



Lance Lines

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Lance Family Newsletter

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Delmas Edward Lance Remembered

Delmas Edward Lance was born at home in the town of Muren in Patoka Township, Pike County, Indiana on January 10, 1919. He was the 4th child born to Jesse Allen and Flora Jane (Sandage) Lance.

On October 9, 1935, Delmas married Mildred N. Rickrich. She was born August 19, 1918 and was a daughter of Mr. and Gertrude Rickrich. Delmas and Mildred eventually became the parents of two sons: Jerry Allen and John Richard Lance. Mildred passed away on December 22, 1943 at age 25 and was laid to rest at Walnut Hills Cemetery (Section J) in the city of Petersburg in Washington Township, Pike County, Indiana.

Delmas then married Annie, but they divorced before any children were born. On February 27, 1954, Delmas took Artie Faye Reeves as his third wife. She was born in Stone County, Arkansas on May 16, 1932. They eventually became the parents of 3 children - Anita Gale, Rickey Dale, and Timothy Trent Lance.

"Dad quit school in the fifth grade so he could earn money for his family. This was during the depression. He was a self taught man and very smart. He taught me to read when I was three and I could read the entire newspaper by the time I was four and understand every word in it. He taught me so I would quit badgering him to read to me all the time.

Most of the Lances were coal miners. Black lung killed my dad. There are still pits on the Lance homestead. Dad told me once he and his brother would throw dynamite in a hole, light it, and run like crazy to get away from the blast. Dynamite was easily obtainable during this era. They used the coal the boys brought in for their winter fuel and the larger amounts to sell."...(daughter Anita Gale Lance/Dougan).

"Dale is a short form of Delmas used by my side of the family. His family and friends called him 'Jiggs'. We even put it on his tombstone. He got the name because he and his sister, Helen, used to fight all the time as they were growing up. So his family said they were like *Maggie and Jiggs* in the funnie papers. *Maggie and Jiggs* was an old cartoon from the Sunday papers. The names stuck

throughout their lives."...(wife Artie Faye Reeves/Lance).

"It was the fall of 1969. The corn fields had been harvested and the days were turning cold. All the plants had shed their glorious fall colors. What foliage left was various [shades] of brown and tan and the leaves would crumble in our hands with a sound similar to crushed potato chips. I know it was a Saturday as Dad was not at work at the Somerville coal mine.

We had a dog named *Troubles* and the neighbor's two dogs had come to visit. Dad had been trying out a jug of home brew my brother Jerry had made, and was in a mellow mood. My brothers, Rick, Tim and I were playing in the living room not wanting to brave the cold, damp day beyond the doors of our little house in the country.

A sudden ruckus at the far left corner of the house suddenly broke the peaceful day. The dogs were screaming, yelping and throwing themselves around the yard in various types of 'seizures'. They would head back to a particular shrub and then commence rubbing their heads in the dirt and doing back flips and summersaults once again.

Dad ran outside thinking the dogs had found a slow-to-hibernate copperhead and that all the dogs were being snake bit. He ran over to the shrub and parted the brittle branches. A few stubborn leaves still clinging to the [branches] obstructed his view. Rick, Tim and I had [our] noses pressed against the back window panes, watching awestruck as the drama in our yard continued to unfold.

By this time, the dogs had wailed in defeat and [had] retreated under the house. They continued their various acrobatics, bumping against the floor and uttering sounds of dismay, confusion and outright disgust. We kids just knew Dad was going to be killed by a monstrous snake and we would be left orphaned. Mom tried to chase [us] away from the window several times but we kept going back.

As Dad looked into the shrub, he suddenly fell backwards and started swatting at his face. He leaped to [his] feet, spewing the most colorful language, grabbed an old dried up corn stalk and

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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 view all previous newsletters on-line at www.linkquestUSA.com . Just click on *Lance Family Genealogy* and follow the links to the newsletters. *Lance Lines* belongs to us all. I encourage you to participate by donating stories of family traditions or incidents and other genealogical data. Please mail announcements of births, deaths, marriages, photos, awards, events, etc. to:

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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

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* is a non-political hereditary organization composed of male descendants of Union military veterans of the American Civil War (1861-1865). As a member of the Lance family, you have a Civil War soldier in your ancestry. If you are 14 years or older, male, and would like to become a member of the *SUV*, you are eligible.

I have had a lot of fun over the last few years participating in many *SUV* events, including: parades, living history demonstrations, monument and historical marker dedications, school history seminars; battle reenactments, etc. I have found that most people enjoy seeing us and listening to our stories about American history. I'm also usually amazed at how little informed the general public is about the Civil War era. Our Civil War heroes and their sacrifices must not be forgotten.

