

8. JAMES EDWIN RECORDS, b.11-25-57, Houston, Tex; a jolly little fellow who has a fine disposition & enjoys playing with his sister & cousins.
Should do well in school.
8. KATHERINE BELEEN RECORDS, b.4-7-59, Sugarland, Tex; is a happy little girl.
She should do well in school.
8. JAYNE ELLEN RECORDS, b.3-22-1965, 9:36 am, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 1/2 oz., San Antonio, Tex.
7. Christeen Mae Records, b.12-25-1931, Canadian, Tex; attended Perryton schools; worked after school as soda jerk; she & Colleen worked together & used their earnings to buy their own clothes, etc.; they, along with Jim & friends had lots of clean fun & seemed to have few problems as youths. She m. a classmate, Max Dendy, son of Mr. & Mrs Troy Dendy; Max entered Navy & after sea duty, they lived in San Diego, Calif, for the remainder of his enlistment; they returned to Perryton where Max bought & operated a service station for several years; Troy died about 1962 & Max took over operation of the family farm; in '63, he installed irrigation equipment & began more reliable & successful farming. They live in Perryton. They go yearly to Colorado where they are usually very successful in hunting deer. She has been very active in helping her children in 4 H work and serves as an adult advisor.
8. MARY LOU DENDY, b.12-18-53, ; she is a little shy but is pretty, smart, & courteous. She gets abit perturbed with her brother Don.
Active in 4 H work.
8. DONNIE RAY DENDY, b.6-11-55, Perryton; twin; he is a happy, very active, & fine looking lad; he likes to go with his father out to the farm & is becoming a pretty good shot with the 22 rifle. Active in 4 H.
8. CORNIE DENDY, b.8-11-55, Perryton; twin; she is a pretty girl who is very capable of dealing with her rather rough playing twin brother; happy & smart.
Active in 4 H.
8. SALLY ANN DENDY, b.11-30-63, Perryton; a sweet baby but too young to provide anything more than a yell and a gurgle for this writing.
6. LEONARD ORLANDO RECORDS, b.12-10-1900, family farm 6 mi east of Okene, Okla; moved to Ochiltree Co, Tex, 1908; attended Missouri Avenue Country School until 11th gde, then grad 1917 Ochiltree h.s., Ochiltree, Tex; remained on family farm until Jan 1920; grad 5-20, Hill's Bus. Col., Okla City; 5-17-20, went to work as yardman & bookkeeper, White House Lumber Co, 2yrs; then as manager Booker & Hunteon, Tex, yards; then 7-23, transferred to home office as auditor, Canadian, until enlistment in US Navy, Jan.1942; m.6-16-29 to Iva Roberta Bartholomew, b.10-24-1898, Hudson, Kans; 1918 grad Hudson h.s. & Nursing School '23; worked 7yrs as registered nurse before m.; no children. There are number of interesting things about Leonard, but unfortunately the details are not here available. Leonard did provide the following data (presented in quote).
- "Served on active duty with the Navy until Oct.1945, and have remained in the Naval Reserve to this time. Was enlisted in Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees) as Chief Storerooper, was ordered to Great Lakes for boot training and indoctrination, staying only three weeks there, then to Norfolk, Virginia, where the 7th Battalion was formed, staying there only three weeks, then to Port Hueneme, Calif. for three weeks and then to San Francisco where we shipped out for duty in the Pacific. Arrived at Pago Pago, Samoa, where our battalion relieved the civilian contractors who were building Navy installations there. Left there August 6, 1942, and went to the island of Esperitu Santo, New Hebrides, from which the attack on Guadalcanal was being sprung.

Our battalion was engaged in building a bomber strip, a fighter strip, a dock, & roads until Dec. 43, when we returned to the United States. Our work was in general routine although quite often subjected to bombing attacks. However we thought the Japs very lousy marksmen with their bombs; nevertheless, we respect ed their presence enough to always take cover in our fox holes when they came calling.

"Arrived at Camp Parks, Calif, in Dec 43, and was given 30 day leave in time to be home for Christmas. Iva was in urgent need of an operation, which she had put off until my return. This was taken care of at this time and she later joined me at Hayward, Calif, near Camp Parks.

"Received appointment as Warrant Officer in April, 1944, and was transferred to Fleet Air Wing 14, and was stationed at North Island, San Diego, until the end of the war in 1945. Was advanced to Commissioned Warrant in 1950 & was retired in that rank in 1954.

"After leaving active service with the Navy in 1945, I secured employment with the Independent Lumber Co. of Grand Junction, Colo., as Auditor, which position I held until retirement in 59. Since retiring, we have made our home in Arizona (Congress), spending the summer months in cooler climates but returning to Ariz. for the winter seasons."

"We saw Paul (Records) at Liberal, Kans., when we were through there in August 1962, soon after his experience with the holdup men at the filling station. He was as usual full of life and enthusiasm and told us of his son which was born in Jan. 62, I believe; we have never seen his wife. "

In 1964, it was reported that Iva's health forced them to give up their home in Arizona and move to Hutchinson, Kans. In 1965 they moved back to Grand Junction, Colo.

~~See also page 75.~~

5. CHARLES MARION RECORDS, b.3-23-1853, Milton Mills, Ohio Co., Ind.; d.9-21-01, bur Emmons Cem., Kingfisher Co., Okla.; farmer; he once attended veterinarian courses at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans., which benefited him & his brothers when they were raising cattle in Kansas & Okla. More is said about him in this book.

6. FRANCIS MARION RECORDS, b.1-1-1890, d.8-5-90.

6. FLORA HAY RECORDS, b.1-25-1896, Peru, Kans.; m. Wm. Horace Stearns; add.: Wellington, Kans.

7. ELMIE STEARNS, twin; '63 add.: Oakland City, Ind.

7. ELDON STEARNS, twin; '63 add.: Wellington, Kans.

7. MINA MARIE STEARNS, m. ___ Swenson; '63 add.: Kans C., Mo.

7. MILMA RUTH STEARNS, m. ___ Res; '63 add.: K.C., Mo.

5. REV. MOSES TURNER RECORDS, b.2-5-1855, Milton Mills, Ohio Co., Ind., probably named after Moses Turner, once prominent in Rising Sun, Ind., and who once bought property in Milton Mills from Rev. Samuel Records, 10-16-1861; "Turner" helped his brothers in April 1879 move their cattle herd to the Campbell range north of Medicine Lodge, Kans; he then worked as a cowhand elsewhere and later joined a trail herd moving to Ogallala, Neb., where he sold his horse & saddle; he then entered Baker U., Baldwin, Kans.; d.2-12-1887; not m.

(Continued from page 75) Poem: Laban's Life.

3. There are some not agreeing to this,
Leter round in ignorant bliss.
Thus clothing themselves in rags,
Or thrown in jails as vags.

4. So it does not seem to pay,
Trying to do some other way.
But walk in the sight of the
Lord.

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For in this there is great re-
ward. (cont. page 93.)

