

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES and CHRISTEAN IRWIN**

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**THIS BOOK IS
DEDICATED TO MY AUNT,**

BLANCHE IRWIN

**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. Waggy 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]

OTTO and MARIE IRWIN

Otto Barnes IRWIN was born on the 17th of January, 1876, in Sumner, Lawrence County, Illinois. He was the third child and first to survive in the family of Corbin and Charlotte. He was named after Otto BARNES, a prominent businessman and son of Mary IRWIN's nearest neighbor, Abraham BARNES.

Corbin's family was living in Wayne County at the time of the 1880 Census, when Ott was four years old. What is known of his youth is from scraps of information in The Sumner Press, a Lawrence County weekly, beginning when he was 12 years old. [All newspaper items are from The Sumner Press, 'SP', unless otherwise marked.]

25 Oct 1888: Oattie IRWIN, of Fairfield, has come to stay during the winter with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary IRWIN.¹

After turning 13, he wasted no time in finding a job.

11 Apr 1889: Otto IRWIN is working for Mr. Dishong of Stringtown. [SP]

When his mother became ill in June, 1889, his grandmother took Ott back to Fairfield, in Wayne County.

23 May 1889: Aunt Mary IRWIN was called away by the sudden illness of her daughter-in-law who lives in Wayne County. She departed Wednesday accompanied by her grandson, Otto IRWIN. [SP]

He was 15, and his family was living in the Bowyer area when he was next mentioned in this paper in 1891.

4 Jun 1891: Sunday, Otto IRWIN had the good luck to break both springs in the seat of his cart while crossing, very slowly (?) a culvert in the road. The cart was loaded with himself and Miss Rebecca OVERFIELD of Sumner, who was making a visit to Otto's parents near Bowyer. [SP]

¹ THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

In December of 1896 [after his family had moved back to Lawrence County], he was confined to his home with measles. This was probably a very serious case, as he was twenty years old. [SP - 10 Dec 1896]

About this time, his social life began to be of interest to the reporters. For example, in March, 1897, he had a date with a girl named Celie DOUGLAS [SP - 1 Apr 1897] and later that summer, he and Bud BOWEN double-dated with May NICHOLSON and Lulu COFFMAN at an "Ice Cream Supper". [SP - 5 Aug 1897]

In early 1900, he was working in Terre Haute, Indiana, according to a Crawford County newspaper.

2 May 1900: Ot IRWIN of Terre Haute is visiting his many friends here [Crawford County].¹

By the following month when the Census was taken, he was back in Petty Township working as a farm laborer² and escorting the young ladies.

11 Oct 1900: [Four Corners] Otto IRWIN accompanied by one of our prettiest young ladies attended church somewhere north of here Saturday night. [SP]

In 1902, he went to work in St. Louis, Missouri [140 miles directly west of Lawrence County].

4 Sep 1902: Otto IRWIN, who has been spending the summer in St. Louis, was visiting in Hazel Dell last week. [SP]

During the next five years, Otto made several more visits from St. Louis to see relatives in Pasturefield [Corbin] and Hazel Dell [STINE family] which were recorded in the Summer paper. Possibly his 1907 visit was to tell the family of his serious intentions toward Marie CHRISTENSEN, a young lady he met in St. Louis. Ott and Marie were married on the 2nd of January, 1908.

Marie was born on the 30th of July, 1882, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her parents, Chris and Marian CHRISTENSEN, moved to Independence, Iowa, when she was a baby.

A few months later, in May 1908, they visited Ott's father in Pasturefield, and decided to stay in that area for a while.

14 May 1908: Otto IRWIN and wife of St Louis are visiting Corbin IRWIN and family. [SP]

¹ THE ARGUS, Robinson, Illinois, 2 May 1900

² 1900 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, IL, Petty twp, E.D. 116, Sheet 8

They were still there when their first child, Howard Benjamin, was born on the 29th of November, 1908.

2 Dec 1908: We are called on to report the arrival of a little son at the home of Mr and Mrs Otto IRWIN in Petty township. As this is the first born, the father is naturally highly elated. [SP]

25 Feb 1909: [Chauncey] Mr and Mrs Otto IRWIN moved to the Ellen ARMITAGE place. [SP]

On the "Personal Property Assessment Roll for Petty Township", July 1, 1909 Ott was assessed \$27.00. He didn't let this financial blow interfere with socializing with relatives.

5 Aug 1909: [Mounds] Otto IRWIN and family of Chauncey were guests of Earl IRWIN and family. [SP]

27 Jan 1910: [Hazel Dell] Otto IRWIN and family of Mounds spent Sunday with Frank STINE and family. [SP]

In January, 1910, Otto decided to leave Lawrence County. His brother, Earl, had recently relocated to North Dakota, but Ott wanted to move further West - out to Washington where his cousin, Harvey IRWIN, and others from that area had been settled for many years.

