SOME DESCENDANTS OF JAMES and CHRISTEAN IRWIN

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WHOSE EFFORTS AT KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY MADE THIS WORK POSSIBLE.

INTRODUCTION

There is still much to discover about the origins of our family, but I have chosen to put into print what has been gathered up to now, and to let younger relatives try to fill in the missing generation[s] which first came to this country.

Data on current family members was provided by someone in that branch of the family. Wherever pictures or documents were sent to me, I have tried to include them. [Those not used did not copy well.]

Much information from a century ago, especially of a personal and often trivial nature, was obtained from reading newspapers published in or near Lawrence County, Illinois, which are available on microfilm from the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield. Principal sources were "The Sumner Press" in Sumner and the "Rural Republican" in Lawrenceville [both in Lawrence County].

Issues before 1885 were rarely available, and even after that, many individual issues and in some cases, whole years were missing. [Sumner Press had nothing for 1893 or 1899] In general, the newspapers covered the time from 1885 until 1912.

United States Census records were searched, and all those found were recorded here. [The 1890 Census is missing because it was accidentally destroyed by fire many years ago.] Where possible, a copy of the Census was made. However, some pages were in very bad condition, making copies unreadable.

The spelling of some names varied from source to source [i.e. Wagy or Waggy, Corbin or Corban]. My rule has been that I usually use the same spelling that my source material used, which can mean different spellings on the same page.

Some pages in this book have a border around them. This indicates that the enclosed data is about the family of an IRWIN in-law. Where possible, these have been placed on the left-hand side, so they can be read separately or concurrently with the IRWIN story.

I have tried to avoid errors, and ask pardon for those that escaped the editing process.

Marjorie Molloy Jansen [Harvey]

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4 Dec 1885: [Birds] Mr John IRWIN and brother are visiting Mr Jim IRWIN this week.¹

12 Feb 1886: [Birds] Jim IRWIN started out west Sunday afternoon to deliver a telegram, so he said.

22 Jul 1886: James and Etta IRWIN, of Birds Station, visited friends at this place [Union] last week.²

James was still at Birds Station when he married Emma S. YOUNG on the 6th of November, 1886 [see YOUNG - CENTERS FAMILY]. He quickly settled into domestic life, [from Rural Republican].

12 Nov 1886: Marriage License issued: James D. IRWIN - Emma YOUNG.

15 Apr 1887: [Birds] J. D. IRWIN is putting up a neat picket fence around his yard.

Details of their social life continued to be reported, such as these two items in the same edition of the Lawrenceville paper.³

27 May 1887: Mrs Lucinda WAMPLER visited her daughter, Emma IRWIN, Saturday evening. [Note: Lucinda was Emma's older sister, not her mother.]

27 May 1887: Jim IRWIN and wife visited in Honey Creek township Sunday evening, the guests of J. P. WEGER.

Jim and Emma had one child, Raymond Lee, who was born in October, 1887, in Birds, Illinois. The following note appeared in the Sumner newspaper that week:

22 Oct 1887: Note the smiling countenance of James D. Irwin: it's a voter and a Republican too.4

A few weeks later, the same paper reported:

11 Nov 1887: We now have a new telegraph operator at Birds.
The former agent, J. D. IRWIN, is now agent at Marshall.

The move to Marshall must have been very brief, for Jim was working at Flat Rock in Crawford County by the next spring.

RURAL REPUBLICAN, Lawrenceville, Illinois [continued]

² THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

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When the Census was taken in the summer of 1870, John, though only 42, was ill and not expected to live. The family was listed as follows:¹

YOUNG	John	42	肛
	Sarah	36	IN
	Lucinda	16?	IL (Age not clear)
	Charles	12?	П и н
	Annie	7	IL.
	Laura	5	IL
	Emma	3	I L
	Edgar	1	IL

John YOUNG died a few months later, on December 11, 1870 at his residence. His will, written on March 5th, 1870, lists six minor children, Lucinda A, Charles C, Annie B, Laura J, Emma S, and Frank E. Emma was still only three years old when her father died.