5. LABAN SAMUEL RECORDS, b. 7-8-1856, Ohio Co., Ind.; d. 8-17-1940, Okcena, Okla.; m. 12-28-87 to Dora Belle Barker, b. 2-29-60, Versailles, Brown Co., Ill.; d. 2-6-1943; her father was Mr. Harrison Barker, b. Marietta, Ohio, d. Peru, Kans.; her mother was Jane (Wainman) Barker, b. Versailles, Ill. About 1934, Laban attended a family reunion in his honor at the White House Lumber Co. country club, Canadian, Tex.; his son wrote extensively about him. Much more is said of Laban elsewhere in this book.

Laban & Dora had five children: Ralph, Earl, Victor, Edith, & Geneva.

(continued from page 92, bottom) Poem: Laban's Life

5. Truth shining bright oft is the lever,	6. I am growing old, my frame is
Lifts fallen man from earth to Heaven,	bent,
Comforts the aged as a dear friend,	Traveling the way our fathers
Realizing he is nearing the end.	went. Trusting promises have
	not forgot. (see page 94.)

6. DR. RALPH HYDE RECORDS, b. 11-17-1889, Peru, Kans.; d. 1-4-57, Norman, Okla.; bur I.O.O.F. Com., Norman; m. 6-13-17, Alva, Okla., to Anita Franklin Dunn, b. 12-23-94, Ellinwood, Kans., dau of Dr. Franklin P. Dunn, M.D., Broken Arrow, Okla., who lived with them 1919 to 27 (death). Her mother was Hannah Moore Entrekinn Dunn, m. 1890. Ralph & parents moved in 1892 to the homestead at Okcena; he remained there until going to college; rode horseback to public school & helped ferry; playmates included children of F.A. & Addie Records. From 1908 to 09, he & Ernest Records attended Central State Normal, Edmond; he transferred to Northwestern State Normal, Alva, Okla., graduating with his future wife in 1915; taught at Star School, Kingfisher Co., 1911-12, & in Pleasant Valley School, Watonga, 12-13; superintendent at Almo, 15-17; superintendent, Muskogee, Okla., 1917-20 & coached boys basketball; joined Masons & Methodist Church.

Ralph attended U. Okla., Norman, 1920-23, initiated into Acadia Fraternity, grad. B.A. in 1922 and M.A. degree in 23, also taught in the Univ. high school. Taught social sciences in Okla. City, 23-26; & attended U. of

Chicago, 1927-28. At U. of Okla., Ralph was an instructor in social science, 28-29, assistant Professor, 29-35, Associate Prof., 35-43, & Prof., 1943-45. In 1930, he was voted "Most Popular Professor," & in 32, he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. On 3-17-36, he was granted his Ph.D. U. of Chicago, his thesis was, "Land as a Basis for Economic and Social Discontent in Maine and Mass., to 1776." Summer, 1936, he was Visiting Prof. of History, William & Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

During all his active years, Ralph gathered & compiled much historical & social data, including recollections of his father. The June 1943 issue of "The Cattleman" magazine (Ft. Worth), contains, "Cowhand's Recollections, I." "Range Riding and Ranching in Southern Kansas, 1879-81," is in Mar & Oct. 44 issues of The Cattleman; "At the End of the Texas Trail," is in the "West Texas Historical Association Year Book," and articles are in the June 1942, Sept. 43, & Sept. 45 issues of "Chronicles of Oklahoma." His wife re-typed a 600 page booklet & placed it in the Phillips Collection, Bizzell Library, U. of Okla. From his detailed research in the eastern states, he prepared & presented a speech in March 37, entitled: "Myths & Myth Makers in American History." Since then, other writers have verified his analysis.

Ralph was a member of the following: The American Hist. Association, The Mississippi Valley Hist. Assoc., The Southwestern Social Science Assoc., The American Assoc. of University Professor. He is listed in the Directory of American Scholars, 1942 & 57 editions and in "Who Knew and What," 1954.

During World War II, Dr. Records was overburdened with work due to teacher shortage & added military training programs. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in Oct. 1945, which left him partially paralyzed and with hypertension, thus forcing him to retire. His wife then supported the family. In 1-1-51, he was named Professor, Emeritus, History, U. of Okla. Three months after his death at 7:30 pm, 1-4-57, his widow donated his 350 volume library to the Bizzell Library, U. of Okla.

Anita moved to Modesto, Calif., May 57, to be with her daughter Norma; 1964 add.: 1114 Del Verde Ave. She contributed most of the data on her immediate family for this book. Children: Jeanne, Norma, & Kay.

7. JEANNE RECORDS, b.12-1-1920, Norman, Okla.; m.11-20-43 to Charles Alexander Graham, b.11-27-18, Somerville, Mass., son of Leo Mason & Mary Ellen (Johnson) Graham; WWII, Navy 1942-45, Yeoman 2nd; he is a descendent of the same Capt. John May (1590-1670) as Lucinda (Cudwell) Records. Jeanne & Chas met at Okla U.; she was a student & he was in the Naval Center. Add.: 369 Lexington St., Woburn, Mass., 01801.; Catholics; no children.

7. NORMA RECORDS, b.11-30-22, Norman, Okla.; attended grades 1-6 at McKinley, Norman, & 7-12 in the U. of Okla. junior & senior high schools; earned B.S. degree in Education, 1949, U. of Okla.; has done post grad. work at U. of Arizona, Utah State College, San Francisco State College at Modesto, College of Pacific, U. of Calif., & Stanislaus State College, Turlock, Calif. Taught in Okla. City schools, 1949-51; school in Lincoln Co., F. Hill, 51-52; Tucson, Ariz., schools, 52-54; and in 1954 she moved to Modesto, Calif., where she continues to teach in the public schools. She is a member of Calif. Teachers Assoc., National Education Assoc., & Modesto Teachers Assoc.; served as building representative, schools; and active in church & community activities. Not married.

(continued from middle of page 93) Luban's Life, Poem.

Lo, I am with you, will forsake you not. (End)

