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I gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and assistance of members of the family which made this record possible. It is compiled in loving memory of our fore-fathers with wishes for peace and prosperity for this generation - and those to come.

I trust the record is as complete as the information submitted to me. For all errors and omissions, I offer my humblest apologies.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Very little is known about the ancestry of the Dewees family; what is known has been handed down "word of mouth" from generation to generation and is veiled in legends.

The thoughts of the older members of our family are, that we are descended from the Dewees lineage put forth in the book entitled * "The Dewees Family" collected by Mrs. Philip E. La Manyan (nee Deweese) and printed by William H. Roberts in 1905 at Morristown, P.A. In this book the name Dewees was derived from the Dutch expression De Wees, meaning "the orphan" and was given to one Jan Pietre De Wees, upon his being adopted when he was a baby. This seems quite likely, as in ancient times most people were named after their occupations or circumstances. From this Jan Pietre Dewees one descendant, Gerret Dewees along with his wife, daughter and three sons, emigrated to New York in the year 1688. One of these sons, Lewis Dewees, settled in Philadelphia and then moved to Delaware where he raised his children. His descendants then scattered, settling in the Southern and South-Western states. It is from this line that our Grandfather, John L. Dewees is believed to have descended.

According to legend, somewhere along the line two brothers had a dispute over financial matters and one of the brothers changed his name by adding an E. This accounts for the two different ways of spelling Dewees(e).

Our Grandfather, John L. Dewees, who was a tiller of the soil, raised his family (a full dozen) in Tennessee. He, along with the majority of the family, emigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada in 1910. The only two remaining in the U.S.A. being Miranda and Johnny. After a decade of farming in Saskatchewan, the whole clan removed themselves back to U.S.A.; this time leaving daughters Alice and Clara in Canada. Upon returning to U.S.A. they scattered far and wide; John L. Dewees and son Terry, resettled in Tennessee; sons Charlie and Brown in New York State, Jasper in Oregon, Bob in California; daughters Mary and Belle in California.

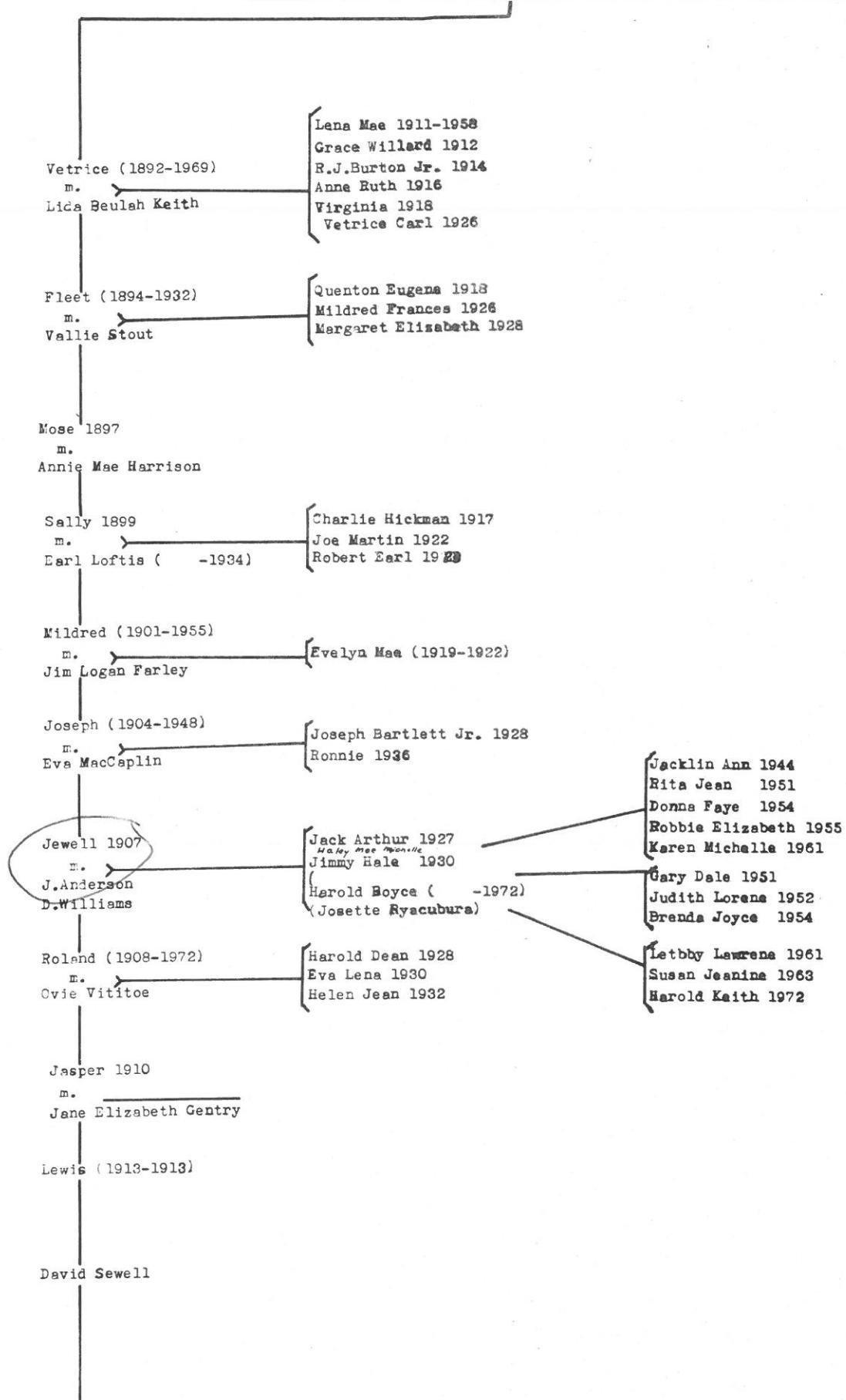
Thus it is that we are now spread over the land from the Eastern part of U.S.A. to the Western coast, as well as from the middle section of Canada to the Western shores.

