

The Fourth Generation of Lances Born in Indiana

Oliver Otis Lance (1893-unknown)

Oliver Otis Lance was born in December 1893 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was a son of **Oliver O.** and Alice R. (Pearson) Lance. Oliver was born about 4 months after his father passed away.

On June 11, 1900, 'Ollie' O. was 6 years old and living on a rented farm with: his re-married mother, Alice 'Pearson'; his 25 year old step-father, Frank Pearson; and his 2 younger half-sisters - Edith and unnamed Pearson, in Columbia Township in Gibson County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 4, pg 6) also indicates: Oliver was born in December of 1893 in Indiana and his parents and step-father were all also born in Indiana.

Infant Lance (1892-1892)

Infant Lance was born in 1892 in Center Township in Gibson County, Indiana. He/she was the 1st child born to **Harrison** and Mariah Elizabeth (Osborne) Lance. Baby Lance passed away at or soon after birth in Center Township. He/she was laid to rest at Meade Cemetery in Center Township.

Ruth Eva Lance (1894-1917)

Ruth Eva Lance was born on August 19, 1894 in Gibson County, Indiana. She was the 2nd child born to **Harrison** and Mariah Elizabeth (Osborne) Lance.

On June 2, 1900, Ruth was 5 years old and living with her parents and her 4 month old sister in Center Township in Gibson County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 3, pg 2) also indicates Ruth was born in January of 1900 in Indiana and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On June 16, 1914, Ruth Eva Lance married Will Newton Lockwood in Gibson County. He was born on January 1, 1893 in Gibson County and was a son of William Allen and Sarah B. (Owen/Barkwell) Lance. Ruth and Will became the parents of Ruth Marie Lockwood on January 12, 1917 in the town of Francisco in Center Township, Gibson County. However, Ruth passed away during childbirth. She was 22 years old and was laid to rest at IOOF Cemetery in Francisco on January 16, 1917.

The Indiana State Department of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Ruth which includes the following information: Ruth Eva Lockwood died on January 12, 1917 at Francisco in Center Township, Gibson County at age 22 years, 4 months, 24 days; she was born August 19, 1894 in Gibson County, Indiana; she was a white married female; her occupation was housewife; her spouse was Will Lockwood; her father was Harry Lance who was born in Gibson County; her mother was Marie Osborn who was born in Pike County, Indiana; the informant was Marie E. Lance of Francisco, Indiana; "I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Jan. 1, 1917 to Jan. 12, 1917, that I last saw her alive on Jan. 12, 1917 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 11 p.m. The cause of death was as follows: puerperal eclampsia (dictionary definition - convulsions and coma associated with hypertension, edema, or proteinuria occurring in a woman following delivery), duration - 1 day; Secondary cause: acute nephritis, duration - 3 months"....[signed] G. G. Griffith, M.D. on January 13, 1917 in Francisco, Indiana; Ruth was buried on

January 16, 1917 at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Francisco, Indiana: the undertaker was P. H. Lamb & Son of Oakland City, Indiana; she was embalmed; this certificate was filed on January 16, 1917 at Francisco, Indiana [end].

Esther M. Lance (1900-1980)

Esther M. Lance was born on January 10, 1900 in Center Township in Gibson County, Indiana. She was the 3rd child born to **Harrison** and Mariah Elizabeth (Osborne) Lance.

On June 2, 1900, 'Ester' was 4 months old and living with her parents and her 5 year old sister, Ruth Lance, in Center Township in Gibson County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 3, pg 2) also indicates 'Ester' was born in January of 1900 in Indiana and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On March 27, 1918, Esther M. Lance married William Rex Holland in Gibson County. He was born in 1898 in Gibson County and was a son of George A. and Loretta Holland. Esther and William became the parents of 2 children - Lance and Joanna Holland.

William Rex Holland passed away in 1938 in the town of Francisco in Center Township, Gibson County, Indiana at about age 40. He was buried at IOOF Cemetery in Francisco. In 1980, Esther passed away in Center Township, Gibson County at about age 79. She was also laid to rest at IOOF Cemetery in Francisco.

Ollie Lance (unknown-unknown)

Ollie Lance was born the 4th child born to **Harrison** and Mariah Elizabeth (Osborne) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Gaylord Lance (1912-1976)

Gaylord Lance was born on January 4, 1912 in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance.

On January 20, 1920, 'Gaylor' was 8 years old and living with his parents and 2 younger sisters - Virginia and Marvel Lance, at 28 W. Jefferson Street in the city of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 124, pg 5A) also indicates: 'Gaylor' was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

Gaylord eventually married and became the father of at least 3 children - **Woody**, **Jack G.**, and **Daisy M. Lance**.

On March 1, 1976, Gaylord Lance passed away in Indiana at age 64.

Ralph Wilbur Lance (1913-1913)

Ralph Wilbur Lance was born on March 27, 1913 in Indiana. He was a twin to his brother Joseph W. Lance. They were the 2nd and 3rd children born to **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance.

On August 1, 1913, Ralph passed away at age 5 months. He shares a gravestone with his parents at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in the city of Vincennes in Knox County, Indiana.

Joseph W. Lance (1913-unknown)

Joseph W. Lance was born on March 27, 1913 in Indiana. He was a twin to his brother Ralph Wilbur Lance. They were the 2nd and 3rd children born to **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance.

Joseph was not enumerated with his parents and 3 siblings on the 1920 census for the city of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana. He would have been 6 years old.

Norma Rose Lance (unknown-unknown)

Norma Rose Lance was a daughter of **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Betty Jean Lance (unknown-unknown)

Betty Jean Lance was a daughter of **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Virginia Margaret Lance (1914-unknown)

Virginia Margaret Lance was born on June 3, 1914 in Knox County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance.

On January 20, 1920, Virginia was 5 years old and living with her parents and her 2 siblings - 'Gaylor' and Marvel Lance, at 28 W. Jefferson Street in the city of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 124, pg 5A) also indicates Virginia was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Marvel Jane Lance (1918-unknown)

Marvel Jane Lance was born on February 5, 1918 in Knox County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **Oscar P.** and Martha Jane (Conlin) Lance.

On January 20, 1920, Marvel was 22 months old and living with her parents and her 2 older siblings - 'Gaylor' and Virginia Lance, at 28 W. Jefferson Street in the city of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 124, pg 5A) also indicates Marvel and her parents were all born in Indiana.

John Lance (1909-unknown)

John Lance was born about 1909 in Indiana. He was a son of **Oday Eber** and Ada May (Bear) Lance.

On January 6, 1920, John was 11 years old and living with his parents at 1438 Hiatt Street in the city of Indianapolis in Center Township, Marion County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 246, pg 5B) also indicates John was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

Marilyn C. Lance (1915-unknown)

Marilyn C. Lance was born on December 29, 1915 in Knox County, Indiana. She was the 1st child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Francis Lance (unknown-unknown)

Francis Lance was born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance. Nothing more is known about him at this time.

LeRoy Howard Lance (1917-1991)

LeRoy Howard Lance was born on January 4, 1917 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

On January 7, 1920, 'Leroy' Lance was 2 years and 11 months old and living with his parents and his 4 month old brother, John William Lance, in Vincennes Township in Knox County. They were all lodging with his paternal grandmother, America 'Lance'. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 106, pg 4A) also indicates 'Leroy' and his parents were all born in Indiana.

LeRoy served in the U.S. Air Force from 1939 to 1961. His family lived in the Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and many other areas of the United States. After retiring from the Air Force, LeRoy worked for the Nebraska Job Service.

On March 9, 1944, LeRoy Lance married Helen Winnefred Grinde in the town of Glendale in Los Angeles County, California. She was born on March 6, 1918 in the town of Sheyenne in Eddy County, North Dakota and was a daughter of Henry Simon and Clara Olena (Peterson) Grinde. LeRoy and Helen became the parents of 2 children - **Jean Ann** and **Thomas Lee Lance**.

On September 8, 1991, LeRoy passed away in the city of Scottsbluff in Scottsbluff County, Nebraska of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 74 years old and was cremated. His ashes were scattered in the Wildcat Hills outside Gering in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

John William Lance **(1919-1979)**

John William Lance was born on September 26, 1919 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 4th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

On January 7, 1920, John William was 4 months old and living with his parents and his 2 year old brother, 'Leroy' Lance, in Vincennes Township in Knox County. They were all lodging with his paternal grandmother, America 'Lance'. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 106, pg 4A) also indicates John and his parents were all born in Indiana.

John first married Eva. There are no known children from that marriage. He later married Lillian. John and Lillian were the parents of 2 children - **Jonathan Blaine** and **Valerie Lance**.

John reportedly lived in California, where, at one time, he owned an almond ranch. He did not communicate with his family very often. During his life, he suffered from diabetes.

On February 10, 1979, John passed away of cancer in the city of Oakland in Alameda County, California at age 59.

Mary Ruth Lance **(1922-1982)**

Mary Ruth Lance was born on December 19, 1922 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. She was the 5th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

On September 19, 1942, Mary Ruth Lance married James Sullivan. They became the parents of the following 5 children - Bill, Jimmie, Phyllis, Vickie Sue, and John R. Sullivan.

Mary Ruth was reportedly a diabetic. On June 1, 1982, she passed away from complications of that disease at age 59. She was laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in the city of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana.

Margaret Lance **(1924-1974)**

Margaret Lance was born on March 29, 1924 in Indiana. She was the 6th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

Margaret married Floyd W. Burris. They became the parents of Sandra Burris. Margaret 'Burris' reportedly operated a bar and dance hall by the river bridge in the city of Vincennes in Knox County, Indiana. She was a severe diabetic.

On July 4, 1974, Margaret passed away of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Indiana at age 50. She was laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in the town of Vincennes in Vincennes Township, Knox County, Indiana.

Rex Lewis Lance (1927-1930)

Rex Lewis Lance was born on March 5, 1927 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 7th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

On July 8, 1930, Rex passed away in Vincennes Township at age 3. He was laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Vincennes in Vincennes Township on July 10, 1930.

The Indiana State Department of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Rex which includes the following information: Rex Louis Lance died on July 8, 1930 in Vincennes, Knox County at age 3 years, 4 months, 3 days; he was born on March 5, 1927 in Vincennes; he was a white unmarried male; his parents were Howard Lance and Margaret Cardinal, both of Indiana; the informant was Howard Lance of Vincennes; "I hereby certify, that I attended deceased from June 15, 1930 to July 8, 1930, that I last saw him alive on July 8, 1930, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 2 p.m. The cause of death was as follows: cholera infantum, meningitis'.....[signed] E. W. Beckes, M.D. on July 8, 1930 in Vincennes, Indiana; Rex was buried at Fair View Cemetery in Vincennes on July 10, 1930; the undertaker was E. R. Stacker(?) of Vincennes; Rex was embalmed; this certificate was filed on 7-9-1930 [end].

Max Gilbert Lance (1930-)

Max Gilbert Lance was born on October 11, 1930 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 8th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

"'Gib' Lance was a police officer and also worked in the maintenance department of Vincennes Hospital in Knox County, Indiana. He is an avid trap shooter and was very good friends with the Amish people who lived in the rural area surrounding Vincennes.".... (source: his niece Jean Ann Lance/Kling of Oshkosh, Nebraska, via e-mail to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas).

Max Lance married Barbara Lemons. They later divorced after becoming the parents of **Mike** and **Debbie Lance**.

Max then married Annette Trosper. She was a secretary and a daughter of Franklin F. and F. Lucille (Gatlin) Trosper. Max and Annette became the parents of **Tony Lance**.

On November 17, 1972, Max Gilbert Lance married Madonna Doser in Vincennes, Indiana. She was a registered nurse.

In the Spring of 2004, Max continues to live where he was born and raised - in Vincennes, Indiana.

Lyman Eugene Lance (1932-1996)

Lyman Eugene Lance was born on October 4, 1932 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 9th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

Lyman married Phyllis Rae Hunter. She was a daughter of Edward and Corlena (Fish) Hunter. Lyman and Phyllis became the parents of 2 children - **Lyman Eugene** and **Lori Ann Lance**.

Lyman "served with the U.S. Air Force. He was a school teacher and coach at Vincennes High School in the city of Vincennes in Knox County, Indiana. He was a Presbyterian and worked as Executive Vice President of Baxter Labs. Their home was damaged by the earthquake that struck Northridge, California in January 1994. Lyman was eventually diagnosed with malignant melanoma. After a long, hard battle, he passed away from that disease in July 1996 at age 63. He was also diabetic."... (source: his niece Jean Ann Lance/Kling of Oshkosh, Nebraska, via e-mail to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas).

Social Security death benefit records indicate Lyman's last residence in the town of Granada Hills in Los Angeles County, California, zip code 91326.

Moneda G. Lance (1935-1986)

Moneda G. Lance was born on November 9, 1935 in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. She was the 10th child born to **Howard Blaine** and Margaret Francis (Cardinal) Lance.

Moneda married Tom Fields in Vincennes Township, Knox County. They did not have any children. She reportedly was a severe diabetic.

On May 29, 1986, Moneda reportedly passed away from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Vincennes Township at age 50. She was laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in the city of Vincennes in Knox County on May 31, 1986.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Coroner's Certificate of Death' which includes the following information: Moneda G. Fields died at age 50 on May 29, 1986 at 809 S. 15th Street in Vincennes, Knox County; she was a married white female; she was born November 9, 1935 in Indiana and was a citizen of the U.S.A.; she lived at 809 S. 15th Street in Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana; her home was inside the city limits and was not a farm; her husband was Thomas Fields; her occupation was homemaker; her Social Security Number was 317-40-9801; Moneda did not serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and was not of Spanish descent; her father was Howard B. Lance and her mother was Margaret F. Cardinal; the informant was Thomas Fields of 809 S. 15th Street in Vincennes, Indiana 47591; Moneda was buried on May 31, 1986 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Vincennes, Indiana; the funeral home was Duesterberg-Fredrick F. H. of 313 Church Street in Vincennes, Indiana; the certifier was James R. Rohrer II D. O. proclaimed Moneda's hour of death was between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; she was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m.; signed on 6-2-86; her immediate cause of death was gunshot wound to head, a suicide at home; the interval between onset and death was instant; she did not have an autopsy; this certificate was received by the local health officer on June 2, 1986 [end].