A military uniform is not a requirement to being a member of the *SUV*. Most members in our Camp in Houston do not have uniforms and many attend very few functions. I do have a uniform because I enjoy taking an active role in the various Camp activities. I also do so to honor my Civil War ancestor, Private Finas Euen Lance.

If you would like to join the *SUV*, I would be happy to help you assemble the necessary documents needed to prove your lineage to a Civil War veteran. The annual dues are about \$36. Call or write anytime!

This issue of your family newsletter also brings a special thank-you and a tip of the hat to: [Betty Jean Lance](#) for her generous monetary donation in support of this project. I also want to thank *Charter Member* [Hazel June Harbinson](#) for continuing her support of *Lance Lines* by renewing her subscription.

THANK YOU! Your consideration is greatly appreciated!



Sincerely,
Michael Lester Lance

Providing guard duty for Abe Lincoln just prior to Battle of Crockett Springs - Crockett, Texas - 21 Oct 2005

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, David Hugh	Garards Fort, PA	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 *
Burggrabe, Catharine	Evansville, IN	4 *	Mohler, Donna Marie	Boonville, IN	4 +
Burks, Wilma	Evansville, IN	4 *	Niemeier, Robert S.	St. Louis, MO	4 *
Byers, Larry Allen	Chandler, IN	4 *	Pitz, Norma Jean	Richland, TX	4 *~
Chapman, L. Sue	Petersburg, IN	11 *	Ricken, Tammy M.	Surprise, AZ	4 *
Dickerson, Ruth Marie	Grand Rapids, MI	4 ~	Roberson, Samuel	San Pablo, CA	4 *~
Dougherty, Beverly	Grand Blanc, MI	7 *	Steffes, Kelly Lynn	Grandville, MI	4 *
Eads, Cindy Lou	Boonville, IN	3 *	Strange, Nancy L.	Portland, OR	4
Eckels, Maryellen	Yorba Linda, CA	4 *	Sullivan, Bertha	Edmond, OK	--
Egan, Patricia Ann	El Dorado Hills, CA	4 *	Thompson, Susan M.	Muskegon, MI	4 *
Gaston, Jillaine P.	Rockport, IN	3 *	Vanover, Terri Lynn	Boonville, IN	3 *
Gish, Vickie Jo	Newburgh, IN	4 *	Wagner, Joanne Sue	Boonville, IN	3 *~
Harbison, H. June	Princeton, IN	1 *	Womack, Ivalou	Southwest City, MO	3 *~
Harger, Charles	Laporte, TX	2 *~			
Harger, James G.	Ozark, AR	2 *~	-- Lance Line unknown	* Charter member	
Harger, Michael	Redding, CA	2 *~	~ Related to the indicated Lance Line by marriage		
Hocker, Cathy D.	Lynnville, IN	3 *	+ New member		
Hutchison, Lana Joy	Evansville, IN	4 *			
Jones, Betty	Anaheim, CA	4 ~			
Jones, Michael W.	Evansville, IN	4			
Kinney, Marcie C.	Evansville, IN	3 *			
Kling, Jean Ann	Oshkosh, NE	1 *			
Lance, Artie Faye	Oakland City, IN	5 *~			
Lance, Betty Jean	Chandler, IN	4 *~			
Lance, Bradley Ray	Chandler, IN	4			
Lance, Carl Robert	Westville, IL	3 *			
Lance, Chester	Newburgh, IN	4 *			
Lance, Dane	Bozeman, MT	--			
Lance, Geo Stanton Sr.	Santa Claus, IN	4 +			
Lance, Gerald	Everett, WA	4 *			
Lance, Gloria Louise	Evansville, IN	4 *			
Lance, James Earl	Miami, FL	4 *			
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, Marvin Ray	Chandler, IN	4			
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 *			

The *Lance Lines* Charter Members listed above are direct descendants or spouses of direct descendants of the indicated *Lance Line* (the ancestor lines are described and numbered on pages 4 and 5).

Column two shows the city in which each 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.

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. Many more 'lost cousins' are still likely waiting to be discovered!

Newest Members Welcomed

- Lance, George & Linda** – Santa Claus, IN (Line #4)
- Mohler, Kent & Donna** – Boonville, IN (Line #4)

Missing Persons Bureau

Correspondence mailed to the following persons was returned as undeliverable. Do you have an updated address for them?

- Bufkin, Jennifer** – last addr.: Evansville, IN (Line #3)
- Lance, Ben** – last addr.: Hatfield, IN (Line #5)
- Vidal, Brina G.** – last addr.: Newburgh, IN (Line #5)

Readers Comment

"Thank you for sending the newsletter. My computer is not in use so I am at the library. My mom is enjoying the newsletter too."....[Beverly Sue \(Deweese\) Dougherty](#) of Grand Blanc, Michigan – *(Line #7)*.

