

Descendents who attended the 1972 Street Family Reunion

Nonie - Dortha Morton Cooper and her husband, Eli Cooper

Nannie - Ruth Kell Halbbrook

Alma - Herbert Randle and his wife, Dorothy May
Bill Randle
Jody Rhea Randle

Frank - His wife, Cora Street
Wanda Street Camden and her husband, Gene Camden
Iris Healzer and her husband, John Healzer
Dan Street and his wife, Thelma
Mike Camden
Mark Street
Kirstin Street
Jane Couch and her husband, Dan Couch
Bus Couch
Mitzi Couch

Jim - Mildred Street Buford
Norman Street and his wife, Elaine
Donald Street and his wife, Lorene
Patti Buford Goss and her husband, M. O. Goss
Owen Forrest Goss
Jon R. Street and his wife, Judy
Brian S. Street

Clara -No descendents

Laura - No descendents attended

Fannie - Van Doubek III and his wife, Ellen
James Doyle Doubek and his wife, Doris
Herbert Dale Doubek and his wife, Lucille
Deanna Sue Doubek
Diane Doubek
Douglas Doubek

REUNION DINNER - Saturday night, July 15, 1972

These remarks were recorded by Herb Randle and later transcribed from the tape.

(There are many errors in this history)

Prayer by Herb Doubek.

Dan Street: First I'll give a welcome. Of course, we have all met each other and I'm sure we remember all the names already. We had quite an experience this morning getting started. We started the day by going out to find the old Street farm. We had two beautiful guides. One was chewing on his cane. He was worried about the fact that there was no beer in the trunk. The other one didn't know where he was going and said he had dreamed about a road and he claims that he found it - but I'm still not too sure about it. (Laughter)

So, I think before we go any further at all on this I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the people who are responsible for bringing this together. I know they aren't the kind - that is I know they kind of sit on the outside when we take the family pictures - but if it wasn't Iris and Wanda we wouldn't all be here today and I want to thank them and we all love them both very much and it's a great thrill for me to finally meet some of my family that I've known about really very little and have finally had the chance to meet. Iris, we thank you for this wonderful job - and Wanda, it was real nice.

I think both those ladies when they got married it was the old deal about opposites attract - because they are both so lovely and those two guys are something else. (Laughter)

Before we go any further we have a - you will notice at your place you have a notebook. We would like you to open that notebook up and put down your name - write-it so we can read it____. We want your wife's name, your children's names, your grandchildren's names, great-grandchildren, etc. and dates of birth if you know them.

(At this time someone interrupted to say that dinner was ready to be served, so they decided to wait until after dinner to work on the notebooks)

Dan Street: (Tapping on a water glass to get attention).- Everybody about through eating now? Maybe while you are finishing up we'll get started here. You might wonder how I got the honor of being master of ceremonies tonight. I think it's probably because of the fact that I come from California and, of course, California is full of movie stars (a few hoots from members of his faithful family) --and I do have something in common with fellows like Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra - and that is that I like girls. (Laughter) So you ladies here who aren't related to me just watch out. I stay up late. It is quite an honor to be master of ceremonies and, of course, my name is Street and I think that had something to do with it.

I think Norman would like to say something once in a while so we will get him up here in a minute to give a little introduction.

Before you forget it, put down your name and date of birth and your wife and children in there. And this notebook is also to take notes about people as they get up and introduce themselves - you may want to put down some notes about them. Put down things by their names - things so you will remember them - things like "bald head". (Laughter) Excuse me, Van, I'm sorry.

But the first thing we'd like to do - and I guess I could kick it off since I know what we are supposed to do - is to introduce our families to all of you here. And so, I'll start with that. Of course, my father is Harold Street who most of you know or have heard of. We tried to talk him into coming down here and I think he was scared to death to meet all you relatives - after such a long time. But we'll get him to the next one. My mother was a Bruner from Colorado and lives out in California still with us. I have four children. I brought two of them. And, of course, I brought my first wife. (Laughter) And so, if you'd like to stand up - "Why, this is Thelma". She did bring up something that I might warn you ladies about. If any of you can remember, my grandfather, Frank had children kinda late in life and my father was in his fifties when he had a couple more children. Thelma said, "Watch out, girls." So don't let your guard down.

I brought my youngest son, Mark Street. Mark, you want to stand up a minute and show your braces, or something? My oldest boy, Danny, who will be 18 in December didn't come with us and I think if he saw a couple of these girls here today he would have been here. He is going to be disappointed. My oldest daughter, Claudia, didn't come with us. She is 16. I did bring my youngest daughter, Kirsten, who is kind of the boss of the family.

Incidentally, we live in Firebaugh, California - and that is not fireballs - that's Firebaugh. And it is named after a fellow who had a ferry which is similar to the one you have down the road here. It is in central California and I work on a ranch out there for a relative of my wife's.