Jessie Lance (1898-unknown)

Jessie Lance was born in April 1898 in Nebraska. She was a child of **Elmore S.** and Myrtle Lance.

In 1900, Jessie was 2 years old and living with her parents in Hammond Township in Nuckolls County, Nebraska. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 132, pg 5) also indicates: Jessie was born in April of 1898 in Nebraska, her father was born in Indiana, and her mother was born in Illinois.

Hazel Lance (1901-unknown)

Hazel Lance was born about 1901 in Colorado. She was the 1st born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

Hazel married Jesse Mason and became the mother of Harold Mason about December 1919. Jesse was born about 1888 in Missouri.

On February 9, 1920, Hazel 'Mason' was 19 years old and living in Precinct 6 of Otero County, Colorado. She was living on a rented farm with her 32 year old farm laborer husband, Jessie Mason, and their 2 month old son, Harold Mason. They were all lodging with her parents, Burtis and Susie Lance. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 12B) also indicates: Hazel reported Colorado as her place of birth, Indiana as the birthplace of her father, and Ohio as the birthplace of her mother.

Burtis Lance (1903-unknown)

Burtis Lance was born about 1903 in Colorado. He was the 2nd born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

On February 9, 1920, Burtis was a 17 year old farm laborer living on a rented farm with his parents and 5 siblings -Hazel (Lance) Mason (with her husband and 2 month old son, Harold Mason), Wilbur, Ruth, Delmer, and Vernon Lance, in Precinct 6 in Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 12B) also indicates: Burtis was born in Colorado, his father was born in Indiana, and his mother was born in Ohio.

Wilbur Lance (1905-unknown)

Wilbur Lance was born about 1905 in Colorado. He was the 3rd born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

On February 9, 1920, Wilbur was 15 years old and living on a rented farm with his parents and 5 siblings - Hazel (Lance) Mason (with her husband and 2 month old son, Harold Mason), Burtis, Ruth, Delmer, and Vernon Lance, in Precinct 6 in Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 12B) also indicates: Wilbur was born in Colorado, he attended school during the census year, his father was born in Indiana, and his mother was born in Ohio.

Ruth Lance (1907-unknown)

Ruth Lance was born about 1907 in Colorado. She was the 4th born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

On February 9, 1920, Ruth was 13 years old and living on a rented farm with her parents and 5 siblings - Hazel (Lance) Mason (with her husband and 2 month old son, Harold Mason), Burtis, Wilbur, Delmer, and Vernon Lance, in Precinct 6 in Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg

12B) also indicates: Ruth was born in Colorado, she attended school during the census year, her father was born in Indiana, and her mother was born in Ohio.

Delmer Lance (1911-unknown)

Delmer Lance was born about 1911 in Colorado. He was the 5th born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

On February 9, 1920, Delmer was 9 years old and living on a rented farm with his parents and 5 siblings - Hazel (Lance) Mason (with her husband and 2 month old son, Harold Mason), Burtis, Wilbur, Ruth, and Vernon Lance, in Precinct 6 in Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 12B) also indicates: Delmer was born in Colorado, he attended school during the census year, his father was born in Indiana, and his mother was born in Ohio.

Vernon Lance (1913-unknown)

Vernon Lance was born about 1913 in Colorado. He was the 6th born child of **Burtis F.** and Susie L. Lance.

On February 9, 1920, Vernon was 7 years old and living on a rented farm with his parents and 5 older siblings - Hazel (Lance) Mason (with her husband and 2 month old son, Harold Mason), Burtis, Wilbur, Ruth, and Delmer Lance, in Precinct 6 in Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 12B) also indicates: Vernon was born in Colorado, he attended school during the census year, his father was born in Indiana, and his mother was born in Ohio.

Olive M. Lance (1909-unknown)

Olive M. Lance was born about 1909 in Colorado. She was the 1st born child of **Joseph C.** and Lovina R. Lance.

In 1920, Olive M. was 11 years old and living with her parents and 3 younger siblings - Oren, David E., and Delma E. Lance, in El Paso County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 114, pg 1) also indicates: Olive was born in Colorado, her father was born in Kansas, and her mother was born in Nebraska.

Oren C. Lance (1911-unknown)

Oren C. Lance was born about 1911 in Colorado. He was the 2nd born child of **Joseph C.** and Lovina R. Lance.

In 1920, Oren C. was 9 years old and living with his parents and 3 siblings - Olive M., David E., and Delma E. Lance, in El Paso County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 114, pg 1) also indicates: Oren was born in Colorado, his father was born in Kansas, and his mother was born in Nebraska.

David E. Lance (1913-unknown)

David E. Lance was born about 1913 in Colorado. He may have been a twin to his sister, Delma E. Lance. They were the 3rd and 4th children born to **Joseph C.** and Lovina R. Lance.

In 1920, David E. was 7 years old and living with his parents and 3 siblings - Olive M., Oren C., and Delma E. Lance, in El Paso County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 114, pg 1) also indicates: David was born in Colorado, his father was born in Kansas, and his mother was born in Nebraska.

Delma E. Lance (1913-unknown)

Delma E. Lance was born about 1913 in Colorado. She may have been a twin to her brother David E. Lance. They were the 3rd and 4th children born to **Joseph C.** and Lovina R. Lance.

In 1920, Delma E. was 7 years old and living with her parents and 3 siblings - Olive M., Oren C., and David E. Lance, in El Paso County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 114, pg 1) also indicates: Delma was born in Colorado, her father was born in Kansas, and her mother was born in Nebraska.

Dela May Lance (1917-unknown)

Dela May Lance was born about 1917 in Colorado. She was the 1st child born to **Orville** and Ruth Lance.

On February 5, 1920, Dela May was 3 years old and living with her parents and her 4 month old sister, Margaret H. Lance, in Precinct 6 of Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 11B) also indicates Dela was born in Colorado and her parents were born in Kansas.

Margaret H. Lance (1919-unknown)

Margaret H. Lance was born in 1919 in Colorado. She was the 2nd child born to **Orville** and Ruth Lance.

On February 5, 1920, Margaret H. was 4 months old and living with her parents and her 3 year old sister, Dela May Lance, in Precinct 6 of Otero County, Colorado. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 158, pg 11B) also indicates Margaret was born in Colorado and her parents were born in Kansas.

Bertie Lance (1889-unknown)

Bertie Lance was born on September 27, 1889 in Pike County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **James T.** and Aphia J. (Hassey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Miss Lance (1891-unknown)

Miss Lance was born on February 25, 1891 in Pike County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **James T.** and Aphia J. (Hassey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Sterling G. Lance (1897-1898)

Sterling G. Lance was born on January 2, 1897 in Pike County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child born to **James T.** and Aphia J. (Hassey) Lance.

On February 14, 1898, Sterling passed away in Pike County at age 13 months. He was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County. His cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 75. compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Sterling G., 1-2-1897 - 2-14-1898".

Elusta Lance (1896-unknown)

Elusta Lance was born in August 1896 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 1st child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

On June 20, 1900, 'Clusta' was 3 years old and living with her parents and her 4 month old sister, Mabel Lance, in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 29, pg 14) also indicates 'Clusta' was born in August of 1896 in Indiana and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On April 27, 1927, Elusta Lance married Walter H. Dorris in Pike County.

Mabel Pauline Lance (1900-1989)

Mabel Pauline Lance was born on February 14, 1900 in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana. She was the 2nd child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

On June 20, 1900, Mabel was 4 months old and living with her parents and her 3 year old sister, 'Clusta' Lance, in Monroe Township, Pike County. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 29, pg 14) also indicates Mabel was born in February of 1900 in Indiana and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On March 28, 1919, Mabel married Roy L. Kiefer in Pike County, Indiana.

In 1989, she passed away in the city of Tulsa in Tulsa County, Oklahoma at about age 88.

Owen B. Lance (1903-1986)

Owen B. Lance was born on November 14, 1903 in Pike County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

Owen married Charlotte and was employed as a Corporate Director for an Advertising & Public Relations Company.

On April 30, 1986, Owen passed away from lung cancer in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana at age 82. He was laid to rest at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery No. 1 (location: section 6, block 1, lot 1125, interment #23993) in Evansville on May 3, 1986. His gravestone inscription states: "Owen B. - Lance - 1903-1986".

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Owen which includes the following information: Owen B. Lance died at home at 5402 Stonehedge in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana at 10:45 p.m. on April 30, 1986; he was 82 years old; he was born November 14, 1903 in Indiana; he was a white married male; and a citizen of the USA; his surviving spouse was Charlotte; Owen was not a veteran of the U.S. Armed forces; his Social Security number was 306-07-5931; his usual occupation was Corporate Director of Advertising & Public Relations; he lived at 5402 Stonehedge in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana which was inside the city limits and was not a farm; he was not of Spanish descent; his father was Benjamin F. Lance; his mother was Lavenia Shoulders; the informant was his wife, Charlotte Lance of 5402 Stonehedge in Evansville, Indiana, 47715; Owen was buried on May 3, 1986 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana; the funeral home was Ziemer Shears Funeral Home of 800 S. Hebron in Evansville, Indiana, 47715; the physician was Patrick Flamion, M.D. of 3861 Bellemeade in Evansville, Indiana who signed the record on May 2, 1986; the cause of death was metartatic lung cancer; the certificate was received by the local health officer on May 7, 1986 [end].

Ora Lance (1904-unknown)

Ora Lance was born about 1904 in Indiana. She was the 4th child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

On January 10, 1920, Ora was 16 years old and living with her parents and 2 younger sisters - Bernice and Doris Lance, at 814 Washington Street in the town of Sullivan in Hamilton Township, Sullivan County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 258, pg 10A) also indicates: Ora was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Bernice Lance (1908-unknown)

Bernice Lance was born about 1908 in Indiana. She was the 5th child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

On January 10, 1920, Bernice was 12 years old and living with her parents and 2 sisters - Ora and Doris Lance, at 814 Washington Street in the town of Sullivan in Hamilton Township, Sullivan County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 258, pg 10A) also indicates: Bernice was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Doris Lance (1911-unknown)

Doris Lance was born on September 29, 1911 in Pike County, Indiana Indiana. She was the 6th child born to **Benjamin Franklin** and Levina F. (Shoulders) Lance.

On January 10, 1920, Doris was 8 years old and living with her parents and 2 older sisters – Ora and Bernice Lance, at 814 Washington Street in the town of Sullivan in Hamilton Township, Sullivan County,

Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 258, pg 10A) also indicates: Doris was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Hollis Roscoe Lance (1898-1982)

Hollis Roscoe Lance was born on March 14, 1898 in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **John Watson** and Florence N. (Stephens) Lance.

On June 27, 1900, Hollis R. was 3 years old and living with his parents in Lane Township in Warrick County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 152, pg 12) also indicates Hollis was born in March of 1897 in Indiana and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On April 15, 1910, Hollis R. was 13 years old and living with his parents and his 3 year old brother, Robert S. Lance, on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 35, pg 1) again shows: Hollis was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On March 1, 1917, Hollis was a farmer still living in Pike County when he and Blanche Martha Mason obtained a Pike County marriage license. She was also living in Pike County. They were united in matrimony the same day by Minister Reuben Fish. The witnesses were John W. Lance (the groom's father) and Simeon J. Mason (the bride's father).

Blanche was born on June 27, 1899 in Pike County and was a daughter of Simeon J. and Mary C. (Spillman) Mason. Blanche and Hollis became the parents of the following 5 children - **John Wayne, Heskell J., Betty Jean, Bertha Dean, and Hazel Bernice** Lance.

On June 5, 1918, Hollis filled out a World War I Selective Service Registration Card which includes the following information: Name and address - Hollis Roscoe Lance, Stendal, Indiana; Age - 21; Date and place of birth - March 14, 1897 in Spurgeon, Indiana, U.S.A.; Race - white; Father's birthplace - Spurgeon, Indiana, U.S.A.; Name of employer - for self; Place of employment - Stendal, Indiana; Nearest relative - Blanche Martha Lance of Stendal, Indiana; 'I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. [signed] Hollis Roscoe Lance. The Winslow, Pike County registrar added the following facts onto the registration card about Hollis: Build - medium; Eye color - brown; Hair color - dark brown; Impairments - none; [signed] Howard Brenton on June 5, 1918 [end].

On January 3, 1920, Hollis R. was a 22 year old wage earning 'works out' farm laborer living on By Road in Monroe Township. He was living with his 20 year old wife, 'Blanch', and their 16 month old son, John Lance. They were all lodging with his parents, John W. and Florence N. Lance. Hollis' 12 year old brother, Robert Lance was also enumerated with the household. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 38, pg 1A) also shows Hollis again reported Indiana as his place of birth and also the birthplace of his parents.

On April 8, 1930, Hollis was a 33 year old farmer living in Lockhart Township in Pike County. He was farming with his 30 year old wife, 'Blanch', and their 3 children - John Wayne, Heskell, and Betty Jean Lance. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 63-3, pg 4B) also indicates: Hollis 1st married at age 20, he was renting his farm, he was not a military veteran, and he again reported Indiana as the birthplace of his parents.

On June 7, 1937, an application for a Social Security account number was filled out in Hollis' name. It appears to have been filled out by his ex-employer, The Enos Coal Mining Company. Most of the data fields are blank but does include the following: (note: answers to all questions left blank are unknown) Name - Hollis Lance; Employer - The Enos Coal Mining Co., 1101 Guardian Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio....During emergency flood period in Oakland City, Ind. Dist.; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Employee left our service Feb. 27, 1937 without filing application, The Enos Coal Mining Co."