7. KAY RECORDS, b.11-10-31, Norman, Okla.; m.6-14-52 at Texhoma, Okla., to Sanford H. Finger, b.12-27-31, Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Samuel & Clara (Reich) Finger; entered USAF on 6-12-51; Tech. Sgt.(1964), teaches airplane engine mechanics & attends college part time; add: 125 Rocky Hill Rd., Vaca Ville, Calif.; four children.
8. RHELA ANN FINGER, b.9-20-53, Riverside, Calif.
8. VALERIE LYNN FINGER, b.1-15-56, Orlando, Fla.
8. DENNIS LEE FINGER, b.7-9-57, Orlando.
8. KENNETH DEAN FINGER, b.12-2-58, Winter Park, Fla.
6. LESTER EARL RECORDS, b.10-6-1892, Peru, Kans.; resided in/near Lacey & Okcenc, Okla. City, also Cotton Valley, La. & Stevens, Ark.; d.4-6-1955 Okla City, bur Rose Hill Cem.; m.(1)3-22-24 at Stephens, Ark., to Mabel Green, b.9-13-04, d.12-12-34 Stevens, Ark.; dau of James Wiley & Hannie Ruth (Morgan) Green; m.(2) Myrtle (Shawsbury) Fowler; Earl returned to Okla City after first wife's death; his dau Rose was reared by her mother's parents, Stevens, Ark.; first President of International Assoc. of Rattlesnake Hunters, Okcenc, served as "Chief-snake-in-the-grass," during annual hunt of 1940 (approx.); served in Army WWI in medical corps, 2 1/2 yrs, Ft. Riley, Kans.; 17yrs before d., he became manager of the Gaforth Motor Co., Okcenc; Methodist; past Pres. Jr. C. of Con., member of Kiwanis & Amer. Legion; because of his friendly disposition, he had many friends & was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Myrtle m. Geo. Freeman & lives in Marietta, Okla. Earl played h.s. football, sang in church choir, very active in civic affairs, was excellent master cern.
7. ROSE CLAIRE RECORDS, b.5-11-29, Cotton Valley, La.; reared by grandparents in Stevens, Ark.; attended Stephens Col, Columbia, Mo. & U. of Arkansas; met husband there; m.9-16-50 at Memphis, Tenn., to Scott Lysinger, b.5-12-27, Tulsa, Okla., son of Scott Jackson & Hildagard(Brockman) Lysinger; he served in U.S. Army at end of WWII & was recalled during Korean War, is a major in Army Reserve Corps.; is a Petroleum Geologist with Pure Oil Co.; they have lived in Tulsa, Olney, Ill., Midland, Tex., & now live at 103 Sunny Lane, Lafayette, La.
8. MARRI ANN LYSINGER, b.7-29-55, Salem, Ill.
8. SUSAN LEIGH LYSINGER, b.7-5-61, Midland, Tex.
7. SUZANNE RECORDS, b.22-12-33, Stevens, Ark., d.3-28-36.
6. VICTOR LABAN RECORDS, b.1-22-1895, Lacey, Kingfisher Co., Okla.; m.8-31-24, Dewey, Okla., to Dorothy Augusta Evans, b.4-2-97, dau of Harry A. & Mary R. (Blair) Evans; WWI, US Army; 1964 add.: Canton, Okla.; Methodists; WWI, U.S. Army; recently retired from Southard Gypsum Co. and enjoys bowling.

(Sadly I am forced to leave the space below blank because Victor did not respond to inquiry.)

7. THOMAS EDISON RECORDS, b.5-24-25, Southard, Okla.; m.5-26-51 to Dorothy Pearson; 64 add.: Mans. City, Mo.; WWI, US Army, Europe Theater; works at Ford factory in K.C.; war duties included driving for Gen. Geo. Patton, was in several battles, including Battle of Bulge; carried buddy to safety
8. VICTOR DEAN RECORDS, b.1-15-54, Kansas City, Mo. on his back.
8. GARY LEE RECORDS, b.12-16-59, K.C., Mo.
7. JACK DEAN RECORDS, b.7-22-32, Southard, Okla.; grad from Southard h. s.; U.S. Army, 3-13-53 to 2-17-55, including 14mos. in Korea as electrician; m.1-21-56, K.C., Mo., to Marlene Krause, b.7-31-35, dau of Merl & Cecelia (Oberst) Krause, she grad from Okcenc h.s., lived in Homestead, Okla.

Lutherns; 64 add.: 11222 Lewis, K.C., Mo., 64134;

8. DONALD GLEN RECORDS, b. 2-27-50, K.C., Mo.

8. JENNIFER WAYNE RECORDS, b. 12-31-60, K.C., Mo.

6. EDITH LUCINDA RECORDS, b. 3-4-1897, Kingfisher Co., Okla.; played basketball & grad. from Okene h.s.; grad 1919 from Hillcrest Medical Center, School of Nursing, ; took post grad. training at Sea View Hospital, N. York City; m. 4-12-27, Sepulpa, Okla., to Harold Wayne Norris, b. 12-27-01, Lawrence, Kans., son of Lester Abram & Grace Estelle (Miller) Norris; Lester, d. 1942, was a prominent attorney in Ponca City, Okla.; Grace, b. 6-23-1872, Chautauque Co., Kans., d. age 84, Ponca City; Harold graduated from School of Geology, U. Of Okla., worked over 20 yrs for Gulf Oil Corp., Research Dept., during which time they lived in 60 towns. Ponca, Tex. was home for several years.

Both Edith & Harold have been very active in Methodist Church & civic affairs. She is a very active member of the D.A.R. and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and Mother Advisor for Rainbow Girls. She has been very helpful in submitting data for this book. Her hobbies include genealogy. She was able to supply me with some data on kin that did not have time to reply to our inquiry. Unfortunately she neglected to supply me with sufficient data on herself and her husband in their activities since marriage.

Since retirement, they bought and developed a small acreage near Proctor, Okla. The home is very comfortable and in a pretty setting. They perform some minor farm functions - but are fairly free to travel when they please. They are very proud of their daughter Ellen's musical achievements as well they might be. Edith has forwarded many pictures and articles on Ellen and on her own parents, brothers and sister.

Edith claimed Capt. Josiah Records as proof for membership in the D.A.R. She submitted for membership in the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, based on descending from Capt. Thomas Lake, who resided in America from 1641 (appr) to 1676, born at Erby, Lincolnshire, England. He was made a freeman in the Colony in 6-2-1641, served 15 yrs as Selectman in Doston, Mass., had properties in New Han., Maine, & Boston, bought half of Richard's Island in the Kennebec, established trading post there approx. 1676, joined an artillery company in 1653, rose to captain, & he was "perfidiously slain by ye Indians at Kennabeck, August 14, 1676." Lineage proof is as follows: Edith's Grandmother Lucinda (Cadvell) Records descended from Rev. John Cotton, Boston, M., & Anne (Lake) Cotton, b. 1615, Erby, England; Anne's father was Thomas Lake. Thomas' wife was Mary (Goodyear); his parents were Richard & Anne (Merolly) Lake.

Edith also learned that her lineage through Rev. John Cotton went all the way back to Walter Cotton of Trumpington, England, who must have lived prior to 1492. She is also a descendant of Dorothy (Bradstreet) Cotton who was a daughter of Gov. Simon Bradstreet & Ann (Dudley) Bradstreet who was a poet in the Mass. Colonies. Ann's parents were Gov. Thomas & Dorothy (Yerke) Dudley. Ann was born 1612, England, d. 9-16-1672, Darbury, Mass. Ann's poems are contained in a 400 page volume.

7. HAROLD WAYNE MARRIS, jr., b. 8-21-28, Tulsa, Okla., d. 6-21-37.

7. ELLEN JAYNE MARRIS, b. 8-12-36, Durant, Okla.; 1954 honor grad of Pecos, Tex., h. school where she was majorette, Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls, choir, band, & many other worthy activities. She went to Texas Western College, El Paso, on a Cotton Memorial Scholarship, graduating with honors in 1958, Bachelor of Music. At TWU, she was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," named, "Best All Around Girl, 1958" treas. of Junior Class & Student Body, president of Junior Pan American Roundtable, sec. of Wesley Foundation, member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Chi, Music Educators Nat. Con., band, orchestra, church choir director, sang in El Paso Opera, was proficient in Spanish, Italian, & German, served on TWU "El Burro" publication Staff, sang as soloist with El Paso Symphony, and many other accomplishments.

Ellen was one of 129 outstanding 1958 college graduates in 31 countries awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for study abroad during the 1960-61 academic year; she studied music in the Vienna Music Academy, Austria; visited Greece, Turkey, & other European countries with other students, camping & staying at youth hostels along the way. She m. 5-28-61, Wien, Osterreich, Austria, to Donald Keith Miller, b. 9-3-39, Canton, Ohio, son of Joseph C. & Violet E. (Doll) Miller.

