



Lance Lines

Issue 4

Lance Family Newsletter

Feb 2005

Civil War Soldier & Widow

Fort Sumpter is perhaps best known as the site where the first shots of the U.S. Civil War were fired. On December 26, 1860, Major Robert Anderson moved into the incomplete fort which was located on a small island in the middle of Charleston Harbor. In January 1861, Anderson's position grew very dangerous when Confederate gunfire stopped his relief ship, the 'Star of the West', from getting into the harbor. Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, gave orders to take the fort after President Abraham Lincoln continued to try to supply the isolated federal outpost.

On April 10, 1861, General Pierre G.T. Beauregard, in command of the provisional Confederate forces at Charleston, South Carolina, demanded the surrender of the Union garrison. A few hours before dawn, a group of Southerners rowed out to the fort to order its surrender. Major Anderson refused. So, at 4:30 a.m. on April 12, 1861, the Confederate batteries lining the South Carolina shore opened fire. The fort was unable to reply effectively.

On April 13, 1861, after thirty-four hours of being bombarded, Major Anderson realized he had no choice but to surrender. Many buildings inside the fort were damaged and burning. The garrison was evacuated the following day. Although there were no casualties during the bombardment, one Union artilleryman was killed and 3 wounded (one mortally) during the evacuation when a cannon exploded prematurely during the firing of their 100-gun salute to their lowered flag.

The battle for Fort Sumpter was the beginning of a long and bloody chapter in the history of our country. More than 10,000 military actions of one kind or another took place during the Civil War. Only a small percentage of them were big battles like Gettysburg or Vicksburg. Most were small skirmishes and are long forgotten. During the four year struggle, approximately 630,000 soldiers lost their lives during battle or from disease. Another million or so men were wounded.

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee finally surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant. The formal surrender took place at the home of Wilmer and Virginia McLean in the town of Appomattox Court House, Virginia. On June 2, 1865, General

Edmund Kirby Smith surrendered the Confederate Department of the Trans-Mississippi to Major General Canby, and on June 3, 1865, General Stand Watie surrendered the Confederate Cherokee forces in Oklahoma. Peace finally returned to the land. Surviving soldiers, both blue and gray, wearily returned home and reconstruction began.

Near the end of the war, a small-time farmer living in Pike County, Indiana received a draft summons from the First Congressional District. He was thus notified that he was ordered to report for duty to serve with the Union Army. On September 27, 1864, Finas Euen Lance would have been about 39 years old when he received that unexpected summons. He probably thought he was well past military age. He also must have wondered how his small farm and family would fare in his absence. Nevertheless, on December 8, 1864, he reported to Captain Johnson in Evansville, Indiana to sign up for one year of military duty.

Eleven days later and many miles to the north, Finas was present at Indianapolis, Indiana to be mustered-in as a Private with Company F, 12th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. "Ewing Lance, Co. F, 12 Reg't Ind. Inf., age 44 [sic - he either did not know his exact age or he intentionally gave an older age hoping to be rejected as an old man], height 5 feet, 9 inches, complexion dark, eyes grey, hair black, place of birth Indiana, occupation farmer, was drafted Sept. 27, 1864, held to service Oct. 31, 1864. Mustered out July 17, 1865 as of Co. E, 59 Ind. Inf. to which transferred. From acceptance to muster-out, he held the rank of Private and the rolls on file for that period show him present except as follows: MOR [muster-out roll] of Co. F, 12 Ind. Inf. dated June 8/65, only roll of that Company on which borne, assigned to Indiana Oct for transfer to a Regtl organ."

The 12th Indiana participated in the Campaign of the Carolinas from January to April 1865. The campaign included a reconnaissance mission to Salkehatchie River, South Carolina on January 25, 1865, and then a move through Salkehatchie Swamp from February 2 to February 5. It then moved to the South Edisto River on February 9 and to the North Edisto River on February 12-13. The regiment then advanced to Congaree Creek on

(Continued on page 9)

Lance Lines is a quarterly newsletter published for the purpose of providing a forum for sharing information and ideas. The primary goal of this forum is to bring the widely dispersed members of the Lance and allied families closer together through communication and awareness.

You can also view all the newsletters on-line at www.linkquestUSA.com. Just click on *Lance Family Genealogy* page and follow the links to the newsletters.

These pages belong to us all. I encourage you to participate by donating stories of family traditions or incidents and other genealogical data. Please send announcements of births, deaths, marriages, photos, awards, events, etc. to:

Michael L. Lance
6303 Craigway Rd.
Spring, Texas 77389

Or send e-mail to mlance1963@charter.net

Your suggestions, questions, additions and comments regarding the content and presentation of this newsletter are always welcome.

Lance Lines will be published on the first of the month each February, May, August, and November. The deadline for submitting material to be included is two weeks prior to the publishing dates.

Annual dues: \$6.00 – Back issues: \$1.50 each

Message from the Editor

Another quarter has quickly flown by. I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas holiday with family and friends. The Texas Lances had a small quiet celebration at our home in Spring. We even had a dusting of snow on Christmas day. That was pretty big news around here! Our snow 'storm' lasted one day! Since then, our weather has returned to normal – snowless and generally well above freezing.

The weekend of our Lance Family Reunion is quickly approaching. The response to the Reunion Surveys has been positive so far, and we are expecting good attendance. I sure hope so! I am looking forward to visiting with all of you - some for the very first time. If you have not returned your survey yet, please do so soon. Your response is critical to the reunion planning efforts.

This issue also brings a special thank-you and a tip of the hat to the following persons:

- ** Mrs. Artie F. Lance
- ** Charles & Jerrie (Lance) Marotz
- ** Bernie & Jean Ann (Lance) Kling

- ** Betty Jean Lance
- ** Catherine Burggrabe
- ** Carl & Virginia Lance
- ** Hazel June Harbison
- ** Dr. James E. & Sue A. Lance
- ** Larry & Pam Byers

The generous monetary donations in support of this newsletter from the above family members are greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**



Michael Lester Lance

Readers Comment

"We just received the latest edition of 'Lance Lines' and it is wonderful, as usual. It was great to see that Chet and Rhoda have been active on the part of our ancestor. The format of the newsletter is great, and the pictures are wonderful! I didn't realize there are so many Lances around. I wish I had known when we were in Evansville a few years back. Speaking of relations, I think a reunion next year sounds great! I'm going to start working on my kids right away to get their vacations set up for then. Thank you so much for sending the pictures of you and your dad visiting us in 2003. They will be treasured. I'm sending a check to help you keep up the wonderful work you are doing for the extended Lance clan.".....[Jerrie \(Lance\) Marotz](#) of Oregon – (*Lance Line #4*).

"Thank you for all your work on the newsletter. I came home for lunch today and found it in my mail box. I didn't have time to read it thoroughly, but I skimmed through it. Imagine my surprise when I saw mother's picture [the mystery photo in issue 3]. Her name is Levaun May (Lance) Luff. She was born March 18, 1931 to Robert and Anna Lance and passed away on May 1, 2004. Her obituary was in one of the past newsletters. She grew up in the Spurgeon Indiana area and went to Spurgeon High School. Thanks again for all that you do."....[Cindy \(Luff\) Eads](#) of Boonville, Indiana – (*Lance Line #3*).

(Continued on next page)

Readers Comment *(continued)*

"Mom really liked the memory story in the newsletter.".....[Anita Gale \(Lance\) Dougan](#) of Oakland City, Indiana – *Lance Line #5*).

"Just received the latest copy of the newsletter. I must say I admire your skills....must be the 'Lance' in you. Enclosed is money for my subscription, and a little extra to help you with your hard work. I look forward to reading each issue from cover to cover. We had planned to go to Vincennes this summer. I bet we could make it there in May. A reunion sounds wonderful. I don't know any of my Lance relatives at all, except for my uncle Gib. My other aunts and uncles are deceased, and I have completely lost touch with my cousins.".....[Jean Ann \(Lance\) Kling](#) of Oshkosh, Nebraska (*Lance Line #1*).

"I'm sending a check for dues & for Issue 3 to be sent to Nancy Lance Strange. I enjoyed Issue 3. The [new] tombstone looks so much nicer. If I find more info, I'll send it.".....[Betty Jean \(Greubel\) Lance](#) of Chandler, Indiana – (*Lance Line #4*).

"Just let me know what you need me to do for the reunion. Got your Lance Lines in the mail and thank you for all the praise you gave me in it. I love doing all that I can for our Family and hope to be able to do more. I am looking forward to our Family get-together and I know it is going to be a GREAT ONE.".....[Mary Jane \(Lance\) Bruce](#) of Evansville, Indiana – (*Lance Line #5*).

"I have enjoyed Lance Lines 3 just as much as the first 2. There is some really good articles and how nice it is to see faces to go with the names I have been copying into our files all this time. Keep up the good work.".....[Hazel June \(Chesterfield\) Harbison](#) of Princeton, Indiana – (*Lance Line #1*).

"I truly enjoy reading each issue. And I hope to send you the information you ask for. Jim and I are glad you received the small donation to help with the Lance Line publication. You really put in a lot of time, energy and money to keep the presses rolling for the family and we appreciate it.".....[Dr. James Earl and Sue A. Lance](#) of Miami, Florida – (*Lance line #4*).

"The November, 2004 issue of *Lance Lines* – elegant! Very nice job, Cousin Michael. Your color schemes are just great. Further, I appreciate the *Readers Comment* (page 13) and my 'introduction'. Very much appreciated.".....[John Fesler Lance](#) of Deer Lodge, Montana – (*Lance Line unknown*).

"Thank you very much for the 'Lance Lines'. Quite a project you have undertaken. Hope you have help. I'm honored to find my name on your Lance Line

membership, and beside another 'Jones', yet!"....[Betty and Bob Jones](#) of Anaheim, California (*Lance Line #4*).

"Thanks for the newsletters. They are very interesting. I wanted to pass on some information to you about me.....".....[Matthew Wayne Lance](#) of Georgetown, Kentucky – (*Lance Line #3*).

"I really enjoy the Lance Lines and can hardly put it down until I read it through. Anita's memories were so precious of her grandpa Jesse.".....[Artie Faye \(Reeves\) Lance](#) of Oakland City, Indiana – (*Lance Line #5*).

