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Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

You will find copies of this newsletter and more genealogy information downloadable from the Varner Family website.

<http://brucevarner.com/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

Need future newsletter subject material.

QUESTIONS / NEWS

Q) For those of us who do not have access to DNA databases, how exactly do you get matches in Family Tree DNA?

A) This answer is very simplistic. In reality the details are more involved. But in general, the samples of your DNA are broken down & assigned reference numbers/letters. Then that information is compared to others who have submitted samples. The system then provides you with those that most closely match your own DNA.

At random times down through generations the DNA mutates (changes).

This is expected, but because it occurs, in general you can only be given a “likelihood” of how close you are related to another. Here is my “close” DNA relationships. In reality anything beyond about a genetic distance of 3 is possible not that close..... Notice almost all are Riggs surnames! Can’t wait to see this information from Bill Varner’s results!

Genetic Distance	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Terminal SNP	Match Date
0	Warren	Ray	Varner	R-M269		8/29/2013
0	Michael	Don	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
1	Frederick	Locke	Riggs	R-M269		4/2/2013
1	Byron	Lawrence	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
2	Charles	Lynn	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	Walter	Sherman	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	David	Lee	Rigg	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	Russell	William	Riggs	R-P25	P25	7/25/2012
3	James	Wallace	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	John	Edward	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	Frank	Porter	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
3	Sharon	K.	Hendershot	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Roland	Earl	Thomas	R-M269		4/17/2014
4	Thomas	A.	Gary	R-CTS2501	CTS2501	3/12/2014
4	John	Raymond	Riggs	R-CTS2501	CTS2501	7/25/2012
4	David	Ramsey	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Clarence	Keith	Riggs	R-CTS2501	CTS2501	7/25/2012
4	Randall	Ray	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Gregory	Mark	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Carl	Eugene	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Burnham	Ward	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Roy	Warren	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Jeffrey	L.	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
4	Robert	Asbury	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Jim	C	Rigg	R-M269		6/6/2015
5	Morton		Barnes	R-M269		2/15/2013
5	Francis	Donald	Riggs	R-M269		1/17/2013
5	Horace	L	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Robert	Harold	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Kenneth		Killion	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	David	Paul	Riggs	R-P25	P25	7/25/2012
5	Ted	Ellery	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Doug	Rikert	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Fletcher	E.	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Douglas	Allen	Riggs	R-M269	M269	7/25/2012
5	Eugene	William	Rigg	R-M269		7/25/2012
5	Clarence	Edward	Dickerson	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Zachary	S	Riggs	R-M269		3/19/2015
6	Jason	Lance	Riggs	R-M269		11/16/2013
6	Clyde	Bernard	Austin	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	John	O.	Braswell	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Richard	Morrison	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Louis	Eugene	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Donald	David	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Roy	Burdine	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Raymond	Mark	Ritchey	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Robert	Carter	Austin	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	William	Luther	Austin	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Doyle	Frederick	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
6	Wesley	Brandon	Riggs	R-M269		7/25/2012
7	John	Ensign	Riggs	R-P25	P25	7/25/2012
7	Joe	Dean	Braswell	R-M269		7/25/2012

Mildred Florence Varner Mama’s Life Story

The below story was written by Delavana Gayle (Varner) West and provided to me by Gayle’s sister Betty (Varner) Held.

It tells the story of their mother, Mildred Florence (Booth) Varner, wife of Otto George Varner.

Before proceeding to the story, here is some lineage information about this line of the family.

Paternal Ancestors:

Edmund Riggs (b. 1819-d. 1877)

William Owen Varner (b. 1869-d. 1937)

Otto George Varner (b. 1910-d. 1962)

Maternal Ancestors:

Evert Wilson Booth (b. 1883-d. 1962)

m. Grace Alma Quisenberry (b. 1889-d. 1973)

Mildred Florence Booth (b. 1912-d. 1997)

m. Otto George Varner (b. 1910-d. 1962)

Children of Otto George & Mildred Florence:

Georgia Florene Varner (b. 1931-)

Glen Douglas Varner (b. 1932-d. 1990)

Delavana Gayle Varner (b. 1935-)

Janice Fay Varner (b. 1939-)

Betty Sue Varner (b. 1941-)

Warren Ray Varner (b. 1943-)

George F. Varner (b.????)

