

# *Descendants of Rueben Stearns*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. RUEBEN<sup>1</sup> STEARNS (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.). He married MARY PETERS (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note under her name: Brookfield, MA.), daughter of ASAHIEL PETERS and MARTHA.

Child of RUEBEN STEARNS and MARY PETERS is:

2. i. ASAHIEL<sup>2</sup> STEARNS.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. ASAHIEL<sup>2</sup> STEARNS (*RUEBEN*<sup>1</sup>) (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note under his name: Sgt. Am. Rev. War.). He married CAPTIVITY SMITH (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.).

Child of ASAHIEL STEARNS and CAPTIVITY SMITH is:

3. i. LYDIA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS.

## *Generation No. 3*

3. LYDIA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS (*ASAHIEL*<sup>2</sup>, *RUEBEN*<sup>1</sup>) (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.). She married LEE WARNER WAITE (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note under Lee and Lydia's names: (12 children). However, I only see 11 listed.), son of BARNET WAITE and DEIDAMIA WARNER.

Children of LYDIA STEARNS and LEE WAITE are:

4. i. DEIDAMIA<sup>4</sup> WAITE.  
ii. CAROLINE WAITE (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.), m. (1) UNKNOWN HICKS HICKSON (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Notes say: Confederate Soldier; California Gold Rush.); m. (2) UNKNOWN WAITE (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note next to his name says (cousin).).  
iii. MARY ANNE WAITE (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note under her name says: Pawlet, VT.), m. ADONIRAM JUDSON HODGES (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Note under his name says: 3rd Div. Band Camp Stoneman; Wm. Payne Post, GAR Pardeeville.), 23 Dec 1855; b. 11 Oct 1835, Washington Co., NY.

More About ADONIRAM HODGES and MARY WAITE:  
Marriage: 23 Dec 1855

iv. BESSIE WAITE.  
v. EDNA WAITE.  
vi. EMILY WAITE.  
vii. HATTIE WAITE.  
viii. CHARLES WAITE.  
ix. EDWARD WAITE.  
x. MAUD WAITE, m. JOHN PRICE.  
xi. MAE WAITE.

## *Generation No. 4*

4. DEIDAMIA<sup>4</sup> WAITE (*LYDIA*<sup>3</sup> *STEARNS*, *ASAHIEL*<sup>2</sup>, *RUEBEN*<sup>1</sup>) She married BENJAMIN RICHARDS BROWN (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.), son of SIMEON BROWN and LOIS RICHARDS. He was born 18 Dec 1807, and died 05 Feb 1888.

Notes for BENJAMIN RICHARDS BROWN:

I can't tell from Mrs. Brown's chart if Rhoda is also buried in Yorktown, but the notation says "headstones."

More About BENJAMIN RICHARDS BROWN:  
Burial: Yorktown, IL according to headstones

Child of DEIDAMIA WAITE and BENJAMIN BROWN is:  
5. i. LYDIA<sup>5</sup> BROWN, b. 13 Oct 1845; d. 02 Jun 1884.

#### *Generation No. 5*

5. LYDIA<sup>5</sup> BROWN (*DEIDAMIA<sup>4</sup> WAITE, LYDIA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, ASAH<sup>2</sup>EL, RUEBEN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Oct 1845 (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Compiled in 1980.), and died 02 Jun 1884 (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown, Compiled in 1980.). She married HENRY H. DOW, son of WHITCHER DOW and EUNICE BUMP. He was born 23 Sep 1839 in NY probably, and died in CA.

Notes for HENRY H. DOW:

Lois (Denison) Kolb told her grandson that Tony Dow, the actor, is something like Henry's 8th+ cousin and is probably Floyd Dow's grandson or great grandson. Tony Dow's grandmother lived in Davenport, Scott Co., IA, but Lois didn't know her name.

On a genealogical record sheet that was with the Dow genealogy info, Thomas, Henry H., and Henry Clay Dow are siblings - sources listed were 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 censuses; "History of Bureau Co;" "History of Dows," R. P. Dow; and "Voters and Taxpapers of Bureau Co ILL-1877." (I copied this info as it was typed on the sheet)

Children of LYDIA BROWN and HENRY DOW are:

- i. FLOYD<sup>6</sup> DOW, m. HESTER BROWN.
- ii. LEONIE DOW (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.), m. CHARLES WEST.