"We both think it is wonderful that you have dedicated so much time & effort into the 'Lance Lines'. Thank you for all your hard work.".....[Wendell & Lauren \(Hinman\) Lance](#) of Bowling Green, Kentucky – (*Lance Line #3*).

"Thanks for keeping in contact. You've put a lot of hard work in your newsletter. Keep up the good work!....[Dwayne & Ivalou Womack](#) of Southwest City, Missouri – (*Lance Line #3*).

"Thanks for the news letters and all the work it entails. I always love hearing from you and family.".....[Wilma \(Niemeier\) Burkes](#) of Evansville, Indiana – (*Lance Line #4*).

Trivia

Why Do Eyes Appear Red in Flash Photos?

The eyes appear red because when the flash goes off, it illuminates the back of the eye, which is thick with blood vessels. The reflected light is bright red, and that's what the camera registers. You can cut down on the redness by having your subjects avert their gaze slightly. Or, turn on other lights to cause the pupils to dilate less and cut down the amount of light entering the eyes and bouncing back.

Do Opossums Play 'Possum?

When threatened, most opossums will hiss at their enemies and discharge a fluid that has a foul, skunk-like odor. If that doesn't work, this marsupial will literally fall over, unconscious. Opossums have a lower metabolism than most other mammals, so it's easy for their bodies to shift into low gear. When they do, their limbs don't move, their tongue hangs out, and their breathing and heartbeat become so shallow as to be undetectable. To all outward appearances, they are dead. That's usually enough since most predators don't like to eat any animal they haven't killed. After several minutes, the opossum will wake up and be on its way.

The Immediate Family of Pioneers John and Sarah (Lathom) Lance

Line 1 [Olley Lathom Lance](#): Olley was born in the town of Francisco in Gibson County, Indiana in 1816. He was the only child of John and Sarah (Lathom) Lance. On September 30, 1838, Olley married Joanna Adams in Gibson County. They became the parents of 6 children: Mary J., John Wesley, Nancy Ann, Sarah Ellen, Joseph N., and Oliver Pinkney Lance. On March 9, 1891, Olley's wife, Joanna, passed away at age 72 and on February 12, 1894, he passed away at about age 78.

The Immediate Family of Pioneers John and Eleanor (Lemasters) Lance

Line 2 [Mary Ann Lance](#): Mary Ann was born in Gibson County, Indiana about 1817. She was the 1st child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On September 12, 1838, she married Pennsylvania-born farmer Martin Harger in Gibson County. Mary and Martin became the parents of 7 children: Andrew, Jasper A., Ellenor, John, Harvey, George, and Lydia A. Harger. On December 26, 1861, Mary (Lance) Harger married her second husband, John W. Wire (or Wise) in Pike County, Indiana. They did not have any children together. Mary Ann passed away in Pike County sometime after 1886.

Line 3 [Benjamin Lance](#): Benjamin was born in Gibson County, Indiana in 1820. He was the 2nd child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On October 16, 1839, Benjamin Lance and Joanna Beatty obtained a marriage license in Pike County, Indiana. They were united in matrimony the same day by Minister John Almon and became the parents of 12 children: Sylvester J., William H., Sarah Jane, Mary, Thomas, Elisha Emery, Margaret E., Joanna, Charlotte, Rebecca, Jonathan, and Mont Lance. On February 15, 1880, Benjamin passed away at age 59.

Line 4 [Finas Euen Lance Sr.](#): Finas Sr. was born in Gibson County, Indiana about 1825. He was the 3rd child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. An April 17, 1845 Warrick County, Indiana marriage record unites a Ewing Lance with Betsy Cutright. It is not clear if Betsy Cutright was, in fact, Finas' wife, Elizabeth Leet. Elizabeth and Finas became the parents of 5 children: George, Martha, Mary, Benjamin Franklin, and Finas Euen Lance Jr. Elizabeth passed away in the latter part of 1859 or early 1860 at about age 31. On May 26, 1860, Finas married his 2nd wife, Lydia Murphy. Finas and Lydia became the parents of one child: Abraham Lincoln Lance. On March 12, 1878, Finas Sr. passed away in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana at about age 53.

Line 5 [Simeon Lance Sr.](#): Simeon was born in Gibson County, Indiana about 1829. He was the 4th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On April 3, 1849, he and Elizabeth J. Beeler obtained a marriage license in Pike County, Indiana. They were united in matrimony the same day by Justice of the Peace, Mr. Davis. They became the parents of 4 children: Allen, Elizabeth, John A., and Simeon Jr. Simeon Sr. passed away sometime before August 1872.

Line 6 [Sarah Jane Lance](#): Sarah Jane was born in Gibson County, Indiana about 1829. She was the 5th child of John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. She passed away unmarried sometime after 1880.

Line 7 [Margaret Lance](#): Margaret was born in Pike County, Indiana in 1831. She was the 6th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On April 1, 1847, Margaret married Pennsylvania-born farmer John Harger in Pike County. Margaret and John became the parents of 14 children: Mary Ellen, Nelson Emery, Minerva Jane, Charles, Sarah, Alfred, George, James, John, Lucy, Henry, Grant, Homer, and Luther Harger. On December 27, 1877, Margaret passed away in Warrick County, Indiana at age 46 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

Line 8 [George Lance](#): George was born in Gibson County, Indiana about 1834. He was the 7th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On June 8, 1854, George Lance and Rachael Roberts obtained a marriage license in Pike County, Indiana. They were united in matrimony the following day by Minister William Sutherland. George and Rachel became the parents of 6 children: Samuel Elijah, Louvena, Rhoda, Lewis, Elvira, and Franklin Lance. Rachel passed away in 1879. On November 18, 1879, George Lance and Martha Ann Johnson were wed in Warrick County, Indiana. They did not have any children together. On December 1, 1889,

(Continued on next page)

George was 60 years old when he married his 3rd wife, Susannah Robinson, in Pike County, Indiana. They also did not have any children. On April 3, 1894, George Lance was a 57 year old farmer still living in Indiana when he and his 4th wife, 42 year old (Mrs.) Harriet Bryant obtained a Pike County marriage license. She was also living in Indiana and it was her 2nd marriage. After George's marriage to Almeda on March 28, 1895, the 'Boonville Standard' reported: "Uncle George is convinced that man should not live alone. Last Thursday, accompanied by J. F. Cox, Justice of the Peace, he went to Boonville and captured his 5th wife. Uncle George has been married 2 times, in last year." In 1897, the 'Boonville Standard' reported: "Uncle George says it is not good for man to live alone, so he made his 6th matrimonial venture, a few days ago." They also divorced.

Line 9 [Ruth Lance](#): Ruth was born in Indiana about 1837. She was the 8th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On July 27, 1854, Ruth married farmer Stephen Roberts in Pike County, Indiana. Ruth and Stephen became the parents of 5 children: Armina, Mary E., Margaret, Charles M., and Malinda Roberts. On March 23, 1873, Ruth married her 2nd husband, Charles Osborne. They became the parents of 3 children: Mariah Elizabeth, Jane, and Noah E. Osborne. In 1924, Ruth passed away in Gibson County, Indiana at about age 87.

Line 10 [Eleanor Lance](#): Eleanor was born in Pike County, Indiana on June 28, 1841. She was the 9th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On February 7, 1858, with the written consent of her father, Eleanor married farmer Larkin Raney in Pike County. She was about 16 years old. Eleanor and Larkin became the parents of 3 children: Miline, Daniel Thomas, and William Raney. On November 26, 1863, Eleanor passed away in Pike County at age 22 years, 4 months, 28 days. She was buried beside her parents at Log Creek Cemetery in the town of Stendal in Pike County.

Line 11 [Martha Lance](#): Martha was born in Pike County, Indiana about 1844. She was the 10th child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On October 23, 1861 Martha married Moses Ambrose in Pike County. They divorced on March 29, 1864 in Pike County after becoming the parents of 1 child: Isaac William Ambrose. On August 28, 1864, Martha married Larkin Raney, the former husband of her recently deceased sister, Eleanor Lance. They became the parents of 4 children: Alvin Jackson, Caroline, Newton, and John W. Raney. On October 26, 1876, Martha married Obediah Stephens in Pike County. On July 25, 1879, they became the parents of a daughter, Florence N. Stephens, in Pike County. It is believed Martha passed away before June 1880 in Pike County.

Line 12 [Nancy Lance](#): Nancy was born in Pike County, Indiana about 1846. She was the 11th and last child born to John and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance. On January 29, 1865, Nancy married Thomas D. Midkiff in Pike County. They became the parents of 1 child: John Midkiff. However, their marriage was dissolved by divorce on March 26, 1869. On October 24, 1869, Nancy and Lewis Cass Davis were united in matrimony in Pike County. They became the parents of the following 5 children: Louisa, Mary A., Eva A. Emma J., and Mary E. Davis. On November 22, 1886, Nancy passed away in Pike County at about age 40.

Genealogy Pox

Warning: Very Contagious to Adults

Symptoms: Continual complaint as to need of names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears mailman doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

Treatment: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines, and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can work and be alone.

Remarks: The usual nature of this disease is – *the sicker a patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it.*

Cure: For this disease, there is no known cure.