10 Feb 1910: [Chauncey] Several from here attended the sale of Otto IRWIN's at Landes Saturday. [SP]

10 Feb 1910: [Pasturefield] Otto IRWIN and family are spending a few days with his father, Corbin IRWIN, before going to their new home in Washington. [SP]

17 Mar 1910: [Sumner] D. E. WAGNER and Otto IRWIN left Thursday with their families for Okanogan, Wash. to make their future homes in that state. [SP]

They set out in March, 1910. The trip was made by train, steamer and finally stagecoach. Ott and Marie took up a homestead in Dry Coulee [the ancient bed of the Columbia River], where he set out an orchard. Their daughter, Gertrude Cora, was born there on the 13th of April, 1914. After several years, they sold out and moved into Okanogan town, where Ott worked for Blackwell's Department Store, and Marie made a name for herself for being the town's most meticulous housekeeper.

Okanogan Pioneers Are Honored At Reception

Over a hundred friends and relatives signed the guest book New Year's Day at the reception in the Okanogan Masonic Temple honoring the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Irwin, pioneer residents of Okanogan. The reception was given by their children.

The serving table was covered with a beautiful hand-crocheted tablecloth and decorated with golden candles and an arrangement of golden calla lilies, daffodils and chrysanthemums sent by a niece, Mrs. Vern Brokling and a nephew, Clyde Christensen. The table was centered with a four-tiered wedding cake baked by Mrs. John Mitchell and was decorated with golden leaves and white roses and topped with a golden arch under which stood a miniature bride and groom.

The gift table was decorated with an arrangement of chrysanthemums sent by the Eastern Star and a large white and gold candle sent by Mrs. H. S. Irwin of Seattle, a cousin.

Serving the cake were Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. Archie Arnold and Mrs. Clarence Frazier. Mrs. Harry Glover, Mrs. Georgene Booth, Mrs. Nettie Evans and Mrs. Ed Kern poured. Mrs. Scott Ramsey was in charge of the guest book and Mrs. Van Sharpless was in charge of the gift table. Mrs. Harold Anderson played incidental music on the piano throughout the afternoon.

Ott Irwin was born in Sumner, Ill., in 1876. Mrs. Irwin was born in Denmark and came to Independence, Iowa, when a baby. At the time the young couple met they each worked in St. Louis. They were married Jan. 2, 1908, and two years later came west.

After arriving in Wenatchee by train they boarded the steamboat for Brewster, the trip upriver taking them from 4 a.m. to midnight. From Brewster to Okanogan the journey was made by stagecoach. With them came the D. E. Wagner family.

The young couple homesteaded in Dry Coulee and suffered the hardships along with the other pioneers of that day. Mr. Irwin set out the orchard where John Carlson now lives. For eight years the family, now consisting of Mr.



MR. AND MRS. OTT IRWIN
Married 50 years

and Mrs. Irwin, a son, Howard, and a daughter, Gertrude, lived in Dry Coulee where they raised wheat and cattle. They then sold out and bought the B. L. Smith orchard where they lived for three years.

In 1921 they moved to town and Mr. Irwin started working for C. E. Blackwell. With the exception of two years when he drove the school bus, he has worked for the Blackwells ever since. Now at the age of 82, he is still engaged in the same work.

Mr. Irwin, along with 500 others, joined the Odd Fellows Lodge in St. Louis in 1907. Mrs. Irwin has been a Rebekah for 40 years. He has also belonged to the Masonic Lodge for 40 years and she

has been an Eastern Star for 25. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Their son, Howard and his wife, Pearl, live in Spokane. Gertrude, now Mrs. Pete Schindler, with her husband and three sons, Jerry, Richard and Jimmy, and one daughter, Kathleen, live in Seattle.

Other out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tugaw of Wenatchee; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schindler, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Don Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brant, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Michelsen and daughter, Kenny McKenzie, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Woods, all of Omak; and Mr. and Mrs. William Farley of Tonasket.

In January, 1958, there was a big celebration in Okanogan for their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which was written up in the local paper, the Okanogan Independent. [See article.]

Marie died on the 16th of January, 1967, just two weeks after their 59th wedding anniversary. Ott died two years later, on the 6th of June, 1969 in Okanogan, at the age of 93.

OTTO and MARIE IRWIN:

Howard Benjamin, b. 29 Nov 1908, Petty twp, Lawrence Co, IL

m. Vada Pearl RODENBAUGH, 5 Jun 1945;

Gertrude Cora, b. 13 Apr 1914, Dry Coulee, WA;

m. Peter SCHINDLER¹ 1 Dec 1934, Okanogan, WA;

d. 15 April 1982, Seattle, WA.