Now enjoy the story!

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Mama's Life Story

Mildred Florene Varner was born June 20, 1912, in Urbana, Missouri to Everet Wilson and Grace Alma Booth. She received her schooling in a one-room schoolhouse where she excelled in all subjects. History, spelling and memory work were her favorites. She was industrious and learned the meaning of hard work and perseverance by helping with the chores on her parents' farm.



Before we left Missouri for California - 1941

She trusted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was baptized and joined the Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

She met and fell in love with a handsome blue-eyed, black, curly-haired young man from the nearby town of Macks Creek. On Christmas Day, 1930, at the age of 18, she married Otto George Varner in a double wedding ceremony along with her first cousin, Lorena Quisenberry who married Otto's brother, Walter Alva Varner.

They loved children and wanted to have a large family. Their family started on June 19, 1931, when Georgia Florene was born in Urbana. Their second-born, Glen Douglas was born December 11, 1933, also born in Urbana. Delavana Gayle was to follow 15 months later and was born on March

11, 1935 in Macks Creek. Janice Pay, was born May 7, 1939 in Celt and Betty Sue, the last of the Missouri-born children, was born on July 25, 1941 in Buffalo.

They lived a very humble life without the many conveniences that we enjoy today. Farming and trying to survive during the Depression of the 30's proved to be very difficult. The hardships they endured only strengthened their commitment to each other and to their family. They learned to walk by faith and to trust God to meet their needs and to give direction for their future.

Farm life was very difficult and after many crop failures due to severe drought and wild locusts, Mama sought the Lord for direction for their lives. In the Fall of 1941, upon Uncle Cecil Varner's suggestion, they packed their car with a few personal belongings along with their five children and \$48.00 and headed West for Santa Monica, California and the promise of a new beginning.

Daddy was hired by Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica as an electronics technician and enjoyed working there receiving a steady income to support his family. Mama especially enjoyed California for its mild temperatures, beautiful scenery, and abundance of flowers.

Warren Ray, the last of their family, was born on August 25, 1943 in West Los Angeles. Mama had all of her babies at home and always wanted Daddy to be with her when they were born. With sheer willpower and determination she waited for him to come home after working the swing-shift and at 12:45 a.m., Warren was born.

At the close of World War II, Mama and Daddy had saved enough money to purchase their first home. It was located in Brentwood, California. The huge yard provided plenty of room for the children to play and space to raise a variety of flowers which grew so easily under her watchful eye and tender care. Besides the responsibilities of raising her own six children she

supplemented their income by baby-sitting and took in washings and ironings.

Mama was a faithful member of the Brentwood Free Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School, served on several boards and committees and was active in the Women's Missionary Society.

After her husband's passing on February 19, 1962, she moved to the San Fernando Valley where she sought employment as a waitress and made many new friends. Mary and Freddie Simpson, currently residing in Ventura, were especially close and remained faithful and loyal friends to the end.

Prior to being admitted into the Sherman Oaks Convalescent Hospital in 1995, she resided at Fickett Towers where she had a host of friends. Until the time of her failing health she faithfully attended the Church on the Way in Van Nuys for many years.

Her family was very devoted to her and was with her much of the time over the past few months. Her granddaughter, Sandra Hefner, and three-year-old great-grandson, Curtis Hefner, visited her faithfully each Monday bringing a ray of sunshine and cheer into her life. Brenda and Jozsef Szaldobagyi visited Mama regularly and often brought her favorite dish: mashed potatoes. She felt that no one could



Our first trip to the beach. 1942.

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make them quite like Jozsef.

Once she realized she was not going to get well, she called her family together and said her "good-byes." She asked each of us to promise to meet her in heaven, to which we all gave her our solemn promise. She faced death as she had faced many difficulties in her life, with great courage and dignity. Early Saturday morning at 7:35 a.m. on February 22, 1997, she left this earthly body and is now in the presence of the Lord and the many loved ones who preceded her. She is now at rest.