* Courtesy of J. Howard Deweese.

John Dawees (June 1, 1815)
 m. (June 5, 1832)
 Miranda Blackburn (July 11, 1818)

Alford V. July 5, 1835
 Greenville H. August 27, 1837
 Lucinda L. May 22, 1841
 James H. August 27, 1841
 Martha J. January 11, 1844-1934
 William B. March 22, 1847
 John Lewis January 4, 1851-January 14, 1941
 Married July 18, 1872
 (1) Sarah E. Bartlett 1855-1913
 in Overton County, Tennessee.
 Witnesses: G.W. Terry G.W. Amerson
 (2) Martha Freeland on July 18, 1918
 Samuel E. January 4, 1851
 Nancy T. September 10, 1853
 Jessie G. July 26, 1856

Miranda Elizabeth	1873-1947	p.3
Fannie Belle	1874-1935	p.4
Henry Jasper	1876-	p.5
Robert E. Lee	1878-1970	p.6
Johnnie Tennessee	1881-1958	p.7
Mary Etta	1882-1947	p.5a
Alice Margaret	1885-1945	p.8
Sallie Cleveland	1887-1957	p.9
Hugh Terry	1889-1952	p.10
Charles Samuel	1892-1954	p.11
Clara May	1894- 1960	p.12
Brown Golden	1896-1967	p.10a