On May 22, 1982, Hollis passed away in the town of Huntingburg in Dubois County, Indiana at age 84. He was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in Spurgeon, Pike County and he shares a gravestone with his wife, Blanche. His cemetery mention in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe

Township', page 58, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Hollis R., b. 1897" (instead of born March 14, 1898).

The Social Security Death Benefits index for Ohio lists Hollis' birth date as March 14, 1897 (instead of March 14, 1898), and his last residence as Oakland City in Gibson County, Indiana.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Hollis which includes the following details: Hollis R. Lance died at age 85 on May 22, 1982; he was an inpatient at St. Joseph's Hospital in Huntingburg, Dubois County, Indiana; he was a white married male; he was born on March 14, 1897 in Indiana and a citizen of the U.S.; his surviving spouse was Blanche Mason; Hollis was not a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; his usual occupation was farmer; he lived in Spurgeon, Indiana [sic] at R#2, Oakland City, Indiana on a farm which was outside the city limits; Hollis was not of Spanish descent; his father was John Lance; his mother was Florence Stephens; the informant was Blanche Lance of R#2 Box 168, Oakland City, Indiana; Hollis was buried at Spurgeon Methodist Cemetery in Spurgeon, Indiana on May 24, 1982; the funeral home was Nass & Son, Inc of Huntingburg, Indiana; his hour of death was 4:50 a.m.; the attending physician was Dr. William Dressen of Huntingburg; the immediate cause of death was acute myocardial infarction (heart attack); another significant condition was chronic lung disease; this certificate was received by the local health officer on June 1, 1982 [end].

Robert Samuel Lance (1907-1979)

Robert Samuel Lance was born on February 28, 1907 in the town of Stendal in Lockhart Township, Pike County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **John Watson** and Florence N. (Stephens) Lance.

On April 15, 1910, Robert S. Lance was 3 years old and living with his parents and his 13 year old brother, Hollis R. Lance, in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 34, pg 1B) also indicates Robert and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On January 3, 1920, Robert was 12 years old and living with his parents and his 22 year old married brother, Hollis R. Lance (with his 20 year old wife, Blanch, and their 16 month old son, John Lance) on By Road in Monroe Township. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 38, pg 1A) again shows: Robert was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On January 15, 1930, Robert Samuel Lance married Anna Katherine Weyerbacher. She was born on March 31, 1910 in Indiana and was a daughter of Jacob William and Lana (Lacer) Weyerbacher. Robert and Anna became the parents of the following 9 children – **Levaun Mae, Leroy Edward, Victor Eugene, Carl Robert, Paul Ray, Joyce Marie, James Everett, Kenneth Wayne, and Richard Keith Lance.**

On April 3, 1930, Robert was a 23 year old school bus chauffer living in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County. He was living with his wife, Anna, at the 4th Street home of his parents, John W. and 'Flowrence' Lance. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 63-7, pg 2A) also indicates: Robert again reported Indiana as his place of birth, he 1st married at age 19, he owned a radio, they were renting their home, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

In February 1937, Robert applied for a Social Security account number. The resulting application includes the following information: "Name and address - Robert Lance, Stendal, Indiana; Employer - The Enos Coal Mining Company, 1101 Guardian Building, Cleveland, Ohio; Age at last birthday - 29; Date of birth - 2/28/1907; Place of birth - Stendal Ind Monroe Twp, Pike Co.; Father's name - John Lance; Mother's full maiden name - Florence Stevens; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Date signed - 2/17/37; Signature as usually written - Robert Lance".

On January 14, 1979, Robert passed away in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana at age 71. He was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in Spurgeon, Indiana on January 17, 1979. His cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 59, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Robert, 2-28-1907 - 1-14-1979 - son of John & Florence Stephens Lance (obit)".

Robert's birth and death dates shown on the Social Security Death Benefits listing for Ohio match his gravestone inscription and also indicate his last residence was in the town of Boonville in Warrick County, Indiana.

The Vanderburgh County Health Department issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Robert which includes the following information: Robert Lance died at 8:20 p.m. on January 14, 1979 at Welborn Hospital in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; he was 71 years old; he was born on February 28, 1907; he was a married white male; the primary causes of his death were malignant lymphoma, disseminated intravascular coagulation, gastrointestinal bleeding, and pneumonia (natural disease); the physician was J. O. Williams, M.D.; an autopsy was not performed; Robert was buried on January 17, 1979 at Spurgeon Cemetery in Boonville [sic], Warrick County, Indiana; the funeral home was Koehler Funeral Home of Boonville, Indiana [end].

Estella F. Lance (1897-1970)

Estella F. Lance was born on April 5, 1897 in Pike County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **Elisha Emery** and Effa L. (Chapman) Lance.

On June 15, 1900, 'Estol' was 3 years old and living in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. She was living with her widowed mother, Effie L. (Chapman) Lance and her aunt Bessie (Chapman) Fisher (with her husband, William T. Fisher, and their 8 month old son). They were all living on a farm headed by her widowed 61 year old maternal grandmother, Polla A. (Lemasters) Chapman. Estella's father, Elisha Emery Lance, had passed away the year before. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 30, pg 6) also indicates 'Estol' was born in April of 1897 in Indiana and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On April 23, 1910, 'Estol' was 13 years old and still living with her 71 year old widowed maternal grandmother, Polly A. (Lemasters) Chapman in Monroe Township. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 36, pg 4B) again shows: 'Estol' was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents and grandmother were also born in Indiana.

On September 20, 1917, Estella F. Lance married George A. Peterson in Gibson County, Indiana. In 1970, she passed away in Pike County, Indiana at about age 72.

Edgar Elvis Lance (1896-1896)

Edgar Elvis Lance was born in December 1896 in Indiana. He was the 1st born child of **William Preston** and Lusetta (Bilderback) Lance.

In December 1896, Edgar passed away as an infant. He was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana. He shares a gravestone with his father and his sister, Nora Esther Lance. His cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 75, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Edgar Elvis, 1896 - 1896 - son".

Loren Claude Lance (1899-unknown)

Loren Claude Lance was born on July 22, 1899 in Pike County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **William Preston** and Lusetta (Bilderback) Lance.

On June 7, 1900, Loren C. was 10 months old and living with his parents on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1900 Indiana census (ED 29, pg 6) also indicates Loren was born in July of 1899 in Indiana and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On April 19, 1910, 'Claude' Lance was 10 years old and living with his widower father and his younger cousin, 'Virgle' Lance, on the Monroe Township farm of his paternal grandparents - Sylvester and Nancy C. Lance. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 35, pg 3B) again shows: Claude was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were born in Indiana.

On January 2, 1920, 'Claude L.' was a 20 year old unmarried wage earning bakery shipping clerk living at 1433 Sixth Street in the town of Terre Haute in Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana. He was living with his [great] aunt, Margaret (Lance) Holton, and his 29 year old unmarried cousin, Bertha A. Holton. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 147, pg 1B) again indicates 'Claude' and his parents were all born in Indiana.

Nora Esther Lance (1904-1905)

Nora Esther Lance was born in 1904 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 4th child born to **William Preston** and Lusetta (Bilderback) Lance.

On March 3, 1905, she passed away in Pike County as an infant. She was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County. She shares a gravestone with her father and her brother, Edgar Elvis Lance. Her cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 75, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Nora Esther, 1904 - 1905 - daughter".

Miss Lance (1905-1905)

Miss Lance was born on July 13, 1905 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 5th child born to **William Preston** and Lusetta (Bilderback) Lance. She lived only 15 days.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for her which includes the following information: infant Lance died on July 28, 1905 at Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County; she was 15 days old; she was born on July 13 in Pike County; she was a white female; her father was W. P. Lance who was born in Pike County; her mother was Lusetta Bilderback who was born in Warrick County; "I hereby certify, that I attended deceased from Jul __, 1905 to Jul 28, 1905, that I last saw her alive on Jul 27, 1905 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 4 o'clock a.m. To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows: Chief cause - _____ of bowel, duration 10 days, Immediate cause - _____".....[signed] James Rogerson, M. D. on Jul 28, 1905 in Spurgeon; the undertaker was S. J. Julian of Spurgeon, 1905; this information was filed on July 28, 1905 [end].

Virgil Lance **(ca. 1904-unknown)**

Virgil Lance was born about 1904 in Indiana. He was a son of **Lewis Alvin** and Valeria (Scales) Lance.

On April 19, 1910, 'Virgle' was 6 years old and living on a farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana with his paternal grandparents - Sylvester and Nancy Lance. His father had passed away the same year 'Virgle' was born and his widowed mother was apparently not enumerated with the family. His 4 paternal uncles - 'Preston' (with his 10 year old son, 'Claude'), Marion, Harvey, and Jacob Lance, along with his paternal aunt, Emily Lance, were all enumerated with the Sylvester Lance household.

On January 8, 1920, Virgil was 15 years old and living in a rented house with his 40 year old widowed mother, 'Valara', in the town of Boonville in Boon Township, Warrick County, Indiana. Their address was 406 N. South Street. The 1920 Indiana census (ED also shows: Virgil was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

Francis Marion Lance Jr. **(1925-unknown)**

Francis Marion Lance Jr. was born in 1925 in the town of Three Rivers in St. Joseph County, Michigan. He was a son of **Francis Marion** and Sophronia Estella F. (Schull) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of him at this time.

Morris M. Lance **(1922-1944)**

Morris M. Lance was born in 1922 in Indiana. He was a son of **Harvey Whitman** and Opal (Arnold) Lance.

On April 2, 1930, Morris was 7 years old and living with his parents on 2nd Street in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 63-7, pg 1A) also indicates Morris was born in Indiana and he attended school during the census year.

In 1944, Morris passed away in Lamey, France at about age 22 while serving his country during World War II. He shares a tombstone with his parents. He was laid to rest in Lamey. His Spurgeon cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 58, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Morris M., 1922 - 1944 - died and buried in Lamey, France - Corp US Cav - son".

Keith R. Lance **(1952-)**

Keith R. Lance was born in 1952 in the city of St. Louis in St. Louis County, Missouri. He was a son of **Vernor Jacob** and Edellee Lance.

Keith married Katherine M. and they became the parents of 3 children - **James W.**, **Jaclyn M.**, and **Karyn N. Lance**. He is a career military man and serves as a Colonel with the U.S. Air Force.

In December 1997, Keith and Katherine lived with their youngest daughter in the city of Albuquerque in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Florence Lance (1906-unknown)

Florence Lance was born on January 25, 1906 in Marion County, Indiana. Her birth record indicates she was the 1st child born to **George Dello** and Hallie (Webb) Lance.

On January 9, 1920, she was 14 years old and living in a rented house with her parents at 907 Eugene Street in the city of Indianapolis in Center Township, Marion County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 83, pg 11A) also indicates: Florence was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

William Carl Lance (1904-1920)

William Carl Lance was born on September 27, 1904 in Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **William Albert** and Elizabeth Ann (Bradley) Lance.

On April 19, 1910, 'Carl W.' Lance was 5 years old and living in a rented house with his parents and 2 younger siblings - Ellen and Elmer P. Lance. They were living on Sycamore Street in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 3A) also indicates 'Carl' and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On January 13, 1920, 'Carl W.' was 15 years old and living in a rented house at 211 Morton Avenue in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was living with: his mother; his step-father, 'Oscar' Wagner; and his 2 younger siblings - 'Elmer' and 'Elonore' Lance. Two year old Russell Lance/Wagner was also enumerated with the Wagner household. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 144, pg 13A) also shows: 'Carl' was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents and step-father were all also born in Indiana.

On September 30, 1920, William Carl Lance passed away in Evansville at age 16. He was laid to rest at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Evansville on October 4, 1920. His grave is located at section 6, block 1, lot 139, interment #9500.

His death certificate states: "School boy William C. Lance died September 30, 1920 at 8:10 p.m. at 207 Ross Avenue in Evansville, Indiana at age 16. The primary cause of death was 'obstruction of bowel - intersusception (3 1/2 days)'. He was buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville on October 4, 1920 by Joseph Schaefer & Son of Evansville. His birth date was September 27, 1904. He was 16 yrs, 0 months, and 3 days old when he died. His parents were Albert Lance and Elizabeth Bradley, both born in Indiana"....(source: Book Number 6, Page 263, Registration Number 864 at the Civic Center Health Department in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana).

In November 1997, his gravestone was very dirty and covered with a brownish rust colored growth. William's date of death shown on his gravestone conflicts with other records and appears to be in error. It reads: "Carl W. Lance - Sept 27 1904 - Sept 29 1921".

Elinore Catherine Lance (1906-1982)

Elinore Catherine Lance was born on August 12, 1906 in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. She was the 2nd child born to **William Albert** and Elizabeth Ann (Bradley) Lance.

On April 19, 1910, 'Ellen' was 4 years old and living with her parents and 2 brothers - 'Carl W.' and 'Elmer P.' Lance, on Sycamore Street in Newburgh. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 3A) also indicates 'Ellen' and her parents were all born in Indiana.

Elinore Catherine Lance

On January 13, 1920, 'Elinore' was 13 years old and living in a rented house at 211 Morton Avenue in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She was living with: her mother; her step-father, 'Oscar' Wagner; and her 2 brothers - 'Carl W.' and 'Elmer' Lance. Two year old Russell Lance/Wagner was also enumerated with the Wagner household. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 144, pg 13A) also shows: 'Elinore' was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents and step-father were all also born in Indiana.

Elinore C. (Lance) Niemeier



In June 1924, Elinore Lance and Herman Wesley Niemeier eloped. They were united in matrimony on June 24, 1924 in the city of Henderson in Henderson County, Kentucky. Herman was born on July 31, 1905 in Evansville, Indiana. He was a son of Edward Ernest and Theresie Carola (Niederriter) Niemeier. He and Elinore became the parents of the following 5 children - June Elizabeth, Wilma Teresia, Maryellen, Robert Herman Vernon, and Patsy Ann Elinore Catherine Niemeier.