Lance Lines Membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Line</u>
Bittner, Sharon Rae	Evansville, IN	4 *	Maikranz, Marsha	Elberfeld, IN	1
Brigger, Deanna L.	Woodlands, TX	5 *	Malone, Brenda Lance	Houston, TX	4 *
Bruce, Mary Jane	Evansville, IN	5 *	Marotz, Wilma Jerrie	Selma, OR	4 *
Bufkin, Jennifer D.	Evansville, IN	3 *	Meny, Tracy Renee	Newburgh, IN	3 *
Bufkin, Joyce Marie	Boonville, IN	3 *	Niemeier, Robert S.	St. Louis, MO	4 *
Burggrabe, Catharine	Evansville, IN	4 *	Pitz, Norma Jean	Richland, TX	4 * ~
Burks, Wilma	Evansville, IN	4 *	Ricken, Tammy M.	Surprise, AZ	4 *
Byers, Larry Allen	Chandler, IN	4 *	Roberson, Samuel	San Pablo, CA	4 * ~
Chapman, L. Sue	Petersburg, IN	11 *	Steffes, Kelly Lynn	Grandville, MI	4 *
Dougherty, Beverly	Grand Blanc, MI	7 *	Sullivan, Bertha	Edmond, OK	--
Eads, Cindy Lou	Boonville, IN	3 *	Thompson, Susan M.	Muskegon, MI	4 *
Eckels, Maryellen	Yorba Linda, CA	4 *	Vanover, Terri Lynn	Boonville, IN	3 *
Egan, Patricia Ann	El Dorado Hills, CA	4 *	Wagner, Joanne Sue	Boonville, IN	3 * ~
Gaston, Jillaine P.	Rockport, IN	3 *	Womack, Ivalou	Southwest City, MO	3 * ~
Gish, Vickie Jo	Newburgh, IN	4 *			
Harbison, H. June	Princeton, IN	1 *	-- Lance Line unknown		
Harger, Charles	Laporte, TX	2 * ~	* Charter member		
Harger, James G.	Ozark, AR	2 * ~	~ Related to the indicated Lance Line by marriage		
Harger, Michael	Redding, CA	2 * ~	+ New member		
Hocker, Cathy D.	Lynnville, IN	3 *	<hr/>		
Hutchison, Lana Joy	Evansville, IN	4 *	The <i>Lance Lines</i> Charter Members listed above are direct descendants or spouses of direct descendants of the indicated <i>Lance Line</i> (the ancestor lines are described and numbered on pages 4 and 5).		
Jones, Betty	Anaheim, CA	4 ~	Column two shows the city in which each Charter Member lives. If you wish to communicate with someone on this list, please contact the editor for a reference. Exact addresses and other information will be kept confidential unless disclosure permission is given by both parties wishing to communicate.		
Jones, Michael W.	Evansville, IN	4	This list of names is only a small fraction of the thousands of persons related or allied to the extended family of pioneer John Lance. Hopefully, more 'lost cousins' will be found in the near future.		
Kinney, Marcie C.	Evansville, IN	3 *	<hr/>		
Kling, Jean Ann	Oshkosh, NE	1 *	<u>Newest Members Welcomed</u>		
Lance, Artie Faye	Oakland City, IN	5 * ~	Strange, Nancy L.	Portland, OR	(Line #4)
Lance, Betty Jean	Chandler, IN	4 * ~	Lance, Marvin Ray	Chandler, IN	(Line #4)
Lance, Carl Robert	Westville, IL	3 *	<hr/>		
Lance, Chester	Newburgh, IN	4 *	<u>Missing Persons Bureau</u>		
Lance, Dane	Bozeman, MT	-- +	Correspondence mailed to the following persons was returned as undeliverable. Do you have an updated address for them?		
Lance, Gerald	Seattle, WA	4 *	Lance, Ben	- last address: Hatfield, IN (Line #5)	
Lance, Gloria Louise	Evansville, IN	4 *	Luff, Brandi	- last address: Boonville, IN (Line #3)	
Lance, James Earl	Miami, FL	4 *	<hr/>		
Lance, James F.	Boonville, IN	3 *			
Lance, John Dennis	Evansville, IN	4 *			
Lance, John Fesler	Deer Lodge, MT	-- *			
Lance, Kenneth James	Bucyrus, OH	4 *			
Lance, Kenneth W.	Boonville, IN	3 *			
Lance, Linda Faye	Boonville, IN	3 * ~			
Lance, Louise G.	Evansville, IN	5 * ~			
Lance, Martha Sue	Evansville, IN	5 * ~			
Lance, Matthew W.	Georgetown, KY	3 *			
Lance, Michael Lester	Spring, TX	4 *			
Lance, Nina Marie	Newburgh, IN	3 * ~			
Lance, Paul Ray	Boonville, IN	3 *			
Lance, Randy Allen	Plainfield, IN	3 *			
Lance, Robert Keith	Newburgh, IN	3 *			
Lance, Sue	Martinsville, VA	-- ~			
Lance, Thomas Wm.	Grand Rapids, MI	4 *			
Lance, Wendell E.	Bowling Green, KY	3 *			
Lathom, William N.	Princeton, IN	1 * ~			
Lawson, Randall W.	Mission Viejo, CA	3 *			
Luff, Brandi Michelle	Boonville, IN	3 *			

Lance Family Current Events

It's A Boy!

"Joseph David Lance III was born on October 26. The surprise is this. We were expecting a girl according to the modern technology of sonogram! Even the doctor was surprised. His parents Joe Jr. and Sally call him Trey for the third. I am planning to go to Chattanooga to see him for the first time at Christmas providing we don't get snow. I am a teacher so I have to use vacation time to travel.".....[Sue Lance](#) of Martinsville, Virginia – wife of Joe Lance, deceased.

[Editor's note: Joseph David Lance III is a grandson of the late Lance family researcher, Joe Lance \(see 'In Loving Memory' this issue\).... \(Lance Line unverified\).](#)

It's A Girl!

Randy Allen and Heidi Anne (VanScoter) Lance proudly announce the birth of their 2nd daughter, Haley Alexa Lance. She was born at 7:04 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children in Evansville, Indiana on January 20, 2005. She entered the world weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

[Editor's note: Haley Alexa Lance is a 5th great granddaughter of pioneers John and Eleanor \(Lemasters\) Lance – \(Lance Line #3\).](#)

People to People Student Ambassador



I am the 1st granddaughter of Charles & Jerrie Marotz. I am in the 6th grade at Ashton Ranch Elementary in Arizona. I was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a People to People Student Ambassador to the British Isles this summer. My local delegation will represent the United States overseas, experience new cultures, and make lifelong friends, all while earning high school or university credit because of the many educational elements in the program.

I am currently asking my family and friends for financial sponsorship to help me with tuition, and I hope I can count on your support. In case you haven't heard of People to People, please allow me to share some history with you. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People to People in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would nations. Programs like Sister Cities, Project HOPE, Pen Pals, and the Student Ambassador Program were created by People to People and have become independent programs since then.

People to People Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance into the program. This experience will increase my understanding of the world and give me the opportunity to learn firsthand about different countries and cultures. Such knowledge will help me become the best citizen I can be. I am especially looking forward to rock climbing and kayaking with local experts near Ireland's Wicklow Mountains, exploring the Tower of London, meeting a member of Parliament, and experiencing lively, historic Dublin where I will get to view the *Book of Kells*, one of the oldest books in the world!

The program tuition is \$4,000 which includes meals, transportation, accommodations, and educational activities. I am asking to have some help in reaching my goal. Is it possible for you to assist me by making a contribution? I would be grateful with whatever amount you could send to help me reach my goal. Checks may be made payable to *People to People Ambassador Program* and forwarded to me. Your generous contribution would enable me to share in this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your gracious consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,

Taylor R. Ricken

Student Ambassador

[Please send contributions to:](#)

Taylor Ricken
14820 W. Maui Lane
Surprise, AZ 85379

[Editor's note: Taylor is the daughter of Scott and Tammy Marie \(Marotz\) Ricken - and the 4th great granddaughter of pioneers John and Eleanor \(Lemasters\) Lance – \(Lance Line #4\)](#)

In Loving Memory

Joe Lance – “I sadly wish to inform you that Joe lost his battle with cancer on April 10, 2004. He is resting in Jesus and he is very much missed.”.....[Sue Lance](#), wife of Joe Lance (*Lance Line unverified*). “Joseph David Lance, 62 of 9505 Chatham road, Martinsville [Virginia], died April 10, 2004 at his residence. He was born in Roanoke on Jan 24, 1942, a son of the late Mary Catherine Lester Lance and Clyde Ephriam Lance. A veteran o the Army, he served in Operation White Coat during the Viet Nam War. He worked in Physical therapy at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County for 26 years and he was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and sister. Surviving are: his wife, Sue-Lin Lance of the hiommme; a son, Joseph David Lance of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three daughters, Catherine Joyce Davis of Staunton, Laura Lynn Boyd of Chattanooga and Beth Lena Lance of Martinsville; his stepmother, Clara Lance of Rock Hill, S. C.; three brothers, Robert L. Lance of Wytheville, John D. Lance of Indian Valley and James Lance of Rock Hill; one sister, Rosa Ann Gilmore of Roanoke; and seven grandchildren. Visitation will be held at Roselawn Chapel Funeral Home from 7 - 8:30 p.m. today. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Roselawn Chapel with Pastor Kevin Powell officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Burial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 3907, Martinsville, Va. 24115.”....(source: Joe's newspaper obituary).

Editor's Note: I had been communicating back and forth with Joe Lance since 1999. He was an avid family researcher and strongly believed his ancestor, James Lance (born ca. 1805 in Tennessee), was a brother to our pioneer John Lance. Joe even convinced me to join the Lance Family DNA testing project. As it turns out, my DNA and his did not match very well but the jury is still out! Joe was very aggressive with digging into various sources to discover the missing links in our family lines. His efforts, ingenuity, and friendship will also be sorely missed by this researcher!

“Hey Mike, No, like you, just hoping someone had hit that John Lance goldmine! I have been trying a Virginia/West VA connection because there were Virginia Lantz in Highland County and points west and south going back to 1700s. No connection found yet.”....(e-mail from Joe Lance, 31 Oct 1999)

“I think I told you about my finding Richard Lance, a descendant of Jonas>Henry>Lance. I coaxed Richard into getting a DNA test done - you guessed it already! He and I match perfectly on the 12 marker test. You know what this means - despite all the declarations that our two Lance clans were not kin, the old DNA says we are. Problem is, we do not know who or how! Were Jonas and James brothers, father & son, Uncle and Nephew? For now, no one knows!”....(e-mail from Joe Lance, 17 Mar 2003).