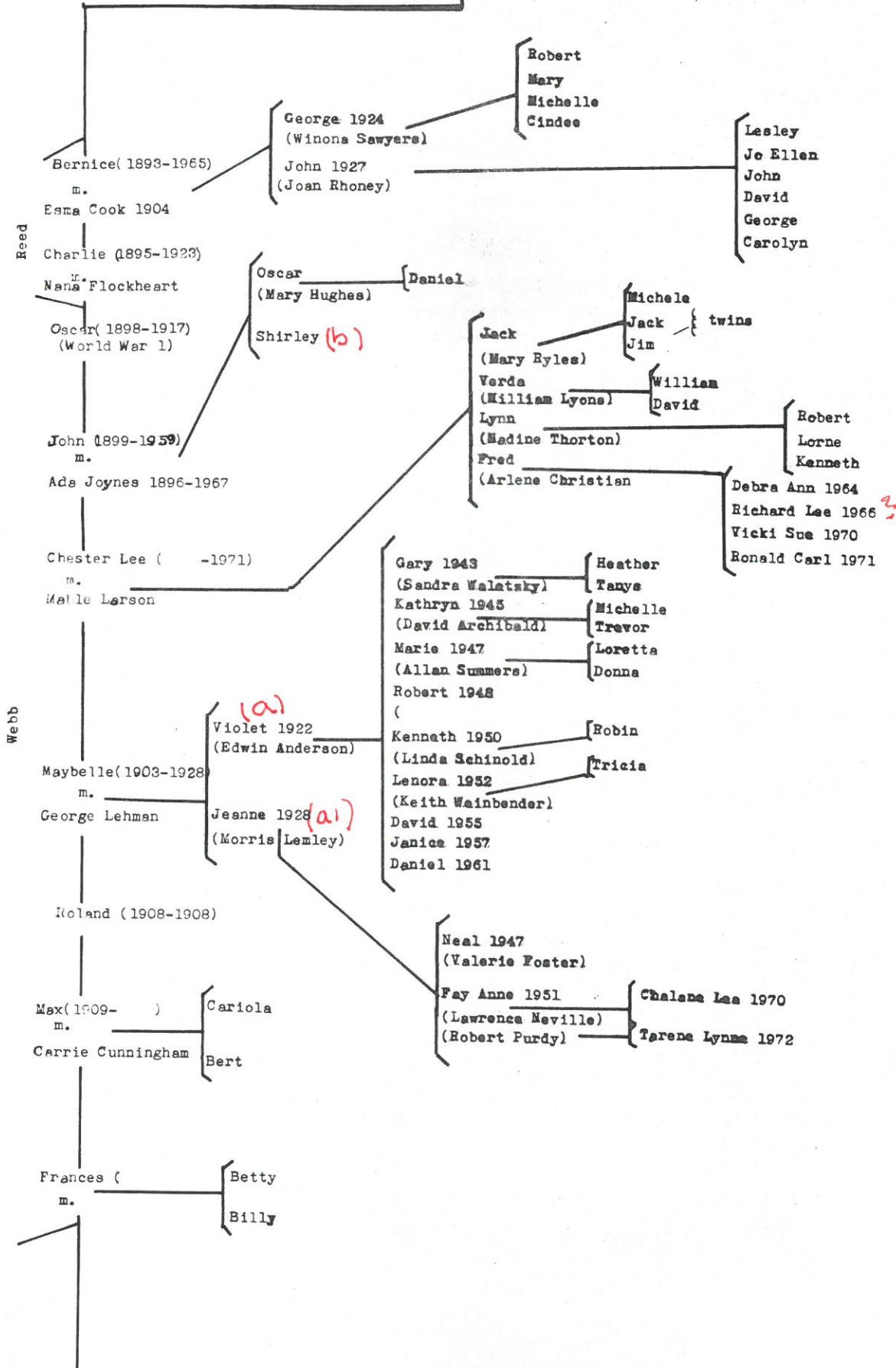


Bella (1870-1935)

(1) Charles Reed

(2) John Webb

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Jasper (1876-)

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m.

(1) Laura A. Pearson (-1912)

(2) Eddie Hilburn

Edwin Pearson 1912
m. 1932

Eunice Wilder 1912

Laura Marie 1937
(Franklin D. Littlejohn) 1934

Sarah Camille 1939
(Dale George Stalir) 1936

Daniel Wilder 1946
(Peggy Hagan) 1946

Mary (1882-1947)

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m.

Southern Cook (-

Lewis 1907
m.
(1) Marian

Tommy

(2)

Katherine (1912-1918)

