved with his family to Grand Meadow, Minnesota, when his parents bought the Red Owl Store and locker there. He is a graduate of Grand Meadow High School and Gale Institute and was a railroad agent when he had the opportunity to work at the depot in Grand Meadow shortly after their marriage. While serving as agent, he was elected to the volunteer position of village clerk and was asked to be administrator at the newly-built Meadow Manor Nursing Home "until we find someone." He retired from the position 28-1/2 years later! During that time, he became the "go-to" man for local and even statewide radio and television stations whenever there was breaking news of any kind concerning nursing homes. He served as vice president of the state association of nursing homes and was asked to run for president but opted not to because of the travel and time commitment, since meetings would have involved a nearly 200 mile round trip commute. He conducted a study on the effects of smoking on workers' health care expenses and sick time taken that ultimately resulted in the nursing home industry making first their meetings and then care centers smoke free. Today, the whole state of Minnesota is smoke free in public areas. He is an avid trap and skeet shooter, having won the high overall trophy at Cedar Valley Conservation Club of Austin, Minn., skeet league nine years in a row, and having broken 490 of 500 clay pigeons in the long-bird league and 295 of 300 in the short league. None of those records have ever been broken. He is also an avid hunter with both gun and bow and arrow and has numerous trophies to prove it.

Dean Leslie was born September 26, 1954, and married Lynne Pfister on August 24. 1974. Dean is a music teacher at Glidden, Iowa. Lynne works in the real estate sales department of American Home Shield in Carroll, Iowa. They are the parents of Erik James, born August 25, 1987, and Daniel Andrew born January 12, 1990. Erik begins college on a full Presidential Scholarship at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa this fall. He is talented musically, having won both the outstanding vocalist award and the outstanding instrumental music award of his graduating class.

Dale Robert was born May 25th, 1957, and is a senior staff accountant for Holiday Station stores in Bloomington, Minn.

Greg Steven was born February 26, 1959, and married Meghan Stier on May 3, 1981. Greg works for IBM in Rochester, Minn., and Meghan is a flight nurse on Mayo One with the Mayo Clinic. They are the parents of Robert Francis, born Sept. 25, 1991.

Michael Jon was born April 28, 1962, and married Lisa Schuster on November 23, 1996. Mike is shift manager at Rochester Cheese in Spring Valley Minnesota and Lisa is a teacher. They are the parents of Kelsie Ann, born April 11, 1998, and Noah Phillip, born on that dreadful September 11, 2001, which makes it easy to remember his birthday.

Laurie Rose was born December 31, 1963, and married Kevin Kallinen on October 4, 1986. They live on acreage outside Silver Bay, Minn., Kevin's home town. Laurie works for a private school in Beaver Bay, Minn., which their children attend. Kevin is self employed as a logger cutting for the paper mills in northern Minnesota, They have 5 children, Zachary Lee, born July 29, 1987, Thomas Daniel born August 13, 1989, Jordan Paul, born July 25, 1991, Evan, born January 18, 1998, and Collin, born July 19, 1999. Members of the family have gone on a number of mission trips to Guatemala and Mexico in the past several years.

8.7.5.4.Ray Walter Champine

Ray Walter Champine was born March 10th, 1937 and went to school at Ceylon. Following high school he joined the US Army and spent the next 20 years serving as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. He spent most of his army career at Fort Campbell Kentucky, with tours of duty in Germany and Viet Nam. After several years as an enlisted man he attended Officer Training School and was granted a commission. He attained the rank of Major before retiring. Among numerous other military awards he was given a Bronze Star Medal, the nation's third highest combat award. After retirement from the army he worked for a time at a shoe factory in northwestern Tennessee before joining the Post Office where he served as a letter carrier. While on his route in December 1999 he came across a fire in one of his client's house, he knew the man was an invalid and entered the house to assist him. He was able to save the man's life, but suffered smoke inhalation and burns in the process. He was awarded both the Post Office "Hero of the Year" and Carnegie Medal for his action. He has retired from the Post Office and continues to live in Puryear, TN where he owns a farm. They have 2 children; Cathy Lynn was born August 12, 1961 and married Edward Miles September 19, 1981 they live at 4210 Brownsboro Glen Rd. Louisville, KY 40241. Steven Lloyd Champine works for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and lives at 7117 Teakwood Drive, Biloxi, MS. 39532. He married Melissa Farris on April 5, 1986; they have 4 children, Bradley Farris Champine born August 24, 1989, Bryan Christopher Champine born July 17, 1983, Cooper Ray Champine born May 30, 2001 and Cameron Jay Champine born July 24, 2003.

8.7.5.5.Marilyn Kay Champine Will

Marilyn Kay Champine Will was born May 5th, 1938. She graduated from Mankato State College with a degree in English and taught in Mapleton and Truman, Minnesota, Graettinger and Spirit Lake Iowa before settling in Northfield Minnesota where she taught for 26 years before retiring. After she retired she traveled extensively, including one six-week trip around the world. Playing bridge, volunteering and maintaining friendships now keep her busy. She married Jerry Will of Huntley Minnesota on December 26, 1960. Jerry also graduated from Mankato State with a degree in mathematics and taught school for 3 years but left teaching to run a construction company. They moved from Spirit Lake to Eldora Iowa before moving again to Northfield MN. Jerry died of cancer on July 2, 1986. Marilyn and Jerry were married twice and divorced twice but remained close until the time of his death. They had 3 children, Troy Duane, born August 2, 1961 graduated from Iowa State at Ames, Iowa. Troy is single and currently lives in West Covina, California working as a computer consultant. Todd Gerald was born January 29, 1963, and graduated from Carleton College with a degree in mathematics. He married Heather Hulett of Hays, Kansas on July 17, 1999. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas. Both Todd and Heather received doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. They live in LaCrescent, MN and both teach at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse. Rebecca Diane Will was born December 18, 1970 in Spirit Lake Iowa and married Chad Brinkman on July 10, 1995. They live in Northfield near Marilyn. They have two boys, Connor, born October 24, 1995 and Ethan, born October 29, 1998.

8.7.5.6.Jerry Wayne Champine

Jerry Wayne Champine was born April 24th 1940. He entered the US Navy immediately after high school and served at various locations around the world. He retired after serving 20 years and lived in Wisconsin and Illinois working for Johns Mansville before fully retiring to live at

Pontiac Illinois. He married JoAnn Swenson of Fairmont Minnesota on March 19, 1961. They were divorced February 1, 1983. They had 4 children as follows.

Deborah Jo Champine Salmi was born December 26, 1961. She married Russell Salmi on July 14, 1987. Debbie works at SBC Ameritech Phone Company as a directory assistance operator and Russell works at Wal-Mart. They have one daughter, Samantha Jo Salmi born October 21, 1997.

Pamela Renee Champine was born June 1, 1964 and graduated from the University of Illinois with a Business major, a juris doctorate from Northwestern Law School and an advanced degree in Tax from NYU. After working for in corporate law for a few years and for a New York judge she now teaches law at New York Law School in Manhattan. She married David Simonetti, a fellow attorney on August 5, 1989 but kept the Champine name. They live in New York City and have one daughter, Isabella Grace Simonetti.

Bradley Wayne Champine was born October 31, 1967 and is a driver for Cardinal Health in Gurnee, Illinois. He married Renee Schubert on May 6, 2000. They live in Silver Lake, Wisconsin and have two daughters, Matigan Grace and Delaney Quinn.

Brian Robert Champine was born February 24, 1975 and graduated from the US Naval Academy at Annapolis Maryland; following graduation with a physics degree and also has completed his Master's degree. He served in the Navy until 2004 before switching branches to the Army to continue his education in radiology; he currently holds the rank of Captain. He was married to Bernadette Wilder in Cancun, Mexico on July 2nd of 2005. They reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Pamela Renee Champine obituary.

Pamela Renee Champine, Professor of Law, died on March 8, 2009 at her home in Greenwich Village. She was 44 years old. A member of the New York Law School faculty since 2000, Professor Champine taught Property; Wills, Trusts, & Future Interests; Federal Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates; and Problems of Timing, and was Director of the Core Curriculum in the Law School's Graduate Tax Program. Before joining New York Law School, she was an associate in the trusts and estates department of Hughes Hubbard, was law secretary to New York County Surrogate Eve Preminger, and also served as Principal Court Attorney in the New York County Surrogate's Court. Active in both the New York City Bar and the New York State Bar Association, Professor Champine was elected an Academic Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in 2007.

Although Professor Champine's first scholarly contributions dealt with taxation and trusts and estates, her focus soon shifted to the highly important and surprisingly understudied questions surrounding capacity and donative transfers. Her final publication as a co-author of Competence in the Law: From Legal Theory to Clinical Application is an outstanding summary of the state of the law and a sad reminder of how much has been lost through her death.

In a moving tribute announcing the news of Professor Champine's death to the faculty, Professor William P. LaPiana, her close friend and colleague, talked about the great joy she found in teaching. "Pam saw every day of her life as a law professor as a gift," he said. "She counted it a privilege to teach, read, think, and write, and next to her family, it was what gave her life meaning." Professor LaPiana added that Professor Champine was

“as inspiring as she was effective as she led her students to a thorough understanding of the subjects to which she devoted her efforts. She brought innovative techniques to the classroom and showed her students that what they might have once thought was dry and uninteresting was full of life.”

“I know the entire New York Law School community joins me in our shared grief over Pam's passing,” said Dean and President Richard A. Matasar. “She was one of the most courageous people I have ever known. Through her illness, she showed a continuous love for her profession, her students, and the law. We all have missed her, and the void she leaves will never be filled.”

Professor Champine is survived by her husband David Simonetti and their daughter Isabella.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, on Fifth Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets, in Manhattan. A reception will follow, at the church.

The family requests no flowers but suggests that donations may be made to a fund to be established in Professor Champine's memory to the Law School. (Donations may be sent to the Office of Development via interoffice mail, of course, or to New York Law School, Office of Development, 57 Worth Street, NYC 10013.)

8.7.5.7.Veryl Lloyd Champine

Veryl Lloyd Champine was born January 1st. 1944. He attended Mankato State College and then joined the Navy; he worked in avionics, electronics for aircraft and made two cruises to the Western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier Coral Sea as a member of a fighter aircraft squadron. He joined the National Guard after returning to Fairmont and served as the Communications Chief, retiring from the Guards in 1991 after serving for 21 years. After the Navy he began a career with the telephone company, working for them for 36 years as an engineer and district manager. He retired in 2002 at the age of 58. He still loves airplanes and attends at least one major air show per year. His favorite vacation is the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and has made numerous trips to there with his boys. Veryl married Cheryl Dietz of Fairmont, Minnesota on April 19, 1969. She worked at Teledyne in Fairmont for many years as an engineer before returning to college. She graduated magna cum laude from Mankato State with a degree in mathematics and taught school at Fairmont and Granada before semi retirement to substitute teaching at Granada. Veryl & Cheryl have also traveled extensively including trips to Europe, Alaska and Cuba and several cruises. One of the most memorable moments from the travel was being robbed at gunpoint in Puerto Rico. They have three boys; Jon David was born March 8, 1973. He attended Marquette and graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in nutrition before entering the Navy as an ensign in May of 1995. He has been stationed at San Diego, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Jacksonville, Florida, and Washington DC. He received his master’s degree in aerospace physiology from Bethesda Hospital. He then attended Navy flight school at Pensacola Florida earning his wings on February 11, 2005. He is currently stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, California, just north of San Diego. While jogging on the beach at San Diego he literally ran in to an old friend from Madelia, Bobbi Yurcek, she is also a runner. They started to date and now are engaged to be married; the full military wedding will be April 27, 2007. Bobbi is a pharmaceutical sales rep for Eisai Inc. Jay Anthony Champine was born January 8, 1977 and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota

with a degree in journalism. While at St. Thomas he met Melissa Sheets of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, also journalism major, they were married September 6, 2002. Jay is a representative for Glaxo Smith Kline selling pharmaceutical products in the Minneapolis area. Melissa is a marketing rep for Target Corporation and travels extensively with the company setting up promotions all over the country. They have one child, a baby girl, Georgia Grace Champine, born 2-22-07. Jacques Robert Champine was born August 30, 1982. Since then has tried his hand at a number of things from running his own computer store, life guarding, working at Disney World, being a waiter, college, an animator, and now currently, member of the Geek Squad for Best Buy. At the moment his aspiration for the future consists primarily of "being happy".

8.7.6. Ashley Floyd (Ted) Champine

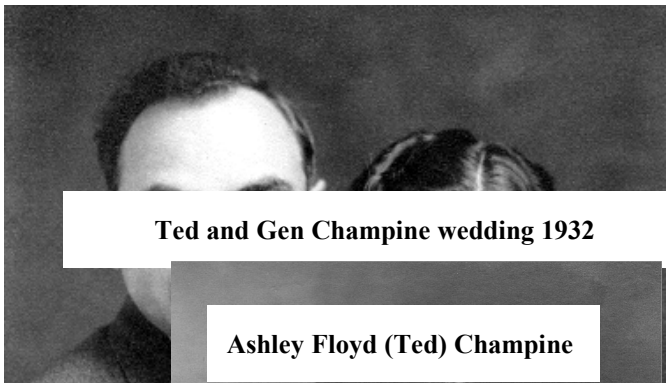
Ashley Floyd was born 16 February 1900 along with his twin brother George Lloyd at the farm home of his father George, immediately south of the original homestead of Charles Samuel. Floyd was immediately nicknamed "Ted" after Teddy Roosevelt by his grandfather Charles, and was known by that nickname thereafter. At the age of 12 he had a very serious case of blood poisoning from a leg wound. The doctor wanted to amputate the leg, but Ted refused and subsequently recovered completely. After that he never trusted doctors. After a boyhood on the farm, Ted went to Sherburn with his parents from 1915-1917 in order to attend high school, but he never graduated due to the need to work on the farm. In 1917 he went to Ceylon with the family. Here he worked on the farm where he was born, which was being rented from George by his older sister Sibyl and her husband Alfred Severson.

In 1921 he decided to leave the farm, and went to machinist school in Kansas City for a year. In 1923 he returned to Fairmont, where he went to work for the County road construction, the Martin County Engineer, and subsequently worked for the Fairmont Railway Motors.

Ted had opened a radio and electrical appliance shop in Fairmont in about 1927 on East First Street, one of the first in the area. The store was called the "Champine Electric Shop". He sold washing machines, irons, radios, and other electrical appliances, but his major income came from repairing radios. No one had any money, and the appliance business did poorly. Ted hired Freddy Sahr, a new graduate from the University of Minnesota, to repair the radios.

The summer of 1931, he met Genevieve Northway, daughter of a Martin county implement dealer and farmer, at the Fairmont Interlaken ballroom when she was home from Chicago for two weeks. Genevieve, 12 years his junior, had been born in Alpha, also in Martin County, and had gone to Chicago to work after graduating from high school in Triumph Minnesota at age 16 in 1928. After she returned to Chicago they continued to write to each other. That Christmas time he went to Chicago to visit her for several days. He also went to Chicago in August of 1932 and they decided to get married. They were married November 24, 1932, in Chicago at the home of her brother Harold by Rev. A. J. Tangren, pastor of the Elston Avenue Methodist Church.

After the newlyweds returned to Fairmont they stayed in a rooming house for a while



Ted and Gen Champine wedding 1932

Ashley Floyd (Ted) Champine

until they could rent a house at Shore Acres (suburb of Fairmont) starting January of 1933. In March of 1933 they moved to a house they rented at 312 South Prairie Avenue. The house was owned by the sister of Ted's mother, Ila Personius. The rent was $15 per month. Many years later, Genevieve said that they had a great deal of trouble saving the rent money each month because times were so difficult during the depression.

Ted and Genevieve moved to their permanent residence at 232 South Main Street, Fairmont, in 1935. Three boys were born to the couple; George in 1934, Charles in 1940, and John in 1946.

In about 1936 Ted got his Masters electrician license and started doing electrical contracting for the Rural Electrical Association (REA). With the REA providing electricity to the farm community, Ted found business wiring farms. He organized a crew of about six men and wired many of the farms in the area, including that of Genevieve's parent's farm near Triumph in 1939. During the war it was impossible to get wiring material, so Ted had to do work wiring defense plants that had priority to get supplies. After the Second World War there was a building boom in Fairmont, and Ted did much of the wiring work for those new houses. He did electrical contracting in and around Fairmont, including both the Lincoln and Budd schools.

Ted did electrical work for the businesses in town and became good friends with most of the business people in town. One of the local businessmen was Charlie Potter. Charlie owned the Potter café and hotel on west First Street. In addition he had a large number of jukeboxes installed across southern Minnesota, and a number of salesmen who placed them and collected the income. Ted did most of the maintenance work on the jukeboxes. Charlie Potter took Ted and Genevieve to some of the Wurlitzer dealer meetings in Minneapolis and Chicago.

One of these was the 9th annual convention banquet of the National Association of Coin Operated Machine Manufacturers held on January 14, 1937 in the Hotel Sherman in Chicago shown below. Several hundred people attend the convention. Genevieve won the door prize, which was a Wurlizer spinet piano.

In 1941, Ted inherited the 160-acre farm where he was born. He bought an additional 80 acres of adjacent land and rented the farm rather than working it himself. The renters were:

1941-1950 Lowell Johnson

1950-1960 Verner and Hilda Fenrich

1960-1962 Don Jansen

1962-1974 Ronnie Davis

1974-2006 John and Doreen Burmeister

The farm management occupied an increasing amount of his time in later years.

Ted was a member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge of Sherburn and the Fairmont Commandery. He was also a member of the Minnesota Electrical Association for many years.

Ted had considerable interest in new technology. He was active in the Fairmont amateur radio club in the late 1940s. He retired from his electrical business in 1965 to enjoy the fruits of his many years of hard work. He died suddenly in his home on the morning of 14 June 1966. He is buried in Lake Belt cemetery near his parents. His wife Genevieve died 28 May 1998 after 32 years of widowhood and is buried next to her husband. The family history and life of Genevieve is described in the document "A Celebration of the Life of Genevieve Northway Champine". Genevieve was named for an aunt Clara Genevieve Northway. Obituary: Genevieve Northway was born on December 13, 1912 in Jay Township, Martin County, Minnesota, the daughter of Homer C. and Allena (Vittum) Northway. She attended school in Trimont and graduated from Trimont High School in 1929. She then moved to Chicago, Illinois and attended the Chicago Buisness College. While in Chicago she met her future husband, Floyd Champine of Lake Belt Township, near Ceylon, Minnesota. They were united in marriage on November 24, 1932, in Chicago. They moved back to Fairmont and Gen worked at the Sweet Shop restaurant in downtown Fairmont for many years. Following that, she was a dietary supervisor at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center from its very beginning in 1964 until her retirement in 1973. Floyd died in 1966. Gen loved to travel with family and friends throughout the United States and Europe as well as work selflessly within the United Methodist Church and the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. She was a member of the Fairmont United Methodist Church, a fifty-year Member and Past Matron of the Columbian Chapter #59 Order of the Eastern Star, a founding member of the Fairmont "Mother's Club" and a charter member of the Lakeview Methodist Home Auxiliary. She is survived by three sons, George Champine and his wife, Barbara of Stow, Massachusetts, Chuck Champine and his wife, Joanne of Mound, Minnesota, John Champine and his wife, Lynn of Prior Lake, Minnesota; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Floyd; three brothers, Harold Northway, Merlyn Northway and infant brother, one sister, Ruth Gardner. Memorials will be given to the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Arrangenents by Lakeview Funeral Home, Fairmont. Pallbearers: Chuck Champine, John Champine, George Champine, Mark Champine, Nathan Champine, Stephen Champine and John Burmeister. John Burmeister farms the Champine land.

8.8. The Child of Louis and Emojene Champine

Louis Champine had child Clifford by Emojene Demerest and child Murray by Bessie Murray. The following gives information on Clifford.

8.8.1. Clifford Champine

(Largely taken from his obituary in the Minneapolis Star, October 21, 1971.)

Clifford Carlton Champine, 86, a Minneapolis lawyer for more than 60 years, died today. He formerly lived at 809 Douglas Ave. Clifford was the only child of Louis Samuel Champine and Emojene Demerest.

Mr. Champine worked his way through the University of Minnesota Law School as a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune. When he graduated in 1908 he was assistant Sunday editor of the paper.

Clifford's first wife was Marjorie Roberts, with whom he had Mary and Margaret. That marriage ended in divorce and she died February 16, 1947 at the age of 57. He later married Helen Apgar and adopted children Robert and Bernice.

He was buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Survivors include his widow Harrieth, Minneapolis, and two daughters, Mrs. William Ankeny, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Mary Sweet, Atlanta.

Robert Apgar Champine

Robert was born Robert Harmon Claus on 6 March 1921 to Robert Claus, a furrier, and to Helen Minerva Apgar Claus, a former "Miss 1926" in St. Paul, Minnesota. Robert changed his name in 1939 to Robert Apgar Champine, in honor of his mother and stepfather Clifford Champine, a local attorney. Robert graduated frm the University of Minnesota in 1943 and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy where he flew many World War II fighter aircraft.

He married (1) Gloria. He married (2) Dorothy Louise Comstock 18 December 1948 in Newport News, Virginia, daughter of John Comstock and Vera Aldrich. She was born 8 February 1928 in Haddon field, New Jersey and died 9 December 1982.

Following graduation he became a test pilot for NACA, the forerunner of NASA. His career, with both NACA and NASA, covered 32 years, 1947-1979, during a time of the exciting advances in aircraft research. The career he loved was full of highly technical research exploration, with airplanes, rockets, and simulators for flight on Earth and for the exploration of space. His early research activities covered some of the most exciting yars of aircraft/rockt development. Some of this was flying the Bell XS-1, the Douglas D-558 I and the Douglas D-588 II above the California desert at Muroc High Speed Unit. To get the complete story of these air/rocket craft, read Dr. Richard Hallion's historical document "Supersonic Flight: the Story of the Bell XS-1 and Douglas D-558-I and D-558-II".

On 2 December 1948 he became the sixth person and third civilian to break the sound barrier. He exceeded Mach 1 on NACA flight 23 checking handling qualities and pressure distribution on the XS-1 at the Muroc Dry Lake in California. Bob retired from NASA Langley in January 1979, continuing his research flights right up to the last day. Even after retirement he was asked, as a favor, to return to Langley to "fly" the space shuttle simulator to furnish Langley scientists with data in preparing for the launch of the Shuttle.

The following is his obituary.

Obituary **ROBERT APGAR CHAMPINE**

Robert (Bob) Apgar Champine, pioneer supersonic test pilot, took his last flight through the clouds on December 17, 2003, the 100th Anniversary of Manned Flight, surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born on March 6, 1921 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Robert Claus and Helen Apgar Claus.

Bob was a Naval Fighter Pilot during World War II and remained in the US Naval Reserve for 22 years. He was a test pilot with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from December 1947 to 1979. He began his career with the NACA at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton, Virginia. He transferred to the NACA's High-Speed Flight Research Station at Muroc, California in October 1948 where he flight tested the Bell X-1, and the Douglas D-558-I (Skystreak) and the Douglas D-558-II (Skyrocket).

On December 2, 1948, Bob became the 6th man and the 3rd civilian to break the mysterious sound barrier. He exceeded Mach 1 on NACA flight 23 checking handling qualities and pressure distribution on the X-1 #2 after having been dropped from the B-29 mother ship, above the Rogers Dry Lake in California. On August 4, 1949, NACA flight 32, he again exceeded Mach 1 performing rolls, pull-ups, sideslips, and check of stabilizer effectiveness. This was his 13th and last flight on the X-1. He flew the first NACA research flights on the D-558-I on April 22, 1949, and the first NACA research flights of the D-558-II on May 24, 1949, beginning the supersonic research program on these aircraft on June 1, 1949.

In 1950, after two years in the supersonic flight research program, flying the hottest planes in the world, Bob returned to resume his career at Langley. His reason, Langley had about 40-50 planes in active flight research while at Muroc, the research flights were sparse with a great deal of time between flights due to modifications to the research aircraft and necessary data reduction and analysis. Flights in Naval Reserve aircraft kept him current and when Langley beckoned, he returned and became heavily involved with humankind's venture into the unknown hazards of space flight, the development of helicopter handling qualities and capabilities, and extensive research into V/TOL aircraft (including the XC-142A).

During the mid-to late 1950s the NACA seriously began the quest for flight into space and Bob traveled to the Naval Air Development Center's centrifuge at Johnsville, Pennsylvania in order to determine pilot tolerance to unknown "G" forces and for performance studies of orbital reentry acceleration. He "flew" many flights in the centrifuge's gondola strapped into his own formfitting couch finally reaching the level of 18Gs.

Bob retired from NASA Langley in January 1979 after working with the space program to develop the concept of space flight, flight simulation, and the vehicles to achieve a successful lunar landing. He performed many flights with the Rendezvous Docking Simulator suspended high above the hangar floor at Langley to perfect the docking and rendezvous maneuvers of spacecraft that we see being performed flawlessly by today's astronauts.

Bob has test flown over 155 different types of aircraft, jets, V/TOLs, gliders, and helicopters, with 11,300 hours of flight time

Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1943 and was commissioned an ensign in the US Navy where he flew many World War II fighter aircraft before joining the NACA at Langley. His flying career with the Navy, the NACA, and NASA covered 36 years from 1943-1979 and he flew as a private pilot for 56 years from 1939 until making his last flight in a Fairchild PT-19 in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his son Daniel Robert Champine and his former wife, Dorothy Comstock Champine.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Gloria Rhoads Champine, sister, Bernice Claus Calder, San Diego, CA, five children, Jeffrey Paul (Candi) Champine Lexington Park, MD; Richard Edward (Marti) Champine, York County, VA; Stephen Clifford (Sherri) Champine, Edgewater, FL; Patricia Diane (Jimmy) Ditmore, Purcellville, VA; and Terry Champine (Randy) Price, Hampton, VA, three step children, William F. Alto, III, Theresa Alto Rodden, and Lee Rhoads Alto, 24 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Bob was inducted in the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame in 1979 and was named an Elder Statesman of Aviation in 2002. In addition he served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society since 1978 and was named to the Academy of Model Aeronautics Hall of Fame in 1993.

Viewing will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday at Weymouth Funeral Home and funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Grace United Methodist Church, Country Club Road, Newport News. Internment will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park.