Ann Kathleen 'Taffy' (Bittner) Unger 21 May 1935 - 31 Dec 2004 - "Kathleen 'Taffy' Bittner



Unger, 69, of Topeka, Kansas, formerly of Evansville, died on Friday, December 31, 2004, at her home surrounded by her family. Mrs. Unger was a legal secretary for Payless Shoe Source before she retired on September 10, 2004. She was born in Evansville, on May 21, 1935, the daughter of Jesse and Helen Harbinson [sic] Bittner. Taffy was raised in Evansville and graduated from St. Benedict's Grade School and Memorial High School. She lived in Topeka since 1972. Mrs. Unger was an active member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and a former member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Indiana, and the DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution] of Kansas. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed creating handmade gifts for family and friends. Mrs. Unger was married to Matthew P. Unger for 22 years and was the mother of five: three sons, Dr. Mark Unger of Denver, Colorado, Dr. John Unger of Montrose, Colorado, and Matthew Unger

of Loveland, Colorado; and two daughters, Kathleen Hortenstine of Topeka, Kansas, and Marie Brouhard of Eudora, Kansas. She was the grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of three and is survived by her sister Rosemarie Vinson of Evansville. Services 10 a.m. Saturday, January 8, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Highway 168, Fort Branch, Indiana. Visitation will take place on Friday, January 7, from 3 to 8 p.m., at Ziemer Funeral Hbme North Chapel, 6300 First Avenue, continuing Saturday, January 8, from 9 a.m. until service time, at the church. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604.”....(source: newspaper obituary in the *Evansville Courier*, Evansville, Indiana).

Editor's Note: 'Taffy' Unger was the 2nd great granddaughter of Olley Lathom Lance (son of pioneer John Lance and his 1st wife, Sarah Lathom)....(*Lance Line #1*).

Civil War Soldier & Widow *(continued from page 1)*

February 15, 1865 and then on to Columbia on February 16-17.

Finas and his fellow infantrymen participated in the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina on March 20 and 21, 1865. They were then assigned to the occupation of Goldsboro on March 24, 1865 before advancing on Raleigh on April 10-14. Their efforts resulted in the occupation of Raleigh on April 14, 1865.

On April 26, 1865, Finas and his regiment were present at Bennett's House in Greensborough, North Carolina when Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his army to Union General William Tecumseh Sherman. Although the fighting for Finas and his men was finally over, the endless marching was not.

However, there was probably an extra bounce in their steps as the victorious Union soldiers trekked from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia. They then moved up through the Carolinas to Raleigh where they rested awhile before marching on to Washington, D.C. The long march lasted from April 29 to May 20, 1865. On June 24, 1865, they then proudly participated in the ceremonial march of the Grand Review in Washington, D. C.

Finas and many others in his regiment were then transferred to the 59th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. This regiment was subsequently sent to Louisville, Kentucky. By then, Finas was suffering from constipation. He and the 59th Indiana were mustered-out of service on July 17, 1865.

"I was well acquainted [with] Finas E. Lance when he went into the Army, was in the same Company & Reg. with him, wrote all of his letters home and read all he received for him. I know he complained and was sick at Louisville, Ky when in camp there, for about one month until he come home."....(William M. Leach of Newburgh, Indiana, 25 Sep 1891).

"The proper name of said soldier was, it seems, was Finis Ewing Lance; but I never heard him called any name but Ewing, as that was the one he was always called, and I never had seen his name written properly before."...(W. W. Slaughter, M.D. - 29 Mar 1895).

On March 12, 1878, Finas Euen Lance passed away in Newburgh at about age 53. He was laid to rest at Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh. The exact location of his final resting place was eventually forgotten over time. In 1997, an intense search for it began. A badly weathered military marker was finally found proudly standing, although leaning to the side a bit. The inscription read: "Uren Lance – Co. F – 12th Ind. Inf." A new VA military gravestone has been recently placed on his grave and a formal dedication is being planned for June 2005.

After Finas passed away, his widow, Lydia (Murphy) Lance was left destitute. Social Security did not yet exist and women of that era rarely

worked outside the home. She found it very difficult to support herself. Her son, Abraham Lincoln Lance, and her step-children may have tried to help her out, but they were apparently unable to offer much assistance.

On September 5, 1880, Lydia married Benjamin Jones in the town of Lewisport in Hancock County, Kentucky. The move to Kentucky meant leaving her family behind, but life must have become a bit easier for her with the support of a new husband.

On July 22, 1890, she applied to the U.S. Pension Office in Washington D.C. to try to claim the military pension she felt she was entitled to based on the Civil War service of her late husband, Finas Euen Lance. It was the beginning of a long-running battle with the government.

"Lewisport, Ky., April 27th 1899, Department of the Interior, Washington D.C., To the Commissioner of pensions – Gentlemen, I have been having Mr. John W. Morris attending To my Clame for a pension for me and I have not heard from him for over a year. I complied with all the requirements he sent me that best I could and I think Satisfactory to the Clame. Now gentlemen, I wish you would let me know something about my clame as I know that it is a Just Clame and think I should have what is justly mine and Knowing by your offices you would Write me is The reason I write you. My Clame is no 430.227 [signed] Lydia Jones"....(source: handwritten note in her pension claim file; most likely written by someone else since she was not able to read or write).

Benjamin Jones died August 21, 1902. Lydia was alone and in poverty once again. She continued to appeal to the government for a military pension in order to support herself.

"State of Indiana, County of Warrick...On this 13th day of August 1904 Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in Ind for the County and State Afore said, Lydia Lance now Lydia Jones aged 60 years, a resident of Lewisport, Hancock County, Kentucky who being duly Sworn according to law makes the following Declaration and says that she is the widow of Ewin Lance who served in Co F 12th Regt Ind. Vols; That she was married to said Soldier on the 12th day of April 1860; That said Soldier Ewin Lance died on the 12 day of March 1878; That she was married to said Soldier Ewin Lance under her maiden name Lydia Murphy; That she had not been previously married; That said Soldier had been previously married to Elizabeth Lance who died on the ? day of ? 1860; That she again married to one Benjamin Jones on the 5 day of September 1880 who died on the 21 day of August 1902; That her husband Ewin Lance served in the afore said war of 1861 at least 90 days and was honorably discharged from the

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

service of the U.S. on the 17 day of July 1865 Co 'E' 59 Regt Ind Vols; That she is without means of Support other than her daily labor; That she is dependent on others for support not legally bond [bound] to support her; That she has no one that is duty bound to help her; That she has made application for pension heretofore under general law (No application not now known to her); That she makes this Declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the US under the Act of June 27th 1890 and Amended Acts; That she has not means to have an income to exceed \$250.00 a year; That she lived with her husband Ewin Lance up to the date of his death and was not divorced from him; That she also lived with her husband Jones until the date of his death and was not divorced from him; That she hereby appoints Henry Hochhalter of Newburgh, Warrick County, Indiana to prosecute her claim....Witness my hand and seal....Lydia Lance (her X mark) now Jones.....Also on the same day personally appeared James Anderson of Newburgh, Indiana and James W. Erwin of Newburgh, Indiana whom I certify to be respectable [sic] and entitled to credit and who being duly Sworn say that they were present and saw Lydia Lance now Jones sign her name to the foregoing Declaration; That they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents her self to be; That they have no interest in this claim and Are not Concerned in its prosecution....Witness our hands and seals...James Anderson (seal) J. W. Erwin (seal)....Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 13th day of August 1904 And I Certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit was by me read to declarant and witnesses before executing the same; That I have no interest in this claim and I am not concerned in its prosecution.... Witness my hand and seal...A. J. Rutledge, Notary Public"....(handwritten 'Declaration for Pension', received by Pension Record Division on 23 Aug 1904).

Unfortunately, Lydia's pension claim was again rejected on October 12, 1904. "Rejection on the ground of no title under Act June 27, 1890, as amended by Act of May 9, 1900, for the reason that Claimant is not the legal widow of soldier, She having remarried prior to the passage of said Act June 27, 1890"....(source: 'Widow's Pension', document in pension file).

Lydia did not give up easily. She continued to fight for many years in a long struggle to obtain her pension. She was continuously asked for additional documentation to prove one detail or another. She mainly had trouble proving the exact date of Finas Lance's death and how the cause of his death was related to his military service. She relied on Washington, D.C. attorney, John W. Morris, to do the necessary paperwork and filings

for her. Unfortunately, the efforts of Mr. Morris appear to have been insufficient. Her frustration grew as the years passed. She eventually did not know where to turn for help. She continued to send letters and notes to Washington. Her numerous letters (again, probably written for her by others since she was unable to read or write) to the government portray her growing frustration and desperation.

"Lewisport, Ky. – April 13th 1907 - Commissioner of pensions – Mr. Davenport, Finas Ujan Lance died march 12th 1879 and the captain of his regiment was name Bawdish and he was drouded While in survis and some of the comrades names [are] Mr Bill Leach, Criss Bower, John Mcveale, all of Newburg and the doctor is dead that tended on him last. I have all ready sent his Evidence severl years ago but I am Willing to swair to the Evidence the doctor give if nesseary. The doctor said he was called to his bedside in an ouer after his arrival that he pronounced it cronic diseas caused by the swamps and exposear. So I Will Close hoping to hear from you soon. Very respectfully Mrs Lydia Jones, Lewisport, Ky."....(handwritten letter in Lydia's military pension file, received by the U.S. Pension Office on 22 Apr 1907).

"Lewisport, Ky - June 10th, 1907 - Commishiner of Pensions....Mr Wearner, I Would like to hear if you can do any thing in gaining my pension claim. I roat two months ago and have not heard from you or acting commissioner H. Davenport. So I Will Close hoping to hear soon. Mrs. Lydia Jones, Lewisport, Ky, hancock Co."....(handwritten note in to the U.S. Pension Office, received 18 Jun 1907).

"Lewisport, Ky - Aug 3rd, 1907 - Mr Warner, I can not send any more proof of his death. I have sent all I can the doctor is dead and I can [sic] do any more and I think I ought to have the rest of his bounty he only got 100 When he Was discharged. I think I ought two get something I have sent all the proof I can and if you cannot gain any thing for me I would like to no for I am geting old and in mighty bad health. I will bring my letter to a close. very respectfully, Mrs Lydia Jones, Lewisport Ky"....(handwritten letter to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., received 5 Aug 1907).

In October 1907, Lydia received more bad news from the U.S. Pension Office. "Madam, Your claim for pension under the general law as above entitled is rejected on the ground that there is no evidence on file showing cause of soldier's death or in any way tending to connect same with his military service and you have admitted your inability to furnish evidence additional to that now in the case. [signed] V. R."....(handwritten letter in military pension file, dated Oct 26, 1907).