"Just got the Lance Lines on Aug 11 and had to let you know the wait was worth it. What would we do without your work in keeping all of the family informed of what has happened in our extended family. Thanks again [also] from the George U. Lance Family.".....[Sharon \(Lance\) Bittner](#) of Newburgh, Indiana – *(Line #4)*.

"I have been enjoying your Excellent Newsletter since the May 2004 Issue. I sure appreciated your fine editorship for the tribute to Ellie and I printed out many copies of it for my and Ellie's friends and family who didn't have computers and sent the LinkQuest [internet link] to those with computers. I would like to have been able to go to IN to the Reunion but I had just got back from CA and didn't have time to get someone else to go with me so I missed it. You have sure done an excellent job in all the reunion and editorship with the Newsletter and the Union Soldiers Re enactors.".....[James Graydon Harger](#) of Ozark, Arkansas – *(Line #2)*.

"I have read the newsletter 3 times because I keep learning something each time. I really enjoyed the pictures and the pictures of Military. I wish we could have come to the reunion, and would like to try the next time."....[Bertha Sullivan](#) of Edmond, Oklahoma – *(Line #unknown)*.

"Thanks! I have kept it in my e-mail and have looked at part of it. I am still working long hours and Saturday. The Reunion sounded much more fun than our Womack reunion. Laughs. I think of you guys every time I see a notice of a reenactment."....[Ivalou \(Leighty\) Womack](#) of Southwest City, Missouri – *(Line #3)*.

"I received the family newsletter and have copied all 32 pages so I can pass the letter on to the rest of the family. I want to thank you for taking Wilma to the gathering and spending so much time with her. She had the time of her life and really enjoyed the family. I wish I could have made it but it wasn't possible."....[Maryellen \(Niemeier\) Eckels](#) of Yorba Linda, California – *(Line #4)*.

"Yes, I was able to access the newsletter. I loved all the pictures and highlights from the reunion. I want to thank you and Brenda again for all your hard work putting the reunion together."....[Lana Joy \(Lance\) Hutchison](#) of Evansville, Indiana – *(Line #4)*.

"We were able to see the newsletter at the [internet website] link and absolutely loved it! You put SO much work into these things and it really, really shows. We enjoyed the reunion so much and were so sorry we couldn't attend the festivities on Sunday. But we appreciate ALL the planning and work that went into pulling this off. And I really think Dad enjoyed having his family around him again. I've never seen him happier."....[Vickie Jo \(Lance\) Gish](#) of Indianapolis, Indiana – *(Line #4)*.

"Your Lance Lines for August, 2005 arrived yesterday and last night I read it through completely. Most interesting. Excellent reporting. Great photos. I can understand why 'layout' for this issue took some time; you have a bunch of photos and a lot of faces to account for no less! Thanks for a job well done. Five years hence, I hope to pull up at this great festival – hopefully pulling my Airstream trailer."....[John Fesler Lance](#) of Deer Lodge, Montana – *(Lance Line unknown)*.

"You sure did look good in your Uniform and the pictures were great. Enjoyed them very much. Thank you for all you do for us out here in computer land. We sure appreciate it. This takes a lot of hard work and great effort to make a great newsletter.".....[Elaine Grace \(Boyle\) Bernardi](#) of Penngrove, California – *(Lance Line #4)*.

"What a wonderful newsletter! And of course you did a superb job with the reunion. I forwarded the newsletter and website to my kids, and my brother. As I look at the pictures, I see that the Lances do look alike. When we do this again, cousin Jimmy Sullivan says he and his wife will be there."....[Jean Ann \(Lance\) Kling](#) of Oshkosh, Nebraska – *(Line #1)*.

"Thank you very much for the recent *Lance Lines* (Reunion Issue) which I found very interesting and informative. It appears that a good time was had by all and I am sorry that I was unable to attend. It's obvious that you devote a great deal of time and effort in not only the reunion, but the newsletter as well which keeps us up to date with the Lance Family and allied lines. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your effort and attention to preservation of this information. Certainly there are both emotional and financial costs involved keeping us informed. I wanted to send you a little something to offset even a small portion of that cost. So please accept this check and apply it to whatever needs you have."....[Randall Wayne & Brigitte Emilie \(Mendeika\) Lawson](#) of Mission Viejo, California – *(Line #3)*.

In Loving Memory

Seth Wallace Seaman 26 Mar 1917 - 22 Sep 2005



"My Dad passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 12:35 a.m. in Homestead Hospital from kidney failure. He had gotten the shingles on August 30 and he was in so much pain and so weak that I got him to the ER on Saturday morning Sept 17th. They admitted him that evening and we got a private room Sunday morning.