GERTRUDE and PETER SCHINDLER:

Jerry Robert, b. 9 Oct 1939, Seattle, WA;

m1. Virginia Arline BOWEN², 3 Jun 1961, Seattle, WA; (div)

m2. Marianne Kay SKAHILL³ 11 Jul 1992, Seattle, WA;

Richard Thomas, b. 22 Jan 1943, Seattle, WA;

m. Jane _____, 1962, Long Beach, CA;

d. Aug 1985, CA;

James Michael, b. 27 Jan 1952, Seattle, WA;

m. Jeraldine (Dee) Marie MCCARTY⁴, 25 Aug 1970, Seattle, WA;

d. 19 Jun 1981, Grant Co, WA;

Kathleen Marie, b. 9 Mar 1953, Seattle, WA;

m1. Duane WESLEY, 29 Jan 1971; (div)

m2. Robert Vincent DENEUI⁵ 15 Feb 1992, Ferndale, WA.

¹ Peter SCHINDLER was born 2 January 1912 in Windthorst, Saskatchewan, Canada. He died in April, 1971, in Seattle, WA.

² Virginia Arline BOWEN was born 16 May 1942 in Seattle, WA.

³ Marianne Kay SKAHILL was born 27 September 1956 in Seattle, WA.

⁴ Jeraldine Marie McCARTY was born 19 October 1951 in Sutherland, NE.

⁵ Robert Vincent DENEUI was born 13 October 1952 in Seattle, WA

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OTTO H. BARNES,
Lawrenceville Illinois-

Ott was named after this former neighbor.



OTTO and MARIE IRWIN



O. IRWIN FAMILY [about 1917]
OTTO, HOWARD, GERTRUDE and MARIE

JERRY and VIRGINIA SCHINDLER:

William Robert, b. 23 Apr 1962, Seattle, WA;
 Veronica Ann, b. 19 Sep 1963, Seattle, WA;
 m1. Michael HERST, May 1982; (div)
 m2. Mark Elvin BATES¹, 13 Mar 1988, Everett, WA;
 Douglas Michael (adpt), b. 1 Sep 1967, Seattle, WA;
 Joseph Peter (adpt), b. 29 Jul 1970, Seattle, WA;
 Matthew Aaron, b. 25 Sep 1973, Seattle, WA;

VERONICA and MICHAEL HERST:

Bradley, b. 28 Oct 1982, Coco Beach, FL;

VERONICA and MARK BATES:

Kiesha Anne, b. 13 Jun 1988, Everett, WA;
 Colin Polaris, b. 25 Aug 1990, Everett, WA;

RICHARD and JANE SCHINDLER:

Mark, b. 2 Feb 1964, Long Beach, CA;
 Tamara, b. 28 Dec 1966, Seattle, WA;
 m. Sonny SASSO, 4 Dec 1983;

TAMARA and SONNY SASSO:

Jasmin, b. 5 Jun 1987;
 Nellson Orlando, b. 26 Jan 1991;
 Phantajia Jane, b. 23 Apr 1992;
 Miles Richard, b. Jul 1993.

JAMES and DEE SCHINDLER:

David Michael, b. 13 Apr 1971, Seattle, WA.

¹ Mark Elvin BATES was born 19 December 1962 in West Covina, CA.

FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY

Okanogan Precinct No 2

NAME OF INCORPORATED CITY, VILLAGE OR PLACE

NAME OF INSTITUTION

ENCL.

PLACE OF ABODE HOUSE #	NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Give surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Indicate every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	TENURE Owned or rented. If owned, free or mortgaged.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					CITIZENSHIP Foreign, naturalized, or native born. If naturalized, give date of naturalization.	EDUCATION			Place of birth of each person Foreign or domestic. Place of birth.
				Sex	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.	Read		Write	Whether able to read and write.		
318549	Irwin Harry S	Head	O	M	W	51	M					Illinois	
	Marie	Wife		F	W	43	M					Nebraska	
	Blanche	Daughter		F	W	20	S					Washington	
	Howard	Son		M	W	18	S					Washington	
	Maurice	Daughter		F	W	12	S					Washington	
319350	Erlema Emil	Head	O	F	M	38	M	1900	Na	7	903	Germany	
	Emma	Wife		F	W	42	M					Indiana	
320351	Josephine W	Head	R	M	W	45	S					Indiana	
321367	Edna Margaret	Head	O	M	W	67	M					Indiana	
	Elizabeth	Wife		F	W	65	M					Indiana	
322363	Berth Junda	Head	O	M	W	43	M					Canada	
	Bertha	Wife		F	W	34	M					Canada	
	Elizabeth	Daughter		F	W	9	S					Washington	
	Virginia	Daughter		F	W	7	S					Washington	
	James	Son		M	W	3	S					Washington	
323344	Frank E	Head	O	M	W	37	M					Illinois	
	Charlotte	Wife		F	W	37	M					Canada	
	Charlotte	Daughter		F	W	11	S					Illinois	
324346	William S	Head	R	M	W	47	S					Indiana	
325347	William S	Head	O	M	W	62	M					Indiana	
	Helen	Wife		F	W	61	M					Indiana	
326377	Irwin Otto	Head	O	M	W	45	M					Illinois	
	Marie	Wife		F	W	37	M					Denmark	
	Howard	Son		M	W	11	S					Illinois	
	Gertrude C	Daughter		F	W	5	S					Washington	
327328	Thomas Louis	Head	O	M	W	68	M					Pennsylvania	
	Rosam	Wife		F	W	48	M					Ohio	
	Grace E	Daughter		F	W	12	S					Pennsylvania	
	Naomi R	Daughter		F	W	4 1/2	S					Pennsylvania	
328379	McFarland Ed H	Head	O	M	W	30	M					Massachusetts	
	Maie	Wife		F	W	25	M					Washington	
	Harry H	Son		M	W	5	S					Washington	
	Leah M	Son		M	W	2 1/2	S					Washington	
329360	Reino Frank S	Head	O	F	M	40	S					Indiana	
330371	Marie William E	Head	O	M	W	48	M					Illinois	
	Julia	Wife		F	W	36	M					Illinois	