Ellen taught music at Ysleta & El Paso, Tex., upon returning from Europe; in 1964, she taught music and opened a voice & piano studio in Okene, Okla.; summer of 64, she sang in the Santa Fe, N. Mex., Opera; toured midwest in Feb. 65 with Virginia Symphony Orchestra; is very active in music circles in Kingfisher Co., Okla. Her children's chorus sang in state affair in O. City.

8. DONALD WAYNE MILLER, b. 7-28-62, Wein, Alsergrund, Osterreich, Austria.

6. DORA GENEVA RECORDS, b. 4-15-1899, Kingfisher Co., Okla., played basketball with her sister in Okene, graduated ; completed nurses training , worked as head nurse in the hospital at Okene; m. 10-24-41 to Oliver Campbell; they live near Lacey which is 10 mi west of Hennessey, Okla.; no children; Geneva met Gov. Bellman at his Ingersoll Ball, operates an 880 acre farm 1 mi south of Lacey, Okla.; in 1964, Oliver caught encephalitis in Colo.; his friends staged a "wheat planting Bee" and sowed 320 acres for him -- testimonial of his personality and good friends.

MOTHER, by Laban S. Records, Okene, Okla.,
about 1938.

1. This ode is to my mother,
My dearest friend on earth,
Went down the valley and shadow,
To consummate my birth.

2. Such love as this, a bond of love,
To men it is not given to feel.
The Father's love sent from above,
A covenant with man to seal.

3. Though the parents' love may fall,
Then the Lord will take him up.
If on his name they call,
For this cause, He drank the cup.

THE STORY OF WILLIAM P. AND ELCEY HARVEY RECORDS

by Miss Nora Clarke, their granddaughter, 1959.

(Extracts from her story in the 1959 "The Records of the Records", published yearly by Prof. Herbert Clarke)

Mr. P. and Elcey began housekeeping on a farm south and west of his father's and lived there until 1835. Because of the low ground where the family lived, they suffered from chills and so they moved to higher ground in Jackson Twp., Shelby Co.; a half mi nw of the village of Mt. Auburn.

The kitchen was the largest room in the house and had a large fireplace in one end. Here all the cooking was done in iron pots and in skillets that had legs about two inches long so they could be set on the coals. The iron lids for these had a rim around the edge to hold hot coals so the food would cook all around. Some pots had little longer legs, these too could be set on coals and covered with iron lids. Through the long direction of the fireplace, there was a bar on which pots could also be hung for cooking. They also had a reflector which they could set in front of the fireplace to cook little things on.

They had a large bake-oven in the yard, built up from the ground perhaps three feet. This had a roof over it and the roof covered with dirt to keep the heat in. It had a brick or plaster floor on which a fire was made to heat the oven. While the oven was heating, they were making pies, cake, bread and any other food they wished to bake. They put the pies and other things that required more heat in to bake first and then the bread in last because it could bake slower while the oven would be cooling. Sometimes they baked more than once a week.

The coals in the fireplace had to be carefully covered with ashes so they would have a starter for the fire in the morning. I remember Mother telling about a neighbor coming to borrow some live coals. He said his fire had gone out and he knew Mr. Records would have some to spare.

For light they only had the fireplace and tallow candles they made for themselves, or sometimes a grease light made by putting a piece of cloth in a bowl of grease and lighting it. All grease had to be carefully saved to have enough to use for the candles and to make soap. Sometimes they did not have enough candle molds to make all of the candles they needed and then they made dip-candles by putting melted tallow in a kettle of warm water, putting the wicks on a stick and dipping them in the grease and when it was cold, dipping them again as many times as it took to make them candle size. They had no matches and each scrap of paper had to be save to make candle lighters; lighting them at the fireplace and then lighting the candles.

All their soap was made with lye and grease in a large kettle out of doors. For scouring many things they used the homemade soap and fine sand; for polishing knives, forks, and spoons, they found a soft brick from which they could shave off a little material they could use.

There was much work to be done because almost everything had to be made in the home or on the farm. Flax had to be raised and prepared to be made into thread, and then woven into cloth. They also had to make the buttons for their clothes. Sheep had to be raised to have wool to make cloth. Mr. Records was always very careful about his sheep and had a pasture for them where there were no burrs to get in their wool. Before he began to shear the sheep, he took them to Blue River where he washed them and so had clean wool. They used to tell about being invited to "wool-pickings" After the wool was made into yarn some of it had to be colored. Elcey was a fine hand to color. For brown, she used walnut leaves and bark. When she wanted an especially fine color, her husband got walnut roots for her. All the cloth was woven on hand looms.

Mr. Records made the shoes for the family before they could be bought.

in a local store. For fences they split logs into rails.

On the farm there were many sugar maple trees. Before tapping the trees, some trees were cut sawed into short lengths, split in the middle and the center chopped out to make small troughs to catch the sugar water. Also they had to make the spouts to put into the trees to run the water into the troughs. They also had to make a large trough to hold the water when it was gathered and brought into the camp. In the camp there was a furnace with large iron kettles in which the sugar water was boiled to make the syrup and sugar. Mr. Records always made a hundred pounds of sugar first, then made molasses as long as they could get the sugar water.

They raised wheat to get money to pay the taxes. After it was cut by hand with a cradle, dried and put on the barn floor and treshed by horses walking over it, it was then fanned clean, sewed up in sacks and taken in a wagon to Madison to be sold for cash. If there was more than enough to pay the taxes, Mr. Records bought things that they had need of and could not get at home. If any money was left after that he would get a calico dress for each one. The sacks to hold the wheat had been woven by Mrs. Records and the girls. All the string a boy could have to fly a kite had to be made on the spinning wheel.

Mr. Records was a man who worked for all good things in the community and when he went to house or barn raisings and whisky was passed around, he was worried and said, "We will have a community of drunkards; when I build my barn there will be no whisky passed around." When he had his barn ready to raise and he went around to invite the men to come to the barn raising he told them that there would not be any whiskey. All of the neighbors came; the barn is still in use in 1959.

SOAP MAKING; by Mrs. Vinnie Mullendore Robinson

Vinnie made her first money making soap, working a month for \$1.75. The wood ashes were saved and put into the ash hopper, a large V-shaped trough with closed ends. The ashes were pounded to make them more solid and then Vinnie carried water for two weeks, putting on just enough to keep the ashes moist. Then for another two weeks enough water was added to keep the lye water just dripping, until enough lye water was accumulated. This was boiled down about half, and tested with a feather, dipped and twirled in the solution. If all the barbs came off in three dippings, the lye water was strong enough. Next the grease from rinds and other meat scraps was added and the mixture was boiled. To test the product, a little was removed, cooled and put into water. If it was ropey, it was alright. If it was too ropey, more grease was added. It took all day to make the soap, seven kettles full which netted 25¢ each. Washing was done by hand on wash boards.