I saw the kidney doctor early Monday and he informed me that Dad's kidneys had totally shut down. We got hospice in Monday afternoon but due the Hurricane Rita we decided to keep him in the hospital until after the storm.

My daughter, Barbara and her husband, Tim, arrived Wednesday afternoon from Seattle. Again could not get into town on Tuesday because the airports were closed due to Rita. After Barb arrived (Dad knew she was coming) he went downhill fast. Tim, Barb and I were with Dad right up to and including the last minutes. I had been with him 24/7 since we were admitted and I'm thankful I was with him.

Dad will be cremated and sometime soon we will take both he and mother back to Augusta, Kansas to be buried alongside his parents. He was a true gentleman even with all the pain. He responded to me all the time until the last

few hours. Everyone on the hospital staff that treated Dad liked him and they were all so very kind to both of us.

I would like to thank all of you for being so kind to Dad and making him feel like a part of your family. A big void is being felt in the Lance home at this time after six years of being together 24/7. What a honor and privilege to have had him with us.".....[Sue Ann \(Seaman\) Lance of Miami, Florida](#) - (*Lance Line #4*).

Editor's note: Seth Wallace Seaman was born in Augusta, Kansas 88 years ago and was the father-in-law of James Earl Lance (great-great-grandson of pioneers John and Eleanor Lance).

It's A Boy!



"We had a new birth on my birthday August 31, 2005. Lance Allen (middle name after my husband, Allen) Webb was born to Michael and Shannon (Mohler) Webb. They, with brother William Webb, are happy to be back home as a family again. Lance was born at Deaconess Women's Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana and weighed 9 lbs, 10 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. This is Betty Lances 5th great grandchild.".....[Sharon Rae \(Lance\) Bittner](#) of Newburgh, Indiana - (*Lance Line #4*).

Note: Lance Allen Webb is a new 5th great grandson of Indiana pioneers John and Eleanor (Lemasters) Lance.

It's A Boy!

"On October 10, 2005, Gabriel Stanton Lance was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, IN. He weighed 7lbs, 9oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. He is the son of George Stanton Lance II and Shannon Lance and the sixth Great Grandchild of Betty (Greubel) Lance. Both mother and son are doing fine. Will send picture and birth info later.".....[Sharon Rae \(Lance\) Bittner](#) of Newburgh, Indiana - (*Lance Line #4*).

Note: Gabriel Stanton Lance is a 5th great grandson of Indiana pioneers John and Eleanor (Lemasters) Lance.

40th Anniversary



"Allen Raymond and Sharon Rae (Lance) Bittner of Newburgh, Indiana celebrated their 40th anniversary September 24, 2005. Their son Scott and his wife Stacy Bittner of Newburgh held a surprise family gathering at the Log Inn at Warrenton, Indiana. Reverend Rohler originally married them September 25, 1965 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Allen is currently with the Evansville, Indiana Fire Department and Sharon retired from Phillips Heating and Air Conditioning.".....Betty Jean (Greubel) Lance of Chandler, Indiana – (Lance Line #4).

Allen Raymond and Sharon Rae (Lance) Bittner of Newburgh, Indiana.

September 2005 Christening

Lance Allen Webb, son of Robert Michael and Shannon Marie (Mohler) Webb, was christened September 25, 2005 at St. Clement Catholic church. His Godparents are Sharon and Allen Bittner.

Lance Allen Webb with (from left): his maternal great-grandmother Betty Jean (Greubel) Lance; his maternal grandmother, Donna Marie (Lance) Mohler; and his mother, Shannon Marie (Mohler) Webb.



The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they are okay, then it's you!

Did you ever wonder why kamikaze pilots wore helmets?

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started beating at the ground. We knew he was [a] goner by this time but [he] was going to go down fighting. At almost the same instant, we smelled the horrendous odor of.....skunk....and it was STRONG AND FRESH. Dad was running across the cornfield beating at the ground with corn stalks, wiping his face and cussing like a sailor.

After what seemed like forever, but was actually just a few seconds, he returned to the house, reeking like nothing I had ever smelled before. Mom met him at the door. She would not let him into the house. Mom asked Dad what he thought he was doing after he found out it was naught but [a] skunk. His reply: 'After it shot me once, I thought a few more times wouldn't make a difference and I beat its ass for messing with a Lance.'

He had to take a bath in tomato juice in the hen house (we did not [have] chickens anymore) but he still smelled so bad, Mom made him sleep on the old couch on the back porch that night. The dogs seemed to smell better before Dad did.

The next spring as we were unboxing our summer clothes, they still smelled of faint skunk and we all had a good laugh. My dad had a great personality and he taught [us] a lot about not being scared of a lot [of] things, skunks included!"....(daughter Anita Gale Lance/Dougan).

