

Lay Family History

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Reunion held on September 30,
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Gypsum, Kansas

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Wife of
Thomas Henry Lay Jr.
Son of
Thomas Henry Lay Sr.
Cromwall, England

Lay History.

"Thomas Henry Lay," was born at "Cornwall England," October-24-1836., he was a family of 3 brothers and 3 sisters, "Thomas," worked in the "Iron Ore Mines," in "England," he came to "America," in the "year of 1856," residing in "New York," at the home of his parents who had established their home in "New York," it was here in "New York," that he met and courted "Elizabeth Daw," his "future wife."

"Elizabeth Daw," was born at Kent England, February 7, 1833, she was a family of six children 3 brothers and 3 sisters, she united with the Church of "England," at an early age, received her education in the schools of "England," after receiving her education she spent her young life in a capacity as "governess" to the children of "Lord Woods," at the "Lord Woods" Castle and also at the "Castle," know as the "Hastings," in "London England," being in contact with these people, gave her a very inspiring young life, during this time in her life, she attended the, "Coronation of Queen Victoria," and also the celebration of "Queen Victoria," Marriage to "Prince Albert,"

At the age of 24 "Elizabeth," with her two brothers, "James and Charles," accompanied their father to "America," in the year of 1857, it took six weeks to make this trip as they came in a sailing vessel, they encountered a

very severe storm on their way across this was the seventh time "Father", crossed the "Ocean." and this was his last crossing as the children laid "Father", to rest here in "America".

After staying and working in, "New York", for about 1 1/2 yrs. "Elizabeth", decided to have a home of her own and she was wedded to

"Thomas Henry Lay", and "Elizabeth Daw", were married "December 31 - 1858", at "Ripley New York".

In this union eight children were born:-

- "Thomas Henry Lay", born, "November 29 - 1859", "Ripley, New York".
- "William James Lay", born, "December 21 - 1860", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "John .. Lay", born, "April 6 - 1862", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "Berton Lay", born, "April - 6 - 1863", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "Rosa Belle Lay", born, "October - 1 - 1865", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "Lillian Adelle Lay", born, "August - 17 - 1867", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "George V. Lay", born, "February - 14 - 1871", "Ashtubala, Ohio".
- "Gertrude Lay", born, "August - 14 - 1874", "Fulton, Illinois".

"John Lay", died in infancy 3 months old, when "Thomas Henry Lay Jr.", was a baby we moved from "Ripley New York", to "Ashtubala Ohio", in the "Spring of 1860", they resided in "Ohio", until the "Spring of 1871", then they moved to "Fulton Illinois", residing on a farm, the children were all born in "Ashtubala

Ohio," but, "Thomas Henry" and "Gertrude," "Thomas" was born in "Ripley New York," and "Gertrude" was born in "Fulton Illinois."

After "Thomas Henry Jr." and "Rosa Bell," were married and came to "Kansas," ^{to live} we visited them two times, "Berton," and "William," also came to Kansas to make their home before they were married, then in the Spring of 1886, we moved to "Kansas," to make our home 4 miles North, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of "Hope Kansas." We came to "Abilene Kansas," on the train then came with a wagon and team over the prairies to "Hope Kansas," we lived at this home until the year of 1892 then we moved $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West to our home on the corner, where we resided for 46 years farming and stock raising, our home was very cozy, as we had a beautiful yard with flowers, grape arbor, and large fruit Orchard, we had our own vegetables and fruits to can. "Mother" and "Grandmother," took sick and passed away at the home April 6, 1918 at the age of 85 years, her funeral was held at the home and she was laid to rest in the "Pilgrims Home Cemetery," then "Father" and "Grandfather," was left alone, he made his home with the childrens here and then, he was visiting his "Grand-daughter," "Mrs. Elmer Hoffman," when he took sick and passed away September 22 - 1922 at

the age of 85 years, his funeral was held at the home of, Elmer Hoffman, "Hope Kansas," and he was laid to rest beside "Grandma Lay," in "Pilgrims Home Cemetery," "Hope Kansas."

"Thomas Henry Lay" "Jr." and "Lucy Ann Graham" were married, February 3, 1881, at the "Graham home," "Clinton Center Illinois" they came to "Kansas," and resided on their farm three miles north of "Hope Kansas," where they still reside, to this union four children were born:-
 "Harry Monroe Lay," born, January 5-1882, "Hope Kans."
 "Minnie Belle Lay," born, March 23-1884, " " "
 "Harvey Thomas Lay," born, June - 9-1886, " " "
 "Melvin Graham Lay," born, October-19-1898, " " "
 "Melvin," contracted "Scarlet Fever," and died "February 25-1902," and was laid to rest in the "Pilgrims Home Cemetery," "Hope Kansas."