Probate was filed on January 23rd, 1871², and the Appraisement Bill was filed on February 22nd, 1871. Each of the minor children was to get 1/8 of the estate. [Was there another older child, or was the widow to get an extra share?] Lucinda asked for her share, which amounted to \$112.38 when she turned 18 later that year. Sarah, the widow, was executor of the estate.

Sarah later married Thomas F. HARDACRE [date and place unknown]. She has not yet been located in the 1880 Census. When Thomas HARDACRE's will was filed, February 12th, 1890, Sarah HARDACRE was administrator, and Emma IRWIN was listed among the heirs.³ Other than a visit Emma made to her mother in 1891, nothing more is known of Sarah CENTERS YOUNG HARDACRE.

In 1880, Emma and her brother, Charles, were living in Bond Township [near Birds] with a brother-in-law, Henry Stuart, and his wife, Alice L. This sister is previously unknown. [Was she the recipient of the other 1/8th of the YOUNG estate? What was Terracy's surname? and whose mother was she?] This household was the 150th visited by the census taker.⁴

#150	STUART,	Henry	43		farmer
		Alice L	27	wife	
	YOUNG,	Charles	21	bro-in-law	
	-	Теггасу	80	mth-in-law	
	YOUNG,	Emma	13	sis-in-law	
		Ethelbert	3	son	
		Albert	1	son	

^{1 1870} CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Lawrence Twp, Lawrenceville, sheet 3, page 88

² Lawrence County Courthouse, Lawrenceville, Illinois, Box 111, [1871]

³ Lawrence County Courthouse, Lawrenceville, Illinois; Box 219, [1890]

⁴ 1880 CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Bond twp, E.D. 192, sheet 17

JAMES 5-5

7 Jun 1888: J. D. IRWIN and wife, of Flat Rock, visited relatives near Birds last Sunday.¹

Other references to James or Emma in The Sumner Press:

17 Jan 1889; Jim Irwin is catching lightning at Flat Rock, Illinois.31 Oct 1889; Aunt Mary IRWIN spent several days in Flat Rock, visiting her grandson, James Irwin.

20 Feb 1890; James IRWIN is visiting relatives in Pasturefield.

Aunt Mary IRWIN is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis.

20 Feb 1890; Harve IRWIN is a victim of pneumonia. Miss Etta IRWIN and her sister-in-law, Mrs. James IRWIN of Flat Rock, arrived last Friday.

In 1891, Emma visited Mrs T. F. HARDACRE, her mother, who had been widowed a second time in 1890.

25 Sep 1991: [Frog Eye] Mrs Emma IRWIN was the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. F. HARDACRE, Sunday.²

Jim and Emma moved to Chicago in 1893 at the time of the Columbian Exposition. He began working for the Pullman Company, and they lived in the Pullman and Roseland area of Chicago. In the 1900 Census³, his occupation is listed as "electricity". In 1910, he is called an electrician. The family then lived at 11145 Watt Ave in Chicago⁴. He was forced to retire from Pullman in 1919 because of a lack of work, but they remained in Chicago for another ten years. When the 1920 Census was taken, the IRWINS were living at 11360 Prairie Ave, and had three roomers⁵. In 1929, Jim and Emma moved to Miami, Florida.

James died in Miami in 1932, about 72 years of age. Emma then supported herself by working in Real Estate in the Miami area. She died there on the 28th of October, 1954, at the age of 87.

James' grandsons were quite young when he died, but remember him as a gentle, kind and easy-going man. Emma, on the other hand, was very much the business women, who managed the household with a firm hand, and had little time for sentiment.

¹ THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

² RURAL REPUBLICAN, Lawrenceville, Illinois

³ 1900 CENSUS, Cook County, Illinois, Hyde Park Twp, E.D. 1113, Sheet 5

^{4 1910} CENSUS, Cook County, Illinois, E.D. 1443, Page 81A

⁵ 1920 CENSUS, Cook County, Illinois, E.D. 582, Sheet 2A

Another sister, Lucinda WAMPLER, is listed next door with her family. John WAMPLER may be the person who later became a grain and stock buyer and prominent citizen of Birds [from several references in the Lawrenceville newspaper, The Rural Republican].