On April 17, 1986, Delmas passed away (reportedly from black lung disease) in Oakland City in Columbia Township, Gibson County, Indiana at age 67. He was laid to rest at Montgomery Cemetery in Oakland City.

Education - 1895

Could you have passed the 8th grade in 1895? Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could *any* of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? Below is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas. It was taken from the original document on file at the *Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library* in Salina, Kansas, and reprinted by the *Salina Journal*.

Grammar (Time: 1 hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."
5. Define case; Illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7-10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time: 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 feet wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50 cents/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History (Time: 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.

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8th Grade Education – 1895 *(continued)*

7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time: 1 hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time: 1 hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns on the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took SIX HOURS to complete! Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it? Also shows you how poor our education system has become.

Cutest Photo of the Quarter



"Hello family and friends. I just wanted to send this picture to you. While on my first vacation in the Smokey Mountains, I found out that Santa was visiting too. So, he let me get a picture with him. He told me that I have been a very good girl the last 8 months. He showed me his nice list and my name was on it. Well, I hope you enjoy this picture."

Left: Markie Kathryn Lance checking out the 'nice' list with Santa.

Editor's note: Markie Kathryn Lance is the beautiful daughter of Mark Alan and Julie Ann (Boyles) Lance of Boonville, Indiana – (Line #3).

Descendants of Margaret Lance – *Lance Line #7*

Margaret Lance 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. He was the son of John Harger Sr. and Margaret (aka Peggy) McCain. Margaret and John eventually 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 September 11, 1850, Margaret 'Harger' was 18 years old and living in Boon Township in Warrick County, Indiana. She was living with her 26 year old husband, John Harger. The 1850 Indiana census also indicates their real estate was valued at \$240.

On September 6, 1860, 'Mary Ann Harger' was 34 years old [sic] and still living in Boon Township with her 37 year old husband, John Harger, and their 8 children - Mary, Nelson, Minerva, Charles, Sarah, Alfred, George and James Harger (note: it is not clear why Margaret was enumerated as 'Mary Ann').

On December 27, 1877, Margaret passed away at age 46 years, 7 months, and 19 days in Warrick County. "State of Indiana, County of Warrick: In the matter of the claim for Original Pension of John Harger, Father of Nelson E. Harger, Late of Co. D 143 Ind Vol; Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State, aforesaid, Lewis McCool and Ben McCool; person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows: 'That we were both present at the Death of Margret Harger the Mother of Nelson E. Harger and that she Died December 18th 1877; and they further say that they know that Nelson E. Harger was never married and that when he died he left no widow, child, or children at his death'; they futher declare that they have no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its prosecution....Signatures: Lewis (his X mark) McCool - Ben (X) McCool"....(source: 'General Affidavit' from the Military Pension file of her husband, John Harger, father of soldier Nelson Emery Harger, 22 Dec 1885).

Margaret's death date is also listed as 'December 28, 1877' on at least 2 other of her husband's pension claim file documents (dated 9 Dec 1885 and 13 Feb 1891).

The following outline shows the direct descendants of Margaret Lance. 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 #8*. I also request that you assist me by forwarding any missing names or dates or needed corrections.

Margaret Lance - (born 1831 Pike County, Indiana – died 27 Dec 1877 Warrick County, Indiana)

m. 1 Apr 1847 Pike County, IN, to **John Harger Jr.** (10 Apr 1821 PA – 8 Aug 1892 Warrick Co., IN)

child: 1.) **Mary Ellen Harger** (13 Feb 1848 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)

m. **Emory Hedges** (ca. 1850 – unknown)

2.) **Nelson Emery Harger** (15 Aug 1849 Warrick Co., IN – 19 Mar 1865 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN)

3.) **Minerva Jane Harger** (18 Apr 1851 Warrick Co., IN – 1924)

m. 10 Jan 1872 Warrick Co., IN to **Benjamin McCool** (ca. 1850 – unknown)

4.) **Charles Harger** (15 Dec 1852 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)

m. 23 Jan 1875 Warrick Co., IN to **Viola J. Bullock** (ca. 1854 IN – 14 Feb 1929 Warrick Co., IN)

child: A.) **Elizabeth 'Effie' Harger** (ca. 1875 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)

m. 29 Feb 1896 Vanderburgh Co., IN to **Stephen B. Pease** (unknown - unknown)

B.) **Robert Harger** (ca. 1878 Warrick Co., IN - 4 Apr 1947 Vanderburgh Co., IN)

m. **Ruth A. Cox**

C.) **Claude Harger** (11 Nov 1883 Boon Twp, Warrick Co., IN – 1890 Boon Twp, Warrick Co, IN)