From Gloria Rhodes Champine 12-18-03

8.9. Children of Floyd and Genevieve Champine

The children of Floyd and Genevieve Champine were George (1934), Charles (1940), and John (1946). The following provides more information on them

8.9.1. George Allen Champine

George Champine was born on May 16, 1934 in Fairmont, first child of Floyd (Ted) and Genevieve Champine. He attended grade school at Central school, and then progressed to high school at Fairmont High School. During his early years he carried papers to earn spending money, and later worked at a local grocery store stocking shelves and at the checkout counter.

He had several interests during this time that were to continue for many years: these were science, the high school paper, “The Echo” (and writing in general), photography, and music. George was president of the high school science club, and was a photographer for the high school yearbook “The Cardinal”. He also built a darkroom at home and developed his own pictures. He worked on the high school paper “The Echo” during his last three years, and during his senior year he was editor. He was active in the Fairmont Methodist church for several years before going to college.

He participated in the band starting in seventh grade, and played baritone in the high school marching and concert bands as his father had done earlier. He continued in the band during his first year at college where he played in the Minnesota Football Marching band.

He attended the University of Minnesota starting in 1952 where he initially majored in chemistry. He switched to physics in his second

year and obtained a bachelor's degree in physics in 1956, a master's degree in physics in 1959, and a Ph.D in Computer Information Systems in 1975.

In 1956 he married Barbara Nelson of Fairmont, daughter of Harold and Donna Nelson. The wedding was held at the First Congregational Church chapel in Fairmont, with Rev. E.E. Manes officiating. Attendants were Lois Burnison and James Fancher, both of Fairmont. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

George, Barbara, Renee, Mark, Lisa Champine about 1980

Harold was a teacher of industrial arts at Fairmont High School, and Donna taught first grade at Welcome. Three children were born to this marriage: Renee in 1958, Mark in 1960, and Lisa in 1963.

On graduation George entered the computer industry, which was to become his life-long career. He worked for Univac in St. Paul initially in 1956 as a programmer where he did much of the software for the world's first airborne digital computer. He returned to school that fall to get his master's degree and rejoined Univac in 1958. He stayed with Univac 22 years and played an important role in developing computers for missile defense. Over the years he advanced to the level of Director of Research for large-scale commercial computers.

In 1979 he left Univac to become the Vice President of Engineering at Vydec, Inc. an affiliate of Exxon Enterprises in New Jersey. This company did not survive, however, and in 1981 he joined Digital Equipment Corp. in Boston. Here he worked initially on the development of high performance computer workstations. Later he represented the company at the Microelectronics and Computer Technology, Inc. in Austin Texas, a "think tank" involved in advanced computer design. Upon returning to New England he was appointed Director of Project Athena, a project to implement an advanced computer system at M.I.T. He led the team of Digital engineers on Project Athena who developed advanced computer windowing and security systems that became industry standards. At the successful conclusion of Project Athena in 1991 he was appointed Technical Director for the internal information system department at Digital. In 1998, Compaq Computer Corp. bought Digital and George joined the Consulting business within the new Corporation. He was appointed Director of Technology for the Northeast Consulting business unit, and later was appointed Director of Technology for North America consulting. In this position he led teams of consultants that worked with customers all over North America helping them develop enterprise-wide information systems architecture.

In 2002, Hewlett Packard (HP) bought Compaq. They immediately offered an early retirement package that was too attractive to pass up, so George accepted it even though he had planned to work for several more years. This allowed him to spend more time on his hobbies of photography, canoeing, genealogy, and astrophysics. He also started teaching computer usage at the Senior Center in Hudson MA and he was web master for four non-profit organizations.

A long-term interest of George's is college teaching. He has taught physics as an Adjunct Professor at Hamline University, project management at the University of Minnesota, and computer graphics at the University of Texas at Austin, M.I.T., and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

During his career George has written six books and has authored about 30 technical papers for national publications.

8.9.2. Charles Clayton Champine

Charles Champine was the second of three sons born to Genevieve and Floyd (Ashley) Champine of Fairmont, Minnesota. Charles (or Chuck as he was commonly called) was born in the old Fairmont Community Hospital on Albion Avenue, less than 100 yeards from his home at 232 South Main Street, where he lived during his school years.

The date of his birth, January 2, 1940, was somewhat of a "mini-event" for the local business community. This was the first year that some of the area merchants decided that it would be appropriate to begin a yearly tradition to honor the parents of the first baby born in Martin County each year. Since there was no baby born on January 1 (Charles was born at 12:55 A.M. on January 2ND), he and his parents walked off with the honor nonetheless. There were numerous gifts brought to the proud parents, and an item in the Daily Sentinel.

Chuck attended the Central Grade School for his primary education, and was active in the youth programs in the Fairmont Methodist Church, where he was confirmed at age 13. He attended High School at the High School on Prairie Avenue through his sophomore year, and finished his secondary education in the new Senior High building his last two years. During that time Chuck was active with the science club where he and several friends did experiments with small rockets (this was during the pre-Sputnik era where amateur rocket groups were actively building rockets in kitchens and basements, firing them in cornfields, hoping they would work, and not hit anyone). The group eventually was successful with firing some single stage units, and even recovered one successful firing.

During his high school years, Chuck earned part-time spending money by working as a sports reporter for the Fairmont Sentinel. Tuesday and Friday nights he would cover Fairmont Cardinal football or basketball games, and help with photos and writing stories of other area athletic events.

Joanne and Chuck Champine wedding1966

Following graduation at Fairmont High School, Chuck pursued several interests at the University of Minnesota. He continued his Journalism interests, as well as attending the University School of Business. He was active with the University newspaper, the "Daily", and was employed at the Minneapolis Star & Tribune as re-write reporter on the sports desk. At that time, Chuck moved his residence from Fairmont to the Minneapolis area.

On May 21, 1963, Chuck enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, and spent

six months active duty at Cape May, New Jersey. Following his discharge from active duty, he returned to Minneapolis, and became involved in the printing trade, where he worked in various positions. During this time, he was active in local politics, and was active in Senator Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign. During this period, Chuck met and married his wife, Joanne Chalmers (a former resident of Marshall, MN), who was attending St. Catherine's college in St. Paul at that time. They were married August 13, 1966 in St. Paul, MN.

Chuck and Joanne moved to the San Francisco area in June, 1968 where they lived for the next six years, residing in San Francisco, Mountain View, and Saratoga, California. During this time, the Champines were presented with two children, Stephen (April 26, 1972) and Elizabeth (May 3, 1973). Feeling a need to return to their Minnesota roots, the Champines moved back to Minnesota in April, 1974, residing in Southeast Minneapolis until 1979, and then moving to their present home in Mound, a western Twin Cities suburb, with a home on Lake Minnetonka.

Upon their return to Minnesota, Chuck was employed with a Twin Cities printing company, International Graphics (later purchased and renamed Moore Data Management Services), as a production supervisor and estimator. He continued his interest in science and technology, and moved from a printing career to Industrial Engineering, and ultimately a career in the fast-developing area of telecommunications, where he is Telecommunications Manager for Moore Data. Chuck is active in Telecommunications trade associations, having served as a Director of Minnesota Telecommunications Association, Regional Director of Association of Data Communications Users, and is active with the Midwest Telecommunications Association conference.

Chuck died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2004. He and Joanne had Thanksgiving dinner with the family. On the way home he did not feel well so they stopped at a hospital to get treatment. He suffered a heart attack in the hospital from which he could not be revived.

The following is his obituary.

Charles (Chuck) Champine, age 64, of 1515 Canary Lane, Mound, MN passed away suddenly on November 25, 2004. Born on January 2, 1940 in Fairmont, MN to Floyd and Genevieve Champine. Preceded in death by his parents. Survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Joanne (Chalmers); children, Steve (Heather) and Beth; brothers, George (Barbara) and John (Lynn), and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Memorial service 2 PM Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at the Huber Funeral Home, 1801 Commerce Blvd., Mound, MN - with gathering of family and friends from 1 PM. at the Huber Funeral Homes Mound Chapel.

Chuck began his life with the distinction of being the first baby born in Martin County in 1940. He attended Central Grade School, and both the old Junior & new (at that time) Senior High School. He left Fairmont to attend the University of Minnesota. From there he served his country in the Coast Guard Reserves, and started a career as a printer in Minneapolis, MN. His father's fascination with electronics rubbed off on him, as he eventually migrated into a career of computer telecommunications. He stayed in that field until his retirement from Moore Data Systems in Minneapolis in 2001."

8.9.3. John Willard Champine

John Willard Champine was the youngest of three sons born to Genevieve and Floyd Champine in Fairmont, MN. His birthday was always easy to remember, since he arrived on St. Valentine's Day, 1946. John was likely named after the brothers of his Grandfather and Great-Grandfather.

Growing up in “small-town America” in the home at 232 S. Main St. could not have been a more idyllic upbringing for a boy. The house overlooked Lake Sisseton, was next to Ward’s Park, and was the start of the "Indian Trails" that ran along the bank the between Ward's and Sylvania Park. From “dawn-to-dusk” in the summertime John could swim or fish, play baseball the neighborhood kids, go uptown to the stores on North North Avenue, and generally have that kind of wonderful, adventurous, and safe life that was typical of that era. As he got a little older, he would help his father with projects down on the family farm near Ceylon, or go on jobs helping him do house wiring and other electrician work. John went to Central Grade School, followed by Junior High School in the original high school that was burned down some years later, and finally, what was the “new” Senior High School at that time from which he graduated in the class of 1964. He was very active in High School; his accomplishments included being President of the Science Club, the Photo Club, the French Club, First Chair violinist in the school orchestra, Editor of the Yearbook, and a three-year letterman in Track and Field.

Following graduation in 1964, John worked, as did many kids in the area, at the Fairmont Canning Factory to earn money to attend college. He entered the University of Minnesota in the fall to pursue a career in a technical field as his brother, George, had before him. However, he changed his major several times in those early years at college - going from Physics to Chemistry to French. He even traveled to Paris during college with the idea of staying there to go to school. However the high cost of living cut his plans short and he returned to the U of MN, where he found a real fascination with speech, history (especially WW-II) & theater. John acted in many plays at the U., and was one of the founding members of the Fairmont Summer Theater. Those early seasons were truly memorable - acting out the plays on a makeshift stage in the nightclub at Hand's Park. John completed his schooling with a BA degree in Liberal Arts in 1968. However, he never lost his interest in science and technology.

Lynn & John Champine's wedding Oct. 12, 1968

Lynn & John Champine's 40th Anniversary

1968 was a most memorable year in that John had the good sense to marry Rosalie Lynn Mills, a young nurse from Golden Valley, MN, whom he met in 1965 at a dance at the University. Lynn worked in the kidney transplant team supporting the patients of the pioneering transplant surgeon at the U of MN, Dr. John Najarian. 1968 also marked his entry into the field of computer software which ultimately became his lifelong career. A job opened up for him with Sperry Rand UNIVAC in Sept., 1968, as a technical writer & instructor. During those early years at UNIVAC, a number of travel opportunities opened up - and John & Lynn took advantage of each one. They spent a year in El Paso, TX where John worked at the White Sands Missile Range. Following their return to Apple Valley, MN and the birth of their first child, Nathan Ashley, in 1971, they jumped at an opportunity to see the world and took a year's assignment to Johannesburg & Cape Town, South Africa. They again returned to the Twin Cities for a short period - and were off again to live and work in London, England for nearly 4 years between early 1973 to late 1976. During that period, their second child, Natalie Jean, was born in Wimbledon, England in 1974. None of these adventures and life experiences would have been possible without Lynn putting her career pursuits on-hold to be a "stay-at-home-Mom" during those key years.

John's entire career has been spent in computer technology – with firms that designed and manufactured computers such as Univac/Unisys (1968-1987) & Cray Research (1987-1996); companies that employed computer technology in producing their products such as Datacard Group (1996-2002), ViTAL Images (2002-2006), and Thomson Reuters (2006-2012 (planned retirement)).

Some of the highlights of his career include being a pioneering the creation of a centralized software "Help Desk" at Sperry's Commercial System's Division, directing University & Government Research programs as well as pioneering new applications for massively parallel processing at Cray Research. This introduced him to leading-edge research being done at the world-renowned academic and Federal research institutions such as Carnegie-Mellon University, Los Alamos National Labs, California Institute of Technology, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and EPFL in Lausanne, Switzerland. At Thomson Reuters, the successor company to West Publishing, the largest supplier of legal publications and on-line searching of legal content (think "Google-for-Lawyers"), John was the Senior Project Manager in the corporate Research & Development Group, which created leading-edge software for finding and organizing data.

John also was one of the early members of an advisory board to the Chair of the U of MN's Computer Science Department, and served as its head for several years.

Meanwhile, as Nathan and Natalie started to become independent, Lynn could resume her career – first in a nursing-related job with an insurance company, and subsequently becoming a successful real estate agent for over 20 years.

John's hobbies include boating, golf – and taking ocean cruises. He also has a passion for augmenting his brother, George's research into the Champine family history – as well as chronicling that of his wife, Lynn's family.

As of this writing, John is looking forward to retiring from the business world in the not-too-distant future. He has a long list of projects to do, places to visit, and grandchildren to enjoy. He has all those deferred jobs waiting to spiff up the house, build a boat, spending part of the winters in some warm locations, and visit all those remarkable places, such as national parks, historic places, and other "must-see" locations in the US, that was previously prevented due to lack of free time.
Updated May 25, 2011

8.10. Children of John and Lynn Champine

The following are the two children of John and Lynn Champine

8.10.1. Nathan Ashley Champine

Nathan and Adrian Champine

Nathan Ashley Champine, the eldest of the two children of John and Lynn Champine, was born on February 23, 1971 at the old St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee, MN. His first name, Nathan, was chosen simply because his parents liked the sound of it. His middle name, Ashley, was picked in honor of the grandfather he never

knew, Ashley Floyd Champine. Although born in a typical suburb, at the tender age of 3 months old his jet setting parents had other plans and he moved to Johannesburg, South Africa. Since his parents did "house-sitting" for the well-to-do, in fully-furnished houses with maids & gardeners, Nathan's first year was spent being totally doted upon by the maid/nanny and his mother. He briefly returned to the Minneapolis area, only to move again to London, England in 1973. While there until 1976, he developed into a typical English boy; wearing a uniform to school, developing a "proper" accent much to the amusement of the other 'Yank' schoolchildren when he returned to the US, and a strong, but erroneous, belief that he had indeed had tea with the queen. The early travel experiences seemed to have instilled a love of travel in which he still indulges.

Returning to the US at the age of six, his family settled in Burnsville, MN and he had a thoroughly enjoyable time being a kid. It was in 3rd grade that his parents encouraged an interest in swimming, a sport he has enjoyed for many years. By junior high, his Champine genes kicked in with a strong interest in computers that he carries until today. In 1985 the family moved to Prior Lake, where Nathan entered Prior Lake Senior High school and his activities and time demands blossomed. By his senior year in 1989, Nathan was very active both academically and socially. He lettered in swimming, placed in the Regional finals, played trombone in 3 bands, cultivated excellent waterskiing skills, and graduated in the top 5% of his class with academic distinctions from both the school and the National Honor Society. His efforts were rewarded as a recipient of a 4-year scholarship from Cray Research. He enrolled at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1993. He was very active in school, did well academically and graduated with a double BS degree in Biology and Medieval Renaissance History. His time there was critical in shaping his future career and meeting his future wife.

Nathan Champine

Julian, Nathan, and Genevieve Champine

While at Wash U. he became very interested in medicine and began volunteering with the campus Emergency Medical Team, at times being on-call more than 100 hrs a week. While he had plans to become a physician in Emergency Medicine, the prospect of 6 more years of schooling before treating patients was daunting, and he decided to delay that a few years to obtain more immediate (and very unique) patient experience working as a Paramedic. His first years after school and the medic jobs in St Louis were some of the most difficult, yet rewarding experiences of his young adult life. By 1996, Nathan moved back to Minnesota to be near family and started working as a paramedic at North Memorial Hospital. After 9 years of very enjoyable medic work, in 2005, Nathan & family moved to Long Island, NY when he began his studies as a Physician Assistant in the inaugural Master's degree program in the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stonybrook. With the critical support of his wife and lots of hard work, he did well and graduated in 2007 in the top of his class as a board scholar. Upon graduation, they moved back to Minnesota and settle in Eden Prairie, MN. Nathan has stayed very busy holding down at present 3 jobs: his primary work is as a neurosurgery Physician Assistant at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN, and additionally works casual shifts in a

local Emergency Room, as well as at an Urgent Care Center. He further has maintained his paramedic certification and works on call as a flight paramedic. Somewhere in all of this, he has maintained a strong interest in his computer skills (working freelance at times), and varied hobbies including studying World War II aviation and most recently designing and constructing a large koi pond.

On a blind date at Wash U in Feb, 1990, Nathan met the love of his life, Adrian Elizabeth Petty. Adrian is the youngest daughter of parents Robbye Lewis and Gordon Petty of Chattanooga, TN. Their dating culminated on Jul 3, 1999 when they were married in a sculpture garden in Chattanooga, TN. Adrian's calm demeanor and focus was a perfect counterpoint to Nathan's gregarious multi-tasking personality. Adrian has enjoyed greatly her career as an Elementary School Teacher, utilizing her Master's degree in technology integration earned from Hamline University in 2002.

Nathan and Adrian are the proud parents of Julian Ashley Champine (born at Riverside Hospital in Minneapolis, MN on 3/28/03) and Genevieve Elizabeth Champine (born at the new St Francis Hospital, Shakopee, MN on 1/20/09). Their names were chosen both due to the familial homage to their Champine great grandparents as well as due to the names melodious resonance. As of this writing, these amazing children are growing in very distinctive 'Champine' ways, with Julian showing strong aptitude in anything science related and his sister having a similar ebullient personality as her father combined with the good looks of her mother.

8.10.2. Natalie Jean Champine Rhoden

Natalie Jean (Champine) Rhoden was born on October 7, 1974, at the Lying-In Hospital in Wimbledon, England. Her parents, John and Rosalie Lynn Champine, were living in East Mosley, Surrey (next to Hampton Court) during that time. Her father, John, was working for the Sperry Univac European Headquarters in London. The family moved back to the United States and settled in Burnsville, MN at the end of 1976, when Natalie was 2.

Natalie spent her preschool and elementary school years playing with neighborhood friends, taking dance classes & swimming in the Burnsville Bees swim club. She attended elementary school at Sky Oakes in Burnsville, MN until fourth grade. Her family moved to a neighboring town, Prior Lake, in 1985. She entered Five Hawks Elementary School for her fifth grade year and finished her education within the Prior Lake school system.

A very active teenager, in 7th grade, Natalie was invited to swim at the varsity level with the high school swim team. Natalie was one of the first girls to earn a Varsity Letter while still in Junior High participating in high schools activities. Once she entered high school, Natalie participated in high school and community plays, including *Mame*, *As You Like It,* and *Charlie.* Her athletic activities included earning multiple letters in varsity swimming, track and field where she shot putted and played center on the varsity woman's basketball team. She was musically inclined, first learning to play the piano and the playing the flute in winter and spring band and a flag twirler in the Flag Corp for the PLHS Marching Band. Natalie started an environmental club while in high school, called EverGreen. She was named to the National Honor Society her junior and senior year, was the executive editor for the 1992 and 1993 yearbook (taking all the pictures, doing all the copywriting and producing the book with a skelton team during her summers). Natalie also was very active in the Debate Club, specifically mastering the impromptu debate style

and went to many regional competitions where she placed high in the rankings. She was named Athlete of the Week by the local newspaper, *Prior Lake American*, during her high school years.

Natalie supplemented her time in high school by working during her off hours, and the summer, at the local Dairy Queen (fast food/ice cream shop) and Holiday Gas Station stores. She also spent two summers working out at the local Renaissance Festival, dressing and playing the part of "food wench" to sell fajitas to local visitors and tourists. During her teenage years, Natalie enjoyed her families' opportunities to travel overseas, with a memorable trip to Paris, France and Berlin, Germany when she was 15. She also partook in the different cruises her family took, visiting many of the Caribbean islands.

Natalie's high school career finished on a high note, as she was chosen to was to give her class high school commencement speech during the graduation ceremony in May of 1993. Her entire immediate and extended family, including her grandmother, Genevieve, were in attendance to hear her speak.

After her high school graduation, Natalie was accepted and attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI on both a Cray Research and Marquette University academic scholarships. Natalie graduated in 1997 with a B.A. in Communication, majoring in Public Relations and Communications with dual minors in English and Woman's Studies. During her schooling, Natalie worked the overnight shift at Michael's Diner on the edge of campus and in downtown Milwaukee as a legal assistance at a large regional law firm, Foley & Lardner. Her travels during this period included London, England and Hawaii.

In the fall of 1997, Natalie accepted her first professional job with the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce as a Marketing Communication Coordinator. After three years with the Chamber, she accepted a new position at Ecolab Corporation in St. Paul, MN in the Institutional Marketing Department. After working at Ecolab for nearly 5 years, Natalie left for the Director of Marketing and Communications position with Doherty Employment Group in Edina, MN. While at Doherty, Natalie led the internal and external marketing activities for the multi-million dollar temporary staffing and human resource outsourcing company. After seven years at Doherty, Natalie moved laterally to David Martin Agency, Inc., a benefit broker agency, to become their Director of Marketing Communications in 2010.

Natalie and Charles Rhoden wedding in 2002

During the summer of 1999, Natalie traveled to Chattanooga, TN to spend time with her soon-to-be sister-in-law, Adrian Champine (Petty). During this visit, she was introduced to Adrian's stepbrother, Charles David Rhoden, III. Natalie and Charles instantly connected, dated long distance for six months until Charles relocated to the Twin Cities in the winter of 1999. Natalie and Charles married on August 31, 2002 at Unity Christ Church in Golden Valley, MN. Their reception was held at the Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington, MN. Natalie and Charles honeymooned and travelled around Southern Ireland for two weeks, and had the opportunity to visit Natalie's grandmother's maternal ancestral home in Dungarven, Ireland.

Charles David Rhoden, III, originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, attended Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga. He graduated from Minneapolis Community and Technical College in 2003 and was employed by Vital Images in Minnetonka, MN. In 2011, he still works at Vital Images as a Senior Beta Engineer. Charles' mother, stepfather and father (divorced), Alice and Gordon Petty and Charles David Rhoden, Sr., still reside in Chattanooga, TN and East Ridge, TN, respectively.

Natalie, Connor, Charles, and John; Fall 2011

Natalie and Charles bought their first home in South Minneapolis (34th Avenue and 28th Street) and lived there for four years. They moved to Shakopee, MN when Natalie was five months pregnant with their first child, John David Rhoden. John David (JD) was born at St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee, MN on February 13, 2006. He was named after his maternal grandfather, John Willard Champine. JD's middle name is in honor of his paternal familial name, David. Natalie and Charles' second child, Connor McCauley Rhoden, joined the family on May 3, 2008. Connor's middle name is in honor of Natalie's maternal grandmother's family name, McCauley.

8.11. Children of George and Barbara Champine

The following are the three children of George and Barbara Champine

8.11.1. Renee Carol Champine Olson

Renee Carol Champine was born October 16, 1958 in Minneapolis Minnesota, oldest child of George and Barbara Champine. The family moved to Burnsville Minnesota in January 1964. Renee attended school there and graduated in 1977. She attended the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1982 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Kari, Renee, and Andrew Olson

She married David Olson of Bloomington MN in 1982. Two children were born to this union: Andrew Carl Olson in December 1990 and Kari Anne Olson in September 1992, both in Framingham Massachusetts. The marriage was dissolved in 2002.

Renee took a job with Digital Equipment Corp. in Maynard Massachusetts in 1983 as a mechanical design engineer. Her real interest was in biomedical engineering, however, and she

joined R&D for the Medical Products division of Hewlett Packard in Waltham, MA in 1984 working on the development of patient monitoring devices.

At Hewlett Packard she progressed through the management ranks to R&D section manager for several product development projects. She was awarded a European patent for a strip-chart recorder paper take-up device, and US and European patents for a human-powered electrotherapy device (cardiac defibrillator).

In 1999 she entered the Executive Master's of Business Administration program at Boston University. To enable balancing a full time job with a full time MBA program and a family, she moved to a non-management position in the Quality department. She graduated in 2000 first in her class.

While still attending BU, Renee was also appointed to the transition planning team when HP announced it would spin off its test and measurement divisions as Agilent Technologies. Shortly after graduation she took a position at Agilent Corporate HQ as their Product Stewardship Program Manager, and later as the Americas Region Regulatory Affairs Manager. After 5 years at Corporate, she was anxious to move back to a line position and took a job as Quality Senior Manager, Quality Assurance, Integrated Biology Solutions. Her responsibility was to manage a team responsible for Business Management System and ISO 9001 compliance, Process Management (strategic and operational planning processes, business reviews, corrective action, document control, etc), Quality Engineering and Six Sigma programs.

As part of a reorganization which combined all Life Sciences businesses into a single group, Renee was appointed Director of Quality Assurance for Agilent's Life Sciences Solutions Unit. In this role her responsibilities are to lead an international team of Quality Managers and Program Managers responsible for four Life Sciences Divisions. She relocated to San Jose CA in 2011.

8.11.2. Mark Allen Champine

Mark Allen Champine was born May 28th, 1960 in Methodist Hospital of Saint Louis Park Minnesota, the second of three children born to George Allen Champine and Barbara Joan Champine (nee Nelson) both of whom grew up in Fairmont Minnesota. Mark's birth followed 18 months after that of Renee Carol Champine (Olson), and 3 years before Lisa Cherie Champine (Paton).

Mark's birth home was in Hopkins Minnesota. In the next 3 years, the family would move first to Whippany, New Jersey, then to 11006 Radisson Drive, Burnsville, Minnesota, which Mark would call home for the next 15 years. At the time of the family relocation to Burnsville in 1963, this suburb of the twin cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, was a community of new housing developments springing up among the farm fields. The River Hills subdivision was one such housing development, perched on the southern bank of the Minnesota River valley.

The environment was ideal in many ways for a young family, and Mark had a mostly carefree existence. Summers were spent playing with the many neighborhood children, riding bikes, exploring the nearby woods, playing informal games such as "spud" or "kick the can" The family often explored Minnesota's lakes and rivers, first in a small motorboat dubbed "Whee", then later in a tri-hull model with a squared, open front. In later years, riding the trails, first on a 50cc Honda mini bike, then on a motorcycle, was a favorite summer activity. Most summers also included travel, often long cross-country camping trips in the family's pop-up tent camper. Winters brought skating at the local rink, sledding, and building snow forts.