On April 12, 1943, 'Mrs. Ellen Niemeier' filled out an application for a Social Security account number. The application includes the following information: First Name - Ellen, Last Name - Niemeier, Present Mailing Address - 1217 Mesker Pk. Dr., Evansville, Indiana, Full Name Given You At Birth - Ellen Lance, Age At Last Birthday - 36, Date of Birth - August 12, 1906, Place of birth - (city) Newburg, (county) Warrick, (state) Ind., Father's Full Name - Albert Lance, Mother's Full Name - Elisabeth Bradley, Sex - X (for female), Color X (for white), Business Name and Address of Employer - Unemployed, Today's Date - April 12, 1943; [signed] Mrs. Ellen Niemeier. Her assigned social security number was 312-24-2558 [end]. 'Ellen' quilted and was active at St. Lucas Church in Evansville. She passed away on April 12, 1982 after a long battle with a series of strokes. She was laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery in the 'Garden of Devotion, lot 403, grave 4 on April 15, 1982.

The Indiana State Board of Health produced a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Ellen, which includes the following details: Ellen Niemeier died at age 75 at 6:49 a.m on April 12, 1982 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Vanderburgh County; she was a white widowed female; she was born on August 12, 1906 in Indiana, USA; she lived at 1300 N. St. Joe Avenue in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; she was not of Spanish descent; her father was Albert Lance; her mother was Elizabeth Bradley; the informant was her daughter Wilma Burks of 4410 Taylor Avenue in Evansville, Indiana; Elinor was buried at Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana on April 15, 1982; the funeral home was Alexander West Chapel at 2100 West Illinois Street in Evansville, Indiana; the attending physician was L. Lutz of Evansville, Indiana; the immediate cause of death was respiratory failure due to cardiac failure; this information was received by the local health officer on April 14, 1982 [end].

Herman W. and Elinor C. (Lance) Niemeier



Paul Elmer Lance (1908-1960)

Paul Elmer Lance was born on October 6, 1908 in Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child born to **William Albert** and Elizabeth Ann (Bradley) Lance.

On April 19, 1910, 'Elmer P.' was 1 year old and living with his parents and 2 older siblings - 'Carl W.' and 'Ellen' Lance, on Sycamore Street in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 3A) also indicates 'Elmer' and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On January 13, 1920, 'Elmer' was 11 years old and living in a rented house at 211 Morton Avenue in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was living with: his mother; his step-father, 'Oscar' Wagner; and his 2 older siblings - 'Carl W.' and 'Elonore' Lance. Two year old Russell Lance/Wagner was also enumerated with the Wagner household. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 144, pg 13A) also shows: 'Elmer' was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents and step-father were all also born in Indiana.

Paul Elmer Lance

Paul married Mary Loretta Belwood and they became the parents of 5 children – **Mary Delores**, **Paul Thomas**, **Eleanor Rose**, **Donald Lee**, and **John Dennis Lance**.

Paul worked many years for the Servel Corporation. On January 5, 1951, 'Servel Inklings', the company newspaper, featured the Lance family in an article entitled 'Shake Hands with the Lances'. The accompanying story reported (in part): "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 Servel next June. His wife, Loretta, was employed here during the last war. She worked in Departments 55 and 60....Loretta's brother, 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.



Mary Loretta (Belwood) Lance



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 football semi-professional 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."

On December 7, 1960, Paul Elmer Lance passed away at age 52 in the town of Marion in Williamson County, Illinois. He was working on a job building a house with his son Donald Lee Lance and Arnold Saunders when he suffered a massive heart attack. Paul was laid to rest at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery No. 1 (section 5, block 4, lot 767, interment #17008) in Evansville, Indiana on December 10, 1960. His gravestone reads: Husband-Dad - Paul E. Lance - 1908-1960.

Verda Jeanette Lance (1918-1986)

Verda Jeanette 'Sis' Lance was born on October 29, 1918 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She was the 1st child born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

Verda's birth certificate indicates: "Jenett Lance was born October 29, 1918 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; her parents were railroader William Lance, age 36, and housewife Marie Bush, age 21, both born in Indiana; she was the 3rd born child of this mother and their usual residence was 2823 Canal Street; attending the birth was E. H. Hart of Evansville."...(source: book number CH-3, page number 289, registration number 1190, filed October 30, 1918 at the Evansville, Indiana Civic Center Health Department). Verda reportedly looked just like her, Rose Marie Bush.

On November 21, 1935, Verda Lance married George Harp. This was a very short-lived marriage and produced no children.

On July 15, 1937, Verda filled out an 'Application for a U.S. Social Security Account Number' form which includes the following information: Name - Verda Jeanette Lance; Address - 111 N.W. Sixth St., Evansville, Indiana; Business Name of Present Employer - Evansville Container Co., Evansville, Indiana; Age at Last Birthday - 18; Date of Birth - 10-29-1918; Place of Birth - Evansville, Indiana; Father's Full Name - Albert Lance; Mother's Full Name - Marie Bush; Sex - X (for female); Color - X (for white); Date Signed - 7-15-37; Signed - Verda Lance. Her assigned social security number was 316-10-8185 [end].

On November 10, 1937, Verda Lance and Marion Striplin were united in matrimony. Nothing more is known about Marion. Their marriage was also due to end after a few years. A son, **Gerald Eugene Lance**, was born on June 6, 1945 in Evansville, Indiana.

Verda Jeanette Lance then married Sam Roberson in Evansville. He was born about 1920. They became the parents of 4 sons - Terry, Samuel David Jr., Timothy, and Richard Dale Roberson.

Samuel D. and Verda J. (Lance) Roberson



County, California.

Verda Jeanette Lance



"Verda and Sam worked in a meat market but had difficulty meeting the bills, so they moved with their son to California in 1957 to start a new life. They traveled in a 1951 ford and \$100. The ford broke down en-route. Brother Albert brought them the \$100 needed to replace the engine. The Robersons then continued on to Los Angeles but Sam did not like all the traffic. They then moved to San Francisco, California since Verda had aunts living there. Verda had a bad heart.".... (source: her sister Wilma Jeraleen Lance/Marotz of Brentwood, California, via telephone interview to her nephew Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 6 Nov 1996).

On April 7, 1986, Verda passed away in the town of Pinole in Contra Costa County, California at age 67. She was cremated and her ashes were laid to rest at Rolling Hills Memorial Park in the town of Richmond in Contra Costa

The State of California issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Verda which includes the following information: Verda Jeanette Roberson died at age 67 on April 7, 1986 at Doctor's Hospital at 2151 Appian Way in Pinole, Contra Costa County, California; she was a married white female; she was not of Spanish origin; she was born on October 29, 1918 in Indiana; her father was Albert Lance who was born in Indiana; her mother was Marie Bush who was also born in Indiana; Verda's usual residence was 2746 Limerick Road in San Pablo, Contra Costa County, California; she was a citizen of the U.S.A.; her primary occupation was homemaker; her Social Security number was 316-10-8185; Marital status - her surviving spouse was Samuel D. Roberson; the informant was husband Samuel D. Roberson of 2746 Limerick Road in San Pablo, California, 94806; the cause of death was arteriosclerotic heart disease; her death was reported to the coroner; an autopsy was not performed; Verda was cremated on April 10, 1986 by Rolling Hills Memorial Park in Richmond, California; the funeral director was Wilson & Kratzer of San Pablo, California; the death information was accepted by the Registrar on April 9, 1986...[end].

Albert Eugene Lance (1920-1972)

Albert Eugene 'Junior' Lance was born on December 10, 1920 in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.
Albert E. and Gertrude L. (Brooks) Lance

Albert Eugene Lance - 1939



On July 17, 1939, Albert Eugene Lance filled out an 'Application For Social Security Account Number' form. The form includes the following information: First Name - Albert, Middle Name - Eugene, Last Name - Lance, Present Mailing Address - 1728 E. Illinois St., Evansville, Indiana, Business Name of Present Employer - unemployed, Age At Last Birthday - 18, Date of Birth - December 10, 1920, Place of birth - Newburg,



Warrick, Indiana, Father's Full Name - Wm. Albert Lance, Mother's Full Name - Marie Bush, Sex - X (for male), Color X (for white), Date Signed - July 17, 1939, Signed - Albert E. Lance. His assigned social security number was 310-18-1582 [end].

On June 14, 1941, Albert Eugene Lance married Gertrude Louise Brooks in Evansville, Indiana. She was born on December 7, 1921 in the town of Owensboro in Daviess County, Kentucky and was a daughter of William Homer and Edna Melissa (Turner) Brooks. Albert and Gertrude became the parents of 2 children - **Gloria Louise** and **Ronald Eugene Lance**.

Albert served in the military during World War II as a B-17 tail gunner. On "6-16-43....Private Albert E. Lance, husband of Mrs. Gertrude Lance, R. R. 3, has returned to Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., after a short furlough.".... (source: newspaper article, Browning Search website, WWII card, Evansville, Indiana).

"Lance, PVT. Albert E., R#3 Boonville Hwy...1-3-44....Private First Class Albert E. Lance, R.R. 3. Boonville Highway, has graduated from technical command school for airplane mechanics at Gulfport Field, Miss. He was a machinist in civilian life for George Koch and Sons.".... (source: newspaper article, Browning Search website, Evansville, Indiana, WWII records).

After returning home from the war he worked for the Louisville-Nashville Railroad until his death on December 1972. Albert passed away from a heart attack in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana at age 52. He was laid to rest at Log Creek Cemetery in the town of Stendal in Lockhart Township, Pike County.

His funeral announcement states: "In Memory Of - Mr. Albert E. Lance; Born - December 10, 1920; Date of death - December 17, 1972; Services From - Alexander Funeral Home; Officiating - Rev. Richard Schwambach; Final resting place - Rose Hill Cemetery, Newburgh, Indiana".

Albert's death certificate includes the following information: he passed away on December 17, 1972 at 3:30 a.m. at 2201 Noldau at age 52; his primary cause of death was myocardial infarction; the attending coroner was H. T. Combs of Evansville, Indiana; Albert was buried on December 19, 1972 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Newburgh, Indiana; the funeral director was Alexanders West Chapel in Evansville; his date of birth was December 16, 1920 [end]....(source: book 37, page number 250, registration number 2161 in the Evansville, Indiana Civic Center Health Department).... (note: Albert's funeral announcement birth date conflicts with his birthdate listed on his death certificate).

Charles Robert Lance (1928-1930)

Charles Robert Lance was born on January 16, 1928 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

Charles' birth certificate indicates: he was born January 16, 1928 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; his parents were 46 year old coal miner William Albert Lance, born in Newburgh, Indiana; his mother was 30 year old housewife Marie Rose Cole, born in Indiana; Charles was the 5th child of this mother and their residence was R.R. 9 in Evansville; the attending doctor was Pierce McKenzie, MD of Evansville.... (source: book number H-11, page 2, registration number [not listed], filed February 3, 1928 in the Evansville Civic Center Health Department).

On March 13, 1930, Charles died in a tragic house fire in Evansville at age 2. He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana on March 14, 1930.

His death certificate indicates: Charles Lance passed away March 13, 1930 at 1:30 p.m. at 105 Fares Avenue in Evansville, Indiana; his primary cause of death was 'third degree burns - accidental trapped in a burning house'; the coroner was Max Lowe of Evansville; Charles was buried on March 14, 1930 in Newburgh; the funeral director was E. A. Lowe & Son of Evansville; his parents were Albert Lance and Marie Bush, both born in Indiana; Charles was born on January 16, 1928....(source: book 9, page 538, registration number 282, Evansville, Indiana Civic Center Health Department). Charles Robert Lance was 2 years, 1 month and 27 days old when he passed away. He had brown eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, and his height was 3 feet, 1 inch.

Chester Lance (1929-)

Chester and Dora Lou (Lamar) Lance



Chester Lance was born on October 17, 1929 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was a twin to his brother, Lester Lance. They were the 4th and 5th children born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

Chester's birth certificate indicates: he was born October 17, 1929 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; his parents were plasterer William A. Lance, age 48 - born in Indiana, and housewife Marie Cole, age 32 - born in Indiana; Chester was the 6th child of this mother and the older of twin boys; their usual residence was 115 Farries Avenue; and attending the birth was H. M. Garrison of Evansville.....(source: birth certificate - book number 7, page number 166, registration number 1372, Evansville Civic Center Health Department, filed 29 Oct 1929).

Chester served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during the Korean Conflict.

On June 30, 1950, Chester Lance married Dora Lou Lamar. She was born on October 23, 1932 in the town of Hawesville in Hancock County, Kentucky and was a daughter of Rudolph and Lillian (Chadwick) Lamar. Chester and Dora Lou became the parents of 2 daughters – **Lana Joy** and **Vickie**

Jo Lance.

In March 2001, Chester and his wife, Dora Lou, lived in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

On September 26, 2002, Dora Lou passed away at age 69. She was laid to rest at Locust Hill Cemetery in Evansville on September 26, 2002.

On July 26, 2003, Chester Lance married Mrs. Rhoda Elizabeth Tying in Evansville.

"Two lives, two hearts joined together in friendship united forever in love. It is with joy that we, Rhoda E. Tying and Chester Lance invite you to share in a celebration of love as we exchange our marriage vows on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of July two thousand and three at two o'clock in the afternoon - Bethel Temple Community Church, 4400 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana".... (wedding invitation).

"A lot of things happened this last year. As you know, I married and we had a new house built. We are very happy and blessed.".... (source: Chester Lance, Christmas card note to his nephew, Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, December 2003).

In the Spring of 2004, Chester and his wife, Rhoda, were working hard to procure a replacement grave marker for his Civil War soldier gr-grandfather, Finas Euen Lance.

Chet & Rhoda (Green/Tying) Lance- July 2003



Lester Lance (1929-2004)

Lester Lance was born on October 17, 1929 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was a twin to his brother, Chester Lance. They were the 4th and 5th children born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

Lester's birth certificate indicates: he was born October 17, 1929 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; his parents were plasterer William A. Lance, age 48 - born in Indiana, and housewife Marie Cole, age 32 - also born in Indiana; Lester was the 7th child of this mother and the younger of twin boys; their usual residence was 115 Farries Avenue; and attending the birth was H. M. Garrison of Evansville....(source: book number 7, page number 166, registration number 1373, Evansville Civic Center Health Department, filed Oct. 29, 1929).