Much of the food raised in the garden and the orchard were put up for winter use. The basement or cellar was a store house. Ten gallon stone jars were stuffed with stuffed sweet peppers, cucumber pickles, pickled field corn and fried-down sausage. The pickled corn was prepared by putting the ears of soft corn into water and heating them to boiling, the corn was then cut from the cobs and put down into a jar, alternating layers of corn with salt. There was a barrel of New Orleans molasses and a barrel of soft sugar. Irish potatoes and apples were stored in bins. The apples had to be sorted occasionally during the winter and the ones beginning to spoil were cooked. Each evening, apples were brought into the house for eating. Onions, turnips, beets, and cabbage were also stored. The roots were left on the cabbage heads and stuck into soft earth, with the heads completely exposed. Sweet potatoes and canned foods were also stored. Honey and green coffee, dried apples and peaches, and apple butter were stored. All were home grown but the coffee. Hens were hup in the smoke house. Part of the side meat

was pickled. Lard was kept in wooden kegs. The sour kraut, because of its odor, was kept away from other food in the wash house. Walnuts and hickory nuts were stored. Salsify and parsnips were not stored but were left outside in the ground until used. Crocks of milk and butter were kept in the milk house trough.

Beef tallow and beeswax were used for candle making. A candle mold made twelve candles at a time. Wicks were twisted and threaded through the opening at the base of the mold and a knot was tied below the opening. The upper part of the wick was tied tightly over a stick at the top to keep the wick centered and taut. The melted mixture was poured into the mold and allowed to stand overnight. The next morning a little more tallow was added because of shrinkage in cooling. About twenty dozen candles were made each winter.

White fowls were raised for their feathers which were used for making pillows and feather beds. The white down from the breast and legs of geese were especially good, but the bites of the victims were not. Mattresses of new straw were made for summer use.

Home made hominy was a very popular food, especially in the times of frontier Kentucky. Simon Kenton, the famous Indian fighter, liked it so much that he always kept a "hominy stump." Once he cut down a big tree and hollowed out the stump into a huge bowl. Then he built his log cabin around it, and constantly kept a batch of hominy processing.

The above descriptions of some of the domestic activities of Records kin in the mid 1800's were presented herein because they are the same activities that our ancestors had to perform from generation to generation until about the turn of the century. Domestic skills were handed down from our earliest ancestors in America.

GENERAL COMMENTS

At this point, I will attempt to describe some of the events, conditions, and attitudes of the 1925-66 period. More details are available in books and movies, but I thought that you might wish to read the personal opinions and observations of one of your kinsmen.

The 1929 stock market crash and subsequent 10 year depression was very severe. Our parents had to struggle to provide the bare essentials. Hunger or very limited diets were experienced by many. I still enjoy corn bread and pinto beans which was all we had often back then. Salt pork was served frequently but fried chicken or beef was rare treats. This period was made even more severe in the Texas Panhandle due to a seven year drought. The term "Dust Bowl" was now and very ably described the conditions. One of the most depressing things to experience is a choking dust storm, so dense that you can not see beyond 40 ft. Sand and dust buried fences, idle farm equipment & sheds, blocked roads like drifts of snow, and in other places, the winds stripped the soil from around roots, fence posts, yards, and buildings. Old people and babies suffered most. It was impossible to seal out the fine dust. Many people went to Calif. and other western states, leaving their worthless farms in Texas, Okla., Kans., and Colo. They all were called "Okies" by the non-too-happy people in the west. Even today the Plains states suffer some dust storms, particularly in March. Conservation practices re-vitalized the drought damaged land and the dust storms are generally not as severe nor as damaging as during the 30's.

Radios became the home entertainment media inspite of the static noise (nearly eliminated by 1938). "Little Orphan Annie" and "Jack Armstrong" were the favorite serials of the children. Music, news, and "Amos & Andy" were enjoyed by adults. About 1950, television began to replace the radio, except in autos. By 1960, nearly every family owned at least one TV set and many were getting second sets to reduce arguments over program selection. Much time is wasted in watching worthless programs. Some crime programs have even taught people how to be better crooks. Still, there are also a fair number of beneficial programs. We watch TV too much, but we are at last making progress in our efforts to reduce the number of hours that the set is on.

Our little house in Canadian, Texas, had no hot water but did have natural gas heating and electricity. A single light bulb hung from the ceiling in 3 of the 4 rooms. Lights and the radio were our only electrical items. Today, our homes are electrical marvels and before many more years, they will be even more so. Our home contains the following electrical gadgets: electric stove, clock, toaster, mixer, waffle iron, television, hi-fi stereo radio & record player combination, refrigerator, lamps, hair dryers, washing & drying clothes machines, plate warmers, skillets, vacuum cleaner, forced air heat, toy train & autos, pop corn popper, hobby wood cutting & turning equipment, hand drill, coffee pots, ironing iron, and heating pads for illness. In '35, our toilet was an airy "two-holer" at the back of the yard. I helped turn over many on Halloween, but most were gone by 1942. Today, it is rare that a home does not have hot & cold water and bath rooms with tubs and flush toilets.

Movies in the 30's cost only 10¢ for children and 25¢ for adults, but even that amount was often hard to release for pleasure rather use for essentials. Tom Mix, Buck Jones and Hopalong Cassidy were my favorite cowboys in the Sat. afternoon movies. TV began to cripple movie house business in 1950. We rarely attend a downtown movie. Prices are still reasonable in our military base movie houses, so we go there sometimes.

Western music was popular in Texas in the 30's. I still like alot of it, but I also enjoy swing, instrumentals, and light classicals. As a teenager, I learned to "jitter-bug" dance to swing music but never expertly. This was a very active "swing your partner" routine; is still fairly popular. The young

of today, however, seem to prefer "rock and roll" and "twist" music. The later requires no particular talent except good lungs to be louder than the screaming teenage girls. The male singers and musicians wear their hair long and look like girls. The young twist dance in a manner that is more than faintly suggestive. Still they do not exactly dance with their partner because they seem to concentrate on themselves and often are several feet apart. They move their feet very little while making all sorts of primitive motions with the hips, chest, hands, chest, neck, arms, etc. One is reminded of the fertility dance reportedly performed by the natives in darkest Africa. I was recently in California (San Francisco) and I and some other officers briefly visited one the favorite night clubs of the "mad set." We noted that most were there to watch the characters dance the many versions of the twist. Those on the dance floor appeared to be exhibitionists. We all thought "What's the world coming to?" Still, these were the same thoughts of our elders when we were doing the "jitter-bug" years ago. However, I think this is different because now the teenagers are doing the same acts of a strip teaser in a rough burlesque show, except they do not yet remove their clothing. Maybe the world is going to the dogs, but again man has been saying so since the beginning of time.

For many years we have been experiencing negro racial problems; however, this is well or thoroughly documented by others and I need not cover it here.

Until about 1955, the steam locomotive was an ever fascinating giant on our railroads. Its blasts of steam, hugh wheels, cow catcher, whistle, bell, smoke puffs, and many mysterious moving parts were marvelous to see and hear. Nearly everyone liked to hear the whistle of the engine in the distance. Then the more efficient but dull and unromantic diesel-electric engine replaced the steam engine, and the railroad lost much of its luster. Airline travel has drastically increased and many railroads have discontinued passenger service. Bus travel has also lost out to the airlines. Still, the family auto is the prime means of travel.