"Minnie Belle Lay," and "Jesse Almon Sheets," were married "April-4 1906," to this union one son was born "Winston Lay Sheets," and died the same day, September 24-1913." "Ruth Margaret Kinzie," came from the "Church Home," in "McPerson Kansas," to live with us, she was born "January 2-1914," she was nine years

old when she came to our home she grew to young womanhood receiving her education at the Country School at "Maple Grove" and "Hope High School, Hope Kans." she taught school in "Morris Co."

"Ruth Margaret Kinzie" and "Milton Timm," were married January 2-1935. to this union one daughter was born, "Yvonne Lorene Timm," born, "November-6-1935, Ruth lives in Abilene Kansas, we still reside on our farm 5 miles north of Hope Kansas."

"Harry Monroe Lay" and "Grace Abigail Smith," were married, "January 20-1909." to this union five children were born "Harriet Louise Lay," born, "November-13-1910." Hope Ks. "Vern Henry Lay," born, "March-15-1913. "Velma Ann Rachel Lay" born, April - 31-1915. "Stuart Clifton Lay," born, April - 22-1918 "Norma Maxine Lay," born, March - 27-1924 the children have went to "Maple Grove" Grade School and "Hope High School," Hope Kansas, we live on our farm five miles north of "Hope Kansas," farming and raising stock.

"Harriet Louise Lay" and "Howard W. Wiegert," were married "October 2-1936" they live in "Kansas City Kans."

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"Velma Ann Rachel Lay," and
"Chester Wingert," were married September
"6- 1936, to this union one daughter was born
"Katherine Louise Wingert," and died the same day
"December 27- 1937, she was laid to rest in the
"Pilgrim Home Cemetery," "Hope Kansas." they live on
a farm 4 miles north and 2 miles west of "Hope Kans."

"Harvey Thomas Lay" and
"Anna Davida London," were married "Febr-
uary 3- 1909." to this union five children were born
"Austin London Lay," born, "July 31- 1910- "Hope Kans."
"Lovena and Luella Lay," twins born "February 5- 1912," "Hope Ko."
and died the same day they were laid to rest in
the "Pilgrim Home Cemetery," "Hope Kansas."

"Winston Jay Lay," born, "December 5- 1917," "Hope Ko."
"Eldon Harvey Lay," born, "July - 26- 1920," "Hope Ko."
we live on a farm 4 miles north and 2 miles west of Hope
Kansas," farming and stock raising.

"Austin Lay" and
"Velma Abel," were married "August 12- 1935,"
they reside in "Salina Kansas." on "February 3-
1931" mother and father celebrated their 50th Wedding
Anniversary with open house to friends and relatives
on "June - 17- 1936" passed away after a lingering illness
his funeral was held at the home and from the

Methodist Church, "Hope Kansas," he was laid to rest in "Pilgrims Home Cemetery," "Hope Kansas."

"William James Lay" and "Bessie Mortimer" were married, November 24 - 1887, "at the home of Mr & Mrs J. H. Lay Sr. seven miles Northwest of Hope Kansas," "Rev. G. M. Glick," performed the Ceremony. — —

To this union five children were born:

"George Lay" born, "November - 3 - 1888."
 "May Lay" born, "May - 22 - 1890."
 "Eva Lay" born, "July - 24 - 1894."
 "Knop Lay" born, "January - 28 - 1896."
 "Roy Lay" born, "November - 18 - 1900."

we farmed for many years, we lived in Western Kansas then moving back we lived on a farm near Abilene then moving to a farm north of Hope Kansas, then in the Spring of 1918, we quit farming, moved to Hope Kansas, where we were in the Grocery Store, then we retired selling our stock to Knop and we live in our home Hope Kansas, raising a few chickens and gardening, on "November 24 - 1937," we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

"May Lay" and "Jake Maloney" were married July 23 - 1910, to this union eight children were born "Clarence," "Orville," "Harold," "Eldon," "John," "Edwin,"

"Beryl" and "Deans" "Beryl" passed away at the age of 3 years and was laid to rest in Pilgrims Home Cemetery; May and the family live in Herington Kansas.

"Clarence Maloney" and "Oweda Smith," were married February 28-1934 to this union one son was born, ~~at~~ "Robert Lee," Clarence lives in Hope Kansas, and works in the "Grocery store."

"Harold Maloney" and "Ruth Marie Johnson," were married July 15-1939, they reside at Marion Kansas, Harold works in the bakery at Marion Kansas.

