
News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

All previous newsletters and much genealogy information is found on the Varner Family website.

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

Sorry for the brevity of this month's newsletter. Have been very busy, and it would seem that everyone else is busy also.

QUESTIONS / NEWS

No questions again this month.

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

Nothing new this month.

Riggs/Varner Connection

Nothing new this month.

Varner's in Floral Hills Cemetery

The series of events surrounding the death of a family member are long and involved. When mom died recently, I had occasion to manage such events.

Dealing with funeral arraignments, burial, and settling financial obligations.

In dealing with Floral Hills Cemetery in Kansas City, I became aware of a few individuals unknown to me who are buried there and also have the last name of Varner.

I have seven relatives now buried in this cemetery:

Edwin D. Varner (Father)
Ruth L. Harrington Varner (Mother)
Bert L. Varner (Grandfather)
Ella Flo Vance Varner (Grandmother)
Verna I. Varner (Step Grandmother)
John L. Varner (G-grandfather)
Millie J. Horton Varner (G-grandmother)

I was unaware of five others, with the last name of Varner who also are laid to rest at Floral Hills. This got me to thinking, are these individuals related to our Varner family?

First are:

Erma Lucille (Argabright) Varner (Wife)
Henry Wallace (Doc) Varner (Husband)
Robert Daniel (Bob) Varner (Son)

Erma, Henry, and Robert are buried next to each other in section #30. Some

simple research revealed the names of Henry Wallace Varner's parents:

Daniel Grant Varner b. Miami Co. Ohio, Buried Teays Cemetery in Deepwater, MO.

Ada Florence Smith Varner b. Henry Co. MO, Buried Teays Cemetery in Deepwater, MO.

These graves were listed in Find-A-Grave as having been submitted by a Don Varner. Correspondence with Don lead to the knowledge that this Varner family line descended from Stufflebarger Werner of Germany and then Pennsylvania. That family migrated west into Ohio and on to Missouri.

In fact this Don L. Varner has submitted DNA and belongs to our Family Tree DNA surname project. Since DNA comparisons have been made between our George Varner line and this Don Varner, it is confirmed that our line is NOT connected to those three particular Varner's.

The two other Varner's buried at Floral Hills in Kansas City, Missouri are more interesting for what we do not know. Those two names are:

Ester C. Varner 09/30/1887-05/12/1958
James F. Varner 08/01/1877-10/10/1956

Ester and James are buried next to each other in section #RC6. James has no head marker. Ester's small head marker states only her name and a date of death. Floral Hills supplied the birth and

death information but that was all they had.

Social Security records indicated that James F. Varner, born in Bedford, Pennsylvania on 1 August, 1877, claimed Social Security on 6 November, 1947.

A search of census records for 1940 provided data on a James F. Varner, age 61 years. Born in Pennsylvania. He is listed as head of the household and renting at 3033 Woodland, Apt. #12A, KCMO. Living with James was his wife Ester Varner, age 55 years. Born in Indiana.

The 1930 census did not seem to provide information for either person of about the correct age. No other records

A couple of James F. Varner's in Pennsylvania in the early 1900's could be the James F. buried in Floral Hills, but initial research did not provide anything that stood out. There are several James Varner's during this timeframe and the path gets muddy.

Maybe they are also part of the first clan buried here at Floral Hills?

Always just interesting to know if people are relations or not.

Happy Thanksgiving !!!.....

Bruce Varner