Calvin 1923

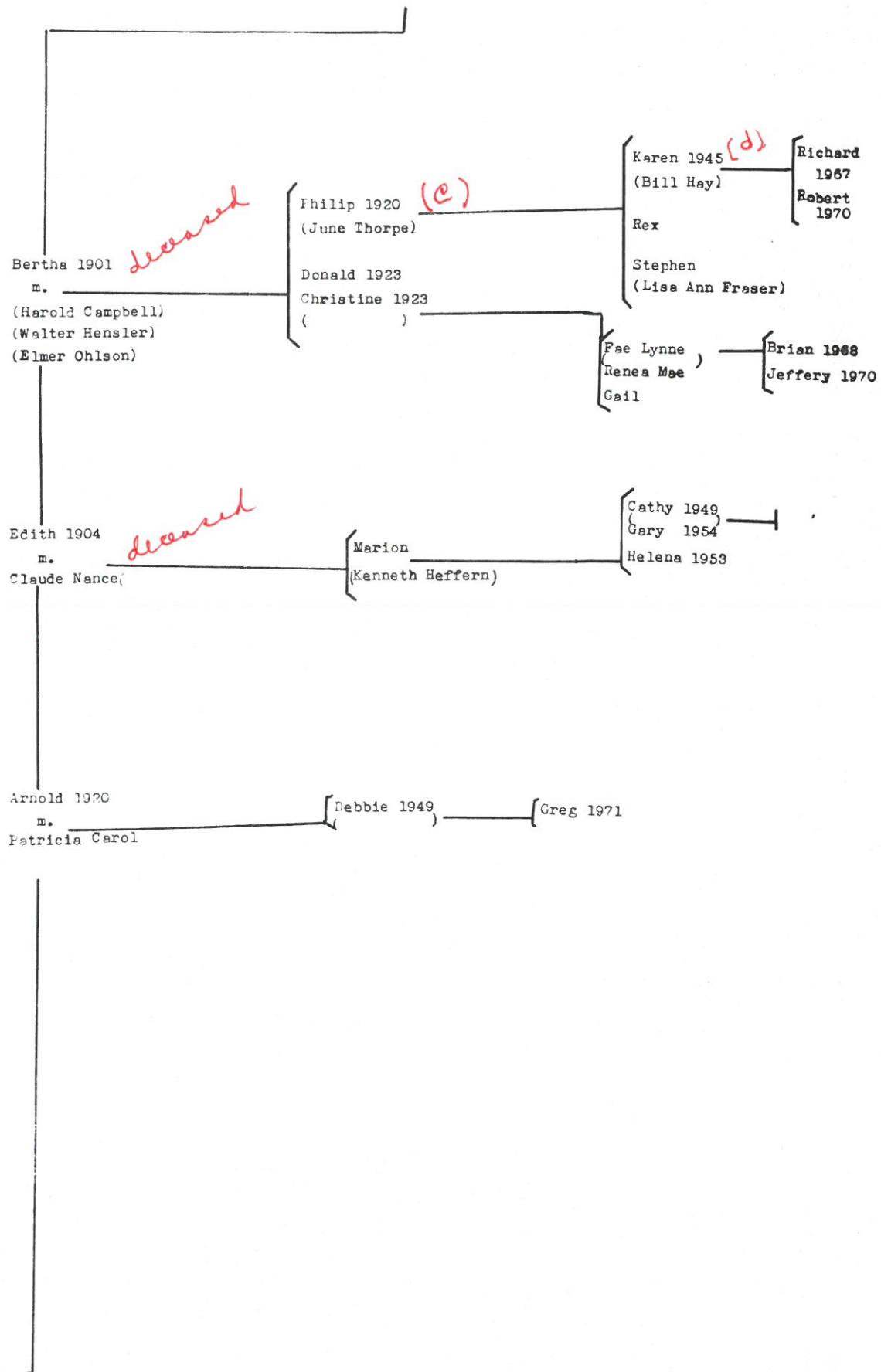
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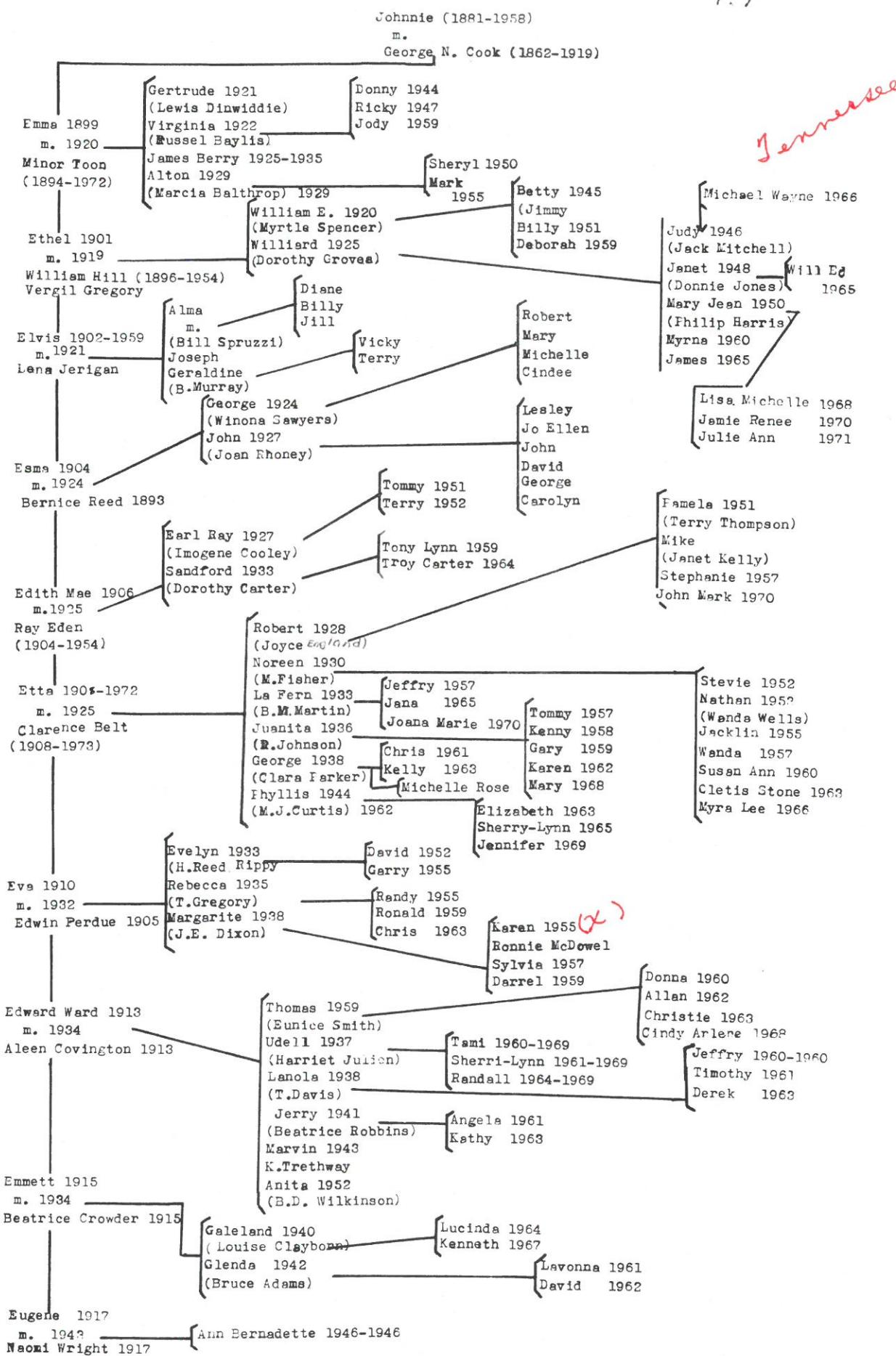
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Robert (1878-1970)