"George Lay" and "Cora Krause," were married June 3rd 1917 to this union five children were born, "Earl," "Lucille," "Leslie," "Wayne," and "Donald Dean." George and his family live in Hope Kansas, operating the Creamery and Poultry business.

"Eva Lay" and "Milton Robber," were married at the parents home July 24-1917, Hope Kansas. to this union three children were born, "Elaine," "Lyle" and "Joyce," we live on our farm 4 1/2 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Navarre Kansas, we farm and raise stock.

"Knox Lay" and "Mildred Rubin," were married July 15 1917, to this union four children were born, "John Knox," "Calvin," "Billie," and

"Bobbie", "Knox", and family live in Hope Kansas running the Lay Grocery Store.

"Roy Lay" and "Vivian Shelton," were married July 28-1926, to this union three children were born, "Betty Jean," "Jack," and "Mary Joan"; "Roy" lives in "Gypsum Kansas," driving the "Standard Oil Truck," for the "Standard Filling Station."

"Berton Lay" and "Jennie Susan Shasted," were married at the bride's home in "Gypsum Kansas," April 14-1897, they resided in "Gypsum Kansas," where "Bert" was employed by the Belle Springs Creamery Co., after seven years, "Berton," resigned this position and accepted a position as manager of the "Farmer's Co. Operative," store at "Gypsum, Ks." from there we moved to the farm in "Dickinson Co." then we exchanged the farm for a "Hardware Store" in "Waverly Kansas," then we exchanged that stock for our present farm near by "Colony Kans." where we still reside, to this union three children were born

"Leola Lay," born - August - 4 - 1898.

"Wallace Lay," born - July - 17 - 1901.

"Clarence Lay," born, March - ~~27~~⁵ 1907.
 "Wallace" died March 27 - 1921 and was laid to
 rest in the "Colony Cemetery," "Colony Kansas."
 "Leola Lay" and "Raymond Nansen," were married at
 the bride's home, "August 10 - 1921," they reside
 in, "Kansas City Mo." where they have a Cleaning
 establishment.

"Clarence Lay" and "Flossie Cox," were married
 "June 5, 1929," they reside on a farm near, "Colony
 Kansas," to this union two children were born
 "De Lores Arlene Lay" born, "October 17 - 1930."
 "Marilyn Yvonne Lay" born, "February 13 - 1935."
 "Jennie," wife and mother left our circle on, "Monday June
 26 - 1939," her funeral was from the "Farris Funeral Home"
 "Colony Kansas." "Wednesday, June 28 - 1939," the
 services were very impressive, and the floral offering
 was beautiful, showing the love and friendship she
 held among her relatives and friends, there was
 a large congregation of relatives and friends, that
 went with her to her last resting place, she was
 laid to rest in the, "Colony Cemetery," "Colony Kansas."
 by the side of her son, "Wallace," who had preceded
 her in death in the year of 1921.

"Rosa Belle Fay" and
 "William Paskell Eddy" were married, April
 2 - 1884, at the home of the bride's Fulton Ill.
 in Illinois they left for the "State of Kansas," the same
 day, locating in, "Hope Kansas," where, "William,"
 was engaged in the freighting industry, he drove
 wagons and teams, as there were no railroads
 between, "Hope," and, "Abilene Kansas." In the "Spring of
 1886," we moved from, "Hope," to a farm north of
 "Dillon Kansas," in 1893, we moved 3 miles south
 and 1 mile west of, "Navarre Kansas," then in 1899 we
 moved again $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles west and 1 mile south of
 Navarre Kansas where we still reside we have
 been engaged in farming and stock raising.
 To this union four children were born
 "William Berton Eddy" born, "November 5 - 1885."
 "Gertrude Della Eddy," born, "December 25 - 1887."
 "Lena Belle Eddy" born, "February 8 - 1890."
 "Pearle Delilah Eddy," born, "July 19 - 1892."
 "William Berton Eddy" and, "Lola May Kauffman"
 were married April - 14 - 1905, they reside on a farm
 one mile south and 2 miles west of Navarre Kansas
 farming and stock raising, to this union three
 children were born "Gerald Wayne Eddy," born, "August 31 - 1911."
 "Twila Fern Eddy," born, "February 20 - 1910."

"Arbutus Rosella Eddy," born, "December 26 - 1911."

"Iwila Fern Eddy," and "Kernit Pepper," were married July 8 - 1934, "to this union two sons were born, "Ronald Ray Pepper," born, "March 31 - 1937."

"Donald Lee Pepper," born, "November 8 - 1938."