Mark attended Kindergarten in the basement of the family's church, Burnsville United Methodist. Grades 1-6 were spent at Sioux Trail Elementary school, just a half-mile walk from home. School lunch was 25 cents, milk was a nickel. Each day after lunch, a long outdoor recess allowed time for four-square, touch football, basketball, and play on the "jungle gym". Academics came fairly easily to Mark, though he was somewhat late to learn his multiplication tables. Home drilling with flashcards in 4th grade soon corrected that. Also in 4th grade, Mark learned most of the French vocabulary he'd ever know: counting, colors, and basic greetings. Mark joined the band in 5th grade, playing the coronet. Sixth grade was memorable for his teacher, the young and charismatic Dale Bedard, who could throw a football fifty yards with pinpoint accuracy despite his having one glass eye. Mr. Bedard told many engaging stories, and entertained his students by singing and playing his guitar. He also led his class in singing songs, classic and modern which were eventually performed in a special concert for parents. Elementary school Teachers were: 1st: Ms. Anderson, 2nd: Ms. Sheehan, 3rd: ?, 4th Ms. Frisle, 5th: Mr. Hogan, 6th: Mr. Bedard.

Grades 7-9 were attended at Metcalf Junior High. The school was well equipped, and beyond the standard 3 R's education, provided a wealth of specialized activities such as mountaineering and intro to scuba diving. Mark continued with band, exchanging the coronet for the trumpet. Being one of the smallest boys his age, yet agile and strong for his size, Mark joined the gymnastics team competing for all three years primarily in the "all-around" category, which was judged on the highest average score of six events: rings, floor exercise, trampoline, parallel bars, high bar, and pommel horse. Academically, Mark was not particularly challenged by his studies, and worked just hard enough to get A's and B's. By the end of 9th grade, Mark was still only about 5'3" tall. His neighborhood friends, Jim Hagerman and Scot Gore towered over him by nearly a foot. Being a late bloomer, however, was only a minor frustration in an otherwise an easy and uncomplicated youth.

Some Junior High memories: Tutoring younger students in Math, Participating in the gifted students program (Learning through Association), Taking a week long class trip to Washington D.C., Being roughed up by the Nazi party thugs for distributing my leaflets exposing their atrocities (part of a social studies unit). Observing vandalistic acquaintances who super-glued doors shut, blew out electrical circuits using foil gum wrappers in outlets, and created an extremely unstable explosive called Nitrogentri-iodide for use in many "gags" like a hallway "minefield".

Next came Burnsville Senior High, a large regional school, where Mark's class numbered over 800 students. The sprawling campus was also well equipped - with a large pool, several gymnasiums, weight room, large auditorium, indoor hockey rink, and television studio. High school proceeded much like junior high. Mark continued playing trumpet, enjoyed his studies, scored high on the national math test, and focused most of his interest in math and science, including earning college credit in Calculus in his senior year. Favorite classes were: Humanities - (focusing on architecture, philosophy, and music), Shakespeare (Hamlet, Macbeth), Vocabulary (learning 900 words in 30 days), Industrial arts (wood, metal, electrical), and Physical Education (diving, weightlifting).

At age 16 Mark got his driver's license and soon after got a job at Farrell's Ice Cream parlor in Bloomington, working his way up from dishwasher to busboy to fountain duty - which involved the creation of ice-cream treats of all kinds. Mark performed his duties quickly and efficiently, but

was (apologetically) "demoted" due to his height! Fountain men were on prominent display, and Mark was told that "it just doesn't look right" when he worked along side much larger and older looking co-workers. Rather than returning to the busboy job, he resigned. Other jobs during high school were fry cook at ValleyFair amusement park in Shakopee, and after graduation, assembly line work at Lakeside games - putting the monkeys in the Barrel of Monkeys among his many jobs there. Lakeside also provided a memorable encounter will smelling salts, used by the company nurse to treat Mark's assembly line induced motion sickness. The effect felt something like a cattle-prod to the brain. While it was horribly unpleasant, it actually worked in clearing the head and eliminating nausea. It also provided a new perspective on some of the harsher realities of life in the "real world", where little sympathy was wasted coddling the workforce.

Mark and Lori Champine wedding picture 1989

On the basis of high PSAT scores, Mark was accepted into the Computer Science program at the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology. His best friend in High School, Jim Hagerman, was also accepted at IT in Electrical Engineering and the two would would be roommates throughout their undergraduate studies - 3 years in Territorial Hall, then a year in a rented house at 309 Ontario Street along with friends Tim Gaumond and Mike Czyzewski. Mark and his friends were active in intramural sports, including soccer, touch football, broom ball, volleyball, and diving. The social scene was also very active, with outings and parties virtually every weekend. The IT curriculum included a challenging core of Math (Calculus, differential equations, statistics, linear algebra) and Physics. In computer science, students experienced the rapid advance of the state of the art from assignments starting with simple programming via punched cards, to developing interactive applications on the latest Terak graphical workstations. Notable courses were Automata Theory (known as a "weeding" course that would prove insurmountable to a significant percentage of students) and, on the other end of the difficulty spectrum, a computer vision course, which was graded entirely on a 20 page final paper which Mark produced in a non-stop 48 hour session with a pile of books, a typewriter, and a six-pack of Mountain Dew (resulting grade: A).

Summer jobs during college were largely the result of connections through Mark's father: First was the board shop at Univac, hand fabricating customer circuit boards. He still remembers the elaborate process: 1) Start with copper clad fiberglass sheets. 2) clean them in a bath of dry cleaning fluid 3) In a darkroom, coat both sides with photo-resist film and print the circuit design (using a negative and enlarger much like printing pictures), then dissolve the exposed plastic in a chemical "developer" bath. 4) etch away the exposed copper in a second chemical bath. 5) strip

the remaining plastic in a 3rd chemical bath 6) Inspect the sheet under a magnifier looking for flaws (shorts or breaks) 7) make a sandwich of multiple circuitry sheets interleaved with fiberglass adhesive sheets, stacking the layers and placing them in a heated press. 8) Configure a computer controlled drill press to drill hundreds of holes through the board. 9) Metal-plate through the holes in an electroplating bath. If no mistakes were made in this entire process, the board would function properly when populated with electronic components. Otherwise it was very expensive scrap.

By the next summer, Mark's parents had moved to Short Hills, New Jersey, where George had taken the position of Vice President of Engineering at Vydec Corporation. Mark's summer job at Vydec began with the preparation and delivery of a Pascal programming course, followed by work in the automated testing group. A third summer was spent working on his parents' New Jersey home. Again, Mark's parents moved, this time to Acton, Massachusetts where his father joined Digital Equipment Corp. After 4 years of college, Mark still needed several credits to graduate, so returned to school in the fall. Mark took a summer job at DEC, programming in BLISS, a language similar to C. This summer job resulted in an offer for permanent position in DEC's hard-copy engineering group, to begin after graduation in the fall of 1982. After taking his last final exam of college, Mark moved to Acton, Massachusetts, renting a log cabin (a guest house on a larger property) with Jim Hagerman who had gotten work at DEC some months previous. At DEC, Mark programmed graphics firmware for a high-speed laser printer: both assembly language programming (for the math library, graphics algorithms) and BLISS (for the graphics interpreter). Mark and Jim then moved to Sudbury, MA to rent rooms in a house owned by Bill Ericsson . Shortly after the move, Jim introduced Mark to Lori Freel whom Jim had begun dating. Mark and Lori would correspond via email throughout the coming year, developing a friendship that would persist even after Jim and Lori broke up, and would eventually develop into much more. When Ericsson decided to sell the Sudbury home, Mark, Jim, and another DEC engineer Bill Burwell rented 280 Central St. Acton, MA. Finally, after a year in Acton, Mark decided to try city living, and moved to a studio apartment on Kilsyth Rd. in Brookline, Massachusetts, not far from Cleveland circle. The fact that Lori had also moved to Brookline, renting a room a few miles away on Beals St., may have also been a factor.

The work at DEC with graphics interpreters led to a job at Compugraphic corp, of Wilmington, Massachusetts in November of 1985. This involved the development of interpreters for Interpress - a Xerox printer language, and then Adobe Postscript, which is still a common as the PostScript document format (pdf). Mark was eventually recruited for work in the advanced development group to create a "hypertext publishing system", an idea ahead of its time in 1987, still 4 years before the birth of the world wide web. The group explored various forms of experimental hypertext linking systems, generally more complex than the HTML standard we know today in that they included bi-directional navigation and link maintenance to prevent "dead" links. Object oriented programming was used, but it was so new at the time that no C++ compiler existed; rather a preprocessor called cFront was used to transform C++ into compilable C. In the wake of Compugraphic being acquired by Agfa corp. in Fall of 1988, the advanced development group was put on hold. No work was to be done, but the group was not laid off. The situation soon became tiresome, and Mark chose a job at Apollo Computer of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, turning down an offer by Sun Microsystems.

During Mark's employment at Compugrahphic, Lori joined Mark in his Brookline apartment, and when that lease was up they purchased a 2 bedroom "starter home" at 106 Lakeside Ave. in

Tewksbury, MA., close to Compugraphic and a commuter rail line that Lori took to UMass Boston, where she was earning a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. A little over a year later in 1987, they moved to their second home at 7 Weymouth Ave. in Methuen. This house was much larger, but had a completely unfinished 2nd story, which took Mark a year (or so) to complete with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths.

At Apollo Computer, Mark began work on a new X-Windows based graphical desktop for Apollo's Domain/OS. In '89, Apollo was acquired by Hewlett-Packard, and the graphical desktop work was merged with HP's efforts under the "HP-VUE" moniker. Mark's work on HP-VUE was described in an article published in the HP Journal magazine in 1991.

Mark and Lori married in 1989 at the Martha Mary Chapel in Sudbury, Massachusetts, then in rapid sucession, Lori graduated, began her teaching career, and after one year ended it with the impending arrival of Tyler Allen Champine, born February 26, 1991, followed by Luke Hastings (April 12, 1993) and Kelly Elizabeth (May 12, 1995).

At Hewlett-Packard, Mark moved on to a project to develop what would become CORBA, the Common Object Request Broker Architecture. Mark worked on a CORBA-based desktop environment, object services, technology demos, and interoperability between HP's CORBA and IBM and Microsoft (COM+) distributed object implementations. In 1995, Mark made a major transition into Security, working on HP's DCE, GSSAPI, and Kerberos under the Praesidium brand. Finally, Mark's security work led to work with Hal Abelson of MIT on a prototype on the World Wide Web Consortium's Digital Signature Initiative. The work had several facets: one was working with HP mathematics PhDs from Palo Alto (Blake, Smart, and Seroussi) who had algorithms based on Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC). Their work needed attention by a software engineer to improve its interfaces, error handling, modularity and so on. In addition, Mark used HP ECC routines to create a cryptographic "Signature Suite" and integrate it with the W3C digital signature system standard library.

In 1998, Hewlett-Packard closed its Chelmsford location just as Mark was finishing up work with the World Wide Web Consortium. Despite a generous stock and housing relocation offer with HP, he and Lori opted take the full year's severance pay available on leaving HP and stay in Massachusetts. Mark joined Iris Associates of Westford, Massachusetts in February 1998, and shortly thereafter, in April 1998, Mark and his family moved to 3 Bear Hill Terrace, also in Westford.

Iris Associates was owned by Lotus Development Corp. which was in turn owned by IBM. Mark joined Iris' security group and led a team integrating secure standards based email - and the associated certificate management infrastructure – into Lotus Notes. Mark also launched a project to unify security administration into a common interface, worked on a PKIX certificate authority, and maintained and enhanced the Notes SSL implementation. In 2003, IBM ended its "hands off" policy toward Iris, eliminated it as a subsidiary and absorbed it into IBM proper, destroying much of what was attractive about working at Iris.

In 2004, Mark joined Kronos Incorporated of Chelmsford, Massachusetts as manager and lead engineer of the platform infrastructure group. Work included enhancements to security and other elements of platform, including persistence, logging, events, and reports. Mark performed a restructuring of the application into web server and application server components, so they could

be installed and run on separate machines, and oversaw projects to add a compression filter, replace the web-server and application server components with newer versions, and create tools and instructions for secure install and configuration (with SSL certificates).

In 2006, Mark accepted a position as Kronos Security and Platform Architect, where he creates and maintains development standards, does advanced planning and scoping of future projects, and helps shape future directions in security and technology.

As of this writing, Mark and his family remain in Westford, Massachusetts with their 3 children now ages 11, 13, and 15. Lori is the co-owner of a local stamping and scrapbooking store called Ink About it, founded in the spring of 2004.

8.11.3. Lisa Cherie Champine Paton

Lisa Cherie Champine was born June 14, 1963 in Morristown, NJ, youngest child of George and Barbara Champine. The family was on assignment to Bell Telephone Labs at at time. The family retuned to Minnesota in August of that year and soon after moved to Burnsville MN.

Lisa went through the Burnsville school system, graduating in 1981. Lisa was quite athletic and started doing gymnastics which led to her joining the junior high and high school teams. She was also on the swim team and played the flute in band.

In high school Lisa shifted from gymnastics and band to theater which soon became the biggest part of her high school experience. Lisa worked and performed in many local plays and was also a member of the traveling show "Showtime" which entertained inmates in prisons throughout the midwest. Even though theater took up almost all of Lisa's after school and weekend time she was still a good student; taking biology, chemistry, physics, calculus and advanced comp. Burnsville had an excellent high school where students could choose their own courses, so Lisa took humanities and several Shakespeare classes as well. Lisa passed the advanced placement test in calculus which allowed her to skip ahead in math at the University of Minnesota.

She entered the University of Minnesota in 1981, majoring in Computer Science. While there, Lisa started working at the school newspaper "The Minnesota Daily". It was that job that introduced her to the work that would be her career. She started at the Daily doing data entry but was quickly promoted to being a programmer using C and Unix. She married Jon Owens in 1984. The marriage was dissolved three years later.

Lisa graduated in 1986 and worked briefly for Merits Marketing Research as a programmer. She then took a job at the University of Illinois Center for Super Computing Research and Development at Champagne-Urbana Illinois.

She married Lee Paton in 1989. Two children were born to this union: Nicole Cherie in 1991 in Pearl City Hawaii, and David Lee in 1995 in Concord MA. The marriage was dissolved in 1998.

Lisa joined the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawaii in 1989 where she worked as an information systems administration. Lisa really loved Hawaii and enjoyed her job working with astronomers. This was definitely what she wanted to do. Lisa would have stayed forever in Hawaii except for two things. The cost of living was extremely high and when she had her first child, Nicole, she wanted to be closer to family.

In 1992, Lisa and the family moved to Massachusetts, and she took a job with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Harvard University where she was responsible for system support for the Chandra x-ray telescope satellite and other projects.

She moved to Hudson MA in 1993 where she continues to reside.

Lisa enjoys many different activities outside of work; she runs, bikes, kayaks (she built her own wooden kayak), and rides horses. She and the kids built a cabin on 60 acres of land she purchased in Maine and enjoy going there to ride dirt bikes and ATV's, swim in the local river and just hang out. The kids keep her extremely busy with their various activities.

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9. Other Misc. Records of the Champine Name

The Hempstead, N.Y. town records, Vol. 1, page 346 date 1675 mentions Goody Champine ("Goody" was generally short for "goodwife"). Page 380 date 1682 mentions Frances Champin, and again on page 448 (Ruby Junge notes).

In the records of the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City, there is a record of a Bartholomewe Champine born in Swimbridge, Devon, England in about 1631. His father is listed as John Champine. He married Susan Tucker in about 1635 in Barnstable, Devon, England.

A Samuel Champine is shown as receiving wages in the amount of 11 shillings and 6 pence as a soldier from "Charles-Towne" MA in the King Phillip War, August 24, 1676 (from New England Historical Genealogical Register , volume 43 -1889, page 277).

Vermont Revolutionary War payments were made to Daniel Champain, Daniel Champin, and Charles Champagne

The 1870 census of Freeborn County MN (second county east of Martin County) shows Alta, Caroline, Eliza, George D., and Thomas Champine.

The index to Massachusetts soldiers in the Civil War lists John Champine on Page 95, IV, 805 (F69.4.M32).

10. Summary of Important Events for the Minnesota Champine

The following is a summary of major events in the life of Louis Champine and his descendants.

Date	Event	Place
1801	Louis born	Canada
1821	Louis marries Hannah Hewlett	New York state
1823	Louis' first child Sarah born	DeKalb, N.Y.
1825	Louis' second child Melissa born	DeKalb, N.Y.
1828	Louis' third child Clark born	DeKalb, N.Y.
1831	Louis and Hannah move to	Darlington, Ontario
1832	Louis' fourth child Charles born	Darlington, Ont.
1835	Louis' fifth child Mary born	Darlington, Ont.
1841	Louis' sixth child John born	Darlington, Ont.
1841	Sarah marries Charles Nugent	Orono, Ont.
1848	Clark marries Martha	Darlington, Ont.

1849	Clark's first child Adelaide born	Darlington, Ont
1850	Clark's second child Wallace born	Darlington, Ont
1851	Martha and Wallace die	Darlington, Ont.
1853	Clark marries Susan LaRue	Darlington, Ont.
1854	Charles marries Lucretia	Darlington, Ont.
1854	Charles moves from Darlington	Mitchell, Wisconsin
1855	Champines, LaRues leave Darlington	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
1860	Clark leaves Darlington	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
1860	Louis leaves Sheboygan	Plainview, Minnesota
1861	Clark leaves Sheboygan	Plainview, Minnesota
1864	Charles leaves Sheboygan	Plainview, Minnesota
1869	Charles leaves Plainview	Lake Belt, Minnesota
1874	Louis dies	Plainview, Minnesota
1884	Lever marries Minnie Hammer	St. Charles, Minnesota
1886	Minnie dies in child birth	Lake Belt, Minnesota
1889	John Fletcher dies in accident	Plainview, Minnesota
1891	Lever marries Daisy Bassett	Lake Belt, Minnesota
1900	George's twins Floyd and Lloyd born	Lake Belt, Minnesota
1919	Charles Samuel dies	Lake Belt, Minnesota
1941	George W. dies	Ceylon, Minnesota
1944	Donald dies	Fairmont, Minnesota
1966	Floyd dies	Fairmont, Minnesota
1977	Colonel dies	Ceylon, Minnesota
1998	Genevieve dies	Fairmont, Minnesota
1999	Grace dies	Fairmont, Minnesota
2004	Chuck Champine dies	Burnsville, Minnesota

11. Visit to DeKalb

In August, 1988 we made a trip to DeKalb, New York to find out what additional information we could get on Louis Champine and his early days. Louis had landed in New York City in about 1814, and had traveled to DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York. St. Lawrence Co. borders the St. Lawrence River where is flows from Lake Ontario. DeKalb was growing rapidly at that time, and was attracting large numbers of settlers and immigrants. Other nearby towns are Canton, Brasher (Falls), Ogdensburg, and Stockholm. Ogdensburg was founded in 1749 by a Frenchman named Abbe Picquet.

Canton is the county seat of St. Lawrence County, New York. The county historical society is located on the town square at address:

St. Lawrence County Historical Society
3 East Main Street
P.O. Box 8
Canton, New York 13617
phone 315-386-8133
hours Tuesday-Saturday 12:00-4:00 (archives)

We had heard that there was a large French colony in that area. We had hypothesized that Louis was attracted to the area because of the French colony, perhaps including relatives or friends. We learned that the French colony had been more on the lakeshore near Cape Vincent. There is a large French festival held at Cape Vincent every July.

We did learn that there were many "Shampines" in the area, and we believe that the Champines and Shampines were intermingled.

The following is from the book on St. Lawrence County by Curtis, page 505. "The town was named from the celebrated Baron DeKalb, a native of Alsace, Germany. The territory of DeKalb was originally owned by Samuel Ogden, and by him sold to Judge William Cooper, father of James Fenimore Cooper of Cooperstown, N.Y., the distinguished author. In May 1803, Judge Cooper, accompanied by 34 persons, mostly from the towns of Cooperstown and Richfield, in Otsego County, started to form a settlement on his purchase. A number of the party, with two wagons and spans of horses, and a cart drawn by two yoke of oxen, proceeded by way of the Black River."

The party included John Hewlett, father of Samuel Hewlett and grandfather of Hannah Hewlett. Based on the 1830 census of St. Lawrence Co. New York sheet 174, we see that Louis lived near Dennis Thayer, Roswell Staples, Ebenezer Perkins, John Sewell, Asa Warner, Henry Cooper, James Cooper, Caleb Johson, and ?? Hitchock. We looked at land ownership records in the courthouse in Canton (three blocks from the Historical Society Library) but did not find any ownership records for Louis. He could have been a tenant farmer and therefore would not own land.

Other references are "History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties" by Hough. and "Our French Canadian ..." by Tangquay in the Potsdam Museum.

The Historical Society has a very good card catalogue, and we found records of the following.

Army 60th Infantry, people enrolled in Ogdensburg, NY

Charles Shampine (14th artillery) Private, enrolled August 3, 1863

Joseph Shampine, Company N, Private, enrolled September 24, 1861
Lewis Shampine, Company K, Private, enrolled October 19, 1861 (we believe this the son of Jean Baptiste)

Other Army references

George Shampine, Comm. 6th Artillery New York Volunteers in Civil War, died January 27, 1896 at age 57 years

Kenneth E. Shampine, 1909-1967

John A. Shampine, 1847-1925, Company A, 92nd New York Volunteers, wife Jane 1851-1933, Pine Grove—Messena

Other references

Howard Shampine married Evelyn Cowles

Pottsdam census of 1815, Elias Champine of Lot 7 arrived in July 9, 1803

Miss Joyce Shampine, daughter of David Shampine of Brasher Falls;

see Lytle, Mrs. Joyce

Norman Shampine, born Brooks Center, married Miss Loshomb, died September 1951 at age 91, Brasher Falls

Norman Shampine, born April 20, 1860 Stockholm, New York; parents Charles and Julia Loshomb Shampine, married Alvina Dishan

Maggie Shampine (Potsdam Methodist Episcopal Church records) age 19 of Blue Montain married Walter A. Wilson age 21, farmer, in Parishville by C. H. Guile on September 11, 1895

Henry Augustus Shampine, born in Stockholm on February 22, 1849, son of John and Rosa

Miss Jane Shampine married Charles Bacon

Fred J. Shampine of Brasher Falls, son of Charles Shampine, married July, 1914, divorced 1919, died April 10, 1946 in Watertown

Mrs. Inez Shampine, born January 27, 1897 Ogdensburg, married Alfred Shampine, residences in Ogdensburg, Antwerp, and Hermon; died February 25, 1937

Mrs. Almelia Deshaw, married Norman Shampine

In the 1830 census of Brasher Falls there is a Frances LaRue

In the 1830 census of DeKalb, there is Louis Champlain, with family 1 male under 5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 20-30 By 1830-1832 they were in Darlington, Ontario, across the St. Lawrence River and on the north shore of Lake Ontario about 150 miles from DeKalb.

Juliann Champine, born October 16, 1847, daughter of Alexander and Lucy

Esther M. Champine, wife of Fred, died December 18, 1877 age 38 years, 9 months, 14 days, buried at Spragneville Cemetery, Spragreville town of Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York; see "Town of Fowler Cemetery Book" page 288

1850 Census town of De Ray, Jefferson Co., N.Y.

Joseph Champine, 42, laborer, born Canada
Alexander, 16, born Canada
David, 6, born Canada
Mary, 40, born Canada
Amelia, 12, born New York

1860 Census of Stockholm , St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. (619/620)

John Champine, 26, farmer, born Canada
Aurelia, 18, born New York
Olive, 3, born New York
Lewis, 2 months, born New York

Charles Champine, 29, farmer, born Canada (621/622)

Julia, 26, born Canada
Mary A., 9, born New York
Henry, 7, born New York
Betsy, 4, born Canada
Edna E., 2, born New York
Edna E., 6 months, born New York

Joseph Champine, 61, farm laborer, born Canada (630/633)

Mary, 40, born Canada
Charles, 19, born Canada
Susan, 20, born Canada
Margaret, 19, born Canada
Catherin, 18, born Canada
Charlotte, 7, born New York
Mary, 4, born New York

John, 58, farmer, born Canada

Rosan, 56, born Canada
Lewis, 22, born New York
Joseph, 17, born New York
Henry, 11, born New York

1870 Census of Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.]

Joseph Champine born ca. 1800 in Canada
Mary (wife) born ca. 1810 in Vermont

This last Joseph Champine is enumerated close to John Champine and Lewis Champine in this census. Therefore probably brother or cousin; also possible father of Fredrick L. Champine listed next.

Civil War records

Joseph Champine born 1800 married Mercelina
Fredrick L. Champine (2 Jan. 1832) married (1) Esther Hall (2) Harriet Luana Hall

Emma born 1858
Eva born 1867
Duane born 1874

1870 Census; St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. Town of Lawrence

Peter Shampine born 1810 in Canada
Polly (wife) born 1803 in N.Y.
Peter born 1851 in Canada

1870 Census, Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.

John Champine born 1846 in N.Y.
Listed as a laborer at a farm located very near the houses of
John Champine and Lewis Champine.

11.1. DeKalb today

We traveled to DeKalb to see what was there and to find out what we could. It is a town of perhaps 200 people. The "Old DeKalb Methodist Church" is an important landmark there. The Methodist congregation was formed in 1829, and the church was built in 1880. It is possible that Louis and Hannah were married by a circuit rider preacher.

We traveled then to DeKalb Junction, which is a town about eight miles away. There we met the town historian, Virginia Fischer, P.O. Box 37, DeKalb Junction, NY 13630. She told us that Coopers Falls had a gristmill, saw mill, and a blast furnace. It did much business until the close of the Civil War, at which time the market disappeared and the village with it. DeKalb village was built shortly after, about ¼ mile away. However, in 1862, the railroad can through and located a station at DeKalb Junction. The railroad was a major economic attraction, and many people from DeKalb moved their houses to DeKalb Junction. Today, DeKalb Junction has a population of 400.

12. Genealogical Information in the Montreal and Cornwall Area

On June 12-14, 1994 we visited Montreal for the first time. We found an excellent government genealogy library in Montreal called "Edifice Saint-Sulpice" at

1700 rue Saint-Denis
Montreal Quebec H2X 3K6
Tel 514-873-1100, poste 222

Of course everything was in French, but we were able to cope reasonably well anyway. The staff spoke English and was very helpful. I also took a look at the Montreal phone directory and found about 2000 entries of the name "Champagne". It is obviously a very common name in Quebec province.