"Lewisport, Ky – May 7th 1908 – Commissioner of pensions, I would like to hear if

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

you have found the Evidence of Euion Lance Death I rote last and have not heard from you I am a poor old Widow Woman and no support What ever I think I ought to be entitle to a pension as well as others If any more proof is needed send for it. Yours truly Mrs. Lydia Jones, Lewisport, Ky"

Lydia finally came to realize that Mr. Morris was dragging his feet and apparently not working very hard on her behalf. She then probably decided to change agents. Unfortunately, she had sent all her pertinent documents to Mr. Morris and had nothing left in her possession.

"Lewisport, Ky, Nov 4, 1907 – Commissioner Warner of pensions, you will find Evidence rote by dr. Bill Slautre [Slaughter] on file and By dr. Tomson If not destroyed and I can prove that I sent it to John W. Morris pension Examiner and if not there it has ben destroyed I would like to have Euion Lance discharge and all of my Papers If you can not gain any thing for me. I remain yours truly Mrs Lydie Jones, Lewisport, Ky".... (handwritten note in pension file).

"Lewisport, Ky. – Sep 2, 1908 – Comishiner of pensions – Mr. Warner, I Have been awaiting to hear from you about the pension of Euin Lance. Mr Lance was taken from Newburg Ind to Evansville and Examined and Mustered in. I don't think the laws are doying [doing] me right. They Make me pay tax on my Home or would take it from me and I think I ought to have a pension. So I will close Hoping to hear from you soon, Mrs. Liddie Jones, Lewisport, Ky, Handcock County. P.S. Mr Lance never got but one hundred dollars Bounty money and I think I ought to Have the other 2 hundred."....(handwritten note in pension file - with different handwriting than usual).

"Lewisport, Ky. – Jan 9, 1909 – Washington D.C., I though [sic] I would write and see if you could do any thing about my pension, seeing as so many others out in the army when Mr. Lance did and are getting a pension. I think I ough [ought] to have one too, as I have to pay tax on my little Home, and no way of making a living. It looks like if you could put a toместone to his grave I could get the Back pay. Mrs. Lydia Jones. Answer soon."....(handwritten letter in pension file, received by the U.S. Pension Office on 14 Jan 1909).

"Mrs. Lydia Jones, Lewisport, Ky - Madam: In response to your communication dated Jan. 9, 1909 received on the 14th relative to your above entitled claim for pension, you are informed that you have no title to pension under any existing law, your claim under the Act of June 27, 1890 was rejected Oct. 18, 1904 on the ground that you remarried prior to the passage of said act and your claim under the general law was rejected Oct. 25, 1907 on the ground of no evidence on file showing cause of soldier's death or in any way tending to connect the same with his military

service and of your failure to furnish such evidence."....(handwritten letter in pension file, by V. Warner, Commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, dated 23 Jan 1909).

"Lewisport, Ky - May 30th 1917 - Pension Department - Gentlemen, I am an old widow 72 years old. My first husdban [husband] was a soldier service in the civil war. I have filed all my papers with pension department. You have Them all and I cannot hear from Them. Please let me Know why my papers has not been sent Back or why I have not recd my pension. My husbands name was Ewan Lance. You have his Company and Rigament [Regiment]. his Discharge is filed with the other papers. I had a pension agent to work on this pension and he got all of the papers and filed Them there. I have been told it is The duty of your office to see to This for me. the agents name was John W. Morris. the last Letter I Read from Mr. Morris he said he had filed the papers in the Pension Department Office and that I would get my pension. Please Let me hear from the office - Lida Jones, Lewisport, Hancock County, Ky."....(source: handwritten letter in her pension file).

"Lewisport, Ky – Mar 25 1913 - Pension Commissioner, please Look at the claim of the widow of Finas Ewing Lance, no. 430.227, Lydia Jones. This claim has been pending for years. I have sent evidence of all Kinds that I was instructed to send, but have failed to get my pension. I am getting old and would like to have it as it is due me. Please let me hear from you. Lydia Jones."....(handwritten letter in pension file, received by the U.S. Pension Office on March 29, 1913).

Laws changed as the years slowly passed. On July 30, 1917, Lydia was given another opportunity to file for a military pension. She submitted a form entitled *Declaration for Remarried Widow's Pension*. When filled out, it stated: "State of Kentucky, County of Hancock. On this 30 day of July, 1917, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Lydia Jones, who, being duly sworn by me according to law, delares that she is 73 years of age, and that she was born Mch 2, 1844, at Rising Sun, Ind. That she was formerly the widow of Finas Ewen Lance, who enlisted April, 1863 [sic] at New Burg, Ind under the name of Finas Ewen Lance, as a Private in Co. F. 12 Ind Inf. and was honorably discharged, Apr 14, 1865, having served therein during the Civil War. That she was married to said soldier Apr. 12, 1861, under the name of Lydia Murphy, at New Burg, Ind. by Rev. Hogland; that she had 'no' been previously married; that he had 'yes' been previously married; Wife had died about one year before. That said soldier died Mch 12, 1878, at New Burg, Ind. and that she was 'no' divorced from him. That she 'no' formerly pensioned as the

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

widow of said soldier, the number of her pension certificate being 'Has never received Pension'. That she did 'yes' marry again after the death of the soldier, except to Benjamin Jones named above. Married at Lewisport, Ky in September 1880 by Rev. Ellis. That he died Aug 21, 1902. That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, as a remarried widow, under the Second Section of the Act of Congress Approved September 8, 1916. Claimant's signature in full - Lydia (her X mark) Jones. Signature of first witness - Mrs. J. B. Stinnett [of] Lewisport, Ky. Signature of second witness - Mary G. Holifield [of] Lewisport, Ky. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of July, 1917, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words herin stated and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. [signature] C. W. Taylor, Notary Public". This declaration bears the stamp of the U.S. Pension Office and is dated August 1, 1917.

As of May 17, 1918, Lydia had spent about 28 years trying to receive her military pension and it still eluded her. She was now about 74 years old. The government was still delaying her claim by demanding yet additional information and

clarification of details. Her thick pension application file ends with the following:

"Mrs. Lydia Jones, Lewisport, Kentucky – Madam: You are advised that your above cited claim for pension awaits the evidence called for in Bureau letter dated April 13, 1918, showing the date of death of the soldier and of your late husband, Benjamin Jones; whether you have married since soldier's death, other than to said Jones; and whether you lived with said Jones, without separation or divorce, from date of marriage to his death. The testimony of J. F. Blackbord and T. H. Pell cannot be accepted as satisfactory, for the reason that they failed to state their means of knowledge as to the points above enumerated. Do not fail to inscribe on each piece of evidence furnished, the name and service of the soldier and the number of your claim. Very Respectfully, G. M. Saltzgeber, Commissioner, Civil War Division".

Lydia was now silent. No further letters from her appear in the pension file. She may have simply given up or had become too incapacitated from old age to respond. It is not yet known if she ever lived long enough to receive the pension she knew was due. Lydia's date of death is unknown at this time and her final resting place still remains a mystery.

Descendants of Finas Euen Lance – Lance Line #4

The following outline shows the direct descendants of Finas Euen Lance, son of pioneers John and Eleanor (Lemasters) Lance (*Lance Line #4*). I realize that this type of diagram can be confusing and tedious to read. However, it does show the depth of this family line and hopefully will be of some interest. I used colors to differentiate each generation. The next newsletter will feature *Lance Line #5*. I also request that you assist me by forwarding to the editor a list of any missing names or dates or needed corrections (address on pg 2).

Finas Euen Lance - (ca. 1825 – 12 Mar 1878)

m. ca. 1844 to **Elizabeth Leet** (ca. 1828 – ca. 1860)

child: 1.) **George Lance** (ca. 1845 - unknown)

2.) **Martha Lance** (1847 – unknown)

3.) **Mary Lance** (1849 – unknown)

4.) **Benjamin Franklin Lance** (16 Jan 1853 – 9 Apr 1908)

m. on 9 Jun 1872 to **Sarah Ann Bristow** (Feb 1856 – 28 Apr 1907)

child: **A.) Marv Jane Lance** (20 Feb 1877 – 3 Jan 1922)

m. 21 Aug 1892 to **Benjamin Franklin Bates** (Mar 1874 - 1957)

child: **a.) Russell Bates** (Nov 1898 – unknown)

m. Evelyn B.

b.) Orville Bates (16 Nov 1901 – 1982)

m. Nellie J.

child: **I.) Katherine Bates** (ca. 1922 – unknown)

II.) Bennie Bates (ca. 1926 – unknown)

c.) boy Bates (6 Nov 1902 - unknown)

d.) Franklin Bates (22 Oct 1904 – unknown)

B.) William Albert Lance (4 Nov 1881 - 8 Feb 1855)

m. 1st on 20 May 1903 to **Elizabeth Ann Bradley** (3 May 1889 – 17 Dec 1931)

child: **a.) William Carl Lance** (27 Sep 1904 – 30 Sep 1920)

b.) Elinore Catherine Lance (12 Aug 1906 – 12 Apr 1982)