I guess maybe what I should do is start up here with Norman over here on my left and we will go around this way and get everybody to introduce yourself. It might be a good idea to hold your applause since you have already applauded me - just forget the rest of them.

Norman Street: I'm Norman Street, son of Jim Street. I'm the "baby" of Jim Street's family. Jim had, as you know, Murl, Mildred, Warren, Donald and myself. Everybody got that recorded? To me it's a great honor to be here, really, on Jim's side of the family. Now Dan, of course, is Frank's side of the family and I am honored to be able to represent Jim, my Dad.

I didn't know him too well and maybe all of you know the story. I know Aunt Cora does. Will you come up?

Aunt Cora: Is it my turn?

Norman: It's your turn.

Aunt Cora: Well, I'm very happy to be here tonight. I'm very happy that I lived to see this day when we can all be together. It's a beautiful crowd and a good-looking crowd and I'm very happy to see all of you and to meet all of you.
(Someone, Norman I believe, said "Amen")

I'll start in with your great-grandfather Street and from there on down. I don't know if I have it correct or not but it is what my husband told me and what my folks told me - my mother and father. And that's about all I can tell you.

Your great-grandfather Street was named Samuel Street. And your great-grandmother was Anna Fultz Street. They came from England. He was an Englishman and she was of German descent. And he was a tailor by trade. They were married in the east and settled in Ohio.

(at this point there was a great deal of noise on the tape which drowned out most of the next sentence. I have had to guess what this sentence was.)

_____ fought in the Napoleon War. He was in the battle of Waterloo.

Just before the Civil War they came to Cedar Grove, Missouri, and settled on Big Creek. People who migrated to Missouri in those days tried to settle near where there was water, either a river, stream or creek. That was the only water they had. They built one of the best houses in that country. And they were very prosperous farmers in that time, too, before the Civil War. They set out an orchard which was very rare in that country at that time.

They had five children. (1) Anna who married a Mr. Hull. (2) Margaret who married a Mr. Butler. She is buried out here somewhere close to Salem. (3) Alonzo, the son, and (4) Belle Street who married a Lew Smith. Belle was the youngest girl. They also had a girl named (5) Delia. She was deaf and dumb. This was caused by a childhood disease. I do not remember what kind of disease it was but I do remember that she could not talk.

Your great-grandfather built a schoolhouse there on the farm and it was also used as a church house. They had lots of meetings there. Most of them were Methodists, of course, but they did have other denominations.

Your great-grandfather and great-grandmother took my mother, Mary Brown, and they educated her when she was a little girl--as far as education went in those days. My mother's father was killed in the Civil War. She was an orphan girl. So, they had a very nice friendship - they cultivated a nice friendship - and it lasted throughout their lifetime.

Your great-grandmother died when she was 93 years old. And she is buried at Antioch Cemetery with the rest of her family.

Your grandfather Street, Alonzo Street, was only 14 years old when the Civil War broke out. He couldn't join the Army but he wanted to do something so he drove a supply wagon for the Union Army during the war. After the war he came home and he married a girl by the name of Jennie Belle Patton. They had seven children. They all died except two - that was Nonie and Nannie. Nannie has one daughter here tonight. And his first wife died, also. After a while, he married the second time. His second wife was named Nora Nettles Brown Street. She had a daughter by the name of Alma Brown. She (Alma) was just a baby when they were married.

She (Nora Nettles Brown) and her husband, Harvey Brown, went to Oklahoma? (Herb Handle said "yes") Kansas to make their home and he took sick out there - had pneumonia - and he died and was buried in Kansas. So she came home and she lived with her Uncle Lon Nettles for a short time until she and your grandfather, Alonzo Street, got married.

So, he had two little girls and she had one baby. And they joined their families together and started a new life together. After a few years they had a boy. His name was Alonzo Franklin Street. He was my husband. They had seven children. Two little boys named (1) Ralph Alfred and (2) Freddie died when very little. The other five children were named (3) Frank Street; (4) Clara Street; (5) Laura Street; (6) Jim and (7) Fannie. Including Nonie and Nannie and Alma which made a very large family. They built a house on the east 40 acres of their father's farm.

Alma went away to work in the west when she was a young girl. And your Uncle Frank - he went to Colorado and worked for the C. & S. Railroad - but lived in Pueblo, Colorado together. And she (Alma) also lived in Pratt, Kansas and worked in Pratt, Kansas. She married Charles Randle and they made their home in Pratt, Kansas.

I'm marking part of this out so if I'm slow about this you'll know why.

(At this point she apparently discarded material concerning the three daughters, Clara, Fannie and Laura, and son, Jim, who are not mentioned in her narrative.)

Nonie Street married Ernest Morton and they had a large family. Nannie Street married our cousin, Jimmy Kell, and they had a large family. I don't know if I should name their names or not. I think they are going to name them later on.

Next came my husband, He was married three times. He married Lucy Ward in Trinidad, Colorado, the first time and they had two boys, Harold and Frank, Jr. Frank, Jr. died in 1952. He is buried in St. Louis. Harold lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We hoped he would be here tonight, 'but he isn't.