Montreal was growing rapidly in the early 1800s. It had been French, but was conquered by the British in 1760. In 1818, large numbers of Irish began to arrive in Montreal, driven out of Ireland by the famine. They brought with them cholera, typhus, and perhaps most important of all, non-French culture. If Louis or any of his relatives were in Montreal at that time (and we have no

indication that they were), there may have been reasons to leave in about 1820 and migrate the few miles to the United States.

Cornwall, Stormont Co. Ontario is about 80 miles southwest of Montreal. An excellent source of genealogical information in the Cornwall area is the French/Catholic genealogical library in the back of the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B.V.M.) in Cornwall at 222 Montreal Ave. The entrance to the library is the rear-most door on the east side of the church. The library is open weekdays 1-4 P.M. and is staffed by volunteers to help researchers. If you want to use the library they ask that you become a member at a cost of $15 U.S. It has birth, marriage, and death records from all Catholic parishes in Stormont County. A number of Champagnes are found in the marriage records for St. Andrews West church. The people in the library suggested that the name was probably spelled Champagne everywhere in French Canada and was corrupted to Champine/Shampine only in English America. The address and phone number of the genealogical library are:

Societe Franco-Ontarienne d'Histoire et de Genealogie (S.F.O.H.G.)
La Regionale St. Laurent
Casier Postale 1894
Cornwall, Ontario Canada K6H 6N6
(613) 932-1320

Another possible source of information in Cornwall is the public library at 220 Second Street East.

In talking to the people in the genealogical library, they said that there were very few French in the area before the 1850s or 1860s. Most people were English, Scots, and Irish. There were Catholic churches, but they were mostly English. The few French in the area before this time were mostly fur trappers and traders with the Indians. After the 1850s the French came in large numbers and several French-Catholic parishes were formed. St. Andrews parish was mostly Gaelic (Irish). However the priests came from Scotland, and there were very few French families in the parish in the early days. The Scotish priests made many errors in recording the birth, death, and marriage records. Also, married women usually kept their maiden names in this period.

13. Visit to Darlington

In 1988, we visited the Darlington area to understand better the life and times in this area. (Darlington is adjacent to Bowmanville Ontario, about 30 miles northwest of Toronto on the lake.) One of the first places we visited was the Tyrone Mill to try to find out where the Louis Champine water-driven sawmill had been and what it might have been like. We assumed that the Champine mill had been destroyed long ago. We were wrong.

The water-driven sawmill at Tyrone was built in 1846. Until the turn of this century it produced flour. The mill once was twice as long as it now is. The mill has been owned by Robert Shafer since 1979. In 1981 the making of apple cider was started and is a popular Fall and Winter activity.

The Tyrone saw mill was indeed open and in operation. It looked very much like a sawmill might have looked in the 1800s, and was in operational condition. We walked around it, taking some pictures. We then went inside to get a feeling for what Louis' saw mill might have looked like.

The current address and phone number of the Tyrone Mill are:

Robert M. Shafer, Prop.
Tyrone Mills
Box 14, R.R.5
Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3K6
Phone 416/263-8871

As we were about to leave, a young man came out of the office and asked if he could help. He was Robert Shafer, proprietor of the sawmill. He was very helpful in talking about the history of the area, and immediately recognized the Champine name. He pulled out a map of the Tyrone area from the 1870s and showed us where the Champine land was located. He told us that we could get information about land ownership from the Land Registry Office in Bowmanville. The Champine saw mill was located a mile or two upstream from the Tyrone Mill on lot 10, Concession 8. We immediately drove over to see it. We were amazed that it was still in daily operation sawing wood.

13.1. The Tyrone Methodist Church

The Champines were active Methodists, so we drove by the Methodist church in Tyrone. "Louis Champaine contributed to the Wesleyan Methodist Missonary fund 1845-1846 of the Bowmanville Circuit" (Notes of Ruby Junge)

The Methodist Church in Canada is now called the United Church.

The following is excerpted from the Lampert book.

"According to Professor Squair's History, the Methodist denomination had its beginning in Canada in 1792, the same year as the first Parliament in Upper Canada. This history states that there was a small chapel opened in Tyrone in 1849, but gives no particulars about it. According to the Church land deed dated 1850, James C. Slater was the Wesleyan Methodist minister at that time. (The Champines undoubtedly attended this church.)

"Tyrone Wesleyan Methodist Church was built in 1868 with Mrs. Wm. Clemens laying the foundation stone. At this time the Circuit consisted of Bowmanville, Zion, Hampton, Tyrone, and Enniskillen".

Incidentally, there is a pioneer cemetery about ½ mile north of Tyrone, but there are no Champines there.

13.2. Other Bowmanville Information Sources

There are three main sources of historical information in Bowmanville.

These are:

Registry Office
Bowmanville Library
Bowmanville Museum

The Registry Office has records of land ownership dating back to the early 1800s. The library and museum are "back to back". There is another small museum at Orono a few miles away on highways 35 and 115, containing archives of Clarke Township

The Bowmanville Museum is a goldmine of information. The curator is Dan Hoffman and it is at 37 Silver Street.

The only other item of interest was at the cemetery in Orono. Based on cemetery records in the Bowmanville museum, we found that the grave of Rebecca LaRue (wife of Nathaniel Powers) was in Orono. The LaRues and Champines were closely connected, and Clark married Susan LaRue. However, all of the Champines and all of the LaRues other than Rebecca moved west.

14. Relationship to Huguenots

The Champines were often associated with the French Huguenots. They married LaRues, Vittums, Demarests, and Tiffanies, all of which were Huguenot names.

The Huguenots in France were severely persecuted. Both the monarchical government and the state Church opposed them and joined in efforts to crush them. Persecution began early in France, culminating on St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24, 1572, when 6,000 were slain in Paris and many thousands were slain in other parts of France. Persecutions continued for many years. People who believed in religious freedom were hunted down and tortured unmercifully.

The Edict of Nantes in April 1598 promised a change. It promised freedom to the Huguenots, and things were better for a time. Persecution began to increase again, and in 1685 the Edict of Nantes was revoked. Persecution was again established on a systematic basis. Huguenots were not permitted to emigrate and their property was confiscated.

The Huguenots were largely middle class tradesmen and craftsmen. Many escaped to Holland, England, and America. On the Mayflower, five of the 104 passengers were Huguenots, including John Alden (listed as a French refugee), William Mullins (Guillaume Molines in France), and his famous daughter Priscilla who married John Alden.

15. Family Tree diagrams

Descendants of Louis Champine

1.1 Louis Champine
Hannah Hewlit Champine

.2 Sarah Champine Nugent

2.1 Zeddok Clark Champine
Martha Susan La Rue Champine

Children

3.11 Mattie Champine Davis
3.12 Inez Champine Cole
3.13 Jenny Champine (not married)
3.14 Fred Champine (not married)
3.15 Sybil Champine Lewis
3.16 Louis Samuel Champine (see attached sheet)
3.17 Jessie Champine Struble
3.27 Clark Hilliar Champine
3.28 Wallace B. Champine
3.29 Katie B. Champine

Children

3.26 Adelaide Champine Newell Wallace

2.4 Mary Champine Davis

2.3 Charles Samuel Champine
Lucretia Tiffany Champine

Children

3.1 Lillian Champine Wiltse
3.2 Louez Champine Woolcutt
3.3 John Champine (see attached sheet)
3.4 Mattie Champine Reed
3.5 Winnefred Champine Barnett
3.6 George W. Champine (see attached sheet)
3.7 Dillie Champine Murtaugh
3.8 Mary Champine Fowler
3.9 Lever E. Champine (see attached sheet)
3.10 Alma Champine Goodell
3.24 Baby
3.25 Wallace Champine

2.5 Melissa Champine Preston

2.6 John Fletcher Champine
Emma Slawson Champine

Children

3.20 Anna Champine Irish Edwards
3.21 Iva E. Champine
3.22 Alice Champine Irish
3.23 Harry Lever Champine

3.3 John N. Champine
Jeanette Cardwell Champine

4.1 Jacob Elwin Champine
Ethel Ditz Champine
Children
5.1 Beryl Champine Anklam

4.2 Charles Elmer Champine
Rissie Follett Champine

4.3 Earl Wallace Champine
Mary Cook Champine
Children
5.8 Erlyse c Steinbrenner

5.7 Myrle Evelyn Champine

5.6 Dorothy Champine McClary

5.33 Edith Champine Loos

5.2 Gerald E. Champine
Celeste Knutson Champine

5.3 Howard Edward Champine
La Vina Schmidt Champine
Children
6.3 Dean Champine

5.4 Clair Arthur Champine
Geraldine Rife Champine

5.5 Elmer Robert Champine
Aletha Le Clair Champine
Children
6.4 John Robert Champi
6.5 Dorothy C. Suber
6.6 Mary Champine Hamm
6.7 Charlene Champine
6.8 Maureen Champine
6.9 Charles Champine
6.10 Patrica Champine

6.1 Charles Champine
Wife
Children
7.1 Joanne Champine
7.2 Barbara Champine
7.3 Boy Ghampine

6.2 Renee Champine Martin

3.6 George W. Champine
Nellie Bassett Champine

4.4 Mabel Champine Todd

4.5 George Lloyd Champine
Grace Myers Champine

4.6 Sibyl Champine Severson

4.7 Ashley Floyd Champine
Genevieve Northway Champine

4.8 Alice Champine Shore

5.9 Robert Leslie C.
5.10 Donald Roger C.
5.14 Jeanne C. Lamp
5.15 Marilyn C. Will

5.11 Ray Walter Champine
Sara Hudgins Champine

Children
6.16 Cathy Lynn Champine
6.17 Steven Lloyd Champine

5.12 Jerry Wayne Champine
Joann Swenson Champine

Children
6.18 Deborah Champine
6.19 Pamela Champine
6.20 Bradley Ghampine

5.13 Veryl Lloyd Champine
Cheryl Dietz Champine

Children
6.23 Jon David

5.16 John Willard Champine
Lynn Mills Champine

Children
6.21 Nathan Ashley
6.25 Natalie Jean

5.17 George Allen Champine
Barbara Nelson Champine

Children
6.11 Renee Champine
6.12 Mark Allen Champine
6.13 Lisa Champine

5.18 Charles Clayton Champine
Joanne Chalmers Champine

Children
6.22 Stephen Chalmers
6.24 Elizabeth Carol

3.9 Lever E. Champine
Minnie Hammer Champine (Jep)
Daisy Bassett Champine

4.9 Ashley Burt Champine
Mabelle Peterson Champine
Children
5.19 Janet Champine Appelt
5.20 Mabel Champine Purdun
5.21 Wanda Champine Peterson

4.10 Percy L. Champine
Florence Foell Champine

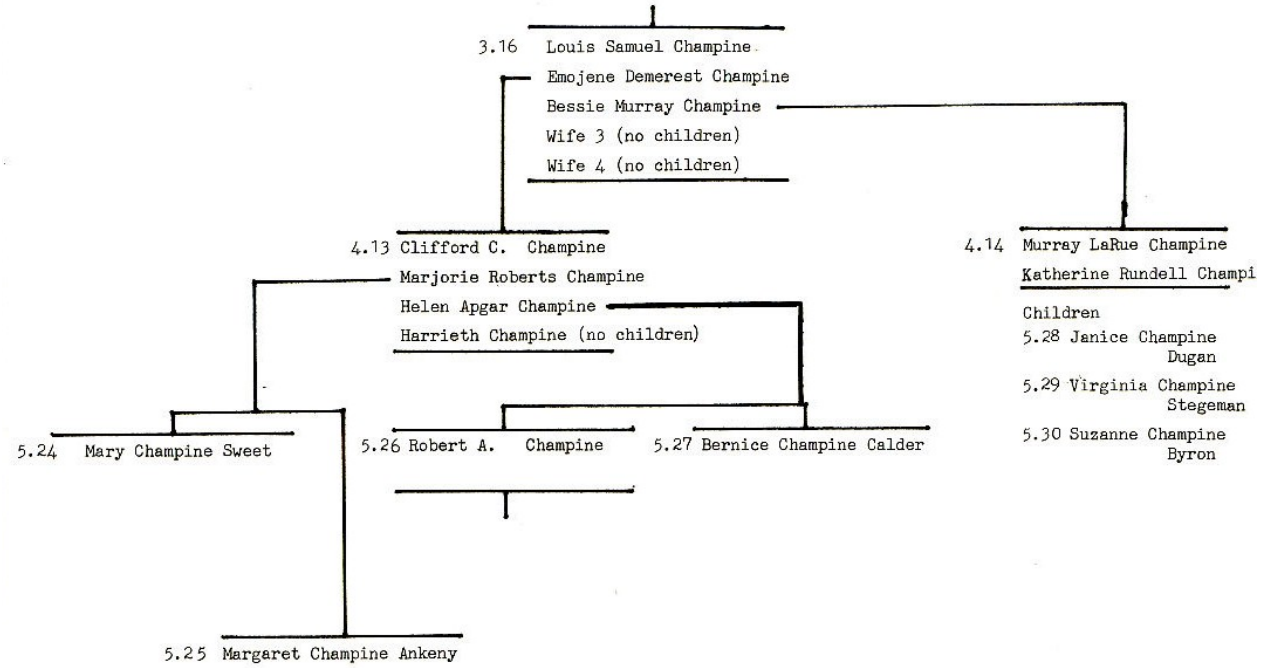
4.11 Madeline Champine Hawthorne

4.12 Inez Champine Ringgenber

4.15 Jep (Jasper) Champine
Julia Champine
Children
5.31 Jean

5.22 Kenneth Champine
Irene Fish Champine
Children
6.14 Michelle Champine
6.15 Griffin Lawrence Champine

5.23 Charnelle Champine Zeise


3.16 Louis Samuel Champine
Emojene Demerest Champine
Bessie Murray Champine
Wife 3 (no children)
Wife 4 (no children)
4.13 Clifford C. Champine
Marjorie Roberts Champine
Helen Apgar Champine
Harrieth Champine (no children)
4.14 Murray LaRue Champine
Katherine Rundell Champi
Children
5.28 Janice Champine Dugan
5.29 Virginia Champine Stegeman
5.30 Suzanne Champine Byron
5.24 Mary Champine Sweet
5.26 Robert A. Champine
5.27 Bernice Champine Calder
5.25 Margaret Champine Ankeny

16. Descendants of Louis Champine

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This section lists the descendants of Louis Champine that we have in our database. All of the Champines described above are included here and as well as many others.

First Generation

1. **Louis Champine** was born on 4 Jan 1801 in Montreal, Canada. He died on 26 Oct 1874 in Elgin, Minnesota. He was buried in Greenwood Cem Plainview, MN. There are two stories about the origin of Louis. One is that he was born in France and stowed away on a ship in Normandy at the age of nine with a 14 year old friend. He arrived in New York not speaking English. The other more credible story is that Louis was born in Canada. He listed Canada as his place of birth on all of his census records since 1832. His death certificate lists his birthplace as Montreal. It is unclear how the stowaway story came about. Perhaps it is true, or more possibly the story is about the father of Louis. All of the children of Lewis list Canada as his birthplace when asked on the 1880 U.S. census. The France story only comes from a few grandchildren and great grandchildren.

   Louis married **Hannah Hewlett** daughter of Samuel Hewlitt and Sarah Clark on 27 Dec 1821 in De Kalb, New York. Hannah was born on 3 Apr 1802 in Shelburne(?), Vermont. Louis and Hannah moved to Darlington/Bowmanville Canada about 1831. About 1858 they and their extended family moved to Wisconsin in about 1858, and later to Plainview Minnesota. She died on 15 Sep 1880 in Elgin, Minnesota. She was buried in Greenwood Cem Plainview.

   Hannah had four brothers, John, Homer, Samuel, and Benjamin. John and Homer went west to Michigan. John settled in Allegon Co., Michigan.

   Louis and Hannah had the following children:

+	2 F	i.	**Sarah Champine** was born on 1 Feb 1823. She was named for the mother of Hannah. She died on 3 Jul 1882.
+	3 F	ii.	**Melissa Luzetta Champine** was born on 11 Aug 1825. We believe she was named for the mother of Louis. She died on 7 Nov 1865.
+	4 M	iii.	**Zeddock Clark Champine** was born on 29 Aug 1828. He was named for the grandfather of Hannah. He died on 30 Nov 1899.
+	5 M	iv.	**Charles Samuel Champine** was born on 12 May 1832. He was named for the father of Hannah. He died on 22 Aug 1919.
+	6 F	v.	**Mary Champine** was born on 17 Jun 1835. She died on 20 Jun 1897.
+	7 M	vi.	**John Fletcher Champine** was born on 3 Aug 1841. He died on 5 Sep 1898.

Second Generation

2. **Sarah Champine** (Louis) was born on 1 Feb 1823 in DeKalb, New York. She died on 3 Jul 1882 in Matlock, Iowa. She was buried in Matlock, Iowa, Greenwood Cem.. Sarah's last child was born when her husband Charles was 64. She lived in Mitchell Township, Sheyboygan Co. Wisconsin from 1854 until 1859; near Millersburg, Iowa until 1868, Adel,

IA and Oto IA until 1870 and Sioux County, Iowa until 1871. It was said of Sarah that she loved flowers, and that flowers and beautiful pictures always graced her home. Also, she was a hard worker who fed and watered livestock in the tradition of the pioneer women. (From Erdine Nugent: Sarah was born in DeKalb,NewYork. On her daughterMary's death certificate the name of her mother is given as Sarah F. Clark, which may be an error.) Sarah "Champion"married **Charles Nugent** on 24 Jan 1842 in Darlington, Ontario, Canada. Charles was born on 17 Aug 1800 in , , Ireland. He died on 4 Feb 1883. He was buried in Matlock, Iowa, Greenwood Cem..

In the spring of 1870, Charles planted corn and potatoes on the virgin prairie in what was to become the Matlock Iowa area. In the fall of 1870 he went back to Oto, Iowa, to bring his family back to their new home on the prairie. In the fall of 1869 he and his eldest daughter, Mary, had gone to Sioux City to secure homestead rights on property near Matlock, and in the spring of 1870, with two covered wagons, a team of oxen and a team of mules, the family came as far as Oto. Charles and Sarah had the following children:

+ 8 F i. **Mary Nugent** was born on 15 Dec 1837.
9 M ii. **Lewis F. Nugent** was born in 1844. He died on 24 Jan 1863 in Helena, Arkansas. He died in Post Hospital, Helena, Arkansas. He was a Pvt. in Co I, 28th Regiment, Iowa Inf. in the Civil War.
+ 10 F iii. **Hannah Nugent** was born on 20 Apr 1846. She died on 22 Jul 1927.
+ 11 F iv. **Adelia Ann Nugent** was born on 1 Feb 1848. She died on 21 Jan 1917.
+ 12 M v. **William Clark Nugent** was born on 15 Mar 1850. He died on 20 Mar 1942.
+ 13 M vi. **John Charles Nugent** was born on 24 Nov 1852. He died on 24 Feb 1926.
+ 14 F vii. **Sarah Jane Nugent** was born on 26 Feb 1855.
+ 15 M viii. **Don Fernando (Dan) Nugent** was born on 6 Jun 1856. He died on 19 May 1928.
+ 16 F ix. **Viola Jerusha Nugent** was born on 2 Mar 1860. She died on 29 Jul 1939.
+ 17 M x. **Leonard Franklin Nugent** was born on 11 Apr 1862. He died on 23 Dec 1930.
+ 18 F xi. **Frances Ophelia Nugent** was born on 19 Mar 1864. She died on 20 Aug 1900.

3. **Melissa Luzetta Champine** (Louis) was born on 11 Aug 1825 in Dekalb, New York. She died on 7 Nov 1865 in Mitchell, Wisconsin. She was buried in Mt.Pleasant Cem, Mitchell, Wisconsin. Melissa Champine Preston died 8 months after the birth of Francis. Jane (Owen) Preston, Peter's mother lived with the family and helped care for the children until Peter re-married. It was while Melissa and Peter lived in Sheboygan that their son, Benjamin Preston, came to know his grandfather, Louis Champine, very well. They lived next door to each other.

Melissa"Champigny" married **Peter Henry Preston** son of Benjamin Preston and Jane Owen in 1843/1844 in Darlington, Canada, Ontario. Peter was born on 15 Aug 1821 in Durham Co., Canada, Ontario. He died in 1902. They had the following children:

19 F i. **Hannah Jane Preston** was born on 20 May 1845 in Durham Co., Ontario, Canada.
+ 20 M ii. **Benjamin Louis Preston** was born on 5 Sep 1846. He died on 11 Sep 1926.
+ 21 F iii. **Ruby Preston** was born on 19 Apr 1849.

22 M iv. **James Henry Preston** was born on 28 Apr 1852 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
23 M v. **Charles C. Preston** was born on 12 Nov 1855 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
24 M vi. **Harry Bernard Preston** was born on 5 Mar 1857 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
25 M vii. **John Leonard Preston** was born on 22 Sep 1859 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
26 F viii. **Martha Melissa Luzetta Preston** was born on 16 Sep 1862 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
27 M ix. **Francis L. Preston** was born on 9 Feb 1865 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

4. **Zeddock Clark Champine** (Louis) was born on 29 Aug 1828 in Dekalb, St.Lawrence Co, New York. He died on 30 Nov 1899 in Plainview, Minnesota. He was buried in Greenwood Cem.Clark moved to Darlington Township, Ontario with his parents at the age of 3. Sometime around 1848, he married Martha Bowers (3 years his senior, born about 1825) and had children Adelaide in 1849, and Wallace in 1850. Martha and Wallace died in 1851 (Wallace was 18 months old). Adelaide went to live with her grandfather, Louis. In 1853 Clark married18 year old Susan LaRue. Clark and Susan moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin in about 1860. After about 18 months they moved to Plainview, Minnesota and moved onto a 120 avre farm 2 miles west of Plainview.
Zeddock married (1) **Susan La Rue** daughter of Samuel La Rue and Jane Dixon on 9 Oct 1853 in Orono, Durham Co, Ontario, Canada. Susan was born on 24 Sep 1835 in Enniskillen, Ontario, Canada. She died on 23 Jul 1911 in Fargo, North Dakota. They had the following children:

28 F i. **Mattie Mabel Champine** was born on 2 Jan 1856 in Darlington, Canada. She died on 6 Jan 1936 in Fargo, North Dakota. Mattie taught in rural schools for a time. After her husband died she went with her brother to Casselton in Dakota Territory. While in Casselton she took an active part in the organization of the Dakota Education association. She left Casselton to accept a position in the Fargo schools. In 1896 she successfully sought the office of Superintendent of Schools in Cass County, the first woman to be elected to that office in the new state of North Dakota. She was reelected six times and served until 1910, fourteen years. During a visit to Oregon, Mattie saw the statue of Sacagaweam the Shoshone Indian woman who quided Lewis and Clark westward from their winter camp on the Missouri River. On her return she proposed that a similar statue be placed on the Capitol grounds in Bismark. It was dedicated October 13, 1910, and Mattie was one of the speakers on that occasion. Mattie married **Eugene Carlton Davis (Dr.)** on 2 Jan 1881 in Plainview, Minnesota. Eugene was born on 26 Oct 1851 in Farmington, Minnesota. He died on 29 Nov 1881 in Plainview, Minnesota. Died of typhoid.

\+ 29 M ii. **Louis Samuel Champine** was born on 9 Jan 1859. He died on 22 May 1933.
30 M iii. **Clark Hilliar Champine** was born on 13 Apr 1861 in Trenton, Wisconsin. He died on 17 Mar 1874 in Elgin, Minnesota.
31 M iv. **Fred LaRue Champine** was born on 9 Nov 1863 in Plainview, Minnesota. He died on 26 Jul 1918 in Int. Falls, Minnesota. Did not marry. Fred was a teamster.
32 M v. **Wallace b Champine** was born on 17 Jun 1866 in Plainview, Minnesota. He died on 3 Dec 1867 in Plainview, Minnesota.

+ 33 F vi. **Jessie Grace Champine** was born on 10 Jan 1869. She died on 9 Dec 1961.
+ 34 F vii. **Sybil Mary Champine** was born on 7 Jul 1871. She died on 16 Mar 1955.
35 F viii. **Katie Champine** was born on 7 Oct 1873 in Elgin, Minnesota. She died on 25 Jun 1876 in Plainview, Minnesota.
36 F ix. **Jennie Lind Champine** was born on 30 Jun 1876 in Plainview, Minnesota. She died on 22 Jul 1956 in Fargo, North Dakota. Jennie taught school, and became principal of Junior High School, Fargo.
+ 37 F x. **Inez Evangeline Champine** was born on 29 Jan 1879. She died on 16 Dec 1949.

Zeddock married (2) **Martha** . Martha died about 1852. They had the following children:

+ 38 F xi. **Adelaide Champine** was born in 1849. She died on 2 Nov 1927.
39 M xii. **Wallace Champine** was born in 1850 in Dekalb, New York. He died in 1851 in Dekalb, New York.

5. **Charles Samuel Champine** (Louis) was born on 12 May 1832 in Darlington, Ontario, Canada. He died on 22 Aug 1919 in Lake Belt Twsp, Minnesota. In 1854 Charles and Lucretia moved to Sheboygan Co., Mitchell Township, Wisconsin. IN 1864 they moved to Plainview, Minnesota, where Louis and Clark were living. In May of 1869 they left in a covered wagon to find a homestead in Martin County, Minnesota. They settled on 160 acres in Lake Belt Township, near Ceylon, Minnesota. The family arrived by ox-drawn wagon at their new home June 4, 1869. The place was bare prairie land. The wagon box with its canvas cover was set on the ground for their first home. Charles took the wagon running gear to Mankato to haul the lumber for the house. Until it was ready, the family of seven lived in the covered wagon box. When the lumber arrivee, it was used to build a sod house. This was replaced one or two years later by a frame house. Although Charles could speak French, he declined to do so, even to French settlers who traveled to see someone who could speak their native tongue.

Naturalization: United States of America, State of Minnesota, County of Wabasha--I, Charles S. Champine, do declare on oath, that is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and especially to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland of whom I was formerly a subject.--Signed Charles S. Champine--Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th day of February A.D. 1868 at Wabasha by A. Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Minnesota in and for the County of Wabasha.