Lester Lance - 1949

Lester married Ruth Marie Curtis on January 7, 1950 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. She was born in the city of Chicago in Cook County, Illinois and was a daughter of Don Frederick and Marian Ruth (Krynsen) Curtis Sr. Lester and Ruth became the parents of 7 children - **Michael Lester, Brenda Kaye, Susan Marie, David Curtis, Thomas William, Kenneth James,** and **Jeffrey Wayne Lance.**

On January 5, 1951, an article in 'Serval Inklings', the company newspaper of the Serval Company in Evansville reported (in part): "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 Dry-dock #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." After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Lester moved back to Evansville, Indiana with his wife, Ruth, and their baby son, Michael Lester Lance.

On May 1, 1954, daughter Brenda Kay Lance was born. Lester "worked for the Cook Coffee Company in Evansville. He had a sales route out in the 'sticks'. His truck stocked fans and lots of items to sell to his coffee route customers. Lester liked to visit with his customers and sometimes they would give him cookies. On occasion, however, the goods on the route truck would come up short at the end of the day. I suspect that unsavory customers would pilfer from his truck while Lester was visiting in the homes. These shortages caused problems with his employer, so he quit. Jobs in Evansville were in short supply in the fall of 1955, we decided to move away. We chose to move to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lester loaded up our furniture onto a single-axle trailer. He built up the sides of the trailer using linoleum taken from the house in Evansville. One item we loaded was the doghouse with our dog Buttons and her 4 newborn pups inside. Lester left a hole in the linoleum for Buttons to get out....While driving through the hills in central Indiana, the refrigerator shifted in the trailer causing an unbalanced condition. I was driving and the unbalanced trailer caused the car to be dragged from side to side. We pulled off the highway in the next city and removed the refrigerator and had it shipped to 2433 Sinclair NE, the home of my mother, Marian Curtis in Grand Rapids. On we went. We eventually reached 424 Lafayette Street in Grand Rapids. The house was a two-story duplex with a small basement containing a coal burning furnace. While we were talking with the landlord out in front near the street, Buttons flew out of her hole in the linoleum to make a surprise entrance. She almost blew the rental agreement, but the landlord, after hearing about the newborn pups, allowed us to move in. Since the wayward refrigerator had not yet arrived, we put our perishable food out on the window



sill to keep it cold."....(source: wife Ruth Marie Curtis/Lance/Dickerson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, telephone interview to her son, Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 8 Nov 1996).

"My early recollections are of the Great Depression. The food lines, the neighborhoods that pooled their resources to survive. It was a rough childhood but full of love and support. Dad worked a day or so on W.P.A. projects. He also did some plastering jobs when available. The most interesting job he had was doing walls in the Insane Asylum. He told us many funny experiences with the inmates. I remember the first house we lived in that had electricity and running water. I graduated from high school in 1947. In 1948, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, I was assigned to a ship in Norfolk, Virginia. The U.S.S. Catamount LSD-17. The ship sailed to most of

Lester and Ruth Marie (Curtis) Lance



the islands in the Caribbean and the North Atlantic Ocean. When the Korean war broke out, the ship left the east coast and via the Panama Canal to San Diego, California. We took on marines and went to assist in the Inchon Invasion in Korea. My ship was part of the amphibious forces that landed the marines at Inchon, Wonson, and Chinapo. The Wonson invasion was interesting. We couldn't land the marines due to the port was heavily mined. After going in a circle for five days, we unloaded the marines, and when they waded ashore, Bob Hope was there to greet them. Wonson was taken by land forces while we were going in circles. We made an amphibious assault at Chinapo, near the Manchurian Border (Chinese). Two days later, we had to evacuate the marines when the Chinese army crossed the Yalu River into North Korea. In December 1950, we had to evacuate the marines from Humnam (not sure about the 'u') and Ham hung. These marines had fought their way

out from the Chosen Reservoir. We made three trips from ports, the last one on Xmas Eve. Most marines had frost bitten hands and feet and many casualties. In August, 1951, the ship returned to the states by way of the Marshall Islands. We stopped in Entiwitok Atoll to take on landing craft that were used in atom bomb tests. The trip kept us at sea for 29 days. I left the USS Catamount in February 1951 and was assigned to USS Canberra, a heavy cruiser to be pulled by sea going tugs from Bremerton, Washington to Camden, New Jersey to be converted to a guided missile cruiser. While going through the Panama Canal, I developed appendicitis and had to go to the Naval Hospital at Colon, Panama. After the surgery, I went to Havana, Cuba, then to Brooklyn Navy Yards in New York City. From there I went to Philadelphia, PA. and was assigned to an oil tanker. It was May 13, 1952 and I just learned of Mike's birth. I got leave and hitch hiked to Evansville. Mike, his mother and I drove back to Philadelphia and rented an apartment. In July 1952, my ship went to Scotland and England on maneuvers. In August 1952, the ship went to Norfolk, Va. Mike and his mother drove to Norfolk and we rented an apartment. In Oct & Nov 1952, the ship went to Aruba in Venezuela, S.A. and to Galveston, Texas, then back to Norfolk, Va. I left the ship and was discharged from the Navy on Nov. 21, 1952. I returned to Evansville and got work in a refrigeration Company (Serval). After a year, I was layed off due to a lack of work. Jobs were scarce. Brenda was born in May 1954. We decided to move to Grand Rapids, Michigan in Nov. 1954. We moved to GR with all our possessions in a small trailer. I had no job or place to live. But the first day in GR, I found an apartment and on the second day found employment.".... (source: Lester Lance of Grand Rapids, Michigan, via e-mail to his son Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, typed by son Thomas William Lance, 7 Apr 1997).

In April 1997, Lester also contributed the following recollections of his childhood years: "Recollections of the 'Great Depression' years are scant, but I will recount what I do recall. The 'food truck' would come to the neighborhood once a month and distribute, according to family size, rations of dried fruit, canned milk, bread, lard, flour and cornmeal. The truck would park in the center of the block and families would queue to receive their rations. Vegetables were grown in open lots and backyards. Most gardens were shared with neighbors. There were some apple, peach, and walnut or pecan trees that were harvested and

shared. Once in a while, someone would acquire some chickens to be killed, plucked and cooked, which often would be shared with neighbors in the form of soup. I remember one time the whole neighborhood made a large batch of 'Mulligan Stew' in a washtub. Some provided 'veggies', others some meat and joined in on the feast. The worst and hardest part of surviving was keeping the house warm in winter. The only form of heat for the home was a wood/coal 'pot belly' stove. Only one stove to heat three rooms and a coal kitchen stove to cook and bake. The lighting was done by coal oil kerosine lamps. To get coal, my dad, brothers and I walked the railroad tracks until we found a line of parked coal cars and filled our 'gunny sacks' (burlap bags) with lumps of coal that lay alongside the tracks. The cars were full of coal, tons and tons, but it was against the law to take coal from the cars. My father would not let us break the law, so we may walk a mile or more picking up lumps of coal to fill our bags, then carry those heavy buggers up to five miles home. Not one of my favorite chores! There was plenty of time to play and the time spent together as a family. My father would rock us and sing ballads (not the best of voice). Mother would read to us and fight with dad. But it was a happy childhood!"...(source: Lester Lance as related to his son, Thomas William Lance, and typed by Tom's wife, Barb).

Lester and Virginia V. (Ziemski/Howard) Lance

On May 24, 1980, Lester Lance married Virginia 'Ginny' Valerie (Ziemski) Howard in the city of Grand Rapids in Kent County, Michigan. She was born on July 22, 1933 in Grand Rapids and was a daughter of Stanley and Helen (Krzywosz) Ziemski.

In May 1998, Lester was semi-retired and continued to live in Grand Rapids with his 2nd wife, Ginny.

In early 1999, Lester was forced to move Virginia to a managed care facility in Grand Rapids. She was suffering from dementia which caused, among other problems, occasional panic attacks, which were increasing in frequency and intensity. Her condition declined to a point where Lester could no longer give her the care she needed. Lester then began working a part-time janitorial job. He visited 'Ginny' every day.



On April 17, 2000, Ginny quietly passed away in Grand Rapids at age 66. She was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Grand Rapids on April 19, 2000.

In January 2001, Lester began refurbishing his home with the idea of putting it on the market for sale. He had thoughts of moving to the Houston, Texas area to live in a warmer climate and to be near his 2 children, Michael and Brenda (Malone) Lance.

In February 2001, Lester's unmarried son, David Curtis Lance, moved in with Lester after David's apartment lease expired. Together, they hoped to improve the house while sharing expenses. Lester's desire to move to Texas began to fade due to his failing eyesight. He had several medical procedures performed on his eyes, but his eyesight remained very poor. Because of his limited vision, he thought he would be better off remaining in the familiar environment of Grand Rapids.

On January 11, 2004, Lester was taken to the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids by his son, David Lance, to receive medical attention for a broken toe. At the hospital, he suffered a heart attack and shortly after, a severe stroke. At his request, he was taken home and cared for during his final few days by several of his children.

On January 25, 2004, Lester passed away quietly at age 74. His children - Michael, Brenda, Susan, and David were at his bedside.

Lester's funeral program states: "In Memory - In Loving Memory of: Lester Lance, Born October 17, 1929, Evansville, Indiana - Entered Into Rest: January 25, 2004, Grand Rapids, Michigan - Services: Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 2:00 PM, Reyers North Valley Chapel - Officiating: Rev. Tedd Butler -

Interment: Resurrection Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Michigan". His 6 pall bearers were his 4 sons - Michael, David, Thomas, and Rev. Kenneth Lance, and grandsons - Stephen and Philip Lance.

The State of Michigan issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Lester which includes the following information: Lester Lance died at 7:50 p.m. on January 25, 2004. He was 74 years old and died at home at 324 Lawndale N.E. in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, 49503. He was pronounced dead at 7:50 p.m. [sic] on January 25, 2004. The attending physician was Steve R. Lasater, MD of 1063 Four Mile Road in Grand Rapids. Lester's cause of death was a 'cerebrovascular accident'. The approximate interval between onset and death was 10 days. Tobacco use 'probably' contributed to his 'natural' death. The medical examiner was not contacted and an autopsy was not performed. Lester was born on October 17, 1929 in Evansville, Indiana and was a high school graduate. He was white, with English/German ancestry, and served in the U.S. Armed Forces. His usual occupation was a printer in the printing industry and he was widowed. His parents were William Albert Lance and Rose Marie Bush. The informant was his daughter, Susan Thompson of 1693 Jefferson St. in Muskegon, Michigan 49441. Lester was buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The funeral facility was Reyers North Valley Chapel at 2815 Fuller Ave. N.E. in Grand Rapids 49505. The 'Certificate of Death' was filed on January 30, 2004 [end].

James Earl Lance (1931-)

James Earl Lance was born on April 21, 1931 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was the 6th child born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

James' birth certificate indicates: he was born April 21, 1931 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; his parents were 49 year old laborer Albert Lance and 33 year old Marie Cole, both born in Indiana; James was the 8th child of this mother; their residence was 1305 Sycamore Street; and the attending physician was Dr. G. B. Grim...(source: Book number 7, page 553, registration number 55, Evansville Civic Center Health Department, filed April 24, 1931).

James was a high school football hero in Evansville, Indiana. He won a scholarship to Murray State Teachers College in Murray, Kentucky, and played quarterback there while majoring in English. He went on to teach English for a year at the American School in London, England and later worked as a diver for an underwater salvage company in Florida.

James Earl and Sue Ann (Seaman) Lance



James' love of sports took him back to working as a high school football coach in Vero Beach, Florida - and then Anderson, Indiana. James worked as head coach at Kansas State Teachers College and led his team to consecutive conference championships.

About 1970, James married one of the cheerleaders, Miss Sue Ann Seaman, in the city of Amarillo in Potter County, Texas. She was born on December 26, 1946 in the city of Wichita in Sedgwick County, Kansas and was a daughter of Seth Wallace and Mary Elizabeth (Orr) Seaman. James adopted and helped raise Sue's daughter, Barbara Ann Calloway/Lance.

James Earl Lance



James earned a Doctorate in Exercise Physiology at the University of Southern Mississippi. His thesis was: Aluminum vs. Wood Bats in Baseball.

In May 1998, James lived in Miami, Florida with his wife, Sue, and worked as an English professor at the University of Miami. He also worked part-time as a Scuba instructor.

In early 2001, James and Sue Lance purchased an avocado orchard and were building a large new home on the property. Due to unanticipated delays, the construction of the new home ran behind schedule. James and Sue lived for a time in a mobile trailer at the worksite. Their belongings were stored on a truck trailer beside the travel trailer while the construction progressed. The new home was finally completed.

In April 2004, James was retired while Sue continued to work as a corporate executive.

Wilma Jeraleen Lance (1933-)

Wilma Jeraleen Lance



Wilma Jeraleen 'Jerrie' Lance was born on February 8, 1933 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She was the 7th child born to **William Albert** and Rose Marie (Bush) Lance.

'Jerrie' "grew up in Evansville, Indiana but moved to California with my mother in the late 1940's. She married Charles Marotz and had several children."....(source: brother Lester Lance of Grand Rapids, Michigan, via e-mail to his son, Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 7 Apr 1997).

Wilma 'Marotz' has blue eyes and dark brown hair. Her hobbies include bowling, fishing, and crossword puzzles. She is also a proficient pool player. On December 6, 1955, she became the mother of **William Leon Lance**.

On January 11, 1959, 'Jerrie' married Charles Adolph Marotz in the city of Reno in Washoe County, Nevada. He was born on April 17, 1933 in the town of Shawano in Shawano County, Wisconsin and was a son of Carl Ludwig Ferdinand and Elsie Clara

(Moede) Marotz. Charles adopted William Leon Lance and then he and 'Jerrie' became the parents of 2 daughters – Tammy Marie and Patricia Ann Marotz.