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Ln	House #	NAME	REL.	TENURE	PERSONAL				EDUCATION	THIS PERSON	
					OWN	MORT	SEX	COL			AGE
22	326	IRWIN, Otto	Head	O	M	M	W	45	M	Y - Y	Illinois
23		Marie	Wife			F	W	37	M	Y - Y	Denmark
24		Howard	Son			M	W	11	S	Y - Y - Y	Illinois
25		Gertrude C	Daughter			F	W	5	S		Washington

[Note: Harvey IRWIN's family is listed on lines 1 - 5.]

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 UNITED STATES: 1920-POPULATION

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SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 5 SHEET No. 14
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 94

RESIDENT PLACE X WARD OF CITY 16
 OPERATED BY ME ON THE 3 DAY OF February 1920. Oliver W. Lowan ENUMERATOR.

NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE					OCCUPATION				
M.T.	FATHER		MOTHER		SPEAK ENGL?	TRADE	IND.	SALARY, WAGE, OWN ACCOUNT	AGE
	M.T.	Place of Birth	M.T.	Place of Birth					
	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Yes	Farmer	Richard	09	02
	Denmark	Denmark	Kentucky	Missouri	No	None			
	Illinois	Illinois	Nebraska	Nebraska	No	None			
	Illinois	Illinois	Nebraska	Nebraska	No	None			
German	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Yes	Electrician	General	W	103
	Indiana	Indiana	Mississippi	Mississippi	No	None			
	Indiana	Indiana	Mississippi	Mississippi	No	Farmer	Home Farm	04	104
	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Yes	Abolitionist	Richard	09	100
	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	No	None			
English	Canada	English	Canada	English	No	Abolitionist	Richard	09	101
	Indiana	Indiana	Canada	English	No	None			
	Indiana	Indiana	Canada	English	No	None			
	Indiana	Indiana	Canada	English	No	None			
	United States	United States	Indiana	English	Yes	San. Ph. Man.	Richard	W	102
English	Canada	English	Canada	English	No	None			
	Illinois	Illinois	Canada	English	No	None			
	Indiana	Indiana	Mississippi	Mississippi	Yes	Laborer	Farm	W	108
	Indiana	Indiana	Mississippi	Mississippi	Yes	Abolitionist	Home	09	109
	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	No	None			
Danish	Denmark	Danish	Denmark	Danish	No	Farmer	Home Farm	08	110
	Illinois	Illinois	Denmark	Danish	No	None			
	Illinois	Illinois	Denmark	Danish	No	None			
	Germany	German	France	French	Yes	Abolitionist	Richard	09	111
	Germany	German	Germany	German	Yes	None			
	Kentucky	Kentucky	Ohio	Ohio	No	None			
	Kentucky	Kentucky	Ohio	Ohio	No	None			
	Ohio	Ohio	United States	United States	Yes	Abolitionist	Farm	09	112
	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Washington	Washington	No	None			
	Missouri	Missouri	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	No	None			
	Missouri	Missouri	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	No	None			
	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Yes	Abolitionist	Farm	09	113
	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Yes	Farmer	Home Farm	09	114
	Illinois	Illinois	Virginia	Virginia	No	None			

NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE (M.T.)			SPEAK ENGL?	OCCUPATION TRADE IND.	SALARY, WAGE, OWN ACCOUNT
FATHER (M.T.)	MOTHER (M.T.)				
Ohio	Illinois	Yes	Farmer, Home Farm	O A	
(Danish) Denmark (Danish)	Denmark (Danish)	Yes	None		
Illinois	Denmark (Danish)	Yes	None		
Illinois	Denmark (Danish)	Yes	None		