Notes for LEONIE DOW:

On Mrs. Archie Brown's chart, a note is written: (Aunt Doll m. Charles West) Tampico, IL

Notes for CHARLES WEST:

Have pictures of him and Leonie.

6. iii. MAUD DOW, b. 28 Nov 1865, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; d. 19 Jul 1939, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL.
7. iv. LEE DOW, b. 1869; d. 1970.

#### *Generation No. 6*

6. MAUD<sup>6</sup> DOW (*LYDIA<sup>5</sup> BROWN, DEIDAMIA<sup>4</sup> WAITE, LYDIA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, ASAH<sup>2</sup>EL, RUEBEN<sup>1</sup>*) (Source: Genealogy Chart, compiled by Mrs. Archie Waite Brown.) was born 28 Nov 1865 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL, and died 19 Jul 1939 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL. She married LESLIE WALTER DENISON 25 Mar 1888, son of HENRY DENISON and LOUISA NEWTON. He was born 29 Oct 1873 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL, and died 22 Dec 1948 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL.

Notes for MAUD DOW:

Her family is mostly from NH and VT. This is the Seth Warner side. He was the leader of the Green Mountain Boys in VT during the Revolutionary War. Seth's sister is Maud's great great grandmother, Deidamia Warner who married Bernat Waite. Their son Lee Warner Waite had many children, one who was named Deidamia Waite who married Benjamin Richards Brown (Lydia Brown's parents). Bernat may have been in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, but we're unable to find our sources for this and the following information.

Seth also had two brothers, that we know of: Daniel (who died August 16, 1777 in the battle at Bennington, VT), and John who was also at the battle of Bennington, but did not die in the war. Seth had a nephew, Reuben Hawley, who was with the Queen's Loyal Rangers during the Revolution who also died during the battle at Bennington, VT. I'm not sure where the information on Seth's brothers came from, but much of Seth's story is written in history.

To make a long story short, during the French & Indian War, New Hampshire promised free land to anyone who fought the French. After the war, New York claimed the same land; the settlers revolted and beat the tax collectors. The tax collectors burnt down the house of Remembrance Baker, Seth Warner's cousin, and chopped off his thumb. Seth and a couple of other men caught the guilty parties, beat them, and sent them back to New York. Afterward, Seth and those men were considered outlaws.

Notes for LESLIE WALTER DENISON:

He was a school teacher in Tampico and in South Dakota, then a cashier at the Tampico State Bank in Tampico, IL.

More About LESLIE DENISON and MAUD DOW:

Marriage: 25 Mar 1888

Children of MAUD DOW and LESLIE DENISON are:

- i. RICHARD<sup>7</sup> DENISON, b. Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; d. Bef. 27 Dec 1966, Dixon, Lee Co., IL.

Notes for RICHARD DENISON:

Richard was injured as a child and institutionalized for the rest of his life due to the resulting brain injury. He died when he was about 60 years old.

More About RICHARD DENISON:

Burial: Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL

- ii. LINNIE A. DENISON, b. 07 Apr 1888, SD Territory; d. 27 Dec 1966, Sterling, Whiteside Co, IL; m. JOHN E. SHERE, 06 Jan 1909; b. 08 May 1887, Yorktown, Fairfield Twp., Bureau Co., IL; d. 04 Jan 1950, Sterling, Whiteside Co., IL.

Notes for LINNIE A. DENISON:

She was educated in Tampico, IL and graduated Tampico High School. She was a member of the RNA and lived in Tampico most of her life. Her obit was in The Daily Gazette, Sterling-Rock Falls, IL.

More About LINNIE A. DENISON:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery

Cause of Death: Stroke

Medical Information: She died at Sterling Community General Hospital in Sterling, IL

Religion: Member of Tampico Methodist Church

Notes for JOHN E. SHERE:

He went by Jack. He and Linnie farmed in the Tampico area until 14 years prior to his death when they moved to the town of Tampico, IL where Jack was custodian at the Tampico grade school.