m.
Lena Butts (1883-1963)

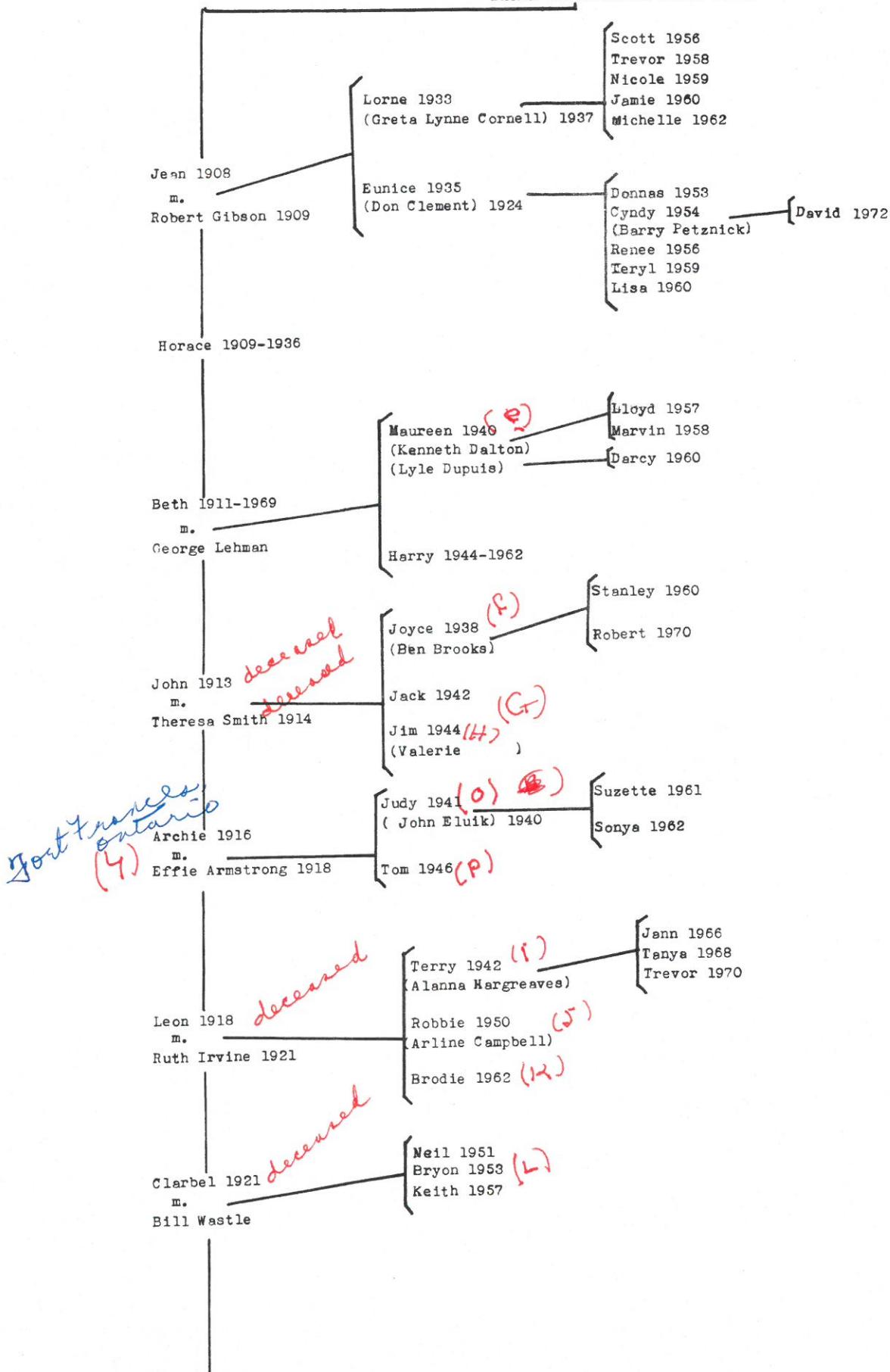
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Alice (1885-1945)
m.
Thomas K. McClendon (1872-1960)