Most families own one or more automobiles. Since the father in each family supposedly has some knowledge of auto mechanics, he generally is relegated to driving the older and less reliable of the family cars. Everyone prefers to drive his own car to and from work daily; therefore, the routes to main business and industrial areas are clogged with cars carrying one or two people in the morning going to work and returning in the evening after work. Probably at least half of the cars would not be needed if everyone joined in car pools. There is concern about the latent harm from air pollution caused by these autos. The average family buys a new or newer car each four to six years. Our 1963 Chev. station wagon cost about \$3,300 now, but we paid \$2,250 for it when it was one year old and had 15,000 miles on it. Gasoline costs about 32 cents per gallon; 11 ¢ of this is state and federal tax. Our highways are all paved - mostly with asphalt. Speeds on the open highway are generally around 60-70 posted but generally everyone passes you when you drive as the law specifies. Many people are killed and injured each year in automobile accidents inspite of the patrols, warning signs, good roads, reliable cars, and national safety programs.

There are many fine vacation facilities throughout the country, but they are all becoming more crowded each year. Hotels and motels offer many incentives to the vacationers. Many people, however, prefer to go on camping vacations to stretch out the vacation budget and to get closer to nature. There are many state and national parks with designated camping sites and centrally located bath, toilet, and con-

miseries. The fee is usually about \$1.50 per family tent, per night. There are a great variety of camping gear, including house trailers, pickup truck camper units, fold-out trailer tent units, and an endless variety of tent designs. We own a one wheel utility trailer which carries our 8'x12' tent, camp stove, lantern, icebox, grub box, cooking gear, sleeping bags, air mattresses, fishing gear, etc. We usually set up our tent, stow our gear in it, then go sight-seeing, swimming, boating, or fishing. We prepare a breakfast of eggs, bacon, or pancakes. If we are in a town, zoo, or congested area at noon, we eat lunch in cafes. If we are at the camp, we prepare sandwiches. In the evening, we try to have a big meal with all the items necessary to maintain contented stomachs; this includes steak, fish, baked potatoes, fresh vegetables, milk, beans, bread, coffee, or ice tea. Later we might go for ice cream or we might even make pop corn at the camp fire. Frequently, the park service may offer movies at night dealing with out-door life. Sometimes we see lodges in such scenic settings that we forego the "rugged life" of campers and stay a day or so in modern comforts. Sometimes we stay in family quarters on various military installations when available as we vacation.

Many fine lakes have been built or are being built for conservation, and recreation purposes. Fishing, boating, water skiing, and swimming in these lakes are enjoyed by many. Industry, communities, farms, and careless individuals have polluted many of our once fine streams and lakes. Lake Erie, a wonderful recreation area, is rapidly being contaminated by Detroit and Cleveland and may support only rough fish within another 18 years. President Johnson recently ordered a study to determine proper methods of controlling pollution of the air, water, and land. It will be very difficult and made ever more difficult by the fast increasing population. He might also protect some natural beauties from individuals who build fancy "ledge-type" homes over the water falls, unique cliffs, and rapids.

Until about 1947, employees were expected to work six 8 hour days each week. Since then, the trend went rapidly to a five 8 hour day work week. Automation and electronic data processing are rapidly replacing labor, managers, engineers, technicians, accountants, and many other professions. It appears possible that national laws or union pressures will force business to go to a nation-wide four 8 hour day work week in order to provide more jobs, thus nullifying the savings in labor costs. I think that I would enjoy three days off work each week, but anymore than that might prove boring. Certainly, many more people would just get involved in more trouble. Social Security retirement is now at age 62-65. It may be lowered to 55-60 within several years. I will retire at age 52 with a very nice pension if I remain in the USAF. Many people express a wish that they had remained in military service just so they could retire 10 or 12 years before Social Security retirement. I sort of like the idea myself.

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy on 22 Nov. 1963, was a terrible shock to all good Americans and our friends in other lands. He was a very capable man and was trying his best to do a good job. Although always wealthy, he shunned an easy life and worked hard to serve his country. Everyone was an admirer of him. President Kennedy, a great man, was struck down by rifle shots from behind while motoring through Dallas, Tex. Lee Oswald, a stupid, cowardly, communist, was proven to be the assassin. Our family and nearly all Americans, remained glued to our TV sets watching the sad series of events culminating with Kennedy's burial in Arlington Cemetery. Most of us would have been glad to serve as Oswald's executioner, but not before the trial was held. The whole sorry mess was made even worse by the ridiculous killing of Oswald a few days after he killed our president. During 1964, I was able to visit Kennedy's grave while on business in Washington, D.C.

Our Monroe Doctrine, or "Hands Off America, Europe," was once a proud boast in our school history classes. The Russians and Chinese Communists moved army groups, equipment, weapons, missiles, and air-

Perhaps you are interested in a typical day in my daily life in the USAF which, by the way, is not much or any different from that of civilians. I will try to describe such a day as I spent back in Ohio. At 7:00 am, the alarm clock wakes me and I wake Margie and she wakes the children. I then shave, groom, and dress in my uniform. The children get ready for school while Margie prepares a breakfast of bacon and eggs, coffee, hot chocolate, or waffles, or hot oatmeal, or a cold cereal. I then drive to work in our 1960 Chev. Corvair, second car. I work in a Systems Project Office responsible for monitoring some big defense contractor in performing the development and delivery of new and/or additional weapons for national defense. At 5:00 pm, I return home unless something urgent keeps me after normal working hours. Before supper, I may work in the yard or on the car, perhaps in the garden, (unless it is winter). Mostly, I grab the newspaper and read it. Supper might consist of steak, fish, roast beef, or meat loaf, along with mashed potatoes & gravy, beans, green salad, bread, and coffee, ice tea, or milk. Frequently, we go over to the Officers Club for sandwiches at the snack bar. Sometimes, we go out for a dinner in a nice restaurant. In the evening, we do lessons, watch TV, or I work on this ancestry. We generally stay up too late and do not go to bed until after 11:30 pm.

During the day, Margie cleans up the house, does the washing and ironing, shops, pays bills, visits with friends, attends some ladies club functions, etc. In summer, she makes jelly or cans vegetables that I have harvested from my garden on the air base, 3mi away. She is one of the few modern young women who can & does process can vegetables rather than deep freeze them. She and the children often in the summer go swimming during the day at the Officers Club. I join them sometimes after work and get some worthwhile exercise after most of the mob of kids have gone home for supper. On weekends, we try to go see something of interest such as zoos, art galleries, ball games, museums, parks, shows, special events, and historic sites.

We sometimes visit friends, but not as often as we should. I suppose most people feel that way. Seems we are just too busy inspite of all the modern time-saving devices we now possess. When I do visit friends, I usually enjoy myself and pledge to do it more often.

When Margie and I were married, she agreed to let me build alot of our furniture. I used mahogany and built fairly good items such as a large dresser, coffee table, end table, and a bookcase, sectional furniture, cabinet, and portable closet of pine and plywood. However, I was never patient enough to put on finishes as good as the factories. After several years, Margie has convinced me that a change was in order. The "pioneer furniture" has done its job and my pioneer home making instint is satisfied. New furniture is ordered.

In Sept. 1964, I was requested by the French Air Force to attend a week's conference at their expense in Paris as a result of my conscientious management efforts of the latter stages of their procurement of twelve Boeing C-135F transport-tanker aircraft through the Military Assistance Sales Program of the Dept. of Defense. I boarded their 11th new C-135F at Larson AFB, Wash., and we flew non-stop over the Hudson Bay, tip of Greenland, Ireland, England, and landed at a French Strategic Air Base, Istres, France (south part of France).