#149	WAMPLER,	John	28		farmer
		Lucinda	26	wife	
		Samuel	7	son	
		Andrew	5	son	
		Berta	4mo	dau	

As a teenager, Emma was occasionally mentioned in the newspapers.

6 Jun 1883: Miss Emma YOUNG of Bird Station visited friends in Seymour.²

24 Apr 1885: Miss Emma YOUNG of Crossroads visited friends in this vicinity [Lawrenceville] Saturday and Sunday.³

"Crossroads" does not appear on any maps of this county, but may refer to an area near Birds, as it was mentioned in a number of local news items.

When she was nineteen, Emma S. YOUNG married James Daniel IRWIN on the 6th of November, 1886 in Birds, Lawrence County, Illinois. [See JAMES and EMMA)

In 1900, the WAMPLERs were still in Bond township, with John [48], Lucinda [46] and their fourth child, Palmer [9], born in 1891.⁴ They had been married for 29 years. On the same page is their son, Samuel [27] with his family; Nancy [27], Lester [7], Charles [5], John [4] and a new baby.

Henry's family, (now spelled STEWART) were living in Lawrenceville in 1900⁵ with Lucinda A. [47], Ethelbert [22] and two younger children, Bessie [14] and Sherman [6]. They had been married for 24 years. The next household was that of their son, Albert STEWART [20] with wife, Mary [18] and son, Clyde [2].

[FURTHER QUESTIONS: Mrs Stewart was called Lucinda A instead of Alice L in 1900. Is it possible that both sisters were given the name, Lucinda - one as a first name and the other as middle name?]

^{1 1880} CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Bond twp, E.D. 192, sheet 17

² RURAL REPUBLICAN, Lawrenceville, Illinois

^{4 1900} CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Bond twp, E.D. 108, sheet 4

⁵ 1900 CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Lawrence twp, E.D. 114, sheet 11

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JAMES and EMMA IRWIN:

Raymond Lee, b. 22 Oct 1887, Birds, IL;

m. Beatrice STRYKER, 4 May 1924, Chicago, IL;

d. Sep 1951, Chicago, IL.

RAYMOND

Raymond Lee IRWIN was born 22 October 1887 in Birds, Illinois. He was four years old when the family moved to Chicago.

The 1910 Census, when he was 22, shows him working as a stenographer for the Electric Department in Chicago. He served overseas in World War I with 33 Company Transportation Corps, returning to the U.S. in the spring of 1919. He is recorded with his parents in the 1920 Census, working as a clerk for the Pullman Co.

He married Beatrice STRYKER on the 4th of May, 1924, in Chicago. [Beatrice was born on the 5th of June, 1896 in Chicago]. They had two sons, James Stryker, born in 1924, and Raymond Lee, Jr. in 1926. Raymond, Sr. was about 5' 7" tall, and had a full head of curly hair, which he kept all his life. It turned white while he was in his forties. He was always considered very good looking. He died at age 63 in September, 1951, in Chicago.

"I remember meeting Raymond IRWIN when I was a teenager when sis and I went visiting the relatives in Illinois - with my grandparents [Earl & Julia] and my father [Joy]. I thought at that time he was so handsome."

Evelyn IRWIN LUCKEY

Bea later moved to Sacramento, California, near her younger son, where she died on the 15th of September, 1985.