Charles A. and 'Jerrie' (Lance) Marotz



In February 2002, 'Jerrie' and Charles lived in the city of Brentwood in California with her husband, Charles Marotz.

In 2003, they sold their Brentwood home and moved to southwestern Oregon where they had purchased a home on 5 acres of secluded wooded property.

Nellie May Lance (1913-unknown)

Nellie May Lance was born on April 6, 1913 in Warrick County, Indiana. She was the daughter of **James Harvey** and Jenneatte M. (Decker) Lance.

On January 13, 1920, Nellie M. was 6 years old and living with her parents on Jefferson Street in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 182, pg 15B) also indicates Nellie and her father were born in Indiana and her mother was born in Kentucky.

On April 15, 1930, Nellie M. was 17 years old and living with her parents on a farm on Newburgh Road in Ohio Township. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-16, pg 6B) again shows Nellie and her father were born in Indiana and her mother was born in Kentucky.

Dorothy Elizabeth Lance (1912-1988)

Dorothy Elizabeth Lance was born on December 24, 1912 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. She was the daughter of **Henry Royal** and Beulah A. (Turner) Lance.

On April 25, 1930, Dorothy was 17 years old and living with her parents in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 11B) also indicates: Dorothy was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Dorothy married Nelson Gaylord Williamson. He was born on February 16, 1911 in the town of Newtonville in Spencer County, Indiana and was a son of George Nelson and Myrtle Mae (Sharp) Williamson. Dorothy and Nelson became the parents of 4 children – David L., boy, boy, and Angela Sue Williamson.

In July 1959, Dorothy lived in the town of Lynnville in Warrick County (source: her parent's 50th wedding anniversary announcement).

In December 1986, Nelson passed away at age 75.

On November 27, 1988, Dorothy passed away in Chandler at age 75. She was laid to rest at Lynnville Cemetery in Lynnville on November 29, 1988.

Her funeral notice states: Dorothy Williamson; Born - December 24, 1912; Date of Death - November 27, 1988; Services - 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 29, 1988, Perigo Funeral Home; Clergy - Rev. D. Max Brunton; Interment - Lynnville Cemetery, Lynnville, Indiana [end].

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Dorothy which includes the following information: Dorothy Williamson died at 5:50 a.m. on November 27, 1988 in Medco Center Nursing Home in Chandler, Warrick County; she was 75 years old; she was a white widowed female; her Social Security Number was 313-42-9428; she was born on December 24, 1912 in Chandler, Indiana; she did not serve in the U.S. Armed Forces; her usual occupation was housewife; she lived at R.R. #3 in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana, 47601 which was not inside the city limits and was not a farm; she was not of Hispanic origin; her education was 12 grade; her father was Henry Lance and her mother was Beulah 'Shepherd'; the informant was her son David Williamson of 7888 Tanglewood in Newburgh, Indiana, 47630; Dorothy was buried on November 29, 1988 in Lynnville Cemetery in Lynnville, Indiana; the funeral director was Donald L. Perigo of Perigo Funeral Home, 533 W. Washington Street in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; Time of death - 5:50 a.m.; the death was not referred to the medical examiner; her immediate cause of death was congestive heart failure; the certifier was Stephen Shoemaker of Millis Avenue in Boonville, Indiana, 47601; signed - November 28, 1988 and filed on November 28, 1988 [end].

George Unie Lance (1918-1992)

George Unie Lance was born on March 20, 1918 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leising) Lance.

On April 28, 1930, George was 12 years old and living with his parents and 5 younger siblings on Newburgh Road in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates: George was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

George Unie Lance



In 1936, George was issued a 'Certificate of Discharge' from the Civilian Conservation Corps. It states: "To all whom it may concern: This is to certify that George Lance CC5-157943, a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps, who was enrolled May 14, 1936 at Camp D-7, Lebanon, Indiana, is hereby honorably discharged therefrom, by reason of 'To Return to School'. Said George Lance was born in Chandler in the State of Indiana. When enrolled he was eighteen years of age and by occupation a laborer. He had blue eyes, blonde hair, ruddy complexion, and was five feet, nine and one-half inches in height. His color was white. Given under my hand at Camp D-7, Lebanon, Ind. this twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and thirty six....[signed] Guy Nichols 1st Lt. Inf-Res., 333rd Infantry".

In 1937, George graduated from Chandler High School in Warrick County. On May 29, 1937, he applied for a Social Security Number. The application includes the following information: Name - George Lance; Address - Chandler, Indiana; Age - 19; Date of birth - March 20, 1918; Place of birth - Chandler, Indiana; Father's name - Nelson Lance; Mother's name - Luella Leising; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Date signed - 5-29-37; Signed - George Lance [end].

George served 4 years with the U.S. Army during World War II. A 1940's newspaper announcement reported: "Cpl. George Lance has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lance, of Chandler. Another son, Pvt. Robert Lance, is also visiting homefolks. The boys had not seen each other for over two years. George will return to Camp Butner, N.C., and Robert for Camp Maxey, Texas".

George served in the U.S. Armed Forces until September 1945. He then went to work for Whirlpool from which he retired in 1981.

On December 8, 1945, George married Betty Jean Greubel. She was born on June 30, 1925 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana and was a daughter of Sylvester and Loraine (Reese) Greubel. George and Betty became the parents of 5 children – **Sharon Rae**, **Nancy Louise**, **Marvin Ray**, **George Stanton**, and **Donna Marie Lance**.

On March 23, 1992, George passed away in the town of Boonville in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana from pneumonia. His last residence was RR2 Gardner Road in Chandler, Warrick County. He was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler.

George's obituary states: "George U. Lance, 74, died Monday, March 23, at 9:05 p.m. in Warrick Hospital in Boonville....He was a retired employee of Whirlpool Corp., and was a World War II veteran....Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Greubel; three

Betty Jean Greubel – ca. 1942



daughters, Nancy Strange of Portland, Ore., Sharon Bittner of Evansville, and Donna Mohler of Boonville; two sons, George of Newburgh, and Marvin of Chandler; a step-son, Rondie Neville of Evansville; a sister, Lois Lance of Chandler; and nine grandchildren....Services were held Thursday, March 26, at Perigo Funeral Home in Chandler, the Rev. Curtis Hurley officiating."

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for George which includes the following details: George U. Lance died at 9:05 p.m. as an inpatient at Warrick Hospital in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana on March 23, 1992; he was 74 years old; his Social Security Number was 315-01-1844; he was born on March 20, 1918 in Chandler, Indiana; he was a U.S. veteran; the last year in which he served in the U.S. armed forces was 1945; he was a married white male; his surviving spouse was Betty Lance; George's usual occupation was laborer at Whirlpool; he lived at R.R. #2 Gardner Road in Chandler, Warrick County, Indiana, 47610 which was inside the city limits and not at farm; he was a citizen of the U.S.A. and was not Hispanic origin; his education was 12 years; his father was Nelson John Lance; his mother was Louella Leisring; the informant was his wife Betty Lance of R.R. #2, Chandler, Indiana, 47610; George was buried on March 26, 1992 at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana; the embalmer was Donald L. Perigo, license 01011034 of 533 W. Washington Street in Chandler, Indiana; George's death was not reported to the coroner; the cause of death was pneumonia; the approximate interval between onset and death was weeks and was also due to COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, aka emphysema); the approximate interval between onset and death was years; other significant conditions include renal failure and leg? arterioscle? disease; an autopsy was not performed; the certifying physician was James Mooney M.D. of 920 Millis Avenue in Boonville, Indiana, 47601; the certificate was filed on March 24, 1992 [end].

Benning Stanton Lance (1920-1984)

Benning Stanton Lance was born on February 5, 1920 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leisring) Lance.

On April 28, 1930, 'Bennie' was 10 years old and living with his parents and 5 siblings on Newburgh Road in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates: 'Bennie' was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On May 29, 1937, Benning filled out an 'Application For Social Security Account Number' form. The form includes the following information: Name - Bennie Stanton Lance; Address - Chandler, Indiana; Employer - (blank); Age - 18; Date of birth - Feb 5, 1919 [instead of Feb 5, 1920]; Place of birth - Chandler, Ind; Father's name - Nelson Lance; Mothers name - Luella Leisring; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Date signed - 5-29-37; Signed - Bennie Lance [end]. The social security number assigned 'Bennie' was 315-01-1845.

Benning married Marjorie Ruth Daugherty. She was born November 22, 1923 in the town of Loogootee in Martin County, Indiana and was a daughter of Vincent Alonzo and Mary Melissa (Holt) Daugherty. Benning and Marjorie became the parents of **Thomas Lance**. Benning worked for and retired from the Chrysler Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri.

In August 1975, Benning was a widower living in St. Louis when his sister, Mary, passed away and also in April 1978 when his brother, Robert, passed away (sources: Mary and Robert's obituaries).

Benning Stanton Lance



On August 25, 1984, Benning passed away at 12:24 a.m. of a heart attack at St. Mary's Medical Center in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was 64 years old. He was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana.

His 2 obituaries state: "Bennie S. Lance, 64, of Chandler, Ind., died at 12:24 a.m. today at St. Mary's Medical Center....The World War II Army veteran was retired from Chrysler Corp.....Surviving are a sister, Miss Lois Lance; and a brother, George, both of Chandler....Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Perigo Funeral Home in Chandler, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler....Friends may call after 10 a.m. tomorrow at the funeral home"....and...."Bennie S. Lance, 64, of Chandler, died at 12:24 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Medical Center....He was a World War II veteran, and a former Chrysler Corp. employee....Surviving are a sister, Miss Lois Lance; and a brother, George, both of Chandler....Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Perigo Funeral Home, the Rev. Byron Rohrig officiating, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.....Friends may call until service time Monday at the funeral home".

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Bennie which includes the following details: Bennie S. Lance died on August 25, 1984 as an inpatient at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, Vanderburgh County; he was 64 years old; he was born on February 5, 1920 [instead of 2-5-1919] in Indiana and was a citizen of the U.S.A.; he was a white widowed male; he served in the U.S. armed forces; his Social Security Number was 315-01-1845; his usual occupation was automobile factory employee; he lived at 414 S. State Street in Chandler, Warrick County, Indiana; it was not a farm and was inside the city limits; Benning was not of Spanish descent; his father was Nelson John Lance; his mother was Louella Leising; the informant was George Lance of RR #2 Gardner Road in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; Benning was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana on August 27, 1984; the funeral home was Perigo of 533 W. Washington Street in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; the attending physician was Ernesto Camacho, M.D. of 242 W. Adams in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; the cause of death was acute hepatic and renal failure (liver and kidney failure); there was no autopsy; this information was received by the local health officer on August 28, 1984 [end].

Mary June Lance (1921-1975)

Mary June Lance was born on June 25, 1921 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. She was the 3rd child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leising) Lance.

Mary June Lance



On April 28, 1930, Mary J. was 8 years old and living with her parents and 5 siblings on Newburgh Road in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates: Mary was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On May 7, 1945, Mary June Lance married Roy Allen Byers. He was born on May 17, 1920 in Spencer County, Indiana and was a son of Clifford K. and Maude (Kernal) Byers. Mary and Roy became the parents of 6 children – Larry Allen, boy, Judith Carol, Kevin Dale, Dennis Roy, and girl Byers.

In August 1975, Mary June passed away in the town of Boonville in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana at age 54. She was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana on September 3, 1975.

Mary's obituary states: "Mrs. June Byers, 54, of Chandler, was dead on arrival at Warrick Hospital in Boonville, of an apparent heart attack at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.....Surviving are her husband, Roy; three sons, Larry of Newburgh, and Kevin and

Dennis, both of Chandler; a daughter, Mrs. Judith Bowman of Chandler; three brothers, George and Bob Lance, both of Chandler, and Ben Lance of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Miss Lois Lance of Chandler; and five grandchildren....Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Perigo-Musgrave Funeral Home, Chandler. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery".

Mary's funeral notice states: "Services For - June Byers....Date Of Birth - June 25, 1921....Date Of Death - Aug. 31, 1975....Services Held At - 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1975, Perigo Musgrave Funeral Home...Clergymen - Rev. M.H. Holloway....Interment - Greenwood Cemetery, Chandler, Indiana".

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Coroner's Certificate of Death' which includes the following details: Mary (June) Byers died at 7:30 a.m. on August 31, 1975 at Warrick Hospital in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana; she was 54 years old; the place of death was inside the city limits; she was a white married female; she was born on June 25, 1921 in Indiana, U.S.A.; her surviving spouse was Roy Byers; her Social Security Number was 312-14-1368; her usual occupation was housewife at home; she lived at 530 E. Lincoln in Chandler, Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana which was inside the city limits; she never served in the U.S. Armed Forces; her residence was not on a farm; her father was Nelson Lance; her mother was Luella Leisring; the informant was her husband Roy Byers of 530 E. Lincoln in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; the immediate cause of death was coronary occlusion; the approximate interval between onset and death was minutes; there was no autopsy; it was a natural death; the certifier was Virgil Simpson, coroner, of 510 Jennings in Newburgh, Indiana 47630; signed September 2, 1975; Mary was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana on September 3, 1975; the funeral home was Perigo-Musgrave of Chandler, Indiana; this information was received by the local health officer on September 2, 1975 [end].

Robert Earl Lance **(1923-1978)**

Robert Earl Lance was born on April 9, 1923 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 4th child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leisring) Lance.

On April 28, 1930, Robert E. was 6 years old and living with his parents and 5 siblings on Newburgh Road in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates: Robert was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On March 19, 1940, Robert filled out an 'Application for Social Security Account Number' form. The form includes the following information: Name - Robert Earl Lance; Address - Chandler, Indiana; Employer - none; Age - 16; Date of birth - 4-9-1923; Place of birth - Chandler, Warrick County, Indiana; Father's name - Nelson Lord Lance; Mother's name - Luella Leisring; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Date signed - March 19, 1940; Signature - Robert Earl Lance [end]. The social security number assigned Robert was 314-14-9226.