Charles married **Lucretia Tiffany** daughter of Charles Tiffany and Mariam Hill on 4 Jun 1854 in Bowmanville, Ontario. Lucretia was born on 25 Feb 1838 in Darlington, Ontario, Canada. She died on 29 Aug 1927 in Lake Belt Twp, Minnesota. Lucretia is related to Charles Lewis Tiffany, founder of Tiffany and Company, Jewelers. Charles and Lucretia had the following children:

40 M i. **Wallace Champine** was born on 24 Mar 1855 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He died on 6 Jul 1855 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
+ 41 M ii. **George Wilson Champine** was born on 16 Nov 1856. He died on 30 Sep 1941.
+ 42 M iii. **John N Champine** was born on 11 May 1859. He died on 17 Dec 1943.
+ 43 F iv. **Lillian Emma Champine** was born on 16 Apr 1860. She died on 20 May 1929.

+ 44 M v. **Lever Elsworth Champine** was born on 1 Jan 1863. He died on 29 Dec 1945.

45 F vi. **Louez Champine** was born on 8 Jul 1865 in Plainview, Minnesota. She died on 17 Jan 1954 in Tenhassen, Minnesota.
Louez married **Johnston B. Woolcott** on 25 Dec 1888 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Johnston was born on 15 Sep 1846 in Carlisle, Ohio. He died on 23 Feb 1930 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was buried in Tenhassen, Minnesota. Came to Tenhassen, Minnesota in 1866. Lived there 65 years. Served in Union Army Co. C 47 Wisconsin Infantry.

46 F vii. **Winnefred Champine** was born on 15 Sep 1868 in Plainview, Minnesota. She died on 27 Jun 1936 in Dolliver, Iowa. She was buried in Tenhassen, Minnesota. Winnefred married **Stephen G. Barnett** on 6 Dec 1894 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Stephen died on 27 Jul 1928.

+ 47 F viii. **Dillie Marion Champine** was born on 25 Oct 1870. She died on 4 Dec 1953.

48 M ix. **Baby Champine** was born on 10 Nov 1873 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 10 Mar 1874 in Lake Belt, Minnesota.

+ 49 F x. **Mary Champine** was born on 30 Jul 1875. She died on 20 Sep 1936.

+ 50 F xi. **Mattie Champine** was born on 3 May 1877. She died on 13 Feb 1953.

+ 51 F xii. **Alma Champine** was born on 9 Nov 1886. She died on 14 Oct 1939.

6. **Mary Champine** (Louis) was born on 17 Jun 1835 in Canada. She died on 20 Jun 1897 in Elgin, Minnesota. Mary married **William Richard Davis** on 18 Sep 1866 in Rochester, Minnesota. They had the following children:

52 F i. **Fannie Davis** was born about 1868 in Minnesota.
Fannie married **C. H. Rogers** .

53 M ii. **Louis Davis** was born about 1876 in Minnesota.

7. **John Fletcher Champine** (Louis) was born on 3 Aug 1841 in Durham Co., Ontario, Canada. He died on 5 Sep 1898 in Elgin, Minnesota. Louis and Hannah asked John and his new wife Emma to move in with them and take care of them in their old age. John agreed to do this. In return, the farm belonging to Louis would be operated and managed by John until the death of Louis, at which time it would belong to Johm. John did this, including paying the taxes. Two years after the verbal agreement, Louis died without a will in 1874. Five years later, in 1879, Hannah died without a will. Then, on September 4, 1898, JOhn died in a threahing accident without a will. At this time, Clark claimed that no agreement had existed between Louis and John, and attempted to have the farm split among 21 heirs. The case went to court as case No. 7185 and was tried in District Court in Wabasha, Minnesota. Clark lost. All of John's children stayed in Plainview. Alice and Anna married brothers. Iva and Harry never married and lived on John's farm. John married **Emma Slawson** on 1 Jul 1872 in Elgin, Minnesota. Emma was born on 11 Apr 1848 in Magnolia, Wisconsin. She died on 3 Nov 1918 in Elgin, Minnesota. They had the following children:

54 F i. **Iva E Champine** was born on 23 May 1873 in Elgin, Minnesota. She died on 9 Jul 1957 in Plainview, Minnesota.

55 F ii. **Alice Champine** was born on 17 Jan 1876 in Elgin, Minnesota. She died in May 1947 in Plainview, Minnesota.

56 M iii. **Harry Lever Champine** was born on 27 Dec 1878 in Elgin, Minnesota. He died on 12 Mar 1962 in Plainview, Minnesota.

57 F iv. **Anna Champine** was born on 5 Oct 1881 in Plainview, Minnesota.

Third Generation

8. **Mary Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 15 Dec 1837. This birthdate was supplied by Erdine Nugent. If it is correct perhaps Mary was a daughter of Charles by a previous marriage.
Mary married **John Ginther** . They had the following children:
58 M i. **Henry Fremont Ginther** .
59 M ii. **Lewis Ginther** .
60 M iii. **Wellington Isaac Ginther** .
61 F iv. **Sarah Ginther** .
62 F v. **Stella Ginther** .
63 F vi. **Mary Ann Ginther** .

10. **Hannah Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 20 Apr 1846. She died on 22 Jul 1927. Hannah married **Isaac Wolfe** . Isaac changed the spelling of his name from Woolf to Wolfe. His grandchildren say he changed because his mail often went to one of his brothers or his father. Isaac and Hannah had the following children:
64 F i. **Adelaide (Addie) Wolfe** .
65 M ii. **Don Fernando Wolfe** .
11. **Adelia Ann Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 1 Feb 1848. She died on 21 Jan 1917 in Vancouver, Washington. She was buried in Vancouver, Washington, Goddard Cem., Salmon Creek. Adelia married **James Briggs Woolf** . They had the following children:
66 M i. **Charles William Woolf** .
67 F ii. **Mary Alice Woolf** .
68 F iii. **Florence Woolf** .
69 M iv. **Fred Arthur Woolf** .
12. **William Clark Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 15 Mar 1850 in , Wisconsin. He died on 20 Mar 1942 in Sibley, Osceola, Iowa. He was buried in Ashton, Iowa.
m. (2) Ett Kellogg in Jan 1901. Ett had 6 children before her marriage to William.
William married **Elizabeth Gress** . They had the following children:
70 M i. **William Clark Nugent** .
71 M ii. **Gordon Howard Nugent** .
72 F iii. **Elizabeth Susan Nugent** .
73 M iv. **Clarence Edgar Nugent** .
13. **John Charles Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 24 Nov 1852 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He died on 24 Feb 1926 in Vancouver, Washington. He was buried in Vancouver, Washington, Goddard Cem., Salmon Creek.
Additional Nugent information from: Dale and Deerie Nugent, 907-346th Place, Ocean Park, Washington,
John married **Rachel Ellen Woolf** on 24 Oct 1874 in , Iowa. They had the following children:
74 F i. **Evangeline Ellen Nugent** .
75 M ii. **Donald C. Nugent** .
\+ 76 M iii. **Marion Arthur Nugent** was born on 9 Aug 1879. He died on 9 Feb 1956.
77 M iv. **George Lewis Nugent** .
78 M v. **John Clinton Nugent** .

79 F vi. **Ethel Lillian Nugent** .

14. **Sarah Jane Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 26 Feb 1855 in , Wisconsin. She died in Wichita, Kansas. She was buried in Matlock, Iowa, Greenwood Cem.. Sarah married **Moses Hall** on 16 Dec 1883. They had the following children:
    - 80 M i. **Ray Hall** .
    - 81 F ii. **Mable Hall** .Adopted.
15. **Don Fernando (Dan) Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 6 Jun 1856. He died on 19 May 1928 in Granger, Washington. Don married **Isabell Robertson** on 16 Dec 1883. They had the following children:
    - 82 F i. **Dora Evalena Nugent** .
    - 83 M ii. **Albert Nugent** .Twin, died shortly after birth.
    - 84 F iii. **Albertie Nugent** .Twin: died shortly after birth.
16. **Viola Jerusha Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 2 Mar 1860. She died on 29 Jul 1939 in Boyden, Iowa. She was buried in Matlock, Iowa, Greenwood Cem..
    Married(2) John Hunter and married (3) George John Kammlade. Kammlade was the widower of her sister Frances who died in 1900 at age 36. Viola had no children by John Hunter. Viola raised the children of her sister Frances and George Kammlade.

    Viola married **John Edward Sayers** on 25 Feb 1887. They had the following children:
    - 85 F i. **Mabel Sayers Le**onard married **Pauline Wieneke** on 7 Apr 1889 in Sheldon, Iowa. They had the following children:
    - 88 F i. **Sadie Nugent** .
    - 89 F ii. **Fern Irene Nugent** .
    - \+ 90 M iii. **Franklin Alfred Nugent** .
    - 91 F iv. **Rosia Evalina Nugent** .
    - 92 M v. **Earl Eugene Nugent** .
    - 93 F vi. **Isabell Mary Nugent** .
    - 94 F vii. **Laura Viola Nugent** .
    - 95 M viii. **Lawrence Edgar Nugent** .

18. **Frances Ophelia Nugent** (Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 19 Mar 1864. She died on 20 Aug 1900 in , Iowa. She was buried in Matlock, Iowa, Greenwood Cem.. Frances married **George John Kammlade** on 30 Sep 1885. George and Frances had the following children:
    - 96 M i. **Ernest Kammlade** . Twin
    - 97 M ii. **Earl Fernando Kammlade** . Twin
    - 98 F iii. **Susie Viola Kammlade** .
    - 99 F iv. **Georgia Sophia Kammlade** .
    - 100 M v. **Donald Rolland Kammlade** .

20. **Benjamin Louis Preston** (Melissa Luzetta Champine, Louis) was born on 5 Sep 1846 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He died on 11 Sep 1926 in Kearney, Nebraska. Benjamin married **Gertrude Wilburn Evans** daughter of William Myer Evans and Miriam Page Blake on 3 Sep 1874 in Ashland, Nebraska. Gertrude was born in 1856. She died in 1928. They had the following children:
    - 101 F i. **Mabel Edith Preston** was born on 24 Jun 1876.
    - 102 M ii. **William Henry Preston** was born on 18 Sep 1878.
    - \+ 103 F iii. **Miriam Melissa (Myra) Preston** was born on 7 Oct 1885. She died on 13 Oct 1963.

104 M iv. **Benjamin Owen Preston** was born on 28 Dec 1886.
105 F v. **Martha Dean (Mattie) Preston** was born on 27 Jun 1891.

21. **Ruby Preston** (Melissa Luzetta Champine, Louis) was born on 19 Apr 1849 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Ruby married **William D. Welch** in 1872 in Wisconsin. They had the following children:
106 M i. **William H. Welch** .
William married **Maude M. Wilson** .

29. **Louis Samuel Champine** (Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 9 Jan 1859 in Darlington, Canada. He died on 22 May 1933 in Malta, Montana. Louis married (1) **Emojene Demerest** on 11 Sep 1884 in Sugar Loaf, New York. Emojene was born on 4 Aug 1866 in Newton, New Jersey. She died on 23 Dec 1952 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was buried in Lakewood Cem. They had the following children:
\+ 107 M i. **Clifford Carleton Champine** was born on 15 Jun 1885. He died on 21 Oct 1971.

Louis married (2) **Bessie Murray** . They had the following children:
\+ 108 M ii. **Murray LaRue Champine** was born on 1 Mar 1904. He died on 22 Dec 1966.

33. **Jessie Grace Champine** (Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 10 Jan 1869 in Plainview, Minnesota. She died on 9 Dec 1961 in Mora, Minnesota. She was buried in Oakwood Cem.. Jessie graduated from high school at age 17 and then taught in a country school for four years. Edward Lyman built the first furniture store in the town. About a year later, March 1, 1898, they began clearing land about a mile north of the young village on the shores of the lake. About 15 years later they moved to "town" which simply meant building on the other side of the lake. The house in Mora was built by Orlando Struble, brother of Edward Lyman Struble. He planted the big pine tree and tamarac treese on the boulevard. Orland arrived first in Mora and apparently persuaded Edward to come. Edward Lyman Struble built a house one mile north of Mora. It is still standing in 1986.

Stacy Lyman Struble was the son of Edward Lyman and Clara Smith. Clara and Edward were married on March 6, 1883. Clara died on November 10, 1888. I assume that Jessie raised Stacy.

Jessie married **Edward Lyman Struble** on 24 Dec 1890 in Plainview, Minnesota. Edward was born on 15 Feb 1858 in Taylorsville, Indiana. He died on 17 Apr 1934 in Mora, Minnesota. He was buried in Oakwood Cem.

Edward Lyman married 6 March 1883, Clara Smith who died 10 Nov 1888. They had a daughter, Stacy Lyman Struble b. 28 Feb 1885, d. 6 Oct 1918. Edward and Jessie had the following children:
109 M i. **Ward Jesse Struble** was born on 31 Jul 1893. He died on 13 Feb 1978. Moved to Ironton, Minnesota.
110 M ii. **Wendell Champine Struble** was born on 6 Aug 1896. He died on 5 Oct 1986. Moved to Portland, Oregon.
111 F iii. **Sybil May Struble** was born on 12 Jul 1898. Moved to Mora, Minnesota. Married Peter Peterson. She was Postmistress.
112 F iv. **Dorothy Dixon Struble** was born on 11 Oct 1902. She died on 24 Mar 1974. Moved to Dallas, Texas. Married name was Browne.

+ 113 M v. **Edward Louis Struble** was born on 29 Jun 1905.
114 F vi. **Hope Marion Struble** was born on 27 Aug 1908. Married name Newhouse. Moved to Rochester, Minnesota.

34. **Sybil Mary Champine** (Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 7 Jul 1871 in Elgin, Minnesota. She died on 16 Mar 1955 in Longview, Washington. She was buried on 16 Mar 1955 in Hood River, Oregon. Married Arthur Gilman Lewis. He was born Dec. 20, 1863 in New Bedford, MA. They were married September, 1891 in Davenport, North Dakota. Arthur was a Cass County, ND auditor 1903-1911. Children were:
Francis Clark, born Nov. 13, 1892, Davenport, ND
Eugene Davis, born Jan. 20, 1896 Fargo, ND
Arthur Gilman, born Sept. 20, 1898 Fargo, ND
Jessie LaRue, Born Dec. 21, 1901 Fargo, ND

Arthur died Oct. 2, 1949. Francis Clark Lewis was mayor of Longview, Washington. Sybil married **Arthur Gilman Lewis** on 5 Aug 1891 in Davenport, North Dakota. Arthur was born on 20 Dec 1863 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He died on 2 Oct 1949 in Hood River, Oregon. He was a Cass County, North Dakota auditor during 1903-1911. Arthur and Sybil had the following children:
115 M i. **Francis Clark Lewis** was born on 13 Nov 1892 in Davenport, North Dakota.
116 M ii. **Eugene Davis Lewis** was born on 20 Jan 1896 in Fargo, North Dakota.
117 M iii. **Arthur Gilman Lewis** was born on 20 Jan 1898 in Fargo, North Dakota.
118 F iv. **Jessie LaRue Lewis** was born on 21 Dec 1901 in Fargo, North Dakota.

37. **Inez Evangeline Champine** (Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 29 Jan 1879 in Elgin, Minnesota. She died on 16 Dec 1949 in Fargo, North Dakota. Married J. Albert Anderson. He was born July 3, 1879. Date of marriage unknown. He died on February 18, 1917. One child Grace Cole. Inez married Byron L. Cole in Fargo on July 2, 1922. Grace was raised by Inez and adopted by Byron Cole. Inez was Principal of grade school in Fargo.

Inez married (1) **John Albert Anderson** on 3 Jul 1922 in Fargo North Dakota. John was born on 3 Jul 1879. He died on 18 Feb 1917. Grace Cole was the daughter of Albert Anderson. She was raised by Inez and adopted by Byron Cole. John and Inez had the following children:
119 F i. **Grace Cole** . Daughter of Albert Anderson. Raised by Inez and adopted by Byron Cole.
Inez married (2) **Byron L. Cole** on 2 Jul 1922 in Fargo, North Dakota.

38. **Adelaide Champine** (Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born in 1849 in Darlington, Ontario. She died on 2 Nov 1927 in Florence, South Dakota. She was buried in Mt. Hope Cem.. Married on December 31, 1871 to Charles White. One son, Chauncey was born. In 1883 she file on a homestead claim near Florence, South Dakota. She married John Newell on December 14, 1883. One son, Robert, was born. John Newell died january, 1914 and in 1921 she moved to Watertown, South Dakota. At death she was 78 years and 11 days old.
Adelaide married (1) **Charles White** on 31 Dec 1871 in Florence, South Dakota. They had the following children:
120 M i. **Chauncey White** .

Adelaide married (2) **John Newell** on 14 Dec 1883 in Watertown, South Dakota. John died in Dec 1914. They had the following children:

121 M ii. **Robert Newell** .

41. **George Wilson Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Nov 1856 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He died on 30 Sep 1941 in Ceylon, Minnesota.

George arrived in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota, in 1869 with the rest of the family. With his wife Nellie he moved onto the next farm south of the family homestead. He farmed there until he retired in 1925, except for three years in Sherburn, Minnesota during 1914-1917. George was active in public affairs in his younger days, and was clerk of school district 45, a Lake Belt school known since its beginning as the Champine school. George was a very industrious and practical business man in addition to operating his own farm. He was able to acquire four other farms including the original homestead. He had one of the first threshing machines in Lake Belt, and often did threshing for his neighbors. After retirement he returned to Sherburn for a time and then moved to Ceylon. He acquired five farms, the land being in sections 28, 32, and 33 in Lake Belt Township on the Iowa border. At the age of 70 he often walked from Ceylon to the farm, a distance of "only" four miles.

George married **Nellie Iantha Bassett** daughter of Ashley Marsh Bassett and Mary Ann Garner on 15 Mar 1885 in Tenhassen, Minnesota. Nellie was born on 2 Jul 1865 in Wilton, Minnesota. She died on 15 Mar 1942 in Fairmont, Minnesota.

They had the following children:

+ 122 F i. **Mabel Claire Champine** was born on 7 Mar 1886. She died on 14 Jan 1978.

123 F ii. **Sybil Lucretia Champine** was born on 24 Aug 1890 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 6 May 1973 in Fairmont, Minnesota.
Sybil married **Alfred P. Severson** son of Harvey Severson and Elsie Hovland on 10 Sep 1913 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Alfred was born on 25 Aug 1884 in Winnebago, Minnesota. He died on 2 Jul 1974 in Worthington, Minnesota. He was buried on 5 Jul 1974 in Lakeside Cemetery Fairmont Minnesota.

124 M iii. **Baby Champine** was born on 11 Jan 1893 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 14 Mar 1893 in Lake Belt, Minnesota.

+ 125 F iv. **Alice Beryl Champine** was born on 26 Sep 1896. She died on 28 Nov 1982.

+ 126 M v. **Ashley Floyd Champine** was born on 16 Feb 1900. He died on 14 Jun 1966.

+ 127 M vi. **George Lloyd Champine** was born on 16 Feb 1900. He died on 4 Dec 1977.

42. **John N. Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 11 May 1859 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He died on 17 Dec 1943 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. John married **Jeanette Cardwell** daughter of Jacob Cardwell on 11 May 1887 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Jeanette was born on 24 Sep 1861 in Dodge Co., Wisconsin. She died on 17 Mar 1953 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. John and Jeanette had the following children:

+ 128 M i. **Jacob Elvin Champine** was born on 13 Feb 1887. He died on 28 Nov 1957.

+ 129 M ii. **Charles Elmer Champine** was born on 13 Feb 1887. He died on 24 May 1968.

+ 130 M iii. **Earl Wallace Champine** was born on 30 Sep 1898. He died on 18 Aug 1921.

43. **Lillian Emma Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Apr 1860 in Cascade, Sheboygan Co., Wisconsin. She died on 20 May 1929 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She was buried in Lake Belt Cem., Ceylon, Minnesota. Lillian married **Edwin John Wiltse** son of Willard Wesley Wiltse and Mary Jane Cardwell on 31 Mar 1885. Edwin was born on 4 Jun 1856 in Dodge Co., Wisconsin. He died on 15 Dec 1929 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He was buried in Lake Belt Cem., Ceylon, Minnesota. He was a prosperous farmer and postmaster of the Lake Belt post office when it was established in 1888. Lake Belt Cemetery was once part of his father's farm. Obit in Fairmont Sentinel on Front Page of Dec 16 1929 issue. Edwin and Lillian had the following children:

+ 131 M i. **Wilbur W. Wiltse** was born on 24 Jan 1887. He died in Dec 1969.
132 F ii. **Millie Wiltse** was born on 15 Mar 1893. She died on 16 May 1977 in Ceylon, Minnesota.
133 F iii. **Serena M. Wiltse** was born on 24 Sep 1896. She died on 25 Aug 1969 in Ceylon, Minnesota.
134 F iv. **Sylvia Wiltse** was born in 1904 in Ceylon, Minnesota. She died in 1984. Sylvia married **Kermit Trusty** .

44. **Lever Elsworth Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 1 Jan 1863 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, S. He died on 29 Dec 1945 in Lake Belt, Minnesota.

Lever's name was spelled Leaver in an old Champine family bible belonging to one of the children of Charles Samuel and Lucrettia Tiffany Champine. As a young man Lever went to work in St. Charles, Minnesota. Here he met Minnie Hammer. Lever married (1) **Minnie Hammer** on 16 Aug 1884 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Minnie died on 30 Mar 1886 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She was buried in Lake Belt. They had the following children:

+ 135 M i. **Jasper (Jep) Champine** was born on 11 Mar 1886. He died in 1948.

Lever married (2) **Daisy Dean Bassett** daughter of Ashley Marsh Bassett and Mary Ann Garner on 5 Mar 1891 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Daisy was born on 23 Jun 1869 in Tenhassen, Minnesota. She died on 9 Dec 1959 in Glencoe, Minnesota. She was buried in Lake Belt, Minnesota, Lake Belt Cem. They had the following children:

+ 136 M ii. **Ashley Burt Champine** was born on 25 Aug 1892. He died in Feb 1976.
+ 137 F iii. **Madeline Minnie Champine** was born on 12 Feb 1894. She died in Apr 1976.
+ 138 M iv. **Percy Lee Champine** was born on 18 May 1897. He died on 14 Dec 1988.
+ 139 F v. **Inez Evangaline Champine** was born on 19 Feb 1900.

47. **Dillie Marion Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Oct 1870 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 4 Dec 1953 in North Mankato, Minnesota. She was buried in Fairmont, Minnesota. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Fairmont, Minnesota with her husband. She

lived in Mankato since 1909. Her husband Henry taught school in Pleasant Prairie, Lake Belt, and Tenhassen. Dillie married **Henry Clark Murtaugh** son of Michael Dennis Murtaugh and Alda Irene Louden on 26 Dec 1891. Henry was born on 18 Apr 1870 in Glenville, Minnesota. He died on 22 Oct 1946 in Chicago, Illinois. He was buried on 25 Oct 1946 in Fairmont, Minnesota, Lakeside cem. Henry and Dillie had the following children:

140 M i. **Claude Murtaugh** . Lived in Nishawa, Indiana
141 F ii. **Cleo Murtaugh** . Married Earl Ryan and lived in Chicago.
142 M iii. **Cecil Murtaugh** died in 1910 at age 6.
\+ 143 F iv. **Hazel Murtaugh** .

49. **Mary Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 30 Jul 1875 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 20 Sep 1936 in Dolliver, Iowa. She was buried in Tenhassen, Minnesota. First five years of marriage spent in Montana. Then moved to Dolliver, Iowa.
Mary married **Irvin J. Fowler** on 22 Feb 1898 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Irvin was born on 21 Oct 1874 in , Michigan. He died on 23 Jul 1938 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He was buried in Tenhassen, Minnesota. They had the following children:
144 M i. **Baby Fowler** .

50. **Mattie Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 3 May 1877 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 13 Feb 1953 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Mattie married **Walter Bailey Reed** son of Samuel Buckmaster Reed on 17 Jul 1897 in Cong Church, Fairmont, Minnesota. Walter was born on 12 Nov 1876 in Carroll Co., Illinois. He died on 28 Jan 1964 in Mason City, Iowa. He was buried in Lake Belt, Minnesota. The first members of this family in America were Andrew and Sarah (Stewart) Reed who came from Ireland at an early date. Walter and Mattie had the following children:
\+ 145 M i. **Glenn Orson Reed** was born on 18 Sep 1897. He died on 25 Oct 1984.
\+ 146 M ii. **Lewis James Riley Reed** was born on 16 Jul 1900. He died on 29 Apr 1959.
\+ 147 F iii. **Alma Lucretia Reed** was born on 9 Nov 1902. She died on 27 Feb 1933.
\+ 148 F iv. **Fern Irene Reed** was born on 30 May 1905. She died in Oct 1986.
149 M v. **Walter William** was born on 1 Oct 1908 in Dolliver, Iowa. He died on 15 Mar 1964 in Mason City, Iowa. He was buried in Lake Belt, Minnesota.
\+ 150 M vi. **Jasper Champine Reed** was born on 14 Feb 1910. He died on 7 Jun 1994.
\+ 151 F vii. **Jeanette Minna Reed** was born on 27 Aug 1912. She died in 1988.

51. **Alma Champine** (Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 9 Nov 1886 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 14 Oct 1939 in Mt.View, Oakland, California. She was buried in Oakland, California. Buried in Mountain View Mausoleum. In January of 1920 her mother, Lucretia, was staying with the family. Alma married **Clyde Goodell** on 15 Mar 1911. They had the following children:
152 M i. **Ronald Goodell** .

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76. **Marion Arthur Nugent** (John Charles Nugent, Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 9 Aug 1879. He died on 9 Feb 1956. Marion married **Maud Alice Nagle** . Maud was born on 19 Sep 1885. They had the following children:
\+ 153 M i. **Dale Franklin Nugent** was born on 26 Jan 1921. He died on 9 Jan 1997.
154 F ii. **Mardella Nugent** .

90. **Franklin Alfred Nugent** (Leonard Franklin Nugent, Sarah Champine, Louis).
Franklin married **Rose Helena Johnson** . They had the following children:
155 M i. **James Franklin Nugent** was born on 1 Jul 1934. James married **Audrey Ann Jorgenson** on 19 Jun 1960. Audrey was born on 15 Jun 1935.