- m. 14 Jun 1924 to **Herman Wesley Niemeier** (31 Jul 1905 – 9 May 1977)
 child: **i.) June Elizabeth Niemeier** (20 Apr 1925 – 28 Sep 1996)
 m. 27 Feb 1943 to **James Edw'd Feller** (28 Jul 1922 – 12 Aug 2004)
 child: **i.) Judith Ellen Feller** (24 Jan 1946 -)
 m. 21 Aug 1964 **Chas. Wm. Morris** (9 Aug 1943 -)
 child: **1) Carrie Ann Morris** (16 Mar 1968 -)
 m. to **Paul Andrew Ladd** (22 Aug 1965 -)
2) Kelly Lynn Morris (20 May 1970 -)
 m. to **Mr. Cooke**
 c: **A) Ashton T. Cooke** (16 Apr 1990)
B) boy Cooke (Feb 1998 -)
ii.) James Edward Feller (15 Feb 1951 -)
 m. 1 Jan 1988 to **Judy McHugh** (10 Jul 1946 -)
iii.) Debra Lee Feller (20 Dec 1955 -)
 m. 22 Jan 1977 to **Melvin W. Happle** (29 Jun 1952 -)
 child: **1) Danny L. Happle**
iv.) Cindy Ann Feller
II.) Wilma Teresia Niemeier (b. 2 Mar 1927 -)
 m. 9 Mar 1947 to **John Willis Burkes** (5 Mar 1928 – 11 May 1995)
 child: **i.) John Randall Burkes** (3 Jul 1950 -)
 m. 1st ca. Sep 1968 to **Debi Smith** (Sep 1947 -) div.
 child: **1) Cynthia Ellen Burkes** (17 May 1969 -)
 m. 2 Jun 1989 **Phillip Baxter** (1966)
 chld: **A) Justin Randall Baxter** (1987)
B) Taylor Rene Baxter (1994)
C) Nickolas Sean Baxter (1998)
2) Sandra Lee Burkes (7 Sep 1972 -)
 m. to **Rodney Johnson**, divorced
 m. to **Robert Springston**
 chld. **A) Brooklyn Springston** (1996)
B) Dylan Springston (1997)
3) Wendy Ann Burkes (22 May 1975 -)
 m. 2nd 16 Oct 1990 to **Janet L. Covey** (27 Jan 1952 -)
 child: **4) Heather Marie Burkes** (24 May 1983 -)
ii.) Robin Wesley Burkes (2 Jan 1954 -)
 m. 22 Feb 1975 to **Marsha C. Ringo** (26 Jul 1956 -)
 child: **1) Michael Wesley Burkes** (20 Aug 1981 -)
2) David A. Burkes (11 Dec 1983 -)
iii.) Roger Allen Burkes (7 Nov 1956 -)
 m. 24 May 1974 **Donna M. Fravel** (21 Dec 1955 -)
 child: **1) Denise Marie Burkes** (28 Oct 1974 -)
 m. to **Timothy Shafer**
 chld. **A) Tanner Shafer**
B) Tabitha Marie Shafer (2002)
2) Richard Allen Burkes (14 Apr 1977 -)
 m. to **Keri**
 chld: **A) Rvan Burkes** (19 Dec 1996)
B) Reagan Burkes (Sep 2000)
3) Diane Marie Burkes (9 Jun 1983 -)
4) Dana Melissa Burkes (10 Feb 1986 -)
III.) Marvellen Niemeier (4 May 1928 -)
 m. 16 Aug 1945 to **Calvin Wynn Eckels** (28 Aug 1927 – 7 May 1981)
 child: **i.) Calvin Wynn Eckels Jr.** (26 Nov 1946 -)
 m. 24 Aug 1968 **Krystal A. Calzia** (12 Sep 1946 -)
 child: **1) David Calvin Eckels** (17 Sep 1970 -)
 m. 1st to **Patricia Els**
 chld: **A) Natina Janet Els**
 m. 2nd 25 Jan 1997 to **Lisa Pew**
2) Dieter George Eckels (18 Mar 1976 -)
3) Joseph Herman Eckels (26 Feb 1978 -)
ii.) Sandra Eckels (24 Feb 1949 -)
 m. 12 May 1979 **Glen A. Wallace** (May 1947-1998)
 child: **1) Wesley Allen Wallace** (4 Dec 1980 -)
 m. 14 Aug 2004 to **Richelle**

2) **Lauri Ann Jones** (11 Sep 1979 -)
 m. 1st unknown
 chld: **A) Leesa N. Jones** (Mar 1998 -)
 m. 2nd **Mr. Hensley**
 chld: **B) Daisie B. Hensley** (2003 -)
 m. 2nd 23 Oct 1988 **Cathy Ann Adams** (20 Sep 1954)

iii.) **David Lvnn Jones** (25 Oct 1954 -)
 iv.) **Donna Ann Jones** (28 Nov 1958 -)
 m. to **Mr. Goodwin**
 child: 1) **Timothy Lee Goodwin** (10 May 1986 -)
 2) **Heath Elliott Goodwin** (7 Nov 1988 -)
 3) **Heather Lvnn Goodwin** (20 Oct 1990 -)
 m. 2nd to **Arnold Saunders Sr.** (24 Oct 1928 - 2 May 1981)
 child: v.) **Arnold Saunders Jr.** (26 Jul 1960 - Apr 1990)

II.) **Paul Thomas Lance** (7 Oct 1934 -)
 III.) **Ellenor Rose Lance** (14 Jul 1936 -)
 m. to **Mr. Daniels**

IV.) **Donald Lee Lance** (21 Sep 1938 -)
 V.) **John Dennis Lance** (30 Oct 1951 -)
 m. 1st to **Diane Sue Harvey**, divorced
 child: i.) **Danielle Gail Lance** (30 Nov 1980 -)
 m. 2nd to **Donna Louise Baumgart** (8 Feb 1955 -)
 child: ii.) **Jennifer Denise Lance** (4 Dec 1984 -)
 iii.) **Jill Rene Lance** (4 Dec 1984 -)

m. 2nd on 12 Jan 1920 to **Rose Marie Bush** (28 Jul 1897 - Jan 1986)
 child: **D.) Verda Jeanette 'Sis' Lance** (29 Oct 1918 - 7 Apr 1986)
 m. 1st on 21 Nov 1935 to **George Haro**
 m. 2nd on 10 Nov 1937 to **Marion Striplin**
 m. 3rd ca. 1945 to **Samuel D. Roberson** (ca. 1920 -)
 child: **I.) Gerald Eugene 'Jerry' Lance** (6 Jun 1945 -)
 m. **Donna Margaret Donovan** (25 Nov 1942 -)
 child: i.) **Cynthia Ann Owens\Lance** (4 Jan 1962 -)
 m. 9 Sep 1982 - **Douglas M. King** (14 Mar 1953 -)
 child: 1) **Gerald M. King\Lance** (23 Dec 1980 -)
 ii.) **Donna Lynn-April Owens\Lance** (11 Apr 1963 -)
 m. unknown
 child: 1) **Beronika-Rai Lvnn Lance** (28 Dec 1984 -)
 2) **Donell Christine Lance** (12 May 1995 -)
 iii.) **Gerald Lance** (10 Jan 1966 -)
 m. 1st on 12 Oct 1985 to **Sue Finteman** – divorced
 child: 1) **Jerry J. Lance** (27 Apr 1985 -)
 m. 2nd on 7 Apr 1990 to **Angel**
 child: 2) **Leslie Karee Lance** (21 Feb 1989 -)
 3) **Kayla Marie Lance** (10 Feb 1991 -)
 4) **Stephanie Mai Lance** (4 Apr 1993 -)
 5) **Austin Tyler Lance** (13 Oct 1994 -)

II.) **Terrv Roberson**
 III.) **Samuel David Roberson**
 IV.) **Timothy Roberson**
 V.) **Richard Dale Roberson** (24 May 1953 - 28 Oct 1996)
 m. **Debbie**

E. Albert Eugene 'Junior' Lance (10 Dec 1920 - 17 Dec 1972)
 m. 14 Jun 1941 to **Gertrude Louise Brooks** (7 Dec 1921 - 21 Jan 2001)
 child: **I.) Gloria Louise Lance** (14 Jan 1944 -)
 m. 10 Dec 1962 to **Larry William Bastain** (20 May 1945 -)
 child: i.) **Larry William Bastain** (3 Aug 1963 -)
 m. 3 Jun 1983 - **Sherrv Lvnn Wilson** (18 Apr 1967 -)
 child: 1) **Christopher Lynne Bastain** (17 Nov 1983 -)
 2) **Andrew William Bastain** (25 Oct 1985 -)
 3) **Carrie Ann Bastain** (14 Jul 1987 -)
 ii.) **Jerry Wayne Bastain** (29 May 1965 -)
 m. 1st on 2 Apr 1983 to **Carla Durnell** – divorced
 child: 1) **Rachel Mayrie Bastain** (8 Feb 1983 -)
 m. 2nd to **Sheila Malin** (30 Jul 1966 -)
 child: 2) **Brandi Jo Malin/Hunt** (20 Oct 1989 -)