A newspaper article reported: "Pvt. Robert E. Lance is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lance, of Chandler. He has just returned from the Aleutian Islands and will be stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas."

After leaving the service, Robert worked for the Servel Company in Evansville and married Mary Jane Scott. She was born in Evansville. About July 1947, they became the parents of **Sharon Sue Lance**.

Robert Earl Lance later married Mrs. Margaret Ellen (Newcom) Thornton. She was born March 18, 1916.

Robert Earl Lance



On May 7, 1978, Robert passed away at home in Chandler of a heart attack at age 55. He was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

**Mary Jane (Scott) Lance
& daughter Sharon Sue Lance**



Robert's obituary states: "Robert E. Lance, 55, of rural Chandler, Ind., died at 11 a.m. Sunday at his home....Lance, a former Chrysler Corp. employee, was a member of Chandler United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Margaret, two brothers, Ben of St. Louis and George of Chandler, and a sister, Miss Lois Lance of Chandler....Friends may call after 6 p.m. Monday at Perigo-Musgrave Funeral Home in Chandler, where arrangements are pending."

**Margaret Ellen
(Newcom/Thornton) Lance**



Robert's funeral notice stated: "Robert Lance....Born - April 9, 1923....Date of Death - May 7, 1978....Services - 10:00 A.M. Wednesday May 10, 1978, Perigo-Musgrave Funeral Home; Clergy - Rev. Steve Cherry; Interment - Sunset Memorial Park, Evansville, Indiana".

James Harold Lance (1925-1975)

James Harold Lance was born on August 22, 1925 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 5th child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leisring) Lance.

On April 28, 1930, James H. was 4 years and 7 months old and living with his parents and 5 siblings on Newburgh Road in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates James and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On August 4, 1941, James filled out an 'Application For Social Security Account Number' form. The form includes the following information: Name - James Harold Lance; Address - Chandler, Indiana; Age - 15; Date of birth - Aug 22, 1925; Place of birth - Chandler, Warrick County, Indiana; Sex - X (for male); Color - X (for white); Marital status - X (for single); Employer - (blank); Father's name - Nelson Lance; Mother's name - Luella Leisring; Date last full time job ended - none; How were you paid - none; Date signed - Aug 4, 1941; Signature - James H. Lance [end]. The social security number assigned to James was 303-28-0402.

James was the 1st peacetime draftee and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. A 1951 newspaper article reported: "First Peacetime Draftee Returns...The first Warrick county man inducted into service in the peacetime draft is now honorably discharged and back home enjoying life as a civilian....He is James H. Lance of Chandler....Jim was inducted into the Army on Dec. 28, 1948. He reported to the U.S. recruiting station at Evansville and then was sent to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. He was later forwarded to Camp Gordon, Ga., before going to Ft. Bragg, N.C., where he served a year and a half with the Fifth Corps Military Police Platoon.....He was then assigned to First Corps M.P. Platoon before going overseas with the First Corps Military Police....After

James Harold Lance



a year's service overseas, Lance returned to the United States and was sent to Camp Carson, Colo., where he was honorably discharged on Sept. 27, 1951....His record shows that he received the Korean Service Medal with three bronze stars and a Meritorious Unit Citation.....Jim was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lance to serve in military service. His brothers, Ben, Robert and George, served in World War II."

James Harold Lance



James Harold Lance married Pauline Custer. She was born on October 12, 1915. They became the parents of **Carolyn Ann Lance**.

In March 1959, James was living in the town of Elberfeld in Warrick County, Indiana when his mother passed away (source: his mother's obituary).

On August 2, 1975, James passed away at home in the town of Boonville in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana of a heart attack. He was 49 years old. He was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana on August 5, 1975.

His funeral notice states: "Services For - James Lance....Date Of Birth - Aug. 22, 1925....Date of Death - Aug. 2, 1975....Services held at 10 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 5, 1975 - Perigo Musgrave Funeral Home....Clergymen - Rev. Steve Cherry....Interment - Greenwood Cemetery, Chandler, Indiana".

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Coroner's Certificate of Death' which includes the following details: James H. Lance died at 6:30 p.m. on August 2, 1975 at home on RR# in Boonville, Warrick County which was not inside the city limits; he was 49 years old; he was a white divorced male; he was born on August 22, 1925 in Indiana and was a citizen of the U.S.A.; he does not have a surviving spouse; his Social Security Number was 303-28--0402; his usual occupation was water hauler for Paul Macer Trucking; he lived at RR# in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana which was not inside the city limits and was not a farm; James served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Korean theater; his father was Nelson Lance; his mother was Luella Leisring; the informant was his daughter Carolyn Pennington of 1106 St. George Road in Evansville, Indiana, 47711; James' death was caused by coronary occlusion; the interval between onset and death was minutes; it was a natural death; he was pronounced dead on August 2, 1975 at 6:45 p.m.; the certifier was Virgil Simpson, Coroner, of 510 Jennings Street in Newburgh, Indiana, 47630 who signed on August 4, 1975; James was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana on August 5, 1975; the funeral home was Perigo-Musgrave Funeral Home of Chandler, Indiana 47610; this information was received by the local health officer on August 4, 1975 [end].

Lois Mae Lance (1927-2004)

Lois Mae Lance was born on February 26, 1927 in the town of Chandler in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. She was the 6th child born to **Nelson John** and Luella (Leisring) Lance.

On April 28, 1930, 'Loris' M. was 3 years and 1 month old and living with her parents and 5 older siblings on Newburgh Road in Chandler. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 87-17, pg 14A) also indicates 'Loris' and her parents were all born in Indiana.

Lois never married. In April 1978, she was still living in Chandler when her brother, Robert Lance, passed away (source: Robert's obituary). In April 1998, she continued to live in Chandler.

In July 2001, Lois was "living in a nursing home".... (source: sister-in-law Betty Jean Greubel/Lance of Chandler, Indiana to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, via letter, July 2001).

On March 30, 2004, Lois passed away at Woodlands Convalescent Center in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana. She was 77 years old. She was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler,

Indiana on April 1, 2004.

"Lois M. Lance died Tuesday, March 30, at Woodlands Convalescent Center, Newburgh, IN. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, April 1....the last living child of Nelson and Luella Lance."....(source: Sharon Rae Lance/Bittner of Evansville, Indiana to Michael Lester Lance via e-mail, 31 Mar 2004).

Her newspaper obituary states: "Lois M. Lance – Chandler – Lois M. Lance, 77, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Woodlands Convalescent Center in Newburgh, Ind. She was a lifetime resident of Chandler, Ind.....Lois was a member of the Chandler United Methodist Church and a graduate of Chandler High School. She had previously worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Ind., as a seamstress before working for S.I.R.S. She loved and enjoyed her family....Lois

was preceded in death by a sister, June Byers, and four brothers, George, Ben, Robert, and James Lance.....Lois is survived by two sisters-in-law, Betty Lance, and Margaret Lance, both of Chandler, Ind.; and numerous nieces and nephews....Funeral services 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Koehler Funeral Home Perigo Chapel, 7022 Heim Road in Chandler, Ind., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Ind.....Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to service time Thursday at Koehler Funeral Home Perigo Chapel in Chandler, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chandler United Methodist Church."

Lois' funeral program states: "In Memory of Lois M. Lance – Born Saturday February 26, 1927 – Died Tuesday March 30, 2004 – Services from Koehler Funeral Home-Perigo Chapel Thursday April 1, 2004 at 10:00 AM – Clergy Rev. Janice Heseman – Interment at Greenwood Cemetery Chandler, IN".

The Indiana State Department of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Lois which includes the following information: Lois Mae Lance died at 5:05 a.m. at Woodlands Convalescent Center nursing home in Newburgh, Warrick County, Indiana on March 30, 2004; she was 77 years old; she was a white female; her education was 12 years; her Social Security Number was 315-24-9519; she was born on February 26, 1927 in Chandler, Indiana; she was not a U.S. veteran; she never married; her occupation was assembler at Sheltered Workshop; she lived at 447 Sunny Acres Garden Road in Chandler, Warrick County, Indiana, 47610 which was not inside the city limits and was not a farm; she was a citizen of the U.S.A.; her parents were Nelson Lance and Luella Leisring; the informant was her niece Sharon Bittner of 106 North Oakland Avenue in Evansville, Indiana, 47711; Lois was buried on April 1, 2004 at Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Indiana; the embalmer was Richard H. Dillingham; her death was not reported to the Coroner; the funeral director was James H. Mc...? of Koehler Funeral Home, Inc., Perigo Chapel, 7022 Heim Road in Chandler, Indiana, 47610; the immediate causes of death were: acute and chronic renal failure, hypertension, and insulin dependent diabetes mellitus; other significant conditions contributing to the death were severe electrolyte imbalance and cerebral arterial sclerosis; there was no autopsy; the certifying physician was Syed A. Ali, M.D. of 1301 Millis Avenue in Boonville, Indiana, 47601 and signed April 1, 2004 [end].

Lois Mae Lance



Ashel W. Lance (1907-1976)

Ashel W. Lance was born on September 20, 1907 in Pike County, Indiana. He was the son of **Norman** and Bertha (Whitman) Lance.

On January 2, 1920, Ashel Lance was 12 years old and living with his parents at 109 E. Third in the town of Bicknell in Vigo Township, Knox County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 105, pg 1A) also

indicates: Ashel was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

Ashel Lance married Mary and they became the parents of **Charlotte Lance** around 1937 and **Wesley Fenton Lance** in January 1942. Ashel reportedly married Jean Kinser as his 2nd wife.

Ashel and his wife "had 2 children, Charlotte, she's 64 I think, and Wesley, he'll be 60 in Jan. Ashel's last wife's name was Jean. She wasn't the mother of the 2 kids. I forget their mother's name. I never met her.".... (source: researcher Joyce M. Medeiros, Fort Branch, Indiana, via e-mail to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 25 Aug 2001).

On April 15, 1976, Ashel passed away in the town of Beech Grove in Marion County, Indiana at age 68. He was laid to rest at Floral Park Cemetery in the city of Indianapolis in Marion County on April 17, 1976.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Ashel which includes the following information: Ashel W. Lance died at 4:30 a.m. on April 15, 1976 at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Marion County, Indiana which was inside the city limits; he was 68 years old; he was a white married male; he was born on September 20, 1907 in Indiana; he was a citizen of the U.S.A.; his surviving spouse is Jean Kinser; his Social Security Number was 304-18-4944; his usual occupation was maintenance at Uni-Royle; he lived at 1027 English Avenue in Indianapolis, Center Township, Marion County, Indiana; he did not serve in the U.S. Armed Forces; his residence was not a farm; his father was Norman Lance; his mother was Bertha Whitman; the informant was his wife Mrs. Ella E. Lance [sic] of 1027 English Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, 46203; the immediate cause of his death was massive gastric hemorrhage; the approximate interval between onset and death was 2 hours; his death was also due to cirrhosis with the approximate interval between onset and death being 10 years; there was not an autopsy; the physician was William V. Wolf Jr. D.O. of 813 First Federal Building in Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 and signed on April 15, 1976; Ashel was buried at Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 17, 1976; the funeral home was N. F. Chance Funeral Home of 508 E. National Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, 46227; this information was received by the local health officer on April 15, 1976 [end].

Cecil Tomas Lance Sr. (1906-1954)

Cecil Tomas Lance Sr. was born on December 18, 1906 in Pike County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **Jesse Allen** and Flora Jane (Sandage) Lance.

On January 13, 1920, Cecil T. was 13 years old and living with his parents and 2 younger siblings – Helen M. and Delmas E. Lance, in a rented house in Patoka Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 41, pg 10A) also indicates: Cecil was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

In 1924, Cecil married Thelma Sinclair. She was born on April 29, 1906. They became the parents of **Cecil Tomas Lance Jr.** on June 12, 1925.

Cecil later married Mrs. Leota Houchins/Nixon and they became the parents of **Kathy Lynn Lance** on October 9, 1952.

On September 14, 1954, Cecil Tomas Lance Sr. passed away in Oakland City in Columbia Township, Gibson County, Indiana at age 47. He was laid to rest at Spurgeon Cemetery in the town of Spurgeon in Monroe Township, Pike County, Indiana on September 17, 1954. His cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Monroe Township', page 63, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Cecil T., 1906 - 1954".

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Cecil which includes the following information: Cecil Thomas Lance died on September 14, 1954 at Oakland City Hospital in Oakland City, Gibson County, Indiana; his length of stay was 1 week; he was 47 years, 8 months, and 26 days old; his usual residence was R.R. #2 in Oakland City, (rural) Pike County [sic], Indiana; he was a white

married male; he was born on December 18, 1906 in Pike County, Indiana, U.S.A.; his usual occupation was coal miner; his father was Jesse Lance; his mother was Flora Sandage; Cecil was a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces - World War II; his Social Security Number was 706-18-3343; the informant was Leota Lance of Oakland City, Indiana; the cause of his death was acute leukemia; the interval between onset and death was 10 weeks; the attending physician states: "I certify that I attended the deceased from Sept. 10, 1954 to Sept. 14, 1954 and that death occurred at 7:05 p.m. from causes stated and on above date, M. A. __, M. D., Oakland City, Ind"....[signed] 9-15-54; Cecil was buried at Spurgeon Cemetery in Spurgeon, Indiana; the death information was received by the local health officer on September 24, 1954 and signed - K. S. Strickland, M.D.; the funeral director was Corn & Reed of Oakland City, Indiana [end].

Thelma Lance (1913-1913)

Thelma Lance was born on July 7, 1913 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 2nd child born to **Jesse Allen** and Flora Jane (Sandage) Lance. She passed away as an infant in 1913.

Helen Marie Lance (1915-unknown)

Helen Marie Lance was born on November 4, 1915 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 3rd child born to **Jesse Allen** and Flora Jane (Sandage) Lance.