D.) **Brady Harger** (11 Nov 1883 Boon Twp, Warrick Co., IN – 1890 Boon Twp, Warrick Co, IN)

E.) **William Harger** (ca. 1884 - 22 Aug 1953 Vanderburgh Co., IN)

m. 4 May 1901 Vanderburgh Co., IN to **Hattie King**

F.) **Viola Harger** (18 Jul 1885 Warrick Co., IN - unknown)

G.) **Herbert Harger** (ca. 1887 - 27 Aug 1944 Vanderburgh Co., IN)

m. **Maggie Bowles** (ca. 1901 - 2 Feb 1930)

H.) **Ethel Harger**

m. 1st on 7 May 1906 Vanderburgh Co., IN to **Charles Krausin Jr.**

m. 2nd to **Babe Schneider**

5.) **Sarah Harger** (7 Nov 1854 Warrick Co., IN - 12 Sep 1912 Boonville, Ohio Twp, Warrick Co., IN)

m. 1st on 11 Jan 1871 Warrick Co., IN to **Lewis McCool**

child: A.) **Ada A. McCool** (1874 Boonville, Ohio Twp, Warrick Co., IN - 11 Jul 1946 Boonville, IN)

m. 24 Jan 1892 to **Edward S. Thurber**

child: a.) **Lutie Thurber**

b.) **Gladys Thurber**

c.) **Marjorie Thurber**

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- B.) Eugena McCool (22 Mar 1880 – unknown)
 C.) Bessie Anna McCool (18 Feb 1885 Boonville, Warrick Co., IN - 4 Jul 1929 Boonville, IN)
 m. 1st 25 Aug 1901 Boonville, IN to **Elmer C. Walker**
 child: a.) Lillian Beatrice Walker
 b.) Bertram Earl Walker (25 Jun 1902 Boonville, IN - 4 Aug 1982 Boonville, IN)
 m. **Cassie Krakinsky**
 child: I.) Lillian Jean Walker
 II.) Donald Walker
 III.) Marilyn Walker
 IV.) Robert Walker
 c.) Maurine Walker
 m. **Herbert Henry Muntz**
 child: I.) Jack Muntz
 m. 1st to **Jenell Marie Doss**
 m. 2nd to **Pauline Laurette Marchand**
 II.) Sarah Jean Muntz
 m. **James Brown Ford**
 III.) Janet Dee Muntz
 m. **Thomas John Kane**
 m. 2nd 17 Mar 1915 to **Shelby McLemore**
 child: d.) Mildred Geneva McLemore
 e.) Mary Evelyn McLemore
 f.) Chester Dwight McLemore
 g.) Virginia Doris McLemore
- D.) Revis McCool (26 Mar 1887 – unknown)
 E.) Eddie McCool
 m. **Ollie Bates**
 m. 2nd 7 Aug 1893 Boonville, Warrick Co., IN to **Lemuel Deweese** (ca. 1828 KY – 1899)
 child: F.) William N. Deweese (unknown – unknown)
- 6.) Alfred Harger (7 Nov 1856 Warrick Co., IN - 24 Sep 1919 Garfield County, OK)
 m. 1st 30 Aug 1879 Warrick Co. IN to **Elizabeth Bristow** (1 Mar 1856 - 5 Oct 1908 Garfield Co. OK)
 m. 2nd to **Anna**
 child: A.) Ula Harger (11 Jul 1880 IN - 6 May 1961 Garfield County, OK)
 m. **Amelia** (16 Jun 1888 Linn County, Washington Co, KS - 24 Feb 1963 Lahoma, OK)
- B.) Dora Harger
 C.) Angie Mabel Harger (1890 – unknown)
 m. 5 Mar 1905 Garfield Co., OK to **Pearl Victor Ruth** (2 Jul 1886 MO - 8 Sep 1968)
 D.) Noble Charles Harger (5 Jun 1895 - Jul 1962 Garfield County, OK)
 m. **Flora Elizabeth Munkres** (28 Dec 1892 White City, Morris Co, KS – 1994 OK)
 child: a.) Charles V. Harger
 b.) Lois Lea Harger
 m. **Dick Bergdall**
 c.) Richard E. Harger
 d.) Noble Glen Harger (12 Jan 1930 Mutual, Woodward Co., OK - 9 Apr 1988)
 m. 1952 Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma to **Retha Gene Greer**
 e.) Hugh Blanchard Harger (29 Jul 1932 - 10 Jun 1984)
- E.) Ada Harger (ca. 1899 – unknown)
- 7.) George Harger (19 Sep 1858 Warrick Co., IN - 10 Sep 1867)
 8.) James Harger (9 Jun 1860 Warrick Co., IN - 7 May 1904)
 m. 10 Jun 1880 Warrick Co., IN to **Nancy Vote** (Feb 1861 IN - 1 Nov 1937 Warrick Co., IN)
 child: A.) Gertrude 'Gertie' Harger (Aug 1882 IN – unknown)
 m. **L. M. Rerick**
- B.) Lucille 'Lucy' Harger (Nov 1891 IN – unknown)
 m. **Joe Haas**
- C.) Bertram J. 'Bert' Harger (4 Oct 1900 - 2 Jul 1947 Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN)
 m. 1st on 16 Oct 1920 Vanderburgh Co., IN to **Nellie Morris**
 m. 2nd to **Anna Marie May**
- 9.) John Harger (20 Mar 1862 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 12 Apr 1883 Warrick Co., IN to **Catherine 'Katie' Held** (1865 IN – 1926 Warrick Co., IN)
 child: A.) Shirley Harger (24 Sep 1883 IN – unknown)
 m. 3 Sep 1910 Warrick Co., IN to **Emma Rose Meyer** (14 Sep 1888 – unknown)
- B.) Sherman Harger (11 Nov 1887 – unknown)
 m. 21 Nov 1908 Warrick Co., IN to **Martha Vogel** (30 Aug 1889 – unknown)
- C.) Ora Harger (Jan 1890 IN - 6 Jun 1891)
 D.) boy Harger (16 Mar 1891 Warrick Co., IN)
 E.) Hazel M. Harger (4 Jan 1894 IN – unknown)
 m. 24 Sep 1917 Spencer Co., IN to **Earl B. Lowell**