- m. 3rd 7 Mar 1998 - **Hester J. Gibson** (15 Dec 1969 -)
 - child: 3) **Anthony Tyler Gibson** (3 Jul 1993 -)
 - 4) **Douglas Mitchell Gibson** (28 May 1994 -)
 - 5) **Christopher Bastain** (8 Jul 1998 -)
 - iii.) **Terry Wayne Bastain** (15 Feb 1970 -)
 - m. 6 Nov 1993 - **Stephanie M. Freels** (23 Oct 1976 -)
 - child: 1) **Mercedes Lynn Bastain** (21 Aug 1994 -)
 - 2) **Faith Helen Bastain** (8 Dec 2000 -)
 - iv.) **Scott Allen Bastain** (14 Dec 1972 -)
 - m. 1st to **Reah Nicole File** (11 Mar 1976 -)
 - child: 1) **Nichole Elizabeth File** (11 Mar 1993 -)
 - not m. 2nd to **Joyce Lorraine** (25 Aug 1979 -)
 - child: 2) **Scott Allen Wm. Bastain Jr** (30 Mar 2001 -)
 - v.) **Randy Lee Bastain** (6 Jul 1975 -)
 - m. 30 Aug 2002 - **Cynthia R. Wilhite** (15 Dec 1973 -)
 - child: 1) **Blake Lee Bastain** (24 Apr 2002 -)
 - II.) **Ronald Eugene Lance** (3 Jun 1950 -)
 - m. 9 May 1970 to **Barbara Ann Lefler** (13 Oct 1952 -)
 - child: i.) **Gary Eugene Lance** (14 May 1971 -)
 - m. 5 Aug 2000 to **Tabitha** (28 Jan 1974 -)
 - child: 1) **Dillon Eugene Lance** (30 Jul 1999 -)
 - F. **Charles Robert Lance** (16 Jan 1928 - 13 Mar 1930)
 - G. **Chester Lance** (17 Oct 1929 -)
 - m. 1st on 30 Jun 1950 to **Dora Lou Lamar** (23 Oct 1932 - 26 Sep 2002)
 - child: I.) **Lana Joy Lance** (2 Dec 1951 -)
 - m. on 19 Dec 1970 to **Greg Hutchison** (28 Dec 1951 -)
 - child: i.) **Dana Hutchison** (25 Oct 1971 -)
 - m. 1st to **Steve Spalding** – divorced - married
 - child: 1) **Kylie Larissa Spalding** (14 Feb 1992 -)
 - 2) **Hunter Spalding** (10 Jun 1996 -)
 - m. 2nd **Danny Vowels** – divorced ca. 1998
 - child: 3) **Ethan Vowels** (25 Jul 1998 -)
 - ii.) **Jamie Hutchison** (16 May 1976 -)
 - m. 19 Jul 1997 to **Jeff Baumgart**
 - child: 1) **Rence Baumgart** (23 May 1998 -)
 - II.) **Vickie Jo Lance** (14 Jan 1955 -)
 - m. 1st ca. 1978 to **Vaughn Patrick Murrav** (8 Oct 1948 -)
 - child: i.) **Patrick Heath Murray** (4 Dec 1980 -)
 - m. 18 Sep 2004 to **Emily Williams** (19 Dec 1983 -)
 - child: 1) **Grace Elizabeth Murray** (27 Sep 2003 -)
 - m. 2nd to **Laddie Keith Rust** (11 Nov 1955 -)
 - child: ii.) **Gregorv Dane Rust** (20 Aug 1984 -)
 - m. 3rd on 9 Jan 1993 to **Dennis Wayne Gish** (17 May 1954 -)
 - m. 2nd on 26 Jul 2003 to **Rhoda Elizabeth Greene** (4 Aug 1935 -)
- H. **Lester Lance** (17 Oct 1929 - 25 Jan 2004)
 - m. 1st on 7 Jan 1950 to **Ruth Marie Curtis** (16 Jan 1932 -)
 - child: I.) **Michael Lester Lance** (2 May 1952 -)
 - m. 1st on 25 Jul 1969 to **Cindy Lou Sutherland** (7 Jan 1954 -)
 - child: i.) **Kelly Lynn Lance** (15 Oct 1969 -)
 - not m. to **Matthew Brian Braat** (11 Jun 1963 -)
 - child: 1) **Cody Brian Braat** (5 Jul 1992 -)
 - m. 14 Feb 1998 - **Gregorv A. Steffes** (10 Sep 1968 -)
 - ii.) **Jay Michael Lance** (19 May 1971 - 14 Jun 1971)
 - m. 2nd - 7 Jul 1984 to **Jacqueline Susan Eagan** (2 Nov 1952 -)
- II.) **Brenda Kaye Lance** (1 May 1954 -)
 - m. on 22 Aug 1987 to **Norman James Malone** (6 Feb 1948 -)
 - child: i.) **Nicholas James Malone** (3 Feb 1988 -)
- III.) **Susan Marie Lance** (25 Apr 1955 -)
 - m. 1st on 2 Jul 1982 to **Terry Alan Hofmeyer** (2 Oct 1952 -)
 - m. 2nd - 24 Aug 1991 - **John R. Thompson Sr.** (18 May 1939 -)
- IV.) **David Curtis Lance** (24 Oct 1957 -)
- V.) **Thomas William Lance** (31 Mar 1959 -)
 - m. 1st on 21 Sep 1985 to **Sally Jo Gerke** (29 Nov 1960 -)
 - child: i.) **Daniel Joseph Lance** (2 Sep 1986 -)
 - m. 2nd on 15 Jul 1989 to **Barbara Ellen Wright** (21 Jun 1961 -)

- child: ii.) **Timothy Alan Lance** (14 Jul 1990 -)
 iii.) **Laura Nicole Lance** (28 Sep 1998 -)
 VI.) **Kenneth James Lance** (1 Nov 1960 -)
 m. on 1 Jul 1983 to **Amy Leigh Favreau** (1 Mar 1961 -)
 child: i.) **Stephen Michael Lance** (8 Aug 1985 -)
 ii.) **Anna Ruth Lance** (6 Oct 1987 -)
 iii.) **Philip Allen Lance** (6 Feb 1989 -)
 iv.) **Abigail Lois 'Abby' Lance** (19 Nov 1996 -)
 v.) **Kenneth James 'Guy' Lance II** (20 Feb 1999 -)
 VII.) **Jeffrey Wayne Lance** (22 Feb 1962 - 1 Oct 1981)
 m. 2nd on 24 May 1980 to **Virginia Valerie Ziemski** (22 Jul 1933 - 17 Apr 2000)
 I. **James Earl Lance** (21 Apr 1931 -)
 m. 3 Feb 1970 to **Sue Ann Seaman** (26 Dec 1946 -)
 child: I.) **Barbara Ann Calloway\Lance**
 m. **Timothy Lund**
 child: i.) **Nicholas Lund**
 ii.) **Jacob Lund**
 J. **Wilma Jeraleen 'Jerrie' Lance** (8 Feb 1933 -)
 not m. 1st unknown
 child: I.) **William Leon Lance/Marotz** (6 Dec 1955 -)
 m. 2nd 11 Jan 1959 to **Charles Adolph 'Chug' Marotz** (17 Apr 1933 -)
 child: II.) **Tammv Marie Marotz** (29 Jun 1963 -)
 m. 4 Aug 1984 to **Scott Douglas Ricken** (4 May 1963 -)
 child: i.) **Ryan Douglas Ricken** (18 Sep 1984 -)
 ii.) **Shane William Ricken** (18 Jul 1987 -)
 iii.) **Taylor Rose Ricken** (9 Dec 1992 -)
 III.) **Patricia Ann 'Pattie' Marotz** (1 Mar 1965 -)
 m. 12 Mar 1994 to **Patrick Robert Egan** (9 Jan 1966 -)
 child: i.) **Liam Connor Egan** (3 Sep 2000 -)
 ii.) **Molly Catherine Egan** (6 Dec 2002 -)
 iii.) **Ronan Michael Egan** (1 Nov 2004 -)
 C.) **James Harvev Lance** (19 Aug 1886 - 19 Mar 1967)
 m. 23 Aug 1909 to **Jenneatte M. 'Jennie' Decker** (ca. 1886 - 2 Nov 1938)
 child: a.) **Nellie May Lance** (6 Apr 1913 - unknown)
 5.) **Finas Euen Lance Jr.** (1 Aug 1857 - 13 Jun 1923)
 m. on 14 Jan 1879 to **Anna Eich** (21 Oct 1861 - 1 Feb 1932)
 child: A.) **George Lance** (Mar 1880 - before May 1910)
 B.) **Emma L. Lance** (1 Aug 1883 - 9 Aug 1909)
 m. ca. 1899 to **Charles Sutherland** (25 May 1876 - 19 Dec 1943)
 child: a.) **Anna Sutherland** (17 Apr 1900 - unknown)
 b.) **Mary S. Sutherland** (20 Mar 1902 – unknown)
 c.) **girl Sutherland** (11 Sep 1903 – unknown)
 d.) **Emma Sutherland** (1905 – unknown)
 m. **Mr. Hartig**
 C.) **Eunia A. 'Uncle Dick' Lance** (5 Sep 1884 - 28 Aug 1966), never married
 D.) **Henry Royal 'Butch' Lance** (25 May 1887 - 29 Aug 1960)
 m. 31 Jul 1909 to **Beulah A. Turner** (18 Jun 1890 - 11 Dec 1980)
 child: a.) **Dorothy Elizabeth Lance** (24 Dec 1912 - 27 Nov 1988)
 m. **Nelson Gaylord Williamson** (16 Feb 1911 - Dec 1986)
 child: I.) **David L. Williamson**
 II.) **boy Williamson**
 III.) **boy Williamson**
 IV.) **Angela Sue Williamson**
 E.) **Ben F. Lance** (2 Apr 1891 - 4 Jan 1892)
 F.) **Russell Lance** (Oct 1893 - Aug 1895)
 G.) **Nelson John Lance** (12 Jan 1897 - 31 Jul 1956)
 m. 29 Sep 1917 to **Luella Leisring** (10 May 1900 - 16 Mar 1959)
 child: a.) **George Unie Lance** (20 Mar 1918 - 23 Mar 1992)
 m. 8 Dec 1945 to **Betty Jean Greubel** (30 Jun 1925 -)
 child: I.) **Sharon Rae Lance** (31 Aug 1946 -)
 m. 25 Sep 1965 to **Allen Raymond Bittner** (15 Oct 1943 -)
 child: i.) **Scott Allen Bittner** (12 Aug 1966 -)
 m. 12 Jun 1999 to **Stacy Michelle Matherly**
 child: 1) **Trevor Allen Bittner** (24 Jan 1999 -)
 II.) **Nancy Louise Lance** (5 Dec 1949 -)