They reside at, "New Cambria Kansas."

"Gerald Wayne Eddy," and "Esther Kohls," were married at the Church in "Herington Kansas," August 30 - 1936, "they reside at Los Angeles California"

"Arbutus Rosella Eddy," and "Walter Kohls," were married at the, "Brethern Church," "Navarre Kansas," August 22 - 1937, "they reside in, Los Angeles California"

"Gertrude Della Eddy," and

"Charles Issitt," were married at the bride's home, "Hope Kansas," "November 14 - 1907." they reside on their farm at "Navarre Kansas," farming and stock raising.

"Lena Belle Eddy," and "William Claude Bowden," were married December 19 - 1918 at the "Parsonage," "Enterprise Kansas," to this union two daughters

were born, "Wanda Mae," born, "April 15 - 1922" and "Zola Mae," born, "April 7 - 1927," they reside on a farm 1 mile West and 1 mile South of "Navarre Kansas," farming and stock raising.

"Pearle Delilah Eddy," and "Elmer Hoffman," were

married at the bride's home Hope Kansas October 18-1912, to this union one daughter was born "Bernadean Pearle Hoffman," born, January 7-1914," we resided at, "Dayton Kansas," where Elmer operated a cream station in 1915 we moved to Hope Kansas where we were in the poultry and moving picture business in 1924 we moved to a farm in Chalk Kansas in 1928 we moved to "Topeka Kansas," where we still reside Elmer is a contractor, for Interior and Exterior Decorating.

"Bernadean Pearle Hoffman," and "Elmer Signitz" were married at "Topeka Kansas," January 25-1937, they reside in, "Los Angeles California," on April 2-1934, Rosa, and "William," celebrated their "50th Wedding Anniversary" with open house to the relatives and friends and supper for the children in the evening with a short program.

"Lillian Adelle Lay," and "Robert R. Drury," were married, "January 31-1887" at the home of the bride's parents 7 miles northwest of "Hope Kansas," we located in, "Moumment Kansas," to this union 2 children were born, "Myrtle Adelle," born November 4-1888 at "Moumment Kansas," and "Lydon Robert Drury

born March 1 - 1891 at Hope Kansas, Dickinson Co.
 "Father," passed away October 5 - 1891, at Moundment
 Kansas, "we laid him to rest there, then in later
 years we came to Albany Illinois to make our home,
 we brought "Father," here and laid him to rest in
 "Minta Cemetery," Garden (Plains Township) Illinois,
 we continued to live in "Albany," mother took in
 sewing and different work to help keep us until
 we were able to help, mother married again.

"Lillian Adelle Lay Drury," and
 "John R. Becken," were married September 13 -
 1899, "Myrtle," came home from school in the
 "Spring of 1912," sick and was in bed all "Summer"
 then in August 21 - 1912, she passed away at
 our home in "Albany," she was laid to rest in
 "Oakridge Cemetery," Albany Illinois, "John," died
 in "January 23, 1917," at the home we laid him to rest
 in, "Minta Cemetery," Garden (Plains Township) Ill.)
 beside his father and mother.

Lydon R. Drury, and, "Edna M. Rowland's,"
 were married "January 10 - 1917," they resided on
 a farm southeast of Albany but now they reside
 in "Clinton Iowa," to this union three children
 were born, "Robert Clyde Drury," born February
 1st 1919, "Lydon Rowland Drury," born April

12- 1924. and "Edna Belle Myrtle," born October 31- 1929. Mother passed away "June 28- 1923," at the home in Albany Illinois; we laid her to rest in "Oakridge Cemetery," Albany Ill. "by the side of Sister "Myrtle,"

"George V. Lay," and, "Nora Bohannon," were married at the bride's home on, "November 12- 1896," at, "Hope Kansas." We located in the "Dillon," neighborhood, later we moved to our farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west and 2 miles north of "Navarre Kansas," then in later years we sold our farm and bought a home in, "Abilene Kansas," we lived there for a while, then sold our town property and moved on a farm near, "Gypsum Kansas," where we still reside farming and stock raising. To this union seven children were born:-

"Mildred Lucille Lay," born, "August-25- 1897."

"Robert George Lay," born, "March-13- 1901."

"Walter Daw Lay," born, "November-11- 1903."

"Elmer B. Lay," born, "October-19- 1906."

"Frances Edna Lay," born, "January-12- 1908."

"Howard Paul Lay," born, "August-30- 1910."

"Helen Katherine Lay," born, "March-25- 1912."