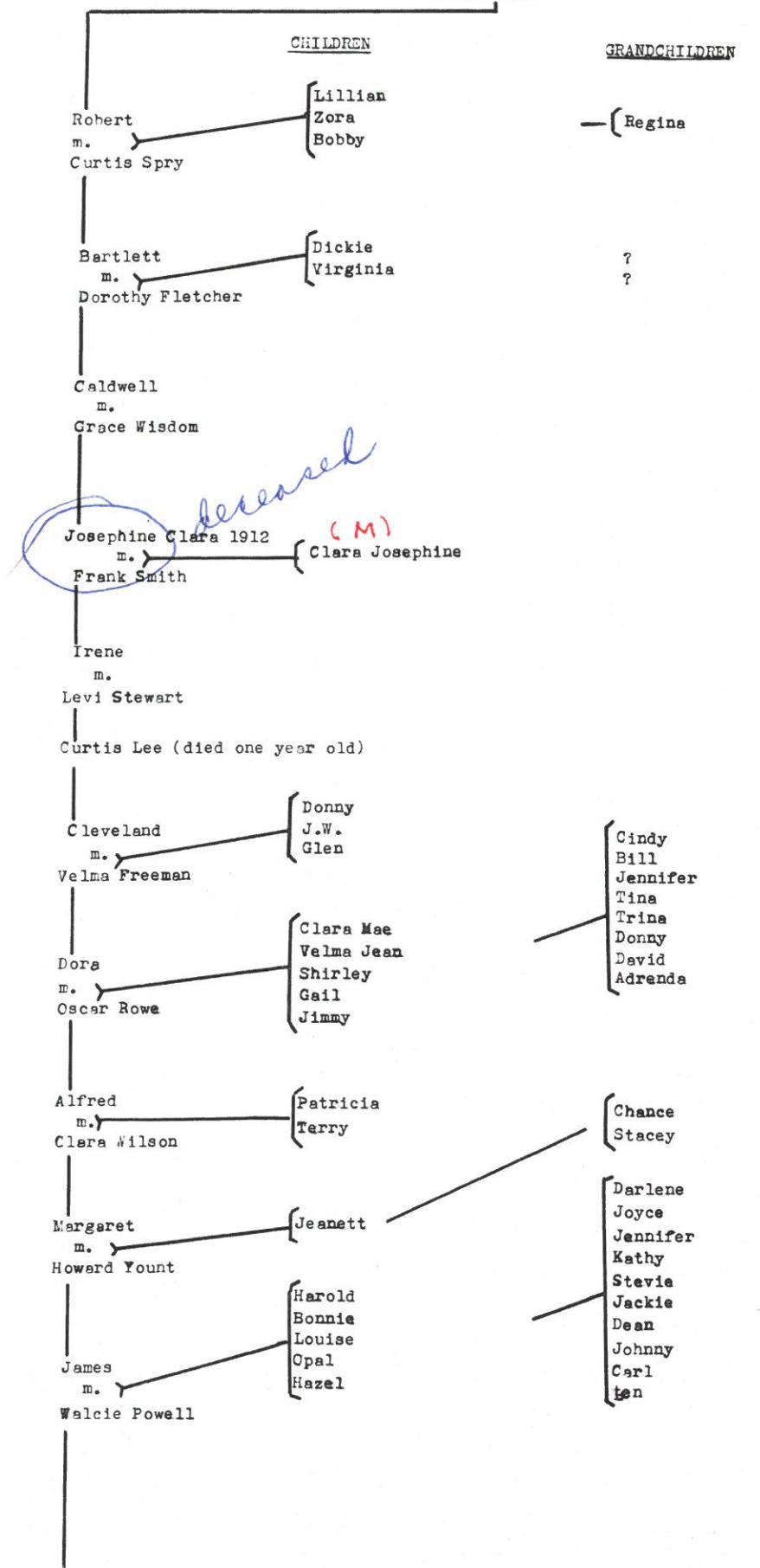
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Sally (1887-1957)