He entered Sterling Public Hospital on December 16, 1949 and passed away on January 4, 1950. He was survived by his brother Jesse of Yorktown and sister Mrs. Mabel Blackert of Prophetstown. He was preceded in death by his sister Bessie and brother Ralph.

More About JOHN E. SHERE:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL (Source: The Daily Gazette, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois.)

Religion: Yorktown Christian Church, Yorktown, IL

More About JOHN SHERE and LINNIE DENISON:

Marriage: 06 Jan 1909

8. iii. LOIS MARIE DENISON, b. 15 Nov 1900, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; d. 09 Mar 1984, Sterling, Whiteside Co, IL.

**7.** LEE<sup>6</sup> DOW (*LYDIA*<sup>5</sup> *BROWN*, *DEIDAMIA*<sup>4</sup> *WAITE*, *LYDIA*<sup>3</sup> *STEARNS*, *ASAHEL*<sup>2</sup>, *RUEBEN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1869, and died 1970. He married MARY WHIPPLE.

Notes for LEE DOW:

He lived in East Moline, Rock Island Co., IL and was in the Spanish American war. A note on Mrs. Archie Brown's chart says next to death date: (101 yrs)

Child of LEE DOW and MARY WHIPPLE is:

- i. WARD<sup>7</sup> DOW.

Notes for WARD DOW:

He was in the Cavalry in TX.

*Generation No. 7*

**8.** LOIS MARIE<sup>7</sup> DENISON (*MAUD<sup>6</sup> DOW, LYDIA<sup>5</sup> BROWN, DEIDAMIA<sup>4</sup> WAITE, LYDIA<sup>3</sup> STEARNS, ASAH<sup>2</sup>EL, RUEBEN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 15 Nov 1900 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL, and died 09 Mar 1984 in Sterling, Whiteside Co, IL (Source: Newspaper Obit, Tampico/Prophetstown newspaper and/or Sterling Gazette.). She married HENRY JOHN FREDERICK KOLB 04 Jul 1920 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL, son of JOHN KOLB and MINNIE JOERN. He was born 10 Feb 1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, and died 11 Sep 1989 in Prophetstown, Whiteside Co., IL.

Notes for LOIS MARIE DENISON:

She loved to travel and did every chance she could, but not by airplane, mainly because she loved to look at the scenery. She was an independent soul and was very happy when it was stylish for women to wear slacks again.

She died at Prophets Good Samaritan Center, Prophetstown, IL after extended illness. Services were held at Garland Funeral Home, Tampico, IL.

More About LOIS MARIE DENISON:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL (Source: Tampico Memorial Cemetery Register.)

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Medical Information: She died after extended illness.

Religion: Member of Tampico United Methodist Church (Source: Newspaper Obit, Tampico/Prophetstown newspaper and/or Sterling Gazette.)

Notes for HENRY JOHN FREDERICK KOLB:

Henry only spoke German when he was a child and learned English as a second language. In school, Henry was a leading member of the Glee Club choir.

Within a short period, Henry graduated high school (1918), his mother died, the family moved to Chicago, and Henry joined the US Army. He entered the service at the end of WWI (stationed on Chicago's North Side) - he was going to be an Army spy because he could speak German fluently. After the war he was in the National Guard and lived with his Grandma Joern in Chicago. During that time he worked at the Sun Times newspaper and his guard unit was called on during the Chicago riots, around 1919.

Shortly after that, he moved back to Tampico, and met and married Lois Denison; for their honeymoon, they drove a Model T Ford to Niagara Falls. They moved to Fulton, Whiteside Co., IL, then moved back to Tampico where he and Lois bought the Tampico Tornado newspaper from one of Lois' cousins (Newton E. Denison). They owned and published the newspaper from Dec 1, 1931 to Dec 1, 1966, and then they retired. In Tampico, they bought a house that was going to be torn down to build a road and had it moved (by a professional with a horse team) to a lot they bought from Lois' parents, which was located next to them, and where the house still stands today (2005).