She is survived by: Five children: Mrs. James (Georgia) Althoff, Upland; Mrs. Marshall (Gayle) West, Thousand Oaks; Mrs. Henry (Janice) Hein, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Donald (Betty) Held, Simi Valley, and Mr. Warren Ray (Elizabethann) Varner of Simi Valley.

Twenty-two grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Ralph Edward Booth of Bardwell, Kentucky; 2 Brothers-in-law, Cecil D. Varner and Ormal C. Creach of Macks Creek, a Sister-in-law, Erma Moore of Seattle, Washington, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: husband, Otto George Varner February 19, 1962, son, Glen Douglas Varner, June 25, 1990, and sister, Monta Mae Creach, Oct. 29, 1982.

Pall Bearers: Warren Ray Varner, W. Douglas Varner, Gregory Carl Garver, Mark Aaron Hein, Brent Curtis Held, Jozsef Szaldobagyi, Robert Kevin Clark, Wesley Hendrickson, Richard Hefner and Douglas R. Hudson.

Services: Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at the Chimes Chapel in Inglewood Park Cemetery Rev. Gary Abke, Church on the Way, Officiating Mrs. Marjorie Cunser, Organist Praisewater/Meyer/Mitchell, Directors

Attendees:

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall West
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Garver
Mr. & Mrs. Don Held
W. Douglas Varner
Corey Phillips
Harry G. Garver
Mr. & Mrs. Jozsef Szaldobagyi
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Varner
Nancy E. Lamm
Amanda Varner
Georgia Conway (Hein)
Mrs. Cherry Hein
Brent & Katrina Held
Robin Held
Richard & Sandra Hefner
Dorothy Ae
Pastor Gary & Carolyn Abke
Helen & Bill Stuber
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Jones (Patsy)
Barbara Bradley
Mark & Janet Hein, John & Lauren
Bud & Pat Piper
Wes, Susan, Kayla and Erik
Hendrickson
Cherry Hein
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Simpson
Randy Clark
Ted Crichton
Kenneth Brock
Bob, Kathy, Bryce, Marshall, Troy & Daniel Clark
Doug & Linda Hudson
Wayne & Sheila Jessop
Mac & Dorothy Ishida
Karen & Kelly Joyce
Georgia & Jim Althoff
Hank and Jan Hein
Paul Varner
Kyle Varner
James Varner

Flower Memorials

Dale, Sue & Dana Creach
Vicki Kopaz, Susan & Doug Clark
Carolyn, Kaye & Jeff Varner
Cherry, Roberta & Georgia
Ken & Carolyn West
Marion, Patsy Jones
Barbara Bradley,
Laverne & Margaret Quisenberry
Jeff Varner
Friends from ANC
Susan, Wes, Mark & Janet, Cherry & Families
Gary, Carol, Phil, Cindy, Janet



Picture taken at Glen's retirement, Jan. 11, 1990
Warren, Betty, Janice, Gayle, Glen & Georgia

Georgia, Gayle, Janice, Betty & Warren

If I have failed to acknowledge anyone, please forgive me. We received so many cards and floral arrangements that I may have overlooked someone.

Additional condolences:

Kim Quan
Charlotte Bonner
Randy & Lauren Nations
Carolyn & Ken West
June Hubbard
Gail Hitt
Joanne & Wayne Roten
Sharon Shean
Paula Clemons
Jack & Anne Belton
Harry & Bette Garver
Helen & Bill Stuber
Jeff Varner
Cherry & Roberta
Michele Grossfeld, Dir of Social Services, SOCH
Carole Falco
George & Sandy
Hal & Pam & Jack
Mel & Audrey
Home & Beth Jansson
Jim & Carolyn Behle
Edd & Nellie Schmidt
Jack & Linda Cross
Macks Creek Sunday School Class:
Judy Varner
Mayme Woodall
Freda Glor
Dorothy Oliver
C. Girth
Velma Parker
Juanita Hodge
Bethel Hodges
Fern Clemmons
Betty Myers
Dora Houser

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George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Waiting with baited breath for the DNA results from Bill Varner's submission sample. As I indicated in the last newsletter, it is scheduled to be mid-November before the results are known.

I thought I would include here a snapshot I took of Bill when we met. Looking for feedback on who in the family he may resemble? Thanks!



Enjoy Halloween.....

Bruce Varner