- m. 1st to **Phillip Smith** – divorced
- m. 2nd to **Michael Randolph Maiors**
- child: i.) **Clayton Edward Majors** (12 Jan 1973 -)
- ii.) **Erin Elizabeth Majors** (17 Sep 1974 -)
- m. 3rd 30 Jan 1982 to **Wesley Keith Strange** (17 Nov 1947 -)
- III.) **Marvin Ray Lance** (17 Sep 1951 -)
- m. 1st on 19 Aug 1972 to **Barbara Jane Combs** (8 Oct 1955 -)
- child: i.) **Bonnie Jean Lance** (18 Dec 1977 -)
- ii.) **Bradley Ray Lance** (31 Mar 1982 -)
- m. 22 May 2004 – **Melissa Bourassa** (11 Sep 1981 -)
- m. 2nd to **Linda Woodard** (4 Mar 1952 -)
- IV.) **George Stanton Lance** (17 Jul 1953 -)
- m. 15 Jun 1974 to **Krista Kay Chism** (24 Sep 19?? -)
- child: i.) **George Stanton Lance II** (24 Nov 1974 -)
- m. 5 Sep 2003 - **Shannon Anderson** (14 Oct 1972 -)
- ii.) **Jeremy Justin Lance** (30 Oct 1980 -)
- m. to **Coral Chmiel** (8 Dec 1980 -)
- child: 1) **Sophia Loriane Lance** (27 Jan 2002 -)
- V.) **Donna Marie Lance** (12 May 1955 -)
- m. 12 Jun 1975 to **William Kent Mohler** (5 Jan 1955 -)
- child: i.) **Shannon Marie Mohler** (21 Oct 1980 -)
- m. 2 Nov 2002 to **Michael Webb**
- child: 1) **William Michael Webb** (10 Mar 2004 -)
- ii.) **Alisha Ann Mohler** (8 Oct 1984 -)
- b.) **Benning Stanton 'Bennie' Lance** (5 Feb 1920 - 25 Aug 1984)
- m. **Marjorie Ruth Daugherty** (22 Nov 1923 - Mar 1975)
- child: I.) **Thomas Lance**
- c.) **Mary June Lance** (25 Jun 1921 - 31 Aug 1975)
- m. 7 May 1945 to **Roy Allen Byers** (17 May 1920 - 16 Mar 2003)
- child: I.) **Larry Allen Byers** (29 May 1942 -)
- m. 1st in 1970 to **Pearl Elizabeth Blizzard** – divorced
- child: i.) **Larry Allen Byers Jr.** (19 Mar 1965 -)
- m. **Tammy**
- ii.) **Karen Sue Byers** (29 Feb 1968 -)
- m. 2nd on 7 Sep 1974 to **Pamela Ruth Young** (1 Dec 1952 -)
- child: ii.) **Troy Scott Byers** (28 Oct 1979 -)
- II.) **boy Byers** (1946 – 1946)
- III.) **Judith Carol Byers** (16 Nov 1947 -)
- m. **Thomas Bowman**
- child: i.) **Kenneth Bowman** (ca. 1967 -)
- ii.) **Tina Bowman**
- m. **Greg Gardiner**
- child: 1) **Robert Gardiner**
- 2) **Ryan Gardiner**
- 3) **Rachelle Gardiner**
- IV.) **Kevin Dale Byers** (2 Nov 1952 -)
- m. 7 Sep 1987 to **Betty**
- child: i.) **Allen Dale Byers** (ca. 1989 -)
- ii.) **Christina Byers** (ca. 1995 -)
- V.) **Dennis Roy Byers** (1 Feb 1954 -)
- m. **Magdeline 'Maggie' Kempf**
- child: i.) **Stephanie Elaine Byers** (deceased)
- ii.) **Tiffany Marie Byers** (ca. 1981 -)
- iii.) **Joshua Byers** (ca. 1985 -)
- VI.) **girl Byers** (1959 – 1959)
- d.) **Robert Earl Lance** (9 Apr 1923 - 7 May 1978)
- m. 1st to **Marv Jane Scott**
- child: I.) **Sharon Sue Lance** (21 Jul 1947 -21 Nov 1947)
- m. 2nd to **Margaret Ellen Newcom** (18 Mar 1916 – unknown)
- e.) **James Harold Lance** (22 Aug 1925 - 2 Aug 1975)
- m. to **Pauline Custer** (12 Oct 1915 -11 Sep 1976)
- child: I.) **Carolyn Ann Lance**
- m. to **Mr. Pennington**
- child: i.) **boy Pennington**
- f.) **Lois Mae Lance** (26 Feb 1927 - 30 Mar 2004) – never married

Family Reunion Update

Interest has been overwhelmingly positive for the family gathering planned for June 2005 near Evansville, Indiana. The initial planning surveys have been steadily coming in since November 2004 from all parts of the country. Here is a brief summary of the information contained in the surveys:

Number of surveys submitted to the Reunion Committee - (approximately 27% of those mailed out)

Completed - **24** Deceased persons – **1** Bad addresses - **2**

Are you planning to attend?

Yes - **17** No - **2** Maybe - **5**

Your weekend preference?

- June 11-12 **14**
- June 18-19 **3**
- Either **1**
- No check **6** (includes those not planning to attend)

(Note: Several other festivities are planned in the Evansville area in the latter part of June. These other events could affect the availability of lodging and other facilities that we might need. The earlier weekend for our reunion is probably the safer choice.)

How many persons? Adults – **56** Children 12 & under - **18**

Committee volunteers include:

- Welcoming **Allen & Sharon Bittner, Brad & Melissa Lance, George & Carol Lance, Betty Lance, Marvin & Linda Lance, Donna Mohler, Jillaine Gaston**
- Accommodations **Chet Lance**
- Food --
- Activities **Anita Dougan**
- Photography **Chet Lance, John Thompson**
- Setup/Cleanup **Mary Jane Bruce, Randy Lance**
- Fund raising **Chet & Rhoda Lance**
- Emergency **Susan Thompson, James & Susan Lance, Beverly Dougherty**
- Finance **Brenda L. Malone**
- Communications **Michael L. Lance**
- Historical **Michael L. Lance**

I want to thank those of you who have volunteered to work on the various committees. I'm sure more family members are willing to assist us. I encourage those of you who do want to help to let us know as soon as possible. I think this event will be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get to know one another better. The hospitality and friendliness of the Lance and allied families is unmatched. I am looking forward to seeing ya'll in June. If you have not mailed your survey in yet, please do so today! See you in June!!!

'Shake Hands with the Lances'

William Lance, sweeper in Dept. 41, follows today's headlines with great interest and anxiety. He has a very personal reason for doing that because one of his sons, Fireman First Class Lester Lance, is serving with the Navy in the area between Korea and Japan. Lester is on the transport ship U.S.S. Catamount (LSD17 - Landing Ship Drydock #17), which has carried soldiers to Korea, and has also taken troops out of the battle area. His letters, the latest one from Pusan in South Korea, tell of the action he has seen, including a bomb that barely missed his ship. Lester is a twin. He and his brother, Chester, who is in the Naval Reserve, are 21 years old.

Another son, Elmer, is also a Servedian. Elmer Lance, who operates a huge Cleveland press in Dept. 55, is the third member of the Lance family to be given an introduction. Elmer is Bill's son, and a half-brother of Marine Lester Lance. This member of the Lance clan will mark his 18th year with Served next June. His wife, Loretta, was employed here during the last war. She worked in Departments 55 and 60. Loretta's brother, *(Continued on next page)*

(continued from previous page)

Joe Bellwood, is also a Servelian in Dept. 55, and another brother, Elmer, is now in the Korean War. Elmer and his family live on RR 11, Hawthorne Ave. He and his wife have four children: Delores, 18; Tom, 16; Eleanor, 14, and Donald, 12. Mr. Lance enjoys just about all spectator sports for after-hours relaxation. In past years he said that he played lots of scrub softball - and at one time was a member of a semi-professional football team. Now he gets most of his sport participation in swimming. But every time he gets a chance he attends baseball, football and basketball games, and goes to boxing matches. Movies are among Elmer's other interests. He also likes to travel. Last year the family didn't take a vacation trip, but Elmer recalls the wonderful time his family had at Lookout Mountain in 1949.

Bill is a father who takes pride in his family, which includes his wife, Marie, who works at St. Mary's Hospital, seven children and one stepson. His other children are Albert, a railroader; Jimmy, a student at Murray State in Kentucky; Geraldine, a senior at Central High School, and Berta and Ellen, both married. His stepson, Clarence Cole, is also in service in the Pacific. Not to be left out of the family roundup are Bill's 13 grandchildren.

Bill says that the busiest time of the year for him is during the baseball season. At every game you can find him at the ball park with his truck and wagon, selling popcorn and 'snowballs'. "That keeps me plenty busy," he says, "and I sure appreciate Albert helping me when he can."....(source: *Servel Inklings*, Servel Corp. company newspaper article entitled *Shake Hands with the Lances*, Evansville, Indiana, 5 Jan 1951).

Editors notes: William Albert 'Bill' Lance was born in Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana on November 4, 1881. He was the 2nd child born to Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Ann (Bristow) Lance. On June 11, 1900, 'Albert' was an 18 year old unmarried coal miner living with his parents and his younger brother, 'Harvey' Lance, on Church Street in Newburgh.

On May 20, 1903, William married Elizabeth Bradley in Warrick County. They eventually became the parents of 3 children: William Carl, Elinor Catherine, and Paul Elmer Lance.

On April 19, 1910, 'Albert W.' was a 27 year old wage earning coal miner living on Sycamore Street in Newburgh. He was living with his 22 year old wife, 'Eliza', and their 3 young children: 'Carl W.', 'Ellen', and 'Elmer P.' Lance. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 3A) also indicates: 'Albert' reported Indiana as his place of birth, he and 'Eliza' had been married 6 years, it was the 1st marriage for them both, all 3 of their children were still living, 'Albert' was unemployed 8 weeks during 1909, they were renting their house, and he also reported Indiana as the birthplace of his parents.

On September 12, 1918, William visited the local Selective Service Board in Evansville and filled out a Draft Registration card. The card includes the following: 'Albert William Lance' was 36 years old and living at 2023 Canal St. in Evansville; he was 'white' and 'native born'; he was employed as a 'coal miner' with Crescent Coal Company of Evansville; his nearest relative was his wife, Eliza Lance of 606 9th St., Evansville, Indiana (this address indicates that they may have already been separated by this time); he signed the card 'Albert William Lance'. The Registrar added the following details: 'Albert' was medium height with a slender build, blue eyes, and dark brown hair.

William and Elizabeth Lance divorced on May 9, 1919. He married again on January 12, 1920 to Mrs. Rose Marie (Bush) Cole in Evansville. William and Rose became the parents of 7 children: Verda Jeanette, Albert Eugene, Charles Robert, twins Chester and Lester, James Earl, and Wilma Jereleen Lance.

"William liked to make home brew during prohibition and drink it in his kitchen with his friends."....(source: his daughter, Wilma Jeraleen Lance/Marotz of Brentwood, California, 6 Nov 1996).

William eventually quit coal mining to work for the WPA (Works Progress Administration) and other odd jobs; including plastering and driving a dump truck picking up coal. He also worked for many years on the production line at Servel, an Evansville company that produced refrigeration products. During World War II, the company manufactured wings for fighter aircraft.

His son, Lester Lance, stated: "dad eventually contracted aluminum poisoning from the constant contact with production pollutants, causing a severe skin rash, especially on his arms. By the early 1950's, the company moved him to a janitorial position in order to keep him employed." In the 1940's, 'Albert' had separated from his 2nd wife, 'Marie', and lived across town with his married daughter, Verda. During his later years, William reportedly worked as caretaker at Rose Hill Cemetery in Newburgh, and was eventually buried there.

William's death certificate includes the following details: William Albert Lance passed away February 5, 1955 at (DOA) Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana at age 73 years, 3 months, and 1 day; his primary cause of death was 'coronary infarction - mitral insufficiency' [heart attack]; V. V. Schriefer, M.D.; William was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Newburgh on February 8, 1955; the funeral director was Johann Funeral Home of Evansville; William was born November 4, 1881 in Indiana and resided at 216 E. Eichel in Evansville when he died; Occupation - employee of Servel; his parents were Benjamin Lance and Sally A. Bristol [sic].