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- 10.) **Lucy Harger** (23 Jul 1864 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 15 Aug 1883 Warrick Co., IN to **Charles Bullock**
- 11.) **Henry Harger** (1865 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 20 Jan 1889 Warrick Co., IN to **Eliza J. Baker** (Apr 1860 IN – unknown)
 child: **A.) Myrtle Harger** (ca. 1891 IN – unknown)
- 12.) **Grant Harger** (Mar 1870 Warrick Co., IN – 1929)
 m. 20 Dec 1888 Warrick Co., IN to **Adaline 'Addie' Warren** (Apr 1867 IN – 1934 Warrick Co., IN)
 child: **A.) Clemar Harger** (11 Aug 1889 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 1st to **Amy Rogers**
 m. 2nd 31 Jul 1912 Warrick Co., IN to **Minnie Autry** (1890 – unknown)
 child: **a.) Goldie Harger** (ca. 1914 – unknown)
 b.) Doris Harger (ca. 1922 – unknown)
 c.) Sherill Harger (ca. 1926 – unknown)
- B.) Minnie Harger** (16 Mar 1891 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 26 Jan 1910 Warrick Co., IN to **Andy Kebortz**
- C.) Ollie Harger** (Jan 1893 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 16 Jul 1912 Vanderburgh Co., IN to **Jessie Martin** (7 Aug 1893 – unknown)
- D.) Bernice Marie Harger** (16 Oct 1895 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
 m. 1st on 19 Oct 1912 Warrick Co., IN to **Ofa Earl Martin**
 m. 2nd on 6 Nov 1920 Warrick Co., IN to **John N. Main** (22 Aug 1896 – unknown)
- E.) Homer C. Harger Sr.** (28 Jun 1903 IN - 23 Mar 1966 Warrick Co., IN)
 m. **Ada Mae Blackford** (13 Mar 1906 - 29 Aug 1982 Boonville, Warrick Co., IN)
 child: **a.) Homer C. 'Bud' Harger Jr.** (14 Jul 1929 - 13 Jan 2001 Tennyson, IN)
 m. 1st on 13 Oct 1956 to **Margaret 'Billie' Mosby**
 m. 2nd to **Jean Farmer**
- 13.) **Homer Harger** (1872 Warrick Co., IN – 17 Sep 1897)
 m. **Eva**
- 14.) **Luther Harger** (1874 Warrick Co., IN – unknown)
- 15.) **Union Harger** (ca. 1874 Warrick Co., IN - 31 Mar 1922 Williamson County, Illinois)
 m. 4 Sep 1908 Warrick Co., IN to **Carrie Newman** (31 Nov 1879 KY - 5 Dec 1918 Herrin City, IL)
 child: **A.) Lawrence Harger** (Apr 1910 IN – unknown)
 B.) Margaret Elma Harger (8 Jul 1911 Warrick Co., IN - 5 Dec 1918 Herrin City, IL)
 C.) Wilbur Augustus Harger (8 Aug 1913 Warrick Co., IN - 7 May 1986 Chandler, IN)
 m. **Marion Hall** (26 May 1913 Evansville, IN - 28 Oct 2003 Evansville, IN)
 D.) Wyona Harger (21 Feb 1917 IL - 21 Aug 1917 Williamson County, Illinois)

Fun but Generally Tasteless and Useless Questions

Q: How do you catch a unique bird?