RAYMOND and BEATRICE IRWIN:

James Stryker, b. 30 Dec 1924, Chicago, IL;

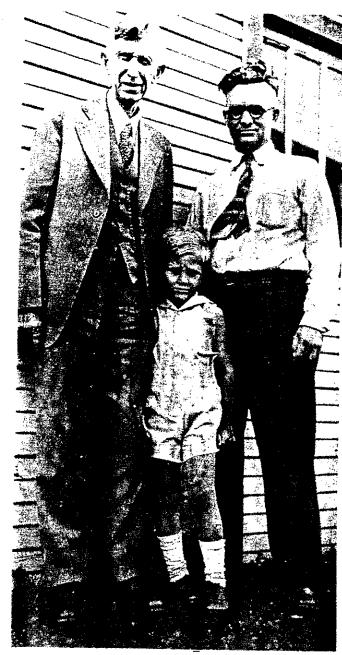
m. Marilynn STEPHANI¹, 6 Apr 1946, Chicago, IL;

Raymond Lee, Jr, b. 28 Nov 1926, Chicago, IL;

m1. Marilyn ____, ca 1952; [div]

m2. Donna Rae RAYPPY, 22 Mar 1958, Sacramento, CA;

¹ Marilynn STEPHANI was born 2 September 1924 in Chicago, Illinois.



James Daniel

Raymond Lee Raymond, Jr [1931]

Mrs. Emma S. Irwin Funeral services for Mrs Funeral services for Mrs. Emma S. Irwin nee Young, 87, of 36 N. W. Third ave., Miami, Fla., formerly of 11360 Prairie ave., were held Saturday, Oct. 30, in Miami. She died Thursday, Oct. 28, in Jackson Memorial hospital.

pital.

Born Sept. 14, 1867 in Illinois, she had been a resident of this community 30 years. She moved to Florida in 1929.

Mrs. Irwin was the wife of the late James D.; mother of the late Raymond L. Irwin; grandmother of James F. Irwin of Homewood and Raymond L. Irwin of Sacramento, Cal.; great-grandmother of Phyllis Lee Irwin of Homewood and Raymond Scott Irwin of Sacramento, Cal.

Miami, FL 1954



James Stryker James Daniel [1927]

JAMES 5 - 9

JAMES and MARILYNN IRWIN:

Phyllis Lee b. 8 Jun 1948, Chicago, IL;

m. Klaus HEINRICH¹, 31 Aug 1967, Oshkosh, WI;

Patricia Lynn b. 1 Jul 1955, Harvey, IL;

m. John BENTLEY, 19 Mar 1994, Chicago, IL.

James Stephen b. 6 Mar 1957, Harvey, IL;

m. Susan OSTRY², 26 Sep 1987;

PHYLLIS and KLAUS HEINRICH:

Jeffrey Peter b. 6 Apr 1968, Stevens Point, WI;

Kirsten Lee b. 5 Oct 1971, Stevens Point, WI;

Nicole Elke b. 28 Apr 1976, Harvard, IL;

JAMES and SUSAN IRWIN:

James Leonard, b. 29 Aug 1990;

Kevin Michael, b. 9 Sep 1993;

RAYMOND and MARILYN IRWIN:

Raymond Scott b. 4 Sep 1953, Sacramento, CA;

m. Cheryl ____; CA

RAYMOND and CHERYL IRWIN:

Amber

b. 7 Dec 1976, CA

Rose Ann

b. 17 Feb 1978, CA

Jody July

b. 9 Jul 1980, CA

Michael Ray b. 23 Oct 1986, CA.

Klaus HEINRICH was born 27 September 1939 in Muckenberg, Germany. ² Susan OSTRY was born 11 May 1962 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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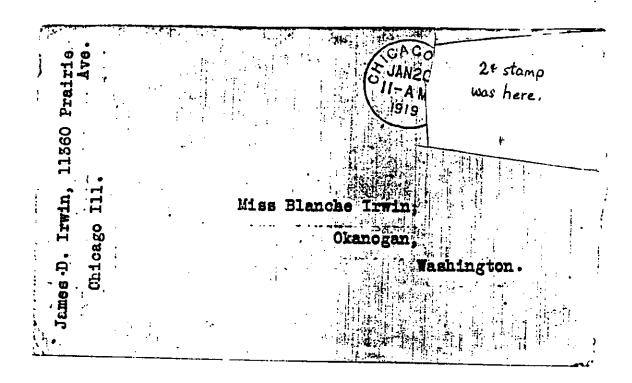
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LETTER TO BLANCHE IRWIN FROM JIM IRWIN

Chicago III JAN 19th (1919) 11360 Prairie Ave Miss Blanche Irwin Dear Niece

Your letter received last evening. Was sorry to hear of your father getting hurt and hope he will get along all right. You asked for Raymond's address. It is: Raymond Lee Irwin, 33 Company Trans. Corps, American E. F., A.P.O. 713 via New York.