They then gave me a tour of the base and introduced me to the base commander, a colonel. I was then flown to Orley, location of the huge Air France Air Port just outside of Paris. I had a fancy lunch in the airport restaurant along with some of the Air France officials. Air France is prime on Depot repairs of the C-135F. Later, I was delivered to Hotel de Grasse on the left bank of the Seine River in the middle of Paris. They told me that they would pick me up Monday and to enjoy myself (it was Friday). After settling my gear in my reserved room, I bought a map of Paris and set off walking to see as many of the sights, historical objects, art galleries, museums, monuments, tourist attractions, and the lights and life of Paris. I wore blisters on my

feet and my legs just about gave out. Fortunately, some kind soul told me how to use the best bargain in the world; namely, the Metro or subway. For only 8 cents equivalent, you can ride rapidly to any place in Paris. Simple maps clearly show the stations and routes. There are only a few lesser tourist attractions, along with expensive shows or night clubs, that I did not see during my Paris visit. Later at the conferences, the French were delighted and surprised at what all I had managed to see. Then we talked business.

I had time to try the wines and fancy foods in some picturesque restaurants and one night while cruising in a beautiful glass covered touring launch. I enjoyed it all and it certainly was different what about anything I had ever experienced. Their wine, which they drink in place of water and which I did too, along with the fancy, rich, and very different foods were pleasant and new experiences for me. However, it took a month for my stomach to get back to normal. I prefer our solid American food over the long run.

I also visited a French major general and some colonels in their Paris headquarters; equivalent to our Pentagon. I was flown non-stop back to Los Angeles on an Air France jet airliner, Boeing 707. They served more wine and fancy French foods, and although my stomach was already in a turmoil, I just had to try them. I knew I probably would never get the opportunity again. I arrived home in Seattle after having been gone only 10 days. If I could afford it, I would like to take my family to Paris someday. I was lucky to get the trip.

In the U.S.A., religion is observed or followed with various degrees of intensity. It was once the center of all community activities of our grandparents. We generally are not nearly as intensely involved, but it still offers comfort to many. I do not attend church as often as I should. Many do not attend at all. When I do go, I am impressed, absorb the sermon, and later feel glad that I went. There are many fine churches with excellent choirs, organs, and capable preachers. Many churches have lost the personal touch because they have become so big.

So many fantastic achievements in science have taken place during my lifetime that I am no longer particularly surprised when new developments are announced. When I was a boy, airplanes sometimes flew as fast as 280 mph, as high as 15,000 ft., and perhaps for 500 miles. WW II fighters flew about 450 mph at 30,000 ft. and for about 1,500 mi. B-29 bombers cruised at about 280 mph, 30,000 ft. and for 3,000 mi. During the Korean War, jet fighters flew about 600mph, 40,000 ft., and for 1,800 mi. By 1963, the X-15 rocket airplane was exceeding 3,000 mph and reaching over 280,000 ft. altitude during brief flights. We now have operational fighters and bombers that are supersonic, but our main strategic bomber is the Boeing B-52. Airlines use jets that carry 80 people 3,000 miles at 39,000 ft. and 600 knots. Our government is considering financial support of the development of a high commercial supersonic passenger and cargo transport. Thus, in the brief period of the airplane, it has changed from a small rickety 35 mph crate to a streamlined reliable precision mechanism capable of flying at speeds several times the speed of sound.

Equally amazing, is the change in rocketry. The Chinese invented it many centuries ago. It was used for fun and sometimes in war but little was done to improve it beyond the "fire-cracker" stage. About 1928, Prof. Goddard performed some rocket tests near Roswell, N. Mex., and used crude guidance packages and liquid fuels. His reports were ignored by our government, but the militant Germans studied them in detail and recognized the war potential of rockets. We were rudely made aware of the guided or programmed flight missiles when the Germans blasted England with V-1 and V-2 missiles in WW II.

After WW II, the U.S. began a limited program of development of our own missiles, mostly of the short range variety. Then we learned that the Russians, who decided to be very uncooperative after the war, were developing intercontinental ballistic missiles. Our fears and desire to discourage sneak attacks on us and our allies in the cold war, pressed us into ICBM development.

Both sides in this cold war now have large numbers of ICBM missiles poised and ready to fire if either should decide to strike. It is frightening to think about the holocaust that would develop if either side should be so foolish as to start a nuclear war.

About 1958, the world was surprised by the confirmed announcement of the Russians that they had shot a satellite into orbit around the earth. This was another clear-cut proof that they were not only equal to us scientifically, but that they were surpassing us in certain critical fields. We frantically increased our development of suitable space boosters and useful nose packages. We have successfully shot electronic packs, nose packages containing animals, and finally manned nose cones, successively, into orbit. Both the U.S. and Russia have sent electronic packages or probes far out into space. At present, we have an electronic package traveling toward Mars. In July 1965, after about 9 months travel through space, it will pass close enough to that planet to record important data about the environment. Just last week, our second Ranger television pack sent back pictures of the moon's surface before impacting. We are programmed to land a manned space craft on the moon by 1970. Our scientists are working very hard and very thoroughly to assure complete success. We could probably put a man there now but the risks are too great. Speeds are fabulous, developments are apparently limitless, and costs of defense and space programs are perhaps equally as difficult to comprehend. Yet, it is probably true that the world would now be slaves of the communists if the U.S. had not been willing to expend huge sums of its national wealth to protect the rights of free nations.

Medicine has also been remarkable. Doctors now perform open heart and brain surgery, kidney transplants, other operating techniques, and dispense life-saving medicines unknown a few years ago. The human body is sometimes aided with mechanical lungs, kidneys, and heart timers. Many things are being developed or improved to prolong life, eliminate disease, and prevent pain. The Salk and later Sabin vaccines for polio were wonderful developments. Doctors are, however, kept as busy as ever. People seem to go to see their doctor for nearly every ill, no matter how minor. Socialization of medicine is now receiving much discussion, partly because the doctors and hospitals charge so much for services. Naturally, the AMA is opposed to socialized medicine.

In April 65, I and 40 other USAF officers in the Education With Industry Program, assigned to a number of west coast defense plants for the 10 mo. period, made a two week tour of these same plants to observe and compare their operations. The tour included The Boeing Co., Seattle, Wash., and these companies in Calif.: Douglas Aircraft, Aerojet-General, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., North American Aviation, Philco Corp., United Technology Center, Northrup Norair, Hughes Aircraft, and General Dynamics/Convair, in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, Arcadia, Palo Alto, and Azusa. We also visited the Western Test Range, Vandenberg AFB. We met many of the top executives of these very advanced companies. Some things we saw and/or received presentations on were the lunar orbiter, C-5A airplane, supersonic transport, Minuteman missile, Boeing 707, 720, 727, & 737 airplane prod., Saturn and Apollo prod., Norair F-5 & T-38 airplane prod., Douglas DC-8 & 9 prod., Surveyor satellite, Centaur & Atlas missile prod., COIN Charger airplane, Manned Orbiter Lab., and a number of other advanced space systems. It was a very interesting trip.