A: Unique up on it.

Q: How do you catch a tame bird?

A: Tame way, unique up on it.

Q: What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall?

A: Dam!

Q: What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

A: Polaroids.

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A: A stick.

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

A: Nacho cheese.

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

Q: What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?

A: Anyone can roast beef.

Q: Where do you find a dog with no legs?

A: Right where you left him.

Q: Why do gorillas have big nostrils?

A: Because they have big fingers.

Q: Why don't blind people like to sky dive?

A: Because it scares the dog.

Q: Why did Pilgrims' pants always fall down?

A: They wore their belt buckles on their hats.

Q: How do crazy people go through the forest?

A: They take the psycho path.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk.

Q: Are you really still reading these?

A: Of course you are. Really bad, huh?

Murder and Trial in Petersburg, Indiana - 1889

Problems between James B. B. Barker and Grantum Beck began early in 1889 and were intensified after Barker filed for divorce from his wife, alleging to her "infidelity with one Grantum Beck" as the cause. It was understood that Beck was caught in a compromising position with Mrs. Barker.

At the time, Mrs. Barker moved out of the house going to live with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Ash south of Petersburg. Barker also left the house, taking a room at the Lingo Hotel in town. Mr. Barker, age 32 was a well-known attorney in Washington Township and Beck, age nineteen was a farm hand working for William Doty.



Shortly after this occurred, death threats were alleged to have been made by Beck towards Barker to the point it was stated that Barker would be shot on sight. Both men were evidently prepared for the meeting as Barker carried a Smith & Weston [sic] pistol on him and Beck had a single shot derringer in his possession.



On May 30, the situation came to a head when Beck and Barker came face to face in the doorway of the post office in Petersburg. Several different reports were made by witnesses as to exactly what happened. It was agreed by all and evidence later collaborated the fact that Barker fired the only shot during the altercation. One man was exiting the post office while the other was ready to enter when they faced each other. A passing man (colored according to the newspaper accounts) happened to step between the two men at the same instant the shot was fired. The bullet missed the innocent bystander who jumped in fright and ran, knocking the gun from Barker's hand as he fled.

After this point, the witnesses differed in that one reported Barker missed with the first shot, fired a second which hit Beck in the head and then followed him, shooting him three more times after he fell. Another witness claimed Beck made a move to pull something out of his pocket after which Barker pulled his gun and fired.

Beck ran a few feet to the doorway of Reed & Limp's Hardware Store where he fell in the doorway. He was then carried to the home of his uncle, Matthew Beck where he died a few hours later from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Barker was arrested for manslaughter and placed under a \$5,000 bond. The funeral of Grantum Beck was held on Saturday, June 1 with burial in Walnut Hills cemetery. A Special Judge, Herfon of Daviess county was called in to hear the case. After going through all of the jurors from the original list, the trial was delayed for yet another day while more jurors were called in.

After a final selection, the following men were seated as the jury: George W. Brenton, Jno. M. Davis, Francis M. Kato, Jackson Offil, James R. Brenton, George S. L. Griffith, James T. Beatty, E. T. Dearing, Scott Davis, Henry Burnett, Jas. W. McCord and W. L. Graham.

Barker was represented by the law firms of J. W. Wilson, Richardson, & Taylor, E. a. Ely, Posey & Thurman, and W. F. Townsend who entered a plea of insanity for their client. The prosecution was represented by J. E. McCullough of Indianapolis, Prosecutor Bretz of Jasper and Deputy Prosecutor Smith of Petersburg.

The courtroom was crowded to the point of standing room only throughout the trial as both the Barkers and Becks were well-known families within the community. The trial, which lasted for over a week, was one of the most sensational trials the county had seen for many years. The prosecution and defense were limited to six hours each for closing arguments in the case.

The jury deliberated for approximately an hour before reaching a verdict of self-defense in the trial which lasted for over a week.

(Reprint of 'Grantum Beck dead - Barker jailed for the murder', as published in the newsletter of the Pike County Historical Society, volume 24, number 2, pages 5-6, April 2003)

Editor's note: James B. B. Barker was born in Indiana on October 9, 1856. As a young boy, he lived with his parents in Madison Township in Pike County, Indiana. By June 1880, he lived in Petersburg with his wife, Mary Adaline (Tislow) Barker, and their 1 year old daughter, Pearl. James' connection to the Indiana Lance family is as follows: James B. B. Barker was a brother-in-law to Nancy E. Hargrove. She was a 1st cousin, once removed, of America Jane Hargrove. America was the 2nd wife of John Wesley Lance (grandson of pioneers John and Eleanor Lemasters/Lance).