103. **Miriam Melissa (Myra) Preston** (Benjamin Louis Preston, Melissa Luzetta Champine, Louis) was born on 7 Oct 1885 in Holt Co., Nebraska. She died on 13 Oct 1963 in Lansing, Michigan. She was buried in Sunshine Cem., Big Springs, Nebraska.

Miriam married **Merritt F. Junge** on 13 Mar 1906 in Osmond, Nebraska. Merritt was born on 22 Jan 1882 in Belleplaine, Iowa. He died on 6 Jan 1956 in East lansing, Michigan. He was buried in Sunshine Cem., Big Springs, Nebraska. They had the following children:

156 F i. **Ruby Myra Junge** was born on 19 Apr 1907 in Ogallala, Nebraska. She died on 6 Jan 1994 in , California. Ruby has a BA and an MA from the U. of Northern Colorado and a PHD from Iowa University. She spent the last 25 years of her teaching as a Professor at Michigan State University in East Lansing Michigan.

157 F ii. **Charlotte Wilburn Junge** was born on 18 Mar 1911 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Charlotte has a BA from the U of Northern Colorado and an MA and PHD from the University of Iowa. The last 27 years of her teaching was as a professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She also co-authored a very successful series of Math textbooks for Elementary School children titled "Growth in Arithmetic." It went into 3 editions spanning some 15 years. Charlotte published a Clark-Smith-Brown lineage in an issue of "The Second Boat."

\+ 158 F iii. **Vesta Lorraine Junge** was born on 29 Dec 1912.

107. **Clifford Carleton Champine** (Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 15 Jun 1885 in Fargo, North Dakota. He died on 21 Oct 1971 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was buried in Lakewood Cem. Clifford was a lawyer in Minnespolis for more than 60 years. Clifford married (1) **Marjorie Roberts** on 3 May 1913 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Marjorie was born in 1890 in , Montana. She died on 16 Feb 1947 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was buried in Lakewood Cem. They had the following children:

159 F i. **Margaret Champine** was born on 22 Sep 1914.

160 F ii. **Mary Champine** was born on 3 May 1918 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Clifford married (2) **Helen Apgar** in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They had the following children:

\+ 161 M iii. **Robert Apgar Claus (Champine)** was born on 6 Mar 1921.

162 F iv. **Bernice Champine** .

Clifford married (3) **Harrieth Leifstedt** in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Harrieth was born on 4 Jun 1921 in Sweden. She died on 5 Nov 1995 in Minnesota. She was buried on 9 Nov 1995 in Lakewood, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Harrieth died of hypothermia after authorities found her on Boy Scout Island under her inflatable raft trying to keep warm. She had gone to the island about 5 P.M. Saturday to feed the animals, in particular a raccoon she had raised and recently released on the island. Harrieth was always a special friend to children and animals. She worked at the Humane Society for 17 years and always enjoyed taking children through the facility on field trips. She imitated animal sounds and enjoyed hearing the children try to mimic her talking to the amimals. Harrieth arrived in Minnesota from Sweden in 1949. From 1969 to 1986 she worked as an educator for the Humane Society. After her retirement in 1986, she kept working with animals and children. In the 1960s she and her husband, Clifford, lived a country-club lifestyle. She was involved in harness racing and there were

elaborate parties. And always there were animals. But when Clifford died there was no financial support for Harrieth. She lived in a two bedroom cottage in Mound, Minnesota, provided by a friend.

108. **Murray LaRue Champine** (Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 1 Mar 1904 in Langdon, North Dakota, (or Nebraska). He died on 22 Dec 1966 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, (or Florida). He was buried in Lakewood Cem, Minneapolis. The Social Security Death Master File shows that Murray was born in Nebraska and died in Florida. Family records show North Dakota and Minn.
Murray married **Katherine Rundell** . They had the following children:
163 F i. **Janice Champine** .
164 F ii. **Virginia Isabelle Champine** .
165 F iii. **Suzanne Champine** .

113. **Edward Louis Struble** (Jessie Grace Champine, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 29 Jun 1905. Moved to Lake Park, Minnesota.
Edward married **Bertha Wilkens** on 30 Jun 1928. The marriage ended in divorce. Bertha was born on 10 Jan 1907 in Garden Plains, Illinois. They had the following children:
\+ 166 F i. **Jessie Jenee Struble** was born on 10 Nov 1929.
167 M ii. **Edward Louis Struble** was born on 12 Mar 1931 in Webster, Wisconsin.
168 M iii. **Sheldon Wayne Struble** was born on 2 Jan 1934 in Lake Park, Minnesota.
169 M iv. **Stanley Wilkens Struble** was born on 20 Mar 1938 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.
170 F v. **Jennifer Suzanne Struble** was born on 26 Sep 1946 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

122. **Mabel Claire Champine** (George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 7 Mar 1886 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 14 Jan 1978 in Spokane, Washington. She was buried in Fairmount Cem, Spokane, Washington.
Mabel married **Cecil Leroy Todd** on 4 Mar 1908 in Ceylon, Minnesota. Cecil was born on 30 Jul 1886 in Frankville, Iowa. He died on 3 Jun 1960 in Spokane, Washington. His mother died early and he lived with his Aunt and Uncle Watters. Farmed in Lake Belt Township, Minnesota. Went back to his old home Postville. Later returned to Fairmont, Minnesota. Worked for Mr. Van Der Reit (construction) and Vic Small (plumbing) in Fairmont. Moved to Spokane in 1945. Cecil and Mabel had the following children:

\+ 171 F i. **Helen Lucille Todd** was born on 25 Apr 1910. She died in Feb 1978.
\+ 172 F ii. **Marjorie Merle Todd** was born on 28 Mar 1914. She died on 30 Nov 1984.

125. **Alice Beryl Champine** (George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Sep 1896 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 28 Nov 1982 in Worthington, Minnesota. Alice had no children. Robert is the child of Chester Shore. Alice married **Chester Milton Shore** on 17 Feb 1931 in Sherburn, Minnesota. Chester was born on 17 Feb 1893 in Ransom Twsp., Worthington, Minnesota. He died on 18 May 1958 in Worthington, Minnesota. He was buried on 20 May 1958 in Ransom Twsp Cem, Worthington, Minnesota. They had the following children:
\+ 173 M i. **Robert Shore** was born on 25 Feb 1921.

126. **Ashley Floyd Champine** (George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Feb 1900 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He died on 14 Jun 1966 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was buried

on 19 Jun 1966 in Lake Belt, Minnesota, Lake Belt Cem.. In 1921 he went to machinist school in Kansas City. In 1923 he returned to Fairmont, where he went to work for the Martin County Engineer and the Fairmont Railway Motors. In 1925 he opened a radio shop on First Street, Fairmont. In 1936 he sold his radio shop to his long term employee, Freddie Sahr, and went into the electrical contracting business. Ashley married **Carol Genevieve Northway** daughter of Homer Clayton Northway and Allena Vittum on 24 Nov 1932 in Chicago, Illinois. Carol was born on 13 Dec 1912 in Alpha, Minnesota. She died on 28 May 1998 in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was buried on 1 Jun 1998 in Lake Belt, Ceylon, Minnesota.

+ 174 M i. **George Allen Champine** was born on 16 May 1934.
+ 175 M ii. **Charles Clayton Champine** was born on 2 Jan 1940. He died on 25 Nov 2004.
+ 176 M iii. **John Willard Champine** was born on 14 Feb 1946.

127. **George Lloyd Champine** (George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Feb 1900 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 4 Dec 1977 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He was buried in Lake Belt, Minnesota. It is said that George was given the nickname of "Colonel" after Colonel Teddy Roosevelt. He farmed on the original Charles Samuel homestead all of his life except when he was in the service. At age 42 he volunteered for the Army and served eight months in the medical corps until the army discharged him because of age. He then volunteered for the Navy and served as a medical corpsman with the Marines for several years. He was aboard a troop ship that made 19 trips across the Pacific and two trips to France. He served a year and six months in the Korean War.

George married **Grace Ellen Myers** daughter of Wilber Eugene Myers and Mary Grace Holmes on 3 Jun 1925 in Lake Belt Twsp, Minnesota. Grace was born on 3 Mar 1905 in Lake Belt Twsp, Minnesota. She died on 23 Dec 1999 in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was buried on 27 Dec 1999 in Lakebelt Cem. Ceylon, MN. They had the following children:

177 M i. **Robert Leslie Champine** was born on 1 Sep 1927 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Robert married **Lois Ennes Hutton** on 13 Apr 1977 in Lake Belt, Minnesota.
178 M ii. **Donald Roger Champine** was born on 13 Jun 1931 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 1 Nov 1944 in Lake Belt, Minnesota.
+ 179 F iii. **Jeanne Faye Champine** was born on 7 Mar 1934 in Lake Belt Minnesota.
+ 180 M iv. **Ray Walter Champine Maj.** was born on 10 Mar 1937 in Lake Belt Minnesota.
+ 181 F v. **Marilyn Kay Champine** was born on 5 May 1938 in Lake Belt Minnesota.
+ 182 M vi. **Jerry Wayne Champine** was born on 24 Apr 1940 in Lake Belt Minnesota.
+ 183 M vii. **Veryl Lloyd Champine** was born on 1 Jan 1944 in Lake Belt Minnesota.

128. **Jacob Elvin Champine** (John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 13 Feb 1887 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 28 Nov 1957 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Jacob married **Ethel May Ditz** on 3 Dec 1911 in Ceylon ?. Ethel May Ditz was born 5 Jul 1890 in Iowa to William and Carrie Ditz. She died 22 Oct 1980 in Fairmont, Martin, Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 184 F i. **Beryl Charlotte Champine** was born on 2 Jul 1917. She died on 26 Dec 2002. We believe Beryl was the daughter of the sister of Ethel Ditz Champine who died in child birth and was adopted by Ethel and Jacob Champine.

185 F ii. **Roberta Anklam** .

129. **Charles Elmer Champine** (John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 13 Feb 1887 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 24 May 1968 in Ceylon, Minnesota.

Charles married **Rissie Follett** on 16 Feb 1908 in Esterville, Iowa. Rissie was born on 19 Feb 1889 in Emmet Co., Iowa. She died on 6 Mar 1977 in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was buried in Lake Belt Cem., Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 186 M i. **Gerald E Champine** was born on 5 Jun 1909. He died in Jan 1989.

+ 187 M ii. **Howard Edward Champine** was born on 4 Sep 1910.

188 M iii. **Clair Arthur Champine** was born on 2 Nov 1912 in Ceylon, Minnesota. Clair married **Geraldine Rife** in 1945 in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

189 F iv. **Dorothy Marie Champine** was born on 26 Oct 1914 in Ceylon, Minnesota. She died on 15 Sep 1997 in Stocton, MO. She was buried in Lake Belt, Ceylon, Minnesota. Dorothy married **McClary** .

190 F v. **Myrle Evelyn Champine** was born on 13 Feb 1917 in Ceylon, Minnesota.

+ 191 M vi. **Elmer Robert (Mose) Champine** was born on 6 Mar 1920. He died on 19 Jan 2001.

+ 192 F vii. **Edith Faye Champine** was born on 13 Dec 1921. She died on 26 Aug 2005.

130. **Earl Wallace Champine** (John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 30 Sep 1898 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 18 Aug 1921 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He was buried in Lake Belt Cem, Minnesota. Died following operation for appendicitis. Earl married **Mary Louise Cook** on 1 Nov 1919 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Mary was born on 4 Jun 1900 in Welcome, Minnesota. She was christened in 1949 in Sherburn, Minnesota. She died on 8 Sep 1991 in Esterville, Iowa. She was buried on 13 Sep 1991 in Sherburn, Minnesota. Parents: William and Adelia (Arndt) Cook. Bookeeper. M. (2) Malville C. Gilbertson on 13 Oct 1923, Sioux Falls, SD. He died 15 Dec 1974. Children: D.D. "Gil" Gilbertson and Erlyse Champine. Earl and Mary had the following children:

+ 193 F i. **Erlyse Eilene Champine** was born on 14 Dec 1920.

131. **Wilbur W. Wiltse** (Lillian Emma Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 24 Jan 1887 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He died in Dec 1969 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was buried in Lake Belt Cem., Ceylon, Minnesota. Wilbur married **Bessie Reidel** . They had the following children:

+ 194 F i. **Eileen (Aileen) Wiltse** .

195 F ii. **Betty Jane Wiltse** . In 1992 lived near Sherburn, Minnesota. Had a son and daughter.

Betty married **Ignatius P. Maday** .

+ 196 F iii. **Leona Wiltse** .

135. **Jasper (Jep) Champine** (Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 11 Mar 1886. He died in 1948 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Jasper married **Julia** . They had the following children:

197 F i. **Jean Champine** .

136. **Ashley Burt Champine** (Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Aug 1892 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died in Feb 1976 in , Wisconsin.

Ashley married **Mabelle Peterson** on 19 Dec 1917 in Lake Fremont, Minnesota. Mabelle was born on 7 Jul 1891 in , Illinois. They had the following children:

+ 198 F i. **Janet Ione Champine** was born on 23 Jul 1921.
+ 199 F ii. **Mabel Louez Champine** was born on 2 Jul 1924.
+ 200 F iii. **Wanda Champine** .

137. **Madeline Minnie Champine** (Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 12 Feb 1894 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died in Apr 1976 in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Madeline married **Bernie Hawthorne** on 17 Dec 1913. Bernie was born on 8 Apr 1890. He died in Jan 1986 in Aitkin, Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 201 F i. **Zelma Ramona Hawthorne** was born on 3 Jan 1917.

138. **Percy Lee Champine** (Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 18 May 1897 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 14 Dec 1988 in Esterville, Iowa. He was buried on 19 Dec 1988 in Lake Belt Cem., Minnesota.

Percy married **Florence Catherine Foell** daughter of John Foell and Elizabeth Tourtellot on 23 Jun 1929 in Ceylon, Minnesota. Florence was born in Lake Belt, Ceylon, Minnesota. She died on 18 Apr 1998 in Trimont, Minnesota. She was buried on 21 Apr 1998 in Lake Belt, Ceylon, Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 202 M i. **Kenneth Champine** adopted, was born on 7 Sep 1936.
+ 203 F ii. **Charnelle Champine ,** adopted.

139. **Inez Evangaline Champine** (Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 19 Feb 1900 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Inez married **Chester John Ringgenberg** on 2 Sep 1920 in Esterville, Iowa. Chester was born on 28 Jun 1899 in Lytton, Iowa. He died on 4 Jan 1970 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He was buried on 9 Jan 1970 in Rochester, Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 204 M i. **Dean Howel Ringgenberg** was born on 21 Apr 1921. He died on 5 Oct 1944.
+ 205 M ii. **John Daren Ringgenberg** was born on 21 Mar 1924.
+ 206 M iii. **Philip Worth Ringgenberg** was born on 29 Feb 1928.

143. **Hazel Murtaugh** (Dillie Marion Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis).

Hazel married **Earl R. Ryan** . They had the following children:

207 M i. **William Ryan** .
208 M ii. **Lamar Ryan** .

145. **Glenn Orson Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 18 Sep 1897 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 25 Oct 1984 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was buried on 29 Oct 1984 in Lakeside Cem., Fairmont, Minnesota.

Glenn married **Lura Mabel Ross** on 24 Oct 1926 in Nashua, Iowa. Lura was born on 22 Aug 1899 in Goldfield, Iowa. They had the following children:

+ 209 F i. **Marlyse Lee Reed** was born on 19 Sep 1934.
+ 210 M ii. **Glenn Wallis Reed** was born on 26 Feb 1940.

146. **Lewis James Riley Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Jul 1900 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. He died on 29 Apr 1959. He was buried on 2 May 1959 in Algona, Iowa.

Lewis married **Elsie Bassett** . They had the following children:

211 F i. **Betty Reed** .
212 M ii. **Robert W. Reed** .
213 M iii. **James Reed** .

147. **Alma Lucretia Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 9 Nov 1902 in Dolliver, Iowa. She died on 27 Feb 1933 in Parker, Kansas. She was buried in Goodrich, Kansas. Alma married **Harry Early** on 23 Dec 1920 in Paola, Kansas. They had the following children:

214 F i. **Ione Early** was born on 2 Jul 1926 in Ventura, Iowa.
215 M ii. **Kenneth Early** was born on 4 May 1932 in Parker, Kansas.

148. **Fern Irene Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 30 May 1905 in Dolliver, Iowa. She died in Oct 1986 in Mason City, Iowa. Fern married **Shirley Rickard** . They had the following children:

216 F i. **Phyllis Rickard** .
217 M ii. **Glenn W. Rickard** .
218 M iii. **Gerald Rickard** .
219 M iv. **Riley R. Rickard** .

150. **Jasper Champine Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 14 Feb 1910 in Dolliver, Iowa. He died on 7 Jun 1994 in Humbolt, Iowa. Jasper married **Edna Buchan** . They had the following children:

\+ 220 F i. **Dolores Reed** .
\+ 221 F ii. **Sharon Reed** .
\+ 222 M iii. **Dennis B. Reed** .

151. **Jeanette Minna Reed** (Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 27 Aug 1912 in Dolliver, Iowa. She died in 1988 in Mason City, Iowa. Jeanette married **Cecil Jensen** . They had the following children:

223 M i. **Donald Jensen** .
224 F ii. **Janyce Jensen** .
225 M iii. **Kerry Jensen** .

Fifth Generation

153. **Dale Franklin Nugent** (Marion Arthur Nugent, John Charles Nugent, Sarah Champine, Louis) was born on 26 Jan 1921 in Vancouver, Washington. He died on 9 Jan 1997 in Portland, Oregon. He was buried on 11 Jan 1997 in Evergreen Mem., Vancouver, Washington. In the 1930s Dale was in the Civillian Conservation Corps at Camp Hemlock. He was in the army in World War II and then completed a four year machinist apprenticeship and worked as a Journeyman Machinest in Portland, Camas, and Vancouver. He was employed by Bonneville Power in 1976 when he had to take an early disability retirement. He then moved to Ocean Park, Washington where he worked as a Real Estate

Broker until about 1985. Dale married **Erdine McMichael** on 11 Mar 1943 in Vancouver, Washington. They had the following children:

226 M i. **Michael D. Nugent** .
227 M ii. **David W. Nugent** .

158. **Vesta Lorraine Junge** (Miriam Melissa (Myra) Preston, Benjamin Louis Preston, Melissa Luzetta Champine, Louis) was born on 29 Dec 1912 in Gibbon, Nebraska. Vesta has a BA from the U of Northern Colorado and was well toward the finish of her MA degree when she married. She taught in public schools in NE and CO. Her husband was also a teacher. Vesta married **Harold C. Tresler** on 27 Jul 1938 in Greeley, Colorado. They had the following children:

228 M i. **Michael Ross Tresler** was born on 12 May 1941 in The Dalles, Oregon. Michael married **Amelia Velasco** on 29 Nov 1975 in San Francisco, California.
229 M ii. **Ronald Blair Tresler** was born on 11 Mar 1944 in Oroville, California. He died on 19 May 1965 in Sacramento, California.

161. **Robert Apgar Claus (Champine)** (Clifford Carleton, Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 6 Mar 1921. Bob was a pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and later the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Langley Field, Virginia. Bob and Dorothy were divorced. Robert was born to Robert Claus, a furrier, and Helen Minerva Apgar Claus, a former "Miss 1926. He changed his name in 1939 to Robert Apgar Champine in honor of his mother and step father. On Dec 2, 1948 he became the 6th man and 3rd civilian to break the sound barrier. He exceeded Mach 1 on NACA flight 23 checking handling qualities and pressure distribution on the XS-1 at the Muroc Dry Lake in California.

Robert married **Dorothy Louise Comstock** daughter of John Paul Comstock and Vera Lauretta Aldrich on 18 Dec 1948 in Newport News, Virginia. Dorothy was born on 8 Feb 1928 in Haddonfield, New Jersey. She died on 9 Dec 1982. She was buried in Peninsula Mem, Newport News, Virginia. They had the following children:

\+ 230 M i. **Daniel Robert Champine** was born on 2 Apr 1951.
\+ 231 M ii. **Jeffrey Paul Champine** was born on 22 Jun 1952.
\+ 232 M iii. **Richard Edward Champine** was born on 11 Nov 1954.
\+ 233 M iv. **Stephen Clifford Champine** was born on 6 Jul 1957.
234 F v. **Patricia Diane Champine** was born on 19 Feb 1961 in Newport News, Virginia.
235 F vi. **Terry Vera Champine** was born on 12 Nov 1963 in Newport News, Virginia. Terry married **Carl Dow Brady** in Mar 1981.

166. **Jessie Jenee Struble** (Edward Louis Struble, Jessie Grace Champine, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 10 Nov 1929 in Siren, Wisconsin. Jessie married **Dean Wesley Barr** on 17 Jun 1951 in Lake Park, Minnesota. Dean was born on 18 Nov 1926 in Fargo, North Dakota. He died on 16 Jul 1973 in Fargo, North Dakota. They had the following children:

\+ 236 M i. **Robert Dean Barr** was born on 8 Mar 1957.
\+ 237 M ii. **David Wayne Barr** was born on 3 Mar 1962.
238 F iii. **Susan Ann Barr** was born on 26 Aug 1963 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

171. **Helen Lucille Todd** (Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Apr 1910 in Lake Belt, Martin Co., Minnesota. She died in Feb 1978. Helen married (1) **Harold Kendall** . They had the following children:

+ 239 M i. **Richard Bud Ramsey** .
+ 240 F ii. **Patrica Ramsey** .

Helen married (2) **Clarence Ramsey** .

172. **Marjorie Merle Todd** (Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 28 Mar 1914 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. She died on 30 Nov 1984 in Fairmont, Minnesota. From obituary. She attended Sherburn schools, and then moved to Fairmont with her family in 1930. Married Gordon Klopp in St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. They lived in several nearby towns and then moved back to Fairmont in 1958. Marjorie married (1) **Gordon John Klopp** on 27 Sep 1935 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Gordon was born on 7 Jan 1912 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Gordon's father was William Johonnas Fredrick Klopp, his mother was Margaret Dorothea Wilhemina Eckmann. Gordon and Marjorie had the following children:

+ 241 M i. **Daniel Dean Klopp** was born on 2 Dec 1936.
+ 242 F ii. **Sharon Kay Klopp** was born on 25 Jul 1942.
+ 243 M iii. **William John Klopp** was born on 5 Feb 1947.

Marjorie married (2) **George Harold Guy** in no marriage. George was born on 9 Apr 1912 in Pleasant Prairie, Minnesota. He died on 3 Aug 1974 in Fairmont, Minnesota. George and Marjorie had the following children:

+ 244 F iv. **Shirley Dolores Guy** was born on 22 Sep 1932.

173. **Robert Shore** (Alice Beryl Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Feb 1921. Robert is the child of Chester Shore by his first marriage. Robert married **Vivian Luing** on 14 Feb 1941. Vivian was born on 8 Aug 1921. They had the following children:

+ 245 M i. **Jerry Shore** was born on 19 Jul 1941.
+ 246 F ii. **Alma Shore** was born on 5 Sep 1942.
+ 247 M iii. **Tom Shore** was born on 25 Aug 1943.
248 M iv. **Jim Shore** was born on 5 Jun 1952.

174. **George Allen Champine** (Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 May 1934 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was christened in 1946 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Occupation: retired computer scientist. For more information, see above.

George married **Barbara Joan Nelson** daughter of Harold Andrew Nelson and Donna Ruth Graham on 17 Mar 1956 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Barbara was born on 7 Apr 1935 in Duluth, Minnesota. She was christened on 3 Aug 1947 in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by A.E.Olson. Born: St. Luke's Hospital. Barbara graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Education. She taught in Hopkins, Minn. As a child she moved with her parents and attended school in Proctor, St. Paul, and St. Cloud, all in Minnesota; in the state of Washington at Forks, and back to St. Cloud, Cokato, and Fairmont in Minn. where she graduated. She was editor of the school paper. Barbara also taught nursery school and

worked for H & R Block. One of her hobbies is genealogy. George and Barbara had the following children:

+ 249 F i. **Renee Carol Champine** was born on 16 Oct 1958.
+ 250 M ii. **Mark Allen Champine** was born on 28 May 1960.
+ 251 F iii. **Lisa Cherie Champine** was born on 14 Jun 1963.

175. **Charles Clayton Champine** (Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 2 Jan 1940 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He died on 25 Nov 2004 in Burnsville, Minnesota. Occupation: computer communications systems engineer. Grew up in Fairmont, MN and lived in the Minneapolis, MN area except for eight years in the San Francisco area. Charles married **JoAnne Grace Chalmers** daughter of Gordon Philips Chalmers and Mary Lou Brull on 13 Aug 1966 in St. Paul, Minnesota. JoAnne was born on 17 Oct 1945 in Marshall, Minnesota. She was christened on 24 Oct 1945 in Marshall, Minnesota. They had the following children:

+ 252 M i. **Stephen Chalmers Champine** was born on 26 Apr 1972.
+ 253 F ii. **Elizabeth Carol Champine** was born on 3 May 1973.

176. **John Willard Champine** (Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 14 Feb 1946 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Occupation: computer software manager. Grew up in Fairmont, MN and lived in the Minneapolis, MN area except for temporary work assignments in South Africa and England. Boating enthusiast. John married **Rosalie Lynn Mills** daughter of John Orr Mills and Rosalie Louise McCauley on 12 Oct 1968 in Crystal, Minnesota. Rosalie was born on 29 Aug 1946 in Omaha, Nebraska. They had the following children:

+ 254 M i. **Nathan Ashley Champine** was born on 23 Feb 1971 in Shakopee Minnesota.
+ 255 F ii. **Natalie Jean Champine** was born on 7 Oct 1974 in Wimbleton England.

179. **Jeanne Faye Champine** (George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 7 Mar 1934 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Jeanne Champine Lamp, born March 3, 1934, on the farm homesteaded by her great-grandparents, Charles and Lucretia Champine, as attested to by the land grant signed by President Rutherford B. Hayes June 15, 1877. She attended the first six grades at the "Champine School," so-called because it was located on land in the corner of that farm and had been donated for that purpose. She graduated as salutatorian from Ceylon High School in 1952. For more information see writeup above. Robert and Jeanne had the following children:

+256 M i. **Dean Leslie Lamp** was born on 26 Sep 1954.
257 M ii. **Dale Robert Lamp** was born on 25 May 1957 in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dale Robert Lamp, born May 25, 1957, in Rochester, Minn., graduated from Grand Meadow High School in Waldorf College (Iowa) with an AA degree in business administration and Minnesota State University at Mankato with a BS in accounting. He helped pay his way through college by officiating at football games and working as a sheriff's dispatcher. He joined the Holiday Stores group as an accountant at Northfield, later transferring to the Bloomington office as comptroller for Minnesota and Wisconsin operations. Like his older brother Dean, he is well known for his cooking ability, including baking rye bread from an old German recipe that takes three days to complete. During his early teens, he participated in a "Pork Cook Off" in which he, his father, and his brother Dean, each won in their respective age groups.