"Mildred Lucille Lay," and "David Wallace Puzor," were

married "January 22, 1919," at the bride's home, Navarre Kansas. They reside on a farm in the Eureka School district where they still reside farming and stock raising, to this union two children were born, "Evelyn Lucille," and "Wayne Mitchell Pryor."

"Robert George Lay," is single and is in the army, stationed at "St. Monroe," "Virginia."

"Walter Daw Lay," and "Lottie Eleanor Kauffman," were married, "May 14-1925," at the bride's home, Navarre Kansas. to this union six children were born:

- "Donald Walter Lay"
- "Gilbert Le. Roy Lay"
- "Virginia Kathryn Lay"
- "Rolland George Lay"
- "Eleanor May Lay"
- "Clynton Lyle Lay"

"Walter" and his family live on a farm, northwest of Navarre Kansas farming and raising stock.

"Elmer B Lay" is single and working in "Wisconsin".
"Frances Edna Lay" and "Austin Verne Hodges," were married "June 28-1936," at the home of the bride's "Gypsum Kansas," they reside in, "Wichita Kansas," to this union one son was born, "Robert Verne Hodges,"

"Howard Paul Lay," and "Mildred J. Everhart," were married "May 29-1937," they reside on a farm

in the Eureka School district, farming and stock raising, to this union one son was born "James Howard Lay," "Helen Kathryn Lay" and "Louis Ethan Schultz", were married, November-12-1935, at the bride's home at Gypsum Kansas, they reside on a farm west of Gypsum Kansas, farming and stock raising to this union one son was born, "William George Schultz."

"Gertrude Lay" and, "John Clifford Hatfield," were married at the home of the bride's, on "November 28-1895," at "Hope Kansas."

They reside at "Pearl Kansas," where "John" was employed by the, "Pearl Town Mercantile Co," for about 31 years, during these years they saw the town of "Pearl," grow, the school Consolidated in "1901," bringing 3 districts together, then the "Grocery Store," "Blacksmith Shop," "Creamery," "Post Office," and "Implement House," were established, having a "Depot," there with the "Rock Island," trains coming in daily, passenger and freight trains, at one time this was a busy town, to this union five children were born, "Florence Alma," were born twins, "October 31, 1897."

"Floyd Allen,"

"Harold Stanley," born, "November 23-1899."

"Velva Lucille," born, April 4-1904.

"Verlin Le Roy," born, "May - 13 - 1908," "Velva
 "Lucille" at the age of 3 yrs. died on "Tuesday,"
 "February 5 - 1907," at the home, after a weeks illness
 of "Pneumonia," she was laid to rest on "Wednesday,"
 "February 6 - 1907," at, "Pilgrims Home Cemetery," "Hope
 Kansas," the rest of the children lived with their
 parents, receiving their education at the "Grade School,"
 "Pearl Kansas," John and Gertrude still reside at the
 same place they located when they were married "44 yrs."
 to the year of 1939, Florence was married at the same
 place she was born, "Florence Alma Hatfield" and
 "Glen Frank Schradu," were married at the bride's
 home "October 22nd 1919" at "Pearl Kansas." we
 reside on the, "Hatfield Homestead," 2 miles North and
 1 mile West of "Hope Kansas," farming and raising stock.
 "Floyd Allen Hatfield," and "Mary Helen Fabeback,"
 were married, "September 16 - 1926" at, "Ogona Kansas."
 they live in their home at, "Navarre Kansas," Floyd drives
 the bus for "D. C. H. S., High School," in winter and
 various work in summer.
 "Harold Stanley Hatfield," and, "Mildred Grace Mauer,"
 were married, "October 6, 1927," at, "Topeka Kansas."
 they live on their farm 4 1/2 miles west and 1 mile
 South of, "Navarre Kansas," farming and stock raising.
 to this union one daughter was born, "Charlene Ruth

Hatfield, "February 15- 1931."

"Verlin L. Roy Hatfield," lives at home with the folk he has not stepped into matrimony yet, he does the farming, chores, and as he please's, helping to keep the wolf from the door.

Well this is the family history up until "September 30- 1938 when we all gathered at the home of "George Lay," "Gypsum Kansas," for the "Lay," family reunion, we had a beautiful dinner at noon, Ice cream and cake in the afternoon, and our business meeting, where the group was organizing it was voted to hold the reunion last, "Sunday - September," this year it is, "September 24- 1939."

Harry Lay was elected President, "Vivian Lay" was elected, "Vice President," Helen Schultz "Sec. & Treasurer," and "Florence Schradler," "Historian," which I have tried to fill the place the best of my ability, the History may be to long for some and some it may be just right but I hope each and every one will be satisfied I have written it the best I could with the materials I had to work with.