M.
Wilson Rust

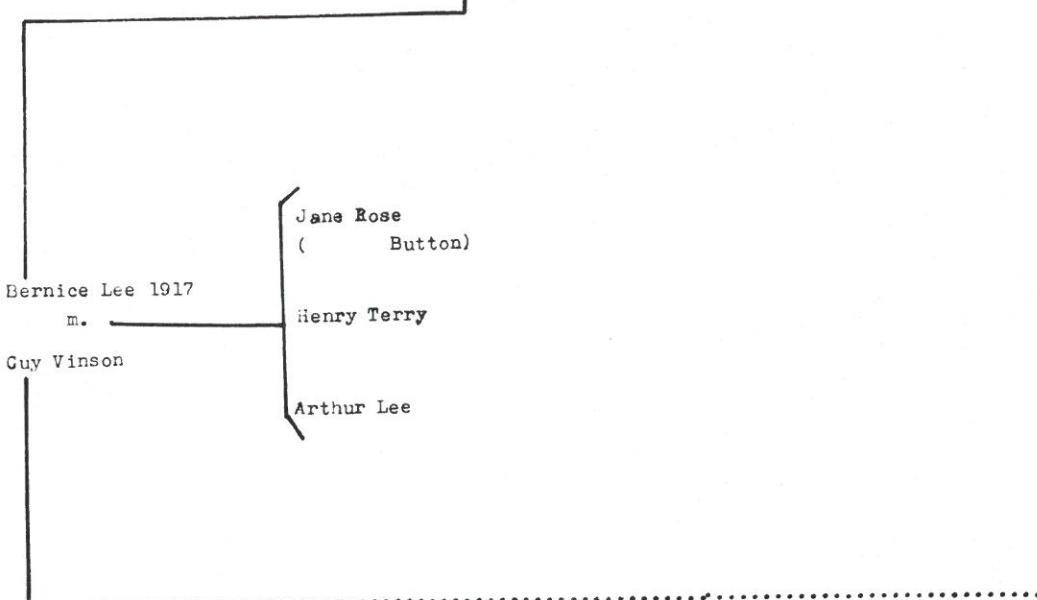
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Terry (1889-1952)

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(1) Ethel Butts 1898 (2) Rose Duncan



Brown May 30, 1896- 1967

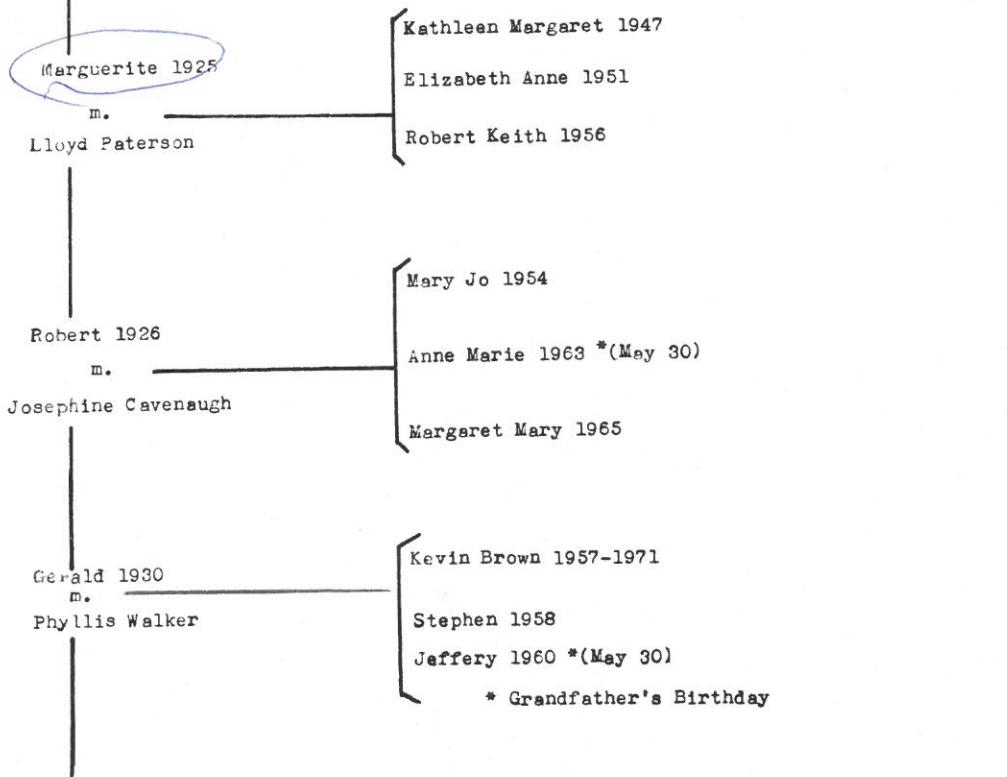
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m.