+ 258 M iii. **Greg Steven Lamp** was born on 26 Feb 1959.
+ 259 M iv. **Michael Jon Lamp** was born on 28 Apr 1962.
+ 260 F v. **Laurie Rose Lamp** was born on 31 Jan 1964.

180. **Ray Walter Champine Maj.** (George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 10 Mar 1937 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Ray married **Sara Nell Hudgins** daughter of Thomas Hudgins and Martha on 2 Oct 1960 in Paris, Tennessee. Sara was born on 14 Oct 1937 in Paris, Tennessee. Ray and Sara had the following children:
261 F i. **Cathy Lynn Champine** was born on 12 Aug 1961 in Paris, Tennesee. Cathy married **Edward Miles** on 19 Sep 1981 in Louisville, Kentucky.
+ 262 M ii. **Steven Lloyd Champine** was born on 27 Jul 1964.

181. **Marilyn Kay Champine** (George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 5 May 1938 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Marilyn married **Gerald Will** on 26 Dec 1959 in Ceylon, Minnesota. They had the following children:
263 M i. **Troy Duane Will** was born on 2 Aug 1961 in Mankato, Minnesota.
264 M ii. **Todd Gerald Will** was born on 29 Jan 1963 in Royal, Iowa. Todd married **Heather Ann Hulett** . Heather was born in 1963 in Grand Fork, ND.
+ 265 F iii. **Rebecca Diane Will** wasborn on 18 Dec 1970 in Spirit Lake Iowa.

182. **Jerry Wayne Champine** (George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 24 Apr 1940 in Lake Belt, Minnesota Jerry married (1) **Joann Swenson** on 19 Mar 1961 in Fairmont, Minnesota. The marriage ended in divorce. Joann was born on 29 Apr 1942 in Story City, Iowa. They had the following children:
+ 266 F i. **Deborah Jo Champine** was born on 26 Dec 1961.
+ 267 F ii. **Pamela Renee Champine** was born on 1 Jun 1964. She died on 8 Mar 2009.
+ 268 M iii. **Bradley Wayne Champine** was born on 31 Oct 1967.
+ 269 M iv. **Brian Robert Champine** was born on 24 Feb 1975.
Jerry married (2) **Kathleen** . The marriage ended in divorce.

183. **Veryl Lloyd Champine** (George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 1 Jan 1944 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Veryl married **Cheryl Ann Dietz** daughter of Richard Lee Dietz and Fern Marie Skillings on 19 Apr 1969 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Cheryl was born on 25 Dec 1948 in Fairmont, Minnesota. They had the following children:
+ 270 M i. **Jon David Champine** was born on 8 Mar 1973.
+ 271 M ii. **Jay Anthony Champine** was born on 8 Jan 1977.
272 M iii. **Jacques Robert Champine** was born on 30 Aug 1982 in Fairmont, Minnesota.

184. **Beryl Charlotte Champine** (Jacob Elvin, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 2 Jul 1917 in Ceylon, Minnesota. She died on 26 Dec 2002 in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was buried on 30 Dec 2002 in Lake Belt, Ceylon, Minnesota. Beryl married **Alfred Anklam** on 31 Oct 1945 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Alfred died on 22 Jan 1983 in Fairmont, Minnesota. They had the following children:
273 M i. **Dale Anklam** . Dale married **Karen** .
274 M ii. **Gary Anklam** .

186. **Gerald E Champine** (Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 5 Jun 1909 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He died in Jan 1989. Gerald married **Celeste Knutsen** in 1940 in Westbrook, Iowa. They had the following children:

+ 275 M i. **Charles Champine** .
  276 F ii. **Renee Champine** .

187. **Howard Edward Champine** (Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 4 Sep 1910 in Ceylon, Minnesota. Howard married **LaVina Magdalena Schmidt** daughter of Henry Schmidt and Ella Meyer on 9 Jun 1949 in Ceylon, Minnesota. LaVina was born on 24 Sep 1918 in Ceylon Minnesota. She was christened in St. John's United Church of Christ, Ceylon. She died on 30 Mar 2008 in Minneota, Minnesota. She was buried on 5 Apr 2008 in Lake Belt Cem, Ceylon. Howard and LaVina had the following children:

+ 277 M i. **Dean Champine** was born on 24 Oct 1952.

191. **Elmer Robert (Mose) Champine** (Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 6 Mar 1920 in Ceylon, Minnesota. He died on 19 Jan 2001 in Armstrong, Iowa. He was buried on 24 Jan 2001 in St. Mary's Catholic, Armstrong, Iowa. Elmer attended the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a rural mail carrier. Elmer married **Aletha (Alec) Le Clair** on 31 Jul 1943 in Syracuse, New York. Aletha was born on 21 Aug 1917 in Two Harbors, Minnesota. She died on 26 May 2000 in Armstrong, Iowa. They had the following children:

+ 278 M i. **John Robert Champine** was born on 5 May 1944. He died on 17 Dec 1995.
+ 279 F ii. **Dorothy Champine** was born on 31 Jul 1945.
+ 280 F iii. **Mary Champine** was born on 14 Dec 1946.
  281 F iv. **Kathrine Ann Champine** was born on 8 Jan 1948 in Fairmont, Minnesota. She died in infancy on 8 Jan 1948 in Fairmont, Minnesota.
  282 F v. **Charlene (Charlie) Champine** was born on 17 May 1952 in Esterville, Iowa. Charlene married **Curtis Eugene Meier** on 20 Mar 1982 in Greeley, Colorado. Curtis was born on 1 Jan 1953.
+ 283 F vi. **Maureen Champine** was born on 15 Oct 1953.
+ 284 M vii. **Charles Champine** was born on 7 Jul 1957.
+ 285 F viii. **Patricia Champine** was born on 23 Nov 1957.

192. **Edith Faye Champine** (Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 13 Dec 1921 in Ceylon, Minnesota. She died on 26 Aug 2005 in Baudette, Minnesota. She was buried on 31 Aug 2005 in Lake Belt Cemetery, Ceylon, Minnesota. Edith was known as "Fluff". Edith married **Jake Peter Loos** son of John Loos and Elizabeth Huck on 8 Mar 1942 in Mankato, Minnesota. Jake was born on 15 Feb 1921 in Lake Fremont Twp, Martin Co., Minnesota. He died on 23 May 1992 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was buried on 27 May 1992 in Ceylon, Minnesota, Lake Belt Cem. Jake worked at Eisenmenger Motors in Sherburn and at the Welcome Creamery. He served in the US Coast Guard. He operated a garage in Ceylon and upon retiring in 1978 moved to their home in Baudette, Minnesota. Jake and Edith had the following children:

+ 286 M i. **Douglas Loos** was born on 22 Sep 1941.
  287 F ii. **Penny Loos** was born on 23 Mar 1945.
  288 F iii. **Susan Loos** was born on 23 May 1947.
  289 F iv. **Myrle (Jackie) Loos** was born on 31 Jan 1953.

193. **Erlyse Eilene Champine** (Earl Wallace, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 14 Dec 1920 in Lake Belt, Minnesota. Erlyse married **Eugene Steinbrenner** son of Clarence Steinbrenner and Sophie Herch on 12 Feb 1944 in Everett, Washington. Eugene was born on 3 Sep 1921 in Minnesota. He died on 23 May 2003 in Clark, Washington. They had the following children:

+ 290 M i. **Peter Steinbrenner** was born in Mar 1954.
+ 291 F ii. **Judy Steinbrenner** was born in Sep 1955.
+ 292 M iii. **David Steinbrenner** was born in Aug 1957.
293 M iv. **Joseph Steinbrenner** was born in Jun 1960.

194. **Eileen (Aileen) Wiltse** (Wilbur W. Wiltse, Lillian Emma Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis). She married (1) Mr. Skog, (2) Max Bonin. Eileen married **Max Bonin** . They had the following children:

294 M i. **Wilbur Skog** .
295 F ii. **Elizabeth Skog** .
296 M iii. **Robert Bonin** .

196. **Leona Wiltse** (Wilbur W. Wiltse, Lillian Emma Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis). Leona married **Roosevelt Larson** . They had the following children:

297 M i. **Phillip Larson** .In 1992 he lived in Kent, Washington. Phillip married **Joyce Schultz**.
298 F ii. **Catherine Larson** .
299 F iii. **Bonnie Larson** .
300 M iv. **John Larson** .

198. **Janet Ione Champine** (Ashley Burt, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 23 Jul 1921. Janet married **Robert Appelt** on 19 Apr 1947. They had the following children:

301 F i. **Tamela Kyle Appelt** was born on 24 Jul 1958.
302 F ii. **Taunya Louise Appelt** was born on 17 Jul 1960.

199. **Mabel Louez Champine** (Ashley Burt, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 2 Jul 1924. Mabel married **Harvey Purdun** on 1 Sep 1947. He was born 25 Aug 1922, Burnett County, WI. They had the following children:

303 M i. **Raleigh Ray Purdun** was born on 14 Mar 1949. He married 29 Dec 1984 Santa Clara County, CA. to Janet K Sakai (born 9 Jul 1959 Santa Clara County, CA.)
304 F ii. **Vicki Ann Purdun** was born on 24 Apr 1952.

200. **Wanda Champine** (Ashley Burt, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis). Wanda married **Harold Peterson** on 11 May 1946. She. later divorced Harold on 30 Jul 1981 in Hennepin County, MN. She has resumed her maiden name and is living in Webster, WI. They had the following children:

305 M i. **Thomas Harold Peterson** was born on 24 Feb 1947.
306 F ii. **Renee Janet Peterson** was born on 20 Dec 1951. She married 1 Oct 1971 in Hennepin County, MN to Steven Richard Helme (born 27 Nov 1950. They later divorced 9 Feb 1995 in Anoka County, MN.

201. **Zelma Ramona Hawthorne** (Madeline Minnie Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 3 Jan 1917. Zelma married **Albert Roy Johnson** (born 19 Dec 1909 in Winnebago, Faribault, MN., died 3 Nov 2001 in Aitkin, Aitkin, MN.) Son of

Marion R. (born in Minnesota) and Petra (Gjestrum - born in Norway) Johnson. Zelma died 17 Jul 1985 in Aitkin, County, MN. They are buried in Lake View Cemetery in Aitkin MN They had the following children:

307 M i. **Alan Roy Johnson** .
308 F ii. **Zirla Katherine Johnson** .
309 M iii. **Lee Paul Johnson** .

202. **Kenneth Champine** (Percy Lee, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 7 Sep 1936 and was adopted. Kenneth married **Irene Fish** on 9 Nov 1962 in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. They had the following children:

\+ 310 F i. **Michelle Marie Champine** was born on 30 Oct 1963.
311 M ii. **Griffin Lawrence Champine** was born on 27 Oct 1965 in Spirit Lake, Iowa.
312 M iii. **Justin Lee Champine** was born on 22 Apr 1970 in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

203. **Charnelle Champine** (Percy Lee, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis). Charnelle was adopted. She married **Ralph H. Zeise** . They had the following children:

313 M i. **Norman Lee Zeise** was born about 1964. He died in 1998 in Minnesota. He was buried in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Norman was killed in an accident in the Twin Cities (Minnesota)
314 F ii. **Fonda Gay Zeise** .
Fonda married **Richard Havlik** .

204. **Dean Howel Ringgenberg** (Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 21 Apr 1921 in Sherburn, Minnesota. He died on 5 Oct 1944. He was buried in Rochester, Minnesota. He married Anne Blake in Presbyterian Church in Rochester in 1943, Minnesota. Enlisted in Naval Air Core 1941. Killed in service. Memorial marker at Rochester. They had the following children:

315 F i. **Tessa Anne Ringgenberg** was born in Nov 1944.

205. **John Daren Ringgenberg** (Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 21 Mar 1924 in Rochester, Minnesota. Married Dorothy Nackerude on July 16, 1927 at Luthern Church in Mankato, MN. Date given to us as 2/15/28, but it must be 1948 because Dorothy was born in 1928. He enlisted in paratroopers 1943-1945. John married **Dorothy Nackerude** . Dorothy was born on 16 Jul 1928. They had the following children:

\+ 316 M i. **Jon Dean Ringgenberg** was born on 27 Nov 1948.
\+ 317 M ii. **Bruce Reider Ringgenberg** was born on 12 Jun 1957.
318 F iii. **Barbara Anne Ringgenberg** was born on 4 Oct 1955.
Barbara married **Dale Larsen** on 4 May 1985. Dale was born on 24 Sep.
\+ 319 M iv. **Todd Andrew Ringgenberg** was born on 25 Jul 1958.

206. **Philip Worth Ringgenberg** (Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 29 Feb 1928 in Rochester, Minnesota. Philip married **Josephine Bisone** on 3 May 1953. Josephine was born on 15 Dec 1930. They had the following children:

320 M i. **Peter William Ringgenberg** was born on 28 Oct 1955. He died on 12 Jan 1957.
321 F ii. **Jane Elizabeth Ringgenberg** was born on 19 Mar 1958.
\+ 322 M iii. **Thomas Dean Ringgenberg** was born on 30 Aug 1959.
323 F iv. **Peggy Louise Ringgenberg** was born on 23 Feb 1962.

Peggy married **Jay Kenneth Scovil** on 21 Jul 1990. Jay was born on 21 Dec 1962.

209. **Marlyse Lee Reed** (Glenn Orson Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 19 Sep 1934 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Marlyse married **James Arthur Stapleton** on 25 Aug 1956 in Hudson, Wisconsin. They had the following children:

+ 324 F i. **Elizabeth Katharene Stapleton** was born on 1 Jul 1957.

This marriage ended in divorce. Marlyse married (2) **John David Stanley Sr.** on 22 Oct 1982.

210. **Glenn Wallis Reed** (Glenn Orson Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Feb 1940 in Fairmont, Minnesota. He was christened in Fairmont, Minnesota, Methodist. Glenn married **Mary Margaret U'Ren** on 24 Jun 1961 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Mary was born on 2 Apr 1940. Glenn and Mary had the following children:

325 M i. **Scott Wallis Reed** was born on 4 Feb 1967 in Fairmont, Minnesota.
326 F ii. **Mary Lee Reed** was born on 14 Dec 1970 in Fairmont, Minnesota.

220. **Dolores Reed** (Jasper Champine Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis). Dolores married **Eugene Brugman** . They had the following children:

327 M i. **David Brugman** .
328 F ii. **Julie Brugman** .
329 F iii. **Kimberly Brugman** .
330 M iv. **Thomas Brugman** .

221. **Sharon Reed** (Jasper Champine Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis). Sharon married **Duane Larson** . They had the following children:

331 F i. **Kristy Larson** .
332 M ii. **Scott Larson** .
333 M iii. **Carey Larson** .
334 M iv. **Daniel Larson** .

222. **Dennis B. Reed** (Jasper Champine Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis). Dennis married **Angeline Segreta** . They had the following children:

335 M i. **Kelly Reed** .
336 M ii. **Shadlee Reed** .
337 M iii. **Jeffrey Reed** .

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230. **Daniel Robert Champine** (Robert Apgar Claus (Champine), Clifford Carleton, Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 2 Apr 1951 in Newport News, Virginia. Daniel married **Shari Royal** . They had the following children:

338 F i. **Renee Champine** was born in 1977.

231. **Jeffrey Paul Champine** (Robert Apgar Claus (Champine), Clifford Carleton, Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 22 Jun 1952 in Newport News, Virginia. Jeffrey married **Candi Price** . They had the following children:

339 F i. **Jennifer Jill Champine** was born in 1980.
340 F ii. **April Marie Champine** was born in 1981.

232. **Richard Edward Champine** (Robert Apgar Claus (Champine), Clifford Carleton, Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 11 Nov 1954 in Newport News, Virginia. Richard married **Penney McCullough** . They had the following children:
 341 F i. **Crystal Jane Champine** was born in 1977.
 342 M ii. **Richard Edward Champine** was born in 1979.

233. **Stephen Clifford Champine** (Robert Apgar Claus (Champine), Clifford Carleton, Louis Samuel, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 6 Jul 1957 in Newport News, Virginia. Stephen married **Brenda Davis** . They had the following children:
 343 F i. **Amanda Champine** was born in 1976.
 344 F ii. **Erica Champine** was born in 1980.
 345 F iii. **Coreen Champine** was born in 1981.

236. **Robert Dean Barr** (Jessie Jenee Struble, Edward Louis Struble, Jessie Grace Champine, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 8 Mar 1957 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Robert married **Holly Beth Knutt** on 27 Aug 1983 in Dickenson, North Dakota. Holly was born on 7 Sep 1957 in Fargo, North Dakota. They had the following children:
 346 M i. **Joshua Dean Barr** was born on 26 Jan 1987 in Fargo, North Dakota.

237. **David Wayne Barr** (Jessie Jenee Struble, Edward Louis Struble, Jessie Grace Champine, Zeddock Clark, Louis) was born on 3 Mar 1962 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. David married **Jennifer Louise Nelson** on 26 Sep 1981 in Hawley, Minnesota. Jennifer was born on 20 Sep 1963 in Jacksonville, North Carolina. They had the following children:
 347 M i. **Christopher David Barr** was born on 20 Feb 1985 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

239. **Richard Bud Ramsey** (Helen Lucille Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis). Richard married **Rosalie** . They had the following children:
 348 M i. **Gary Ramsey** .
 349 M ii. **Richard Ramsey** .
 350 F iii. **Vickie Ramsey** .
 351 F iv. **Sherry Ramsey** .

240. **Patrica Ramsey** (Helen Lucille Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis). Patrica married **Russell Emert** . They had the following children:
 352 F i. **Linda Emert** .

241. **Daniel Dean Klopp** (Marjorie Merle Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 2 Dec 1936 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Daniel married **Janet Weiske** . They had the following children:
 353 M i. **Mark Klopp** .
 354 F ii. **Lori Klopp** .
 355 F iii. **Patrica Klopp** .

242. **Sharon Kay Klopp** (Marjorie Merle Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Jul 1942 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Sharon married **Wayne Jahnke** in Fairmont, Minnesota. Wayne was born on 2 Jan 1939 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They had the following children:
 356 M i. **Michael Jahnke** was born on 10 Jul 1962 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

357 F ii. **Christine Jahnke** was born on 4 Aug 1963 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.
358 F iii. **Lisa Jahnke** was born on 27 Oct 1967 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

243. **William John Klopp** (Marjorie Merle Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 5 Feb 1947 in Fairmont, Minnesota. William married **Jennifer Olson** . They had the following children:
359 F i. **Margo Klopp** .

244. **Shirley Dolores Guy** (Marjorie Merle Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 22 Sep 1932 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Shirley married **Donald Ray Allen** on 17 Nov 1951 in Bellingham, Washington. Donald was born on 22 Aug 1932 in Milbank, South Dakota. Donald and Shirley had the following children:
\+ 360 M i. **Michael Lee Allen** was born on 1 Aug 1952.
361 F ii. **Donna Rae Allen** was born on 16 Jun 1954 in Limestone, Massachusetts.
362 F iii. **Patrica Jo Allen** was born on 5 Dec 1956 in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.
363 F iv. **Kathleen Diane Allen** was born on 30 Mar 1963 in Seattle, Washington.
364 F v. **Julie Marie Allen** was born on 17 May 1960 in Bellingham, Washington.

245. **Jerry Shore** (Robert Shore, Alice Beryl Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 19 Jul 1941. Jerry married **Helen Cramer** on 30 Nov 1963. Helen was born on 15 Nov 1944. Jerry and Helen had the following children:
365 F i. **Rosalind Shore** was born on 19 Dec 1968.
366 F ii. **Shelly Shore** was born on 1 Mar 1973.

246. **Alma Shore** (Robert Shore, Alice Beryl Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 5 Sep 1942. Alma married **Verlyn Wieck** on 7 Mar 1964. They had the following children:
367 M i. **Brian Wieck** was born on 19 Mar 1965.
368 F ii. **Susan Wieck** was born on 30 Nov 1966.
369 M iii. **Brent Wieck** was born on 3 Nov 1970.
Brent married **Chris** on 13 Apr 1991.

247. **Tom Shore** (Robert Shore, Alice Beryl Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Aug 1943. Tom married **Ruth Whelan** on 6 Jun 1963. Ruth was born on 11 Dec 1945. They had the following children:
370 M i. **Tony Shore** was born on 3 Mar 1966.

249. **Renee Carol Champine** (George Allen, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 16 Oct 1958 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was christened on 30 Nov 1958 in Fairmont, Minnesota, UMC. Renee has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the U. of Minnesota. She worked for Digital Equipment Corp and then Hewlett Packard as a Manufacturing Development Engineer in the Clinical Systems Business Unit (Medical Systems). She was a group manager at HP. Year 2000: Renee has a corporate environmental position at Agilant, an HP spin off. In 2000 she earned an executive MBA from Boston University. Renee and David Olson were married on 3 April 1982 in a small private ceremony and were married again in a large church wedding by the same minister and in the same church on 3 July 1982.

Renee married **David Eric Olson** son of Robert James Olson and Gwen Lynette Hansen on 3 Apr 1982 in Bloomington, Minnesota, Lutheran. David was born on 6 Nov 1960 in Virginia, Minnesota. Four of David's ancestors came on the "Mayflower" in 1620: Francis Cooke, Issac Allerton and his wife Mary, and their daughter Mary Allerton. His ancestor Robert Cushman was the person who hired the "Mayflower." Robert's son, Thomas lived with Governor Bradford, and succeeded William Brewster as Elder of the Plymouth church. David's ancestor, Mary Allerton was the last survivor of those who came on the "Mayflower." 1991, V.P. of PDG., 1994 Product manager for Progress Software. David and Renee had the following children:

371 M i. **Andrew Carl Olson** was born on 29 Dec 1990 in Framingham, Massachusetts. He was christened on 3 Aug 1991 in Thief Riv. Falls, Minnesota, Zion Lutheran.

372 F ii. **Kari Anne Olson** was born on 2 Oct 1992 in Framingham, Massachusetts.

250. **Mark Allen Champine** (George Allen, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 28 May 1960 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He was christened on 18 Oct 1964 in Burnsville, Minnesota, River Hills, UMC. Mark has a BS from the University of Minnesota and a Masters Degree from Boston University, both in computer software engineering. He worked for Digital Equipment Corp, Compugraphics, and the Apollo Division of Hewlett Packard. Year 2000: Mark worked for Iris, a subsidary of Lotus Corp and IBM, and later for Koronos. He is involved in developing computer security systems.

Mark married **Lori Ann Freel** daughter of Richard Hastings Joseph Freel and Patricia O'Malley on 17 Jun 1989 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Lori was born on 11 Aug 1961 in Clinton, Massachusetts. Lori worked for Digital Equipment Corporation, Marlboro, Massachusetts from 1981 until 1986. In 1989 she earned a BSed from U-Mass, Boston. She taught first grade at the Kittredge and the Thomson schools in North Andover, Massachusetts. Year 2000: Lori teaches pre-school in Concord, Mass. and has a store selling stamping materials.

Mark and Lori had the following children:

373 M i. **Tyler Allen Champine** was born on 26 Feb 1991 in Beverly, Massachusetts.

374 M ii. **Luke Hastings Champine** was born on 12 Apr 1993 in Beverly, Massachusetts.

375 F iii. **Kelly Elizabeth Champine** was born on 12 May 1995 in Beverly, Massachusetts.

251. **Lisa Cherie Champine** (George Allen, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 14 Jun 1963 in Morristown, New Jersey. She was christened on 18 Oct 1964 in Burnsville, Minnesota, River Hills, UMC. Lisa has a degree in Computer Science from the University of Minnesota. She worked for the Super Computer Center at The U. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. In January of 1990 Lisa went to work for the Astronomy Dept.(NASA) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. In 1992 she went to work for The Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1995, Manager at HSCA. Lisa was first married to Jon Owens. This marriage ended in divorce. Year 2000: Lisa is manager of the computers that process the information from the new x-ray satellite, Chandra, that was recently put into orbit by the space shuttle.Lisa married second **Lee David (Lampert) Paton** son of David Lee Lampert and Yvette Amelie Wyns on 5 Dec 1989 in Bloomington, Illinois. The marriage ended in divorce. Lee was born on 1 Sep 1958 in Champaign, Illinois. He was christened in Denver, Colorado. Lee went to college in

Illinios, and attended Wentworth Technical Inst. in Massachusetts. Lee works for EMC Corporation, a computer memory co. In 1995 he was promoted to Field Service Engineer. Lee and Lisa had the following children:

376 F i. **Nicole Cherie Paton** was born on 25 Sep 1991 in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was christened on 6 Aug 2002 in Koronis Chapel, Paynesville, MN.

377 M ii. **David Lee Paton** was born on 3 Jan 1995 in Concord, Massachusetts. He was christened on 6 Aug 2002 in Koronis Chapel, Paynesville, MN.

252. **Stephen Chalmers Champine** (Charles Clayton, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Apr 1972 in Mountain View, California. Stephen married **Heather Ann Marx** daughter of Sharon Marx on 10 Sep 1999 in Holy Trinity, S.St.Paul, Minnesota. They had the following children:

378 F i. **Hayden Lee Champine** was born on 18 Dec 2005 in Minnesota.

379 F ii. **Lauren Ann Champine** was born on 30 Jun 2008 in Edina, Minnesota Fairview Southdale. She was christened on 7 Dec 2008 in St. Nicolas,New Market, Minnesota.