Thankfully, Henry was a photography buff and left many family pictures. He was a member of the Tampico United Methodist Church, lifetime member of Tampico American Legion Post 574 and he served as Post Chaplain, Post County Commander and 13th District Commander of the American Legion for many years. He was a member of the Tampico Volunteer Fire Department for over 37 years; Fire District Trustee for 15 years; Village Clerk and Treasurer for 10 years; and Township Assessor for 5 years; and served as Chairman of the Whiteside County Selective Service Board for 5 years.

He died at Prophetstown Riverview Good Samaritan Center. Services were held at Garland Funeral Home, Tampico, IL.

More About HENRY JOHN FREDERICK KOLB:

Burial: Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL

Cause of Death: Lung cancer

Medical Information: He also had stomach cancer. He had quit smoking forty years earlier. He had been in the hospital in Sterling, IL, and then died at the nursing home in Prophetstown, IL.

Religion: Member of Tampico United Methodist Church

More About HENRY KOLB and LOIS DENISON:

Marriage: 04 Jul 1920, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL

Child of LOIS DENISON and HENRY KOLB is:

- i. JOHN LESLIE<sup>8</sup> KOLB, b. 08 Apr 1921, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; d. 30 Aug 2002, Fulton, Whiteside Co., IL; m. ARLENE CURTIS, 16 Aug 1941, Salem, Richardson Co., NE; b. 13 May 1919, Stella, Richardson Co., NE; d. 06 Sep 2002, Morrison, Whiteside Co., IL.

Notes for JOHN LESLIE KOLB:

John became known as Jack at a young age. He was with his uncle (John) Jack Shere so much people started calling

them Big Jack and Little Jack.

Jack was born and raised in Tampico, IL and graduated Tampico High School in 1937. He later graduated from Moline Business College. He and Arlene had three children (one died in infancy) and the family lived in Prophetstown, IL from 1963-2002.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII with the 11th and the 101st Airborne. He worked in Salem, NE for a time and later was an industrial engineer, last employed at Sears Manufacturing, Davenport, IA, where he retired in 1986. He was a member of the Prophetstown American Legion Post and the Prophet Hills Country Club in Prophetstown, IL, where he enjoyed golf and playing cards. He also enjoyed fishing and was fishing with his father, son and grandson when Hugh Downs and a camera crew showed up to interview them about Tampico and Ronald Reagan. Hugh Downs married Henry's neighbor's daughter and she and her brother remained friends after they moved to NY.

Jack died at Harbor Crest Nursing Home in Fulton, IL. Funeral services were held at Garland Funeral Home, Tampico, IL with the Rev. Ralph I. Carr, pastor of Tampico United Methodist Church officiating and burial at Tampico Memorial Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter.

More About JOHN LESLIE KOLB:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery

Cause of Death: Emphysema

Notes for ARLENE CURTIS:

Arlene's given name is Mattie Arlene Curtis, but she went by Arlene. She graduated from Nebraska State Teachers College - Peru on May 27 1938. She taught elementary school in the rural Salem, NE and Tampico, IL areas. Later, she was a librarian at Henry C. Adams Memorial Library in Prophetstown, IL for about 25 years.

She was born on the outskirts of Stella, on a farm that was off of Main St. that ran through that town. The family later had a different farm that was between Stella and Salem, off of Verdon Road and to the left of the railroad tracks (probably the Union Pacific). (Birth place updated 10/12/05)

She was an excellent cook and enjoyed playing cards, reading, and needlework. She died at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Morrison, IL after extended illness and was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one sister, and an infant daughter.

More About ARLENE CURTIS:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery

Cause of Death: Alzheimers

Marriage Notes for JOHN KOLB and ARLENE CURTIS:

Newspaper article: They were married in the parsonage of the Congregational church at Salem - Rev. Weber, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. Arlene wore a street length dress of brown net with brown and white accessories; Jack also wore brown. Following the ceremony they left for Tampico.

More About JOHN KOLB and ARLENE CURTIS:

Marriage: 16 Aug 1941, Salem, Richardson Co., NE