I am in hopes he will get home soon, but in his last letter he said it did not look like he would get back for two or three months yet. Tell Marjorie hello for me and I will try and write her before the last whistle blows. This is the third letter for me today which is unusual for me. Where is your uncle John living now and what is he doing? I am glad you liked the beads. Well I see you have been having a fine time skating. This used to be great sport for me when I was a young man, but when you get older it is different, so have all the sport you can while you are young.

Write soon, with love Uncle Jim Vincago Ill Jan 19th //360 Branie are

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LETTER TO HARVEY IRWIN FROM JIM IRWIN

Chicago Ill JAN 19th (1919) 11360 Prairie Ave

H. S. Irwin Dear Bro

I just received a letter from Blanche last eve and was very sorry to hear of you getting hurt. I hope you are getting along all right and will soon be well again.

Times are very close here - nothing doing in the shop. I was laid off yesterday, don't know when I will go back to work. I don't think for from 3 to six months until business gets adjusted. Everyone here has been making big money during the war, now everything has stopped still. Well I hear Etta has a divorce from George. She wrote this to Raymond but I haven't heard from her for a long time. She is like the rest of us - never writes. Do you know what became of George? Is he still in Seattle? I hope she will never go back to him. I would be glad to hear from you.

With love, J. D. Irwin

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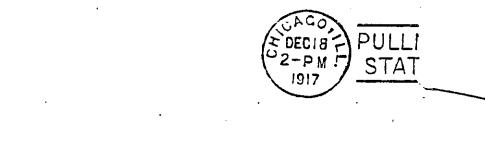
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Dear Niece, your letter of July 13th. I am the poorest hand to write letters you ever heard of. Yes I received your graduation announcement but I just careless in ans it. Raymond is at home now which we are all glad to have him back home. I dont think he would have been home for a while yet if we had not sent a statement from the Doctor stating that my health was poor. When he received that he made application for ...

release which was granted in 16 days from application. He was made Sergant and he had it pretty nice at the last but for a while after he went across he had it pretty hard. I am not working now. I have a pension from the Pullman Co. The pension is not enough to live without working some but it is a big help and I was glad to get it. I am sorry your father's leg does not get well, as I know it surely must bother him on the farm. I will be glad to get one of your pictures, but I would much rather see you. We have 19 little chickens. We got them to eat up the scraps from the table but they(re) ...

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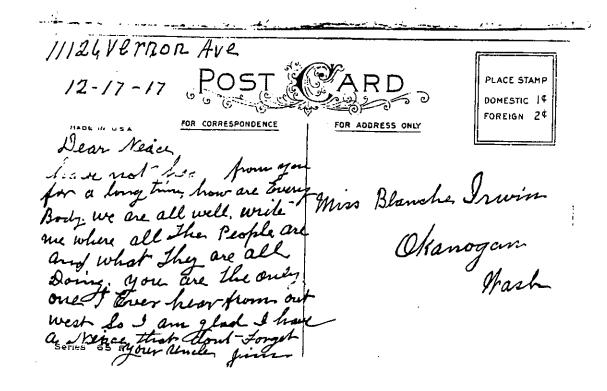


Miss Blanche Irwin.

lilas Vernon Ave. Pullman Ill

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CARD SENT TO BLANCHE IRWIN FROM JIM IRWIN 17 DEC 1917

Dear Neice, Have not heard from you for a long time, how are everybody. We are all well. Write me where all the people are and what they are all doing. You are the only one I ever hear from out west So I am glad I have a neice that dont forget Your Uncle, Jim