(1) Blanche Murphy

- 1957 -

(2) Mary Murphy Purdy

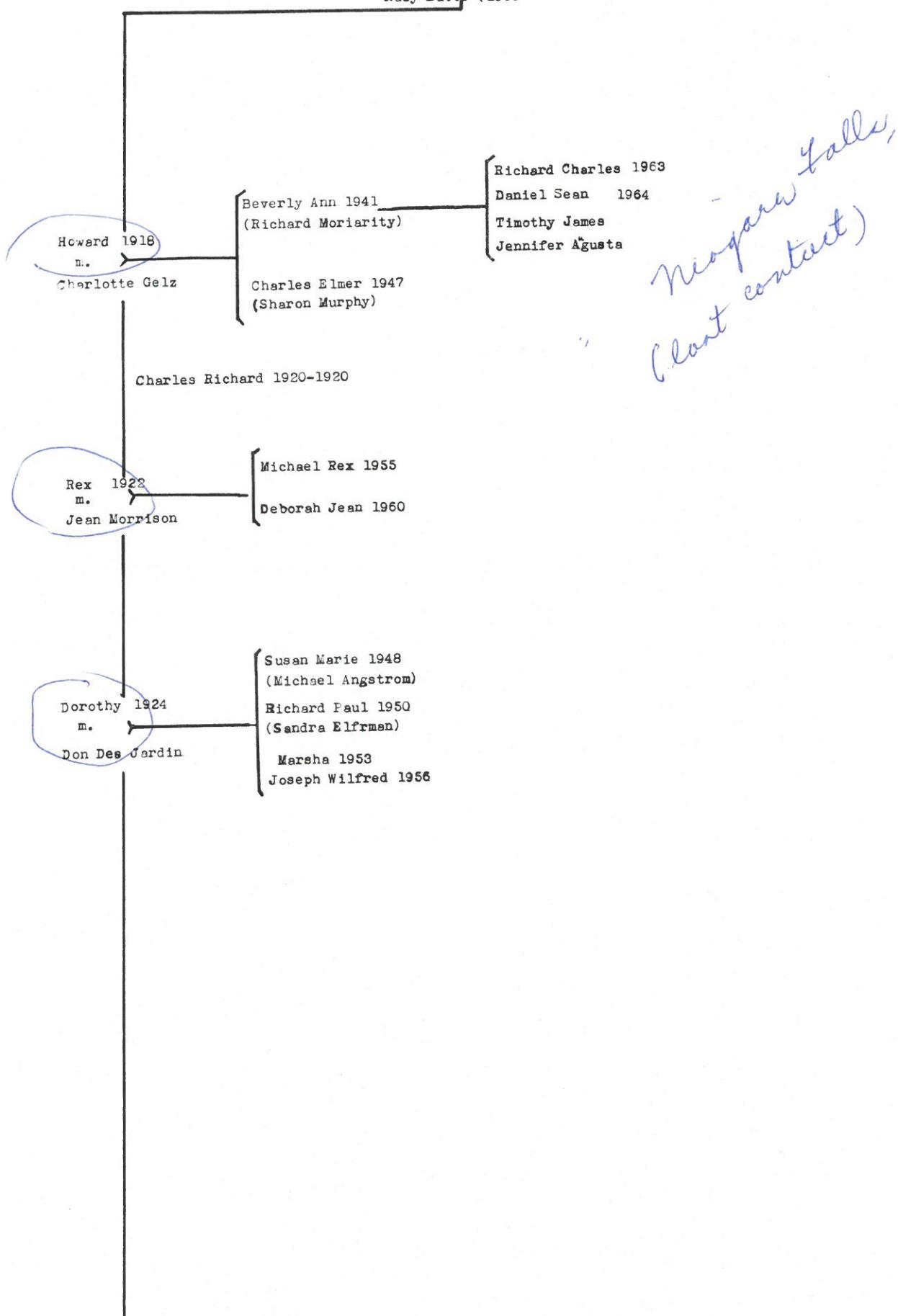


Charles (1892-1954)

m.

Ruby Butts (1900-)

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Clara (1894-1960)

m.

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Willoughby Tinkess (1888-1956)

deceased