During the trip, I learned that I would be assigned to an unmanned satellite development program as an astronautical engineer at Space Systems Div., AFSC/USAF, Los Angeles, Calif., at the completion of my EWI, Boeing, Seattle, 25Jun65. I managed to visit SSD while in the L.A. area and I also looked over the housing situation. I am pleased with the job assignment; however, I am worried about the smog, dense population, Freeway, and high cost of housing. We always seem to manage and always find things to enjoy wherever we live.

Although we are abit apprehensive, others who have lived there and friends living there now say it is not bad at all in L.A. It will be another adventure. We plan to take a month camping along the coast while journeying south this summer. Our children were at first sadden that we would leave Seattle but brighten when I told them that Disneyland would be only a few miles from where we probably live.

Paula, Franklin, and Lora Records have gotten to see far more of the U.S. than most. They will by the time they are grown have a good opinion of where they wish to live as adults. They have enjoyed many of the varieties made possible by our moving about every four years. However, they say that they prefer Texas in the long run and they miss their cousins back there and in Okla., including Linda Jane Talbert, born , and Bobby Ray Talbert, b. , and now living in Abilene, Tex., where their parents teach . Their grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Talbert, sr., are our good friends and we've all had enjoyable visits on their farm near Happy, Tex.

While living in Ohio and during our move to Seattle, we visited several times with Margie's Uncle Ray and Aunt Mary Stewart, Karnes Community, west of Knoxville, Tenn. He retired about 1958 from the Oak Ridge Atomic Plant & Mary retired from teaching in 63. They own and operate a 1200 eggs per day chicken farm, a very scenic and comfortable home, and a beautiful yard with hugh trees on it. Lulu, Margie's mother, has been with us on several of these visits.

Some of our friends while we lived in Fairborn, O., were L/Col. Paul Ross, Maj. Fred Gibson, Capt. Donald Schmidt, Messrs. Lawson Frantz, Melvin Rutstein, and Roger Loy, and their families.

Maj. Gerald S. Reeve, Captains Elvin D. Isgrig, Raymond C. Preston, jr., and Douglas O. Wall are the other four officers with me in the EWI Program at Boeing, Seattle. I've gotten to meet many of the top Boeing executives, including Mr. Wm. Allen, President. Mr. John Foote, my Seattle landlord and an employce of Boeing, is another personal friend. Mr. Walter Kee is the EWI Coordinator. Boeing's policy is to let the EWI students see as much as physically possible of the hugh company's operation. I am almost speechless about the many and varied technologies that they are either advancing or mastering in order to maintain their their exceptional position in this rapidly changing scientific world.

Josiah, Spencer, and Laban Records and their families were brave people who daily faced personal dangers and hardships. They deserve great praise. But I imagine that they would praise us for our own apparent or otherwise fearippsness/bravery to live more or less normally in these times when at a moment's notice the world could for all practical purposes be destroyed by nuclear blasts. They would be shocked at the viciousness and savage attitudes of Communist China, Russia, and a number of the African nations. Perhaps, we actually live our daily lives much like Spencer, Laban, and Josiah, in that we try to remain alert and ready to discourage our enemies without at the same time worrying ourselves sick of the magnitude of the dangers.

In April 1965, we enjoyed ferry boating to Bremerton where we saw the USS Missouri super battleship of WWII, the USS Kittyhawk (a hugh modern aircraft carrier), and many WWII warships still in storage but capable of being reconditioned for action if necessary. At Issaquah, we watched hobby "sky divers" free fall several thousand feet before opening their parachutes. At the same time we watched sailplanes soaring over the nearby mountains and foothills; radio controlled model airplanes costing \$600 ea. were being stunt flown nearby. I also got to ride in a Boeing 727 test this month. Dad, Amelia Bentley family, Pettie Cooper Hurst, and Uncle Charley Cooper visited us and we had a great visit together which included the Zoo, Space Needle, and digging clams during a minus tide at Normandy Beach.

On 29 April 1965, at 0828 hours, we experienced our first earthquake. It was rather severe (7.3 scale). The terrible quake of 1964 in Alaska measured 8.5 scale. Several people were killed and injured in downtown Seattle, but we were unhurt and had no damage. We were frightened but not to the point of panic or hysteria ... It seemed that the house was being twisted in all directions while everything and everyone was being severely vibrated. We heard a loud rumbling which increased as the shaking intensified. When it seemed that the house might shake apart, we ran into the yard. There we watched the trees, poles, and wires sway back and forth and bounce up and down. Our two cars bounced up and down, back and forth. No cracks or fissures opened, but we sure thought one might at any moment. We felt helpless. Throughout the 30-45 seconds of the earthquake, we never lost our footing. It was a unique experience which we would have preferred to miss. I understand that this quake was worse than the one they had in Seattle in 1949. People are funny-- the radio stations told about the damage as reports came in for about 3 hours and all was very serious. Then they ran out of this news so they switched to reporting the funny things that happened. In an area where there are about a million people, you would be amazed at all that happened. Paula was in school and Franklin and Lora were just ready to leave for school. I and Margie were to go to McChord AFB. We went on to McChord but returned after I completed a physical check that I was scheduled to take, and we returned as soon as possible. Schools remained in session.

Since we have been living in Seattle, we have had some very enjoyable reunions with our kin in this area. On Thanksgiving 1964, we went to Naches and joined with Amelia Bentley's at their home in the middle of a wonderful orchard loaded with the most beautiful apples that I've ever seen. They work for the owners. Uncle Charley Cooper, Sam & Elnora (Cooper) Hurst, Pearl Cooper, and our children were there. In March, nearly all visited us for a weekend, and in May 65, we all met again at the Hurst home in Yakima. Elnora is Amelia's cousin; her father was Bill Cooper. My father, Paul Records, was with us too. He is presently staying with Charley. We all agree that the visits were both enjoyable and creative of better and lasting friendships.

In five more days we leave Seattle rather reluctantly for Los Angeles. Dad worked a couple of months in Naches but recently left alone for Prescott, Ariz., where he is now working a 20 acre mining claim that he staked out in 1965. So he is now an old prospector in the desert and is enjoying the change.

Mrs. Naomi Houghan is on a tour of the West and will visit us today. We will exchange 15 of our books. I am having my book copyrighted in hopes of getting a copy placed in The Library of Congress and to prevent indiscriminate re-printing by professionals. I know that my book is not the neatest, nor is it free of grammatical errors, and there are probably some errors in the data. Still, I believe that I have accomplished the main objective - record the LABAN RECORDS branch family history as I knew it.

Perhaps a few quotes on genealogy as furnished by Mrs. Edith Morris are appropriate at this point: "They alone cry out against a noble ancestry who have none of their own," Ben Johnson; "Descent from the great and good is a high honor and privilege," Colton; "It is fortunate to come of distinguished ancestry," Bruyere; "Hereditary honors are a noble and splendid treasure," Plato; "The inheritance of a distinguished and noble name is a proud inheritance to him who lives worthily of it," Colton.

I think that W.H. Records' introduction to his book very ably describes the purpose, hopes, and feelings of the thoughtful. He said, "It is always a mark of self respect, and often an incentive to commendable zeal and noble living, to keep trace of family history." I think that it is selfish and foolish to spoof family history. Most of our ancestors had hopes, dreams, and aspirations which included the best for us. We honor them by doing our best today.

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