253. **Elizabeth Carol Champine** (Charles Clayton, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 3 May 1973 in Saratoga, California. Elizabeth married **Mathew Miller** in 2007 in Mound Minnesota. They had the following children:

380 M i. **Austin Miller** .

381 M ii. **Joel Ryan Miller** was born on 24 Aug 2009 in Waconia, Minnesota.

382 F iii. **Katherine Joanne Miller** was born on 18 Feb 2011 in Waconia, Minnesota.

254. **Nathan Ashley Champine** (John Willard, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 23 Feb 1971 in Shakopee, Minnesota. He was christened in Apr 1984 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Nathan married **Adrian Elizabeth Petty** daughter of Gordon Petty and Robbye on 3 Jul 1999 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had the following children:

383 M i. **Julian Ashley Champine** was born on 28 Mar 2003 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I **Genevieve Elizabeth Champine** was born 20 January 2009 in Shakopee, Minnesota

255. **Natalie Jean Champine** (John Willard, Ashley Floyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 7 Oct 1974 in London, England. Natalie married **Charles Rhoden** on 31 Aug 2002 in Golden Valley, Minnesota. They had the following children:

384 M i. **John David Rhoden** was born on 13 Feb 2006 in Shakopee, Minnesota.

385 M ii. **Connor McCauley Rhoden** was born on 3 May 2008 in Shakopee, Minnesota.

256. **Dean Leslie Lamp** (Jeanne Faye Champine, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Sep 1954 in Estelline, South Dakota. Dean Leslie Lamp is the Band Director for grades 5-12 at Glidden-Ralston School in Glidden, Iowa. Since 2008 he has also served as the Band Director for grades 7-12 at the Coon Rapids-Bayard School in Coon Rapids, Iowa. He is also founder and teacher of the Vangard Summer Music Academy and works a few days a year for the State Parks service in the education center of Swan Lake State Park. Dean has made an unusual hobby out of his lifelong interest in cooking. He enjoys planning and preparing food for large groups of people. Among his efforts are a "football game tailgate" meal for an estimated 1750 people (with a crew of 17 helping) and 168 lbs. of Christmas Fudge (with a crew of 11) for a fundraiser. The largest

meal he has prepared without additional help was turkey, potatoes, gravy and stuffing for 85 people at church. Dean married **Lynne Pfister** on 24 Aug 1974 in Forest City, Iowa. Lynne Pfister Lamp works for Advanced Services of Iowa, which provides highly trained and experienced workers to area companies on a long term, temporary basis. Her specialties are tax and insurance claim processing. She enjoys spending leisure time in her flower gardens. Dean and Lynne have built a special deck on their home designed to provide shelter for birds and accommodate an assortment of feeders. They enjoy the variety of orioles, finches, cardinals, juncos, woodpeckers and hummingbirds that they attract throughout the changing seasons. Dean and Lynne had the following children:

386 M i. **Erik James Lamp** was born on 25 Aug 1987 in Glidden, Iowa. Erik James Lamp, born August 25, 1987, attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, eventually transferring to the Institute for Production and Recording in Minneapolis. He graduated with a degree in audio engineering and is currently employed as a supervisor at NCO Corp. in Minneapolis, which provides technical support to users of a variety of Apple products. He is also doing some work at "The Terrarium," which is one of the top recording studios in the Minneapolis area, in hope that it will eventually become a full-time job. One of his projects was working as assistant engineer on the album, "Take It Outside" by the Okee Dokee Brothers, which won a "Parents' Choice Award" and was nominated for a Grammy as "Best Children's Album of 2010." It did not win, but at age 23, Erik is proud to say he already has a legitimate Grammy credit.

387 M ii. **Daniel Andrew Lamp** was born on 12 Jan 1990. Daniel Andrew Lamp, born January 12, 1990, is a third year student at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, majoring in engineering. He was recently chosen by the federal government to receive a "SMART Grant," (Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent) which is intended to "aid students with exceptional potential in key areas essential to the future of America."

258. **Greg Steven Lamp** (Jeanne Faye Champine, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Feb 1959 in Rochester, Minnesota. Greg Steven Lamp was born February 26, 1959, in Rochester, Minn. He graduated from Grand Meadow High School in 1977 and attended technical schools in Kansas City, Mo., and Rochester, Minn., to obtain an electronics degree. He has worked for IBM in Rochester for 30 years. Before IBM, Greg worked part-time in the construction industry for Jerry and Marilyn (Champine) Will. He enjoys hunting with both firearms and bow and arrow. From the time he was in high school through about age 30, he trapped furbearers in local streams. Taking care of their 31-acre homestead is a labor of love for Greg. He maintains five acres of restored prairie and has 20 acres of woods where he actively works to remove invasive buckthorn. He raises shiitake mushrooms on about 50 logs and enjoys sharing them with friends. Greg has volunteered for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, surveying "goat prairies" (sometimes termed hill prairies, goat prairies are dry prairies found mainly along the valley of the Mississippi but can occur elsewhere) for rare plants, timber rattlesnakes and golden eagles. He enjoys being an official at high school football games and playing volleyball and softball. He has been involved with community service for most of his adult life and is busy planning for Grand Meadow's Sesquicentennial celebration in June of 2012. Greg married **Meghan Burke Stier** on 9 May 1981 in Grand Meadow, Minnesota. Meghan was born on 16 Jul 1960 in Rochester, Minnesota. Meghan Burke Lamp, born July 16,

1960, graduated from Grand Meadow High School in 1978 and attended technical school and college in Austin and Rochester, Minn., obtaining her four-year RN degree. Meghan has worked for the Mayo Clinic and St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for 30 years and has been in the emergency care field for most of her career. She is currently a flight nurse on Mayo One, the Mayo Clinic ambulance service, and also heads the Grand Meadow Ambulance Service, and teaches classes on emergency care in area communities. Meghan enjoys landscape gardening around the house and also enjoys reading a good book whenever she gets the time. She is a great chef and enjoys making meals and spending time with her extended family. Greg and Meghan had the following children:

388 M i. **Robert Francis Lamp** was born on 25 Sep 1991 in Rochester, Minnesota.
Robert Francis Lamp, born September 25, 1991, in Rochester, Minn., graduated from Grand Meadow High School in 2010 and is in his first year of college at St. Cloud State, where he plans to get a degree in the computer field. As a child, Robert enjoyed playing in the woods and the stream in his backyard. Robert and his friends built a massive tree house in the woods and enjoyed many campfires and nights spent in his tent. He enjoys hunting and fishing. He has been to Alaska three times and has caught fish larger than himself. He has also harvested several deer and turkeys while hunting in their woods with his dad. His favorite hobby is working on his car, a 1991 Buick Regal.

259. **Michael Jon Lamp** (Jeanne Faye Champine, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 28 Apr 1962 in Rochester, Minnesota. Michael Jon Lamp married Lisa Schuster November 23, 1996. He has worked 25 years for Rochester Cheese in Spring Valley, Minn., as a research and development scientist, working with doctors and food scientists from Campbell Soup, Nestle, and Con-Agra coast to coast and worldwide. He was an outstanding high school athlete and now enjoys coaching girls basketball. Michael married **Lisa Schuster** on 23 Nov 1996 in Rochester, Minnesota. Lisa was born on 13 Jun 1963. Lisa Ann (Schuster) Lamp has worked 25+ years as an 4th and 5th grade elementary teacher in the Southland School District in Rose Creek, Minn. She received her master's degree in elementary education in 2003.Michael and Lisa had the following children:

389 F i. **Kelsie Ann Lamp** . Kelsie Ann Lamp is currently a 7th grade student at Southland High School in Adams, Minn., She enjoys sports, including volleyball, basketball and track, as well as 4-H, where she has won Grand Champion at the county fair the past two years for showing her dog Shadow in agility and showmanship.

390 M ii. **Noah Philip Lamp** was born on 11 Sep 2001.
Noah Philip Lamp was born September 11, 2001, shortly after the twin towers came down in New York because of the terrorist attack. He is currently in 3rd grade at Southland Elementary School at Rose Creek. He enjoys all sports and is active in basketball, football and baseball through the YMCA in Austin, Minn.

260. **Laurie Rose Lamp** (Jeanne Faye Champine, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 31 Jan 1964 in Rochester, Minnesota.
Laurie Lamp Kallinen was born December 31, 1964, and resides in northern Minnesota on an acreage outside the small town of Silver Bay along the shore of Lake Superior. She married Kevin Kallinen October 4, 1986. Laurie has held a number of part-time positions over the years, including maintaining a successful cottage business for over eight years and being a secretary for North Shore Christian Academy for six years; however her primary job has

been as a stay at home mom to her five sons. Laurie is currently working as assistant food and beverage manager and waitress at a popular restaurant on the North Shore. Her leisure time interests include singing in the North Shore Voices community choir and with the worship team at her church and learning about religion and history, particularly ancient middle-eastern culture. Laurie married **Kevin Kallinen** on 4 Oct 1986 in White Bear, Minnesota. Kevin Kallinen has been the sole proprietor of Kevin Kallinen Contracting for over 20 years. The business focus is primarily logging for the production of paper and wood products and as a major supplier of firewood to the area. Kevin's logging sites have been used as an example of good environmental practices for sustainable forestry by both the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Kevin's leisure time interests include fishing and hunting.Kevin and Laurie had the following children:

391 M i. **Zackary Lee Kallinen** was born on 29 Jul 1987 in Forest Lake, Minnesota. He is a 2010 graduate with honors of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College with a degree in certified maintenance technologies. While looking for work in his field, he is currently working in his father's business. His interests include reading, hunting and paint-balling.

392 M ii. **Thomas Daniel Kallinen** was born on 13 Aug 1989.
Thomas Daniel Kallinen, born August 13, 1989, is currently working in his father's business. His interests include snowboarding, hunting and fishing.

393 M iii. **Jordan Paul Kallinen** was born on 25 Jul 1991.
Jordan Paul Kallinen, born July 25, 1991, is currently working in his father's business and considering his options for college. His interests include reading, paint-balling, and knife-making.

394 M iv. **Evan Matthew Kallinen** was born on 18 Jan 1998. Evan Matthew Kallinen is a 7th grade student. His interests include fishing, hunting, videography and nature crafting.

395 M v. **Collin Robert Kallinen** was born on 19 Jul 1999. Collin Robert Kallinen is a 6th grade student. His interests are movies, karate, and spending time with friends.

262. **Steven Lloyd Champine** (Ray Walter, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 27 Jul 1964 in Paris, Tennesee. 1999 Steven is an FBI agent assigned to the Pascagoula MS Resident Agency. Steven married **Melissa Farris** on 5 Apr 1986 in Murray, Kentucky. Melissa was born on 24 Jul 1964. They had the following children:

396 M i. **Bradley Farris Champine** was born on 24 Aug 1989 in Orlando, Florida.

397 M ii. **Bryan Christopher Champine** was born on 17 Jul 1993 in Martin, TN.

398 M iii. **Cooper Ray Champine** was born on 30 May 2001 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

399 M iv. **Cameron Jay Champine** was born on 24 Aug 2003 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

265. **Rebecca Diane Will** (Marilyn Kay Champine, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 18 Dec 1970 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Rebecca married **Chad Anson Brinkman** . Chad was born in 1972. They had the following children:

400 M i. **Connor Alexander Brinkman** was born in 1995 in Northfield, Minnesota.

401 M ii. **Ethan Quinn Brinkman** was born in 1998 in Northfield, Minnesota.

266. **Deborah Jo Champine** (Jerry Wayne, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 26 Dec 1961 in New London, Connecticut. Deborah married **Russell Salmi** on 4 Jul 1987 in Lindenhurst, Illinois. Russell was born on 1 Mar 1959 in Waukegan, Illinois. They had the following children:
   402 F i. **Samantha Jo Salmi** was born on 21 Oct 1997 in Highland Park, Illinois.

267. **Pamela Renee Champine** (Jerry Wayne, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 1 Jun 1964 in Glen Burnie, Maryland. She died on 8 Mar 2009 in Greenwich Village, NY, NY. She was buried on 14 Mar 2009 in 1st Presbyterian 5th Ave and 12th street,Manhattan. Pamela was a Professor of law, New York Law School. Pamela married **David Simonetti** on 5 Aug 1989 in Chicago, Illinois. David was born on 12 Jun 1964 in Rhode Island. They had the following children:
   403 F i. **Isabella Grace Simonetti** was born on 4 Sep 1999.

268. **Bradley Wayne Champine** (Jerry Wayne, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 31 Oct 1967 in Waukegan, Illinois. Bradley married **Renee Schubert** on 6 May 2000 in Long Grove, Illinois. The marriage ended in divorce. Renee was born on 15 Jul 1970. They had the following children:
   404 F i. **Matigan Grace Champine** was born on 12 Oct 2002 in McHewnry, Illinois.
   405 M ii. **Delaney Quinn Champine** was born on 14 Jun 2004.

269. **Brian Robert Champine** (Jerry Wayne, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 24 Feb 1975 in Waukegan, Illinois. Brian married **Bernadette Wilder** on 2 Jul 2005 in Cancun, Mexico. Bernadette was born on 1 Sep 1967. They had the following children:
   406 i. **Sasha Q Champine** was born on 26 Aug 2006.
   407 M ii. **Maximillian Champine** was born on 4 Feb 2008.

270. **Jon David Champine** (Veryl Lloyd, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 8 Mar 1973 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Completed the Officer Indoctrination Course, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, RI. An Aerospace Psysiologist in the Navy. Jon married **Bobbi Yurek** daughter of Bob Yurek and Linda Cross on 27 Apr 2007 in San Diego, California. Bobbi was born on 30 Jun 1974. They had the following children:
   408 M i. **Chase Matthew Champine** was born on 12 Jun 2008 in La Jolla California.
   409 F ii. **Sienna Rose Champine** was born on 20 Apr 2010 in San Diego, California.

271. **Jay Anthony Champine** (Veryl Lloyd, George Lloyd, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 8 Jan 1977 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Jay married **Melissa Marie Sheets** on 6 Sep 2003 in Ramsey County, Minnesota. Melissa was born in Jun 1977. They had the following children:
   410 F i. **Georgia Grace Champine** was born on 22 Feb 2007 in Edina, Minnesota.
   411 F ii. **Harper Marie Champine** was born on 7 Aug 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

275. **Charles Champine** (Gerald E, Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis). He had the following children:
   412 F i. **JoAnne Champine** .
   413 F ii. **Barbara Champine** .
   414 M iii. **Boy Champine** .

277. **Dean Champine** (Howard Edward, Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 24 Oct 1952. Some information shows a birth date of 10/10/51 Dean married **Karen Lachman** on 17 Jun 1978. They had the following children:
   415 F i. **Alison Blair Champine** was born on 24 Sep 1990.

278. **John Robert Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 5 May 1944 in Two Harbors, Minnesota. He died on 17 Dec 1995 in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. He was buried on 20 Dec 1995. John married **Ruth Louise Denman** on 17 Apr 1971 in Bayport, Minnesota. Ruth was born on 4 Oct 1947 in Winona, Minnesota. They had the following children:
   416 M i. **Christopher Robert Champine** was born on 5 Jan 1972 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
   Christopher married **Theresa Marie Anderson** on 9 Jun 2000 in Bayport, Minnesota. Theresa was born on 4 Aug 1968.
+ 417 F ii. **Jessica Marie Champine** was born on 27 Nov 1975.

279. **Dorothy Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 31 Jul 1945 in Two Harbors, Minnesota. Dorothy married (1) **William Leslie Bill Surber** on 12 Aug 1966 in Armstrong, Iowa. The marriage ended in divorce. William was born on 6 Jun 1943 in Annapolis, Maryland. They had the following children:
+ 418 M i. **Andrew Allen Surber** was born on 12 May 1969.

   Dorothy married (2) **Larry Kast** on 17 Sep 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Larry was born on 25 Jul 1942 in Louisville, KY.

280. **Mary Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 14 Dec 1946 in Farimont, Minnesota. Mary married **Robert Hamm** on 1 Apr 1968. Robert was born on 24 Jul 1944 in Midland, Texas. They had the following children:
   419 F i. **Elizabeth LeClair Hamm** was born on 12 Oct 1973 in Waco, Texas.
   Elizabeth married **Kurt Ranta** on 24 Aug 2002 in San Diego, California. Kurt was born on 26 May 1971 in San Diego, California.

283. **Maureen Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 15 Oct 1953. Maureen married **Mark Benda** on 10 Feb 1975. They had the following children:
   420 F i. **Leslie Benda** was born on 9 Nov 1979.
   421 M ii. **Greg Benda** was born on 14 Sep 1981.
   422 M iii. **Stephen Benda** was born on 2 Mar 1984.

284. **Charles Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 7 Jul 1957 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Some records show birth date as 7 Sept 1956. Charles married **Anne Hanken** on 24 Jun 1978 in Ledyard, Iowa. Anne was born on 7 Mar 1957 in Blue Earth, Minnesota. They had the following children:
   423 F i. **Kory Champine** was born on 30 Jan 1984 in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Kory married **Jared Steuber** son of Kurt Steuber and Pat on 17 May 2008 in Truman Minnesota.

424 F ii. **Carrie Champine** was born on 6 Dec 1988 in Fairmont, Minnesota.

285. **Patricia Champine** (Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 23 Nov 1957. Patricia married **Mike Snook** on 22 Aug 1987. They had the following children:

425 M i. **Aaron Snook** was born on 30 Aug 1989.
426 F ii. **Lindsey Snook** was born on 1 Apr 1991.

286. **Douglas Loos** (Edith Faye Champine, Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 22 Sep 1941. Douglas married **Julie** . They had the following children:

427 M i. **Steven Loos** .
428 F ii. **Diana Loos** .

290. **Peter Steinbrenner** (Erlyse Eilene Champine, Earl Wallace, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born in Mar 1954. Peter married **Kathy Zadina** in 1976. They had the following children:

429 M i. **Ryan Steinbrenner** was born in 1980.
430 F ii. **Jennifer Steinbrenner** was born in 1984.

291. **Judy Steinbrenner** (Erlyse Eilene Champine, Earl Wallace, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born in Sep 1955. Judy married **David Phillips** in 1976. They had the following children:

431 M i. **Brett Phillips** was born in Aug 1984.

292. **David Steinbrenner** (Erlyse Eilene Champine, Earl Wallace, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born in Aug 1957. David married **Teresa Harper** in 1982. David and Teresa had the following children:

432 M i. **Kevin Steinbrenner** was born in 1982.
433 F ii. **Lisa Steinbrenner** was born in 1985.

310. **Michelle Marie Champine** (Kenneth, Percy Lee, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 30 Oct 1963 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Michelle married **Ric Matthes** on 8 Jun 1985 in Milford, Iowa. Ric was born on 1 Oct 1964 in Clinton, Missouri. They had the following children:

434 F i. **Ashley Marie Matthes** was born on 19 Feb 1988 in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

316. **Jon Dean Ringgenberg** (John Daren Ringgenberg, Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 27 Nov 1948. Jon married **Cynthia** on 4 Oct 1975. Cynthia was born on 7 Jun 1957. They had the following children:

435 F i. **Cara Ringgenberg** was born on 12 Dec 1980.
436 F ii. **Tanya Ringgenberg** was born on 12 Dec 1980.
437 M iii. **Joseph Ringgenberg** was born on 1 Mar 1987.

317. **Bruce Reider Ringgenberg** (John Daren Ringgenberg, Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 12 Jun 1957. Bruce married **Ann** on 17 Jul 1976. Ann was born on 11 Sep 1952. They had the following children:

438 M i. **Mark Ringgenberg** was born on 23 Jul 1985.

439 M ii. **Brian Ringgenberg** was born on 26 Mar.
440 M iii. **Kevin Ringgenberg** was born on 9 Mar 1990.

319. **Todd Andrew Ringgenberg** (John Daren Ringgenberg, Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 25 Jul 1958. Todd married **Anne Haugen** on 8 Sep 1990. They had the following children:
441 M i. **Daniel John Ringgenberg** was born on 26 Jun 1991.

322. **Thomas Dean Ringgenberg** (Philip Worth Ringgenberg, Inez Evangaline Champine, Lever Elsworth, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 30 Aug 1959. Thomas married **Nancy Anne Elvig** on 22 Jan 1983. Nancy was born on 20 Oct 1961. They had the following children:
442 M i. **Eric Thomas Ringgenberg** was born on 6 Feb 1988.

324. **Elizabeth Katharene Stapleton** (Marlyse Lee Reed, Glenn Orson Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 1 Jul 1957 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Elizabeth married **Clifford Paul Smith** on 20 Feb 1982 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The marriage ended in divorce.They had the following children:
\+ 443 F i. **Courtney Leigh Stapleton-Smith** was born on 13 Sep 1982.

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360. **Michael Lee Allen** (Shirley Dolores Guy, Marjorie Merle Todd, Mabel Claire Champine, George Wilson, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 1 Aug 1952 in Spokane, Washington. Occupation: millwright journeyman. Michael married **Rhonda Marie Ellsworth** on 15 Jun 1973. Rhonda was born on 6 Jul 1954 in Evanston, Wyoming. Cosmetologist and homemaker. Michael and Rhonda had the following children:
444 M i. **Christopher Todd Allen** was born on 6 Jul 1975 in Bellingham, Washington.
445 M ii. **Craig Michael Allen** was born on 4 Mar 1978 in Bellingham, Washington.
446 F iii. **Nichole Marie Allen** was born on 17 Dec 1979 in Bellingham, Washington.

417. **Jessica Marie Champine** (John Robert, Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 27 Nov 1975 in Edina, Minnesota. essica married (1) **Rickey Jonathan Wade** on 11 Dec 1996 in Anoka, Minnesota. The marriage ended in divorce.Rickey was born on 16 Jan 1974 in Fridley, Minnesota. They had the following children:
447 M i. **Tyler Jordan Wade** was born on 20 Aug 2000 in Fridley, Minnesota.
Jessica married (2) **Daniel James Delfke** on 6 May 2006. Daniel was born on 23 Feb 1976.

418. **Andrew Allen Surber** (Dorothy Champine, Elmer Robert (Mose), Charles Elmer, John N, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 12 May 1969 in Kansas City, Missouri. Andrew married **Debra Marie Walters** on 28 Feb 1998 in Palm Springs, California. Debra was born on 26 Apr 1970 in Orange, California. They had the following children:
448 F i. **Kaetlin Marie Surber** was born on 7 May 2006 in San Diego, California.

443. **Courtney Leigh Stapleton-Smith** (Elizabeth Katharene Stapleton, Marlyse Lee Reed, Glenn Orson Reed, Mattie Champine, Charles Samuel, Louis) was born on 13 Sep 1982. Courtney married **Joseph (Qadir) Stern** on 8 Sep 1997 in Big Sur, California. They had the following children:

449 M i. **Adam Gabriel Dean Stern** was born on 23 Dec 2008 in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

450 F ii. **Aliyah Grace Stern** was born on 4 Aug 2010 in Santa Cruz, California.

17. Mortality Tables

Name	Date	Age	Cause
Mabel Champine Todd	1978	92	
Alice Champine Shore	1982	86	
George W. Champine	30 September 1941	85	Heart attack
John N. Champine	17 December 1943	84	Heart attack
Sibyl Champine Severson	1973	83	Old age
Lever Champine	29 December 1945	83	Stroke
Lloyd Champine	1977	77	Heart attack
Nellie Bassett Champine	15 March 1942	77	
Mattie Champine Reed	13 February 1953	75	Leukemia
Winnifred Champine Barnett	27 June 1936	71	Cancer
Lillian Champine Wiltse	20 May 1929	68	Cancer
Floyd Champine	14 June 1966	66	Heart attack
Mary Champine Fowler	20 Sept. 1936	61	Cancer
Alma Champine Goodell	14 October 1939	54	Car accident
Edith Champine Loos	26 August 2005	83	lymphoma

18. Cemetery Records

The following cemetery records were obtained from the Martin County Genealogy Society records

18.1. Lake Belt Cemetery – Ceylon Minnesota

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden N	D-Month	D-Day	D-Year
Champine	Charles	Samuel		8	22	1919
Champine	Lucretia		Tiffany	8	29	1927
Champine	George	Wilson		9	30	1941
Champine	Nellie	Iantha	Bassett	3	15	1942
Champine	John	N		12	17	1943
Champine	Jeanette		Cardwell	3	17	1953
Champine	Ashley	Floyd		6	14	1966
Champine	Carol	Genevieve	Northway	5	28	1998
Champine	George	Lloyd		12	4	1977
Champine	Grace		Myers	12	23	1999
Champine	Donald	Roger		11	1	1944
Champine	Lever	Elsworth		12	29	1945
Champine	Minnie		Hammer	3	29	1886
Champine	Daisy	Dean	Bassett	12	9	1959
Champine	Charles	Elmer		5	24	1968
Champine	Rissie		Follett	3	6	1977
Wiltse	Edwin	John		12	15	1929
Wiltse	Lillian	Emma	Champine	5	20	1929
Wiltse	Serena			8	25	1969
Wiltse	Millie			5	16	1977
Wiltse	Wilber	Willard		12	6	1969
Trusty	Sylvia		Wiltse	4	13	1984
Reed	Walter	Bailey		1	28	1964
Reed	Mattie		Champine	2	13	1953
Reed	Walter	William				
Anklam	Alfred			1	22	1983
Anklam	Beryl	Charlotte	Champine	12	26	2002
Loos	Edith	Faye	Champine	8	26	2005
Loos	Jake	Peter		5	23	1992
McClary	Dorothy	Marie	Champine	9	15	
Champine	Jacob	Elvin		11	28	1957
Champine	Ethel		Ditz			
Champine	Earl	Wallace		8	18	1921
Champine	Howard	Edward		7	16	1998
Champine	Lavina		Schmidt	3	30	2008
Champine	Percy	Lee		12	14	1988

Champine	Florence	Catherine	Foell	4	18	1998
Champine	Baby	(male)		4	14	1893
Champine	Jep	(Jasper)				1948

18.2. Lakeside Cemetery – Fairmont Minnesota

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maden Name	D-Month	D-Day	D-Year
Severson	Alfred	P.		July	2	1974
Severson	Sibyl	Lucretia	Champine	May	6	1973
Nelson	Harold	Andrew		August	16	1968
Nelson	Donna	Ruth	Graham	November	23	2008
Bassett	William	Orlando		May	13	1902
Bassett	Catherine	Maria	DeCoudress	May	25	1900
Bassett	Ashley	Marsh		September	9	1903
Bassett	Mary	Ann	Garner	June	10	1923
Bassett	George	Rave		June	17	1947
Bassett	Hattie		Ralph	September	3	1966

18.3. Tenhassen Township Cemetery – Ceylon Minnesota

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name	D-Month	D-Day	D-Year
Fowler	Mary		Champine	September	20	1936
Fowler	Irvin	J.		July	23	1938
Fowler	baby					
Barnett	Winnie		Champine	June	27	1936
Barnett	Stephen	G.		July	27	1928
Woolcutt	Louez		Champine	January	17	1954
Woolcutt	Johnson			February	14	1930
Bassett	George	A.				1930
Bassett	Jerome	R.		June	3	1885
Bassett	Sophia		Drake	April	19	1901