And next he (Frank) married Ida Smith, the second time. They had a daughter named Eileen. We do not know where her address is. We do not know a thing about her. We have tried to find out, but we can't find out.

NOW this is some more I marked out so I'll need a little time to get this straightened out. (This transcriber fervently wishes she hadn't omitted anything from her story. We may have missed the best parts!)

Now, I will try to tell you about your Grandmother Nettles, Nora Nettles Street. Her picture is back there on the wall. Her folks came from Tennessee and her family lived on a farm near Hartshorn, Missouri. There was a big family of the Nettles. She married, as you know, your grandfather, Alonzo Street. Now I can tell you something about this family as to sisters and brothers. Granville Nettles lived on Big Creek and Lon Nettles lived on Big Creek. She (Nora) lived with Lon Nettles, as I told you, before she married your grandfather, Alonzo Street.

Hiram Nettles was in the Civil War. He was a flag bearer in the Civil War. And if you ever go to Forest Park in St. Louis, be sure to go to an art museum there. In that art museum you will see a big flag in a frame. From the history of this flag I think that this is the flag that your Uncle Hiram Nettles carried during the war. It would be quite interesting for you to read that. And I think also that they put this flag over General Lyons when he fell - he was shot. I think this is the flag that' they spread over his body. .

Your great grandmother's sister married a Darwin. You are all a distant relative to Charles Darwin. There are some Darwin boys living in Tennessee and Kentucky who have a chain of stores there. I had a family tree on the Darwin boys and their family but we lost it in moving around. Do you have a family tree, Herb?

Herb Randle: I have one.

Aunt Cora: We had one, too, and I've lost it. But anyway, if you ever go there, be sure to look them up. They would be glad to see you because they seemed to be quite interested in the Street family and the Nettles family.

And next there comes in the Nettles family, Granville Nettles. I know you have all heard of Uncle Granville Nettles. They had five children. I guess I've got this wrong.

Lon Nettles was Uncle Granville's brother. He had several children. Ben (this name may be wrong) Nettles was the youngest boy. He was a professor and he taught in a Springfield Teachers College when I was going to school there. He had moved from there to Los Angeles, California and was a professor in Los Angeles. When he retired he went to Phoenix, Arizona and he died in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ambrose Nettles married Cora Smith. They live in Billings, Montana. And there was a Rosa Nettles who lived in Montrose, Colorado. Sadie Nettles lived in Billings, Montana, also.

Now I come to the Granville Nettles family. He married Alice Cole. Their pictures are back there on the wall. The oldest girl I don't remember her name but the second oldest girl was named Effie. She married John Edgeman. They lived in Webb City. Jim Nettles was married twice. The first wife died during World War I. They didn't have any children. She died of the flu. He married the second time and her name was Gulda (this name may be wrong) Butcher. They had one girl named Guldie. And they are not here tonight either.

Julia Nettles was married twice. Her first husband was named Shafer. He died during the war, also.

Bonnie
Donna Nettles married a Spencer - Barry Spencer. She got killed in a car accident near Kansas City, Mo.

Now all the Nettles family and all the Street family have all passed and gone except Aunt Clara. Aunt Clara, as you all know, is in a home at Pratt, Kansas. She is the only one that's living in the Street family. The Nettles family are all gone.

There is just one more thing I'd like to tell. Alma and Frank, my husband and Herb Randle's mother, went west to Pueblo, Colorado and worked. My husband worked for C & S Railroad and Alma worked in a laundry. They sent money back and built a very pretty home. You will see it tomorrow at the farm. And your grandmother Street was very proud of this house. She took great pride in her' home. I remember passing there one time when I was a girl and I was talking with my girlfriend and I said, "Oh, what a pretty home. I'd sure like to live there sometime." Well, I did live there ----- sometime.

I met your Uncle Frank and I lived there three years. We decided to leave that farm. I guess you'd like to know

why we left. My husband was used to the Colorado dry climate. When he went back down there (Big Creek) to live he thought he would retire and stay there but he went into TB or almost into TB and we had to leave. He had to go to a higher climate. So we went to Salem — 1926 for a while and lived 16 years there. He was a policeman. And then we moved to Pratt, Kansas after that and on into Colorado. Colorado was his home and he loved it there very much. And I buried him there because he loved the hills and mountains-.

Now if there is any correction about this. If anyone wants to add some more to it - make some additions - I would be glad to hear from them.

And I'd like to say this, too. This has been a wonderful meeting and a wonderful family and I want you all to stay together. I won't be here very much longer, but I want you all to stay together as a family, keep love in your hearts for the family, and enjoy one another while you live. That's my prayer for all of you.

Dan: We'll go on right around the table. Thank you, Grandma, it was wonderful. We appreciate you doing that. We will all got copies of this later on, too. It is being recorded and, of course, copied so we can get it down straight.

End of Tape