On January 13, 1920, Helen M. was 4 years and 2 months old and living with her parents and 2 brothers – Cecil T. and Delmas E. Lance, in Patoka Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 41, pg 10A) also indicates Helen and her parents were all born in Indiana.

On April 22, 1930, Helen was 14 years old and living with her parents and her younger brother, Delmas Lance, on Old State Highway in Patoka Township. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 63-12, pg 15A) again shows: Helen was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

On December 17, 1934, Helen Marie Lance married Ted Moore in the city of Petersburg in Washington Township, Pike County, Indiana. He was born on May 25, 1910 and had been previously married. Helen and Ted became the parents of 5 children – Sally Sue, Helen Marietta, Terry Allen, Gary Lee, and James Scott Moore.

Delmas Edward Lance (1919-1986)

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

On January 13, 1920, Delmas E. was 1 year old and living with his parents and 2 older siblings – Cecil T. and Helen M. Lance, in Patoka Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 41, pg 10A) also indicates Delmas and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On April 22, 1930, Delmas was 11 years old and living with his parents and his older sister, Helen Lance, on Old State Highway in Patoka Township. The 1930 Indiana census (ED 63-12, pg 15A) again shows: Delmas was born in Indiana, he attended school during the census year, and his parents were also born in Indiana.

On October 9, 1935, Delmas married Mildred N. Rickrich. She was born on August 19, 1918 and was a daughter of Mr. and Gertrude Rickrich. Delmas and Mildred became the parents of **Jerry Allen Lance** on June 27, 1937 and **John Richard Lance** on May 17, 1940.

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 married Artie Faye Reeves. She was born on May 16, 1932 in Stone County, Arkansas. They became the parents of 3 children – **Anita Gale**, **Rickey Dale**, and **Timothy Trent Lance**.

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.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Coroner's Certificate of Death' for Delmas which includes the following information: Delmas Edward Lance died at 6:55 a.m. on April 17, 1986 while an in-patient at Wirth Osteopathic Hospital in Oakland City, Gibson County, Indiana; he was 67 years old; he was a white married male; he was born on April 10, 1919 in Indiana, U.S.A.; he was married to Artie Reeves; he was not a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; his Social Security Number was 316-07-5065; his usual occupation was retired coal miner; he lived at 219 E. Columbia Street in Oakland City, Gibson County, Indiana; it was not a farm and inside the city limits; Delmas was not of Spanish origin; his father was Jesse Allen [sic]; his mother was Florie Jane Allen [sic]; the informant was his wife Artie Lance of 219 E. Columbia Street in Oakland City, Indiana, 47660; Delmas was buried at Montgomery Cemetery in Oakland City, Indiana on April 4, 1986; the funeral home was Lamb Hedges & Basham Memorial Chapel at 226 E. Washington Street in Oakland City, Indiana, 47660; the certifier was Jerry Lee Basham, Deputy Coroner of 226 E. Washington Street in Oakland City, Indiana, 47660 and signed on April 17, 1986; the immediate cause of Delmas' death was respiratory arrest due to possible emphysema and also due to pneumococycosis and coronary heart disease; this death information was received by the local health officer on April 21, 1986 [end].

Ruby Lance **(unknown-unknown)**

Ruby Lance was the 1st child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

Josephine Lance **(unknown-unknown)**

Josephine Lance was the 2nd child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

Freda Lance **(unknown-unknown)**

Freda Lance was the 3rd child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

Goldie Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Goldie Lance was the 4th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

James Lance
(unknown-unknown)

James Lance was the 5th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about him.

Samuel Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Samuel Lance was the 6th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about him.

Lou Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Lou Lance was the 7th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about him.

Betty Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Betty Lance was the 8th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

Doris Jean Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Doris Jean Lance was the 9th child born to **Albert** and Ada A. (Ramsey) Lance. Nothing more is known about her.

Infant Lance (1903-unknown)

Baby Lance was born on January 13, 1903. He/she was the 1st child born to **George Arthur** and Eva Matilda (Morton) Lance.

On April 20, 1910, baby Lance was not enumerated with his mother, Eva (Morton/Lance) Fair in Patoka Township in Pike County, Indiana. He/she would have been about 7 years old.

Paul Steward Lance (1904-before 1910)

Paul Steward Lance was born on January 26, 1904 in Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **George Arthur** and Hazel E. (Crawford) Lance.

An unidentified baby Lance was born on January 26, 1904. Paul was probably this child. The 1910 Indiana census indicates one of George and Hazel Lance's children had died (and since Paul's siblings were noted later, Paul was probably the baby that passed away prior to 1910).

However, Paul's birth record indicates: he was born August 10, 1915 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; his parents were 34 year old coal miner, George A. Lance, born in Newburgh, Indiana; and 29 year old housewife, Hazel Crawford, also born in Newburgh; Paul Steward Lance was the 1st born child of this mother and their usual residence was 811 Upper 8th Street; the attending doctor was John E. Fetzer of Evansville [end]...(source: book number CH-2, page 443, registration number 799, Evansville, Indiana Civic Center Health Department, filed 11 Aug 1915). Question remains about the accuracy of this birth record since the 1910 federal census identifies children in the family prior to Paul Steward Lance's '1st born' birthdate.

Arthur Lance (1905-unknown)

Arthur Lance was born on November 22, 1905 in Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **George Arthur** and Hazel E. (Crawford) Lance.

On May 2, 1910, Arthur was 4 years old and living with his parents and his 1 year old sister, 'Famey' Lance, in a rented house on Water Street in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 10B) also indicates Arthur and his parents were all born in Indiana.

Arthur Lance married Bea.

He reportedly worked in the Camden, New Jersey shipyards and eventually lost a leg in a work accident. He is said to have been a heavy drinker and gambler. Later in life, he moved back to Southern Indiana to be nearer his family. He was a very likeable person but eventually committed suicide by putting his head in a gas oven. He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in Newburgh.

Phama Eva Lance (1908-1940)

Phama Eva 'Famey' Lance was born on May 11, 1908 in Warrick County, Indiana. She was the 3rd child born to **George Arthur** and Hazel E. (Crawford) Lance.

On May 2, 1910, 'Famey' was 1 year old and living with her parents and her 4 year old brother, Arthur Lance, on Water Street in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 10B) also indicates 'Famey' and her parents were all born in Indiana.

She reportedly lived on the 'wild side' - riding motorcycles in the 1920's and 30's. She continued to live in Newburgh and passed away relatively young in the 1930's.

Howard Lance (1912-1973)

Howard Lance was born on August 30, 1912 in Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 4th child born to **George Arthur** and Hazel E. (Crawford) Lance.

"Howard Lance was born at home. His birth certificate contains an error. The doctor was reportedly a day late with recording his birth and wrote it as August 31, 1912....instead of August 30, 1912"....(source: his son, Gary Jerome Lance, personal interview by Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, Evansville, Indiana, Nov 1997).

Howard married Louise Gertrude Mills. She was born on September 24, 1914 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. Howard and Louise became the parents of **Howard Leroy Lance** on January 19, 1939 and then **Gary Jerome Lance** on November 10, 1940.

On June 11, 1973, Howard passed away in Evansville at age 60. He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana on June 14, 1973.

Howard was not given a middle name. He passed away from a massive coronary while sitting and talking with his son, Gary. Howard lifelong had heart trouble since contracting rheumatic fever as a child.

"The family bible belonging to Howard's parents, George Lance and Hazel Crawford/Lance, was supposed to be handed down to Howard. But, George died suddenly before a will was drawn, and the bible wound up with John Allgood, the son of Agnes, the first of George's three wives. Agnes later remarried to a Mr. Hughes and because John Allgood did not get along with his father [George Lance], he went by the name, Hughes - instead of Allgood or Lance. The whereabouts of the Lance family bible is currently unknown.".... (source: his son Gary Jerome Lance, personal interview by Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, Evansville, Indiana, Nov 1997).

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Medical Certificate of Death' for Howard which includes the following information: Howard Lance died at 3:00 p.m. on June 11, 1973 at 1014 W. Columbia Street in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana inside the city limits; he was 60 years old; he was a white married male; he was born on August 30, 1912 in Indiana, USA; his surviving spouse is Mrs. Louise (Mills) Lance; his Social Security Number was 311-09-6658; his usual occupation was retired dairy company employee; he lived at 951 Vanderburgh Avenue in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana which is inside the city limits and not a farm; Howard was not a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; his father was George Lance; his mother was

**Howard Lance and son
Gary Jerome Lance**



Hazel Crawford; the informant was his wife Mrs. Louise Lance of 941 Vanderburgh Avenue in Evansville, Indiana; the immediate cause of Howard's death was myocardial infarction (heart attack); the approximate interval between onset and death was 1 hour; the physician was M. J. Miller M.D. of 15 W. Franklin Street in Evansville, Indiana who signed on June 12, 1973; Howard was buried on June 14, 1973 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Newburgh, Indiana; the funeral home was Kriekhaus-Sansom of 702 Gum Street in Evansville, Indiana, 47713; this death information was received by the local health officer on June 12, 1973 [end].

Paul S. Lance (1915-1918)

Paul S. Lance was born on August 10, 1915 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. He was the 5th child born to **George Arthur** and Hazel E. (Crawford) Lance.

On April 17, 1918, Paul was 2 years old and living with his parents at 714 Mulberry Street in Evansville when he passed away of 'cholera infantum' [clinical definition: old term for a disease of infants, characterized by vomiting, profuse watery diarrhea, fever, prostration, and collapse]. He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana on April 18, 1918. His final resting place is ward #8, lot #35 west, grave #3.

The Indiana State Board of Health issued a 'Certificate of Death' for Paul which includes the following information: Paul S. Lance died on April 17, 1918 at 714 Mulberry St. in the city of Evansville, Pigeon Township, Vanderburgh County at age 2 years, 8 months, 7 days; he was born on August 10, 1915 in Evansville, Indiana; he was a white single male; he had no occupation; his father was George Lance who was born in Newburg, Indiana; his mother was Hazel Crawford who was born in Warrick County, Indiana; the informant was George Lance of 714 Mulberry St.; the attending physician states: "I hereby certify that I attended deceased from April 17, 1918 to April 17, 1918, that I last saw him alive in April 17, 1918 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 5:30 p.m. The cause of death was as follows: cholera infantum"...[signed] John E. Fetzer, M.D. on April 17, 1918 in Evansville, Indiana; Paul was buried on April 18, 1918 at Newburgh, Indiana; the undertaker was Albert Johann & Sons Co. of 113 Garfield Avenue; Paul was not embalmed; the certificate was dated April 18, 1918 [end].

Mary E. Lance (1907-unknown)

Mary E. Lance was born on September 2, 1907 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She was a daughter of **John Wesley** and Maude (Tyre) Lance.

Mary's birth certificate includes the following information: She was born September 2, 1907 at 201 High in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; her parents were 20 year old railroader, John Lance, and 16 year old Mamie Tyre; both parents were born in Indiana; attending the birth was Dr. Viche [end]....(source: birth record in book number CH-D, page number 204, registration number 786, Evansville Civic Center Health Department, filed 2 Sep 1907).

On April 20, 1910, Mary E. was 2 years old and living with her parents in a rented house on Gray Street in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. They were all lodging with her paternal grandparents, 'Sim' and Sarah Lance. Three paternal uncles and 2 paternal aunts were also enumerated with the household. The 1910 Indiana census (ED 172, pg 4A) also indicates Mary, her parents, and her paternal grandparents were all born in Indiana.

On January 8, 1920, Mary E. was 12 years old and living with her parents in a rented house on Locust Street in Newburgh. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 182, pg 9A) again shows: Mary was born in Indiana, she attended school during the census year, and her parents were also born in Indiana.

Sherman Lance Jr. (1932-1986)

Sherman Lance Jr. was born in 1932. He was a son of **Sherman J.** and Anna (Williams) Lance Sr.

Sherman was a Korean Conflict veteran and an employee of the Whirlpool Corporation. He served as Jr. Vice-Commander of VFW in the town of Morganfield in Union County, Kentucky and was a long-time member of the American Legion.

He married Loretta and they became the parents of 3 children – **Sherman III**, **Katherine**, and **Dora Dodie Lance**.

On May 31, 1986, Sherman Jr. passed away in the town of Morganfield in Union County, Kentucky at about age 54.

Sherman Lance Jr.



Boy Lance (unknown-unknown)

Boy Lance was a son of **Frederick Edward** and Mae (Roy) Lance. Nothing more is known about him at this time.

Girl Lance (unknown-unknown)

Miss Lance was a daughter of **Frederick Edward** and Mae (Roy) Lance. Nothing more is known about her at this time.

Ben Robert Lance (1932-)

Ben Robert Lance was born in 1932 in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **Frederick Edward** and Lillian Ruth (Barnett) Lance.

In 1955, Ben married Jeanett Harris. On September 11, 1956, Ben and Jeanett Lance became the parents of **Richard James Lance** and on October 5, 1957 became the parents of **Randall Robert Lance**. On April 13, 1991, Ben was living in the town of Chandler in Warrick County, Indiana when his half-brother, Steven E. Lance, passed away (source: Steven's April 15, 1991 obituary in 'The Evansville Press').

In May 1998, Ben lived in the town of Hatfield in Spencer County, Indiana.

Ben Robert Lance



"Ben Robert Lance, born February 18, 1932 at home in Newburgh, Indiana Warrick County. [Ben is] not short for Benjamin. He has many different occupations. He joined the Marines in 1950 [and] was discharged in 1953 because he had a hearing problem. He met his wife, Jeanett Harris, and married her in 1955. [They] had 2 sons, first: Randall Robert Lance - born Oct 5, 1957, second son: Richard James Lance - born Sept 11, 1956.....Ben R. Lance (my brother) also works with landscaping, loves flowers and works sometimes in nurseries. [He] knows more about flowers than any of us do. He is retired and plays golf all the time now. Ben is [the] son of Fred Lance and Lillian Barnett."....(source: Mary Jane Lance/Bruce of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, via letter to her cousin Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 10 Jan 2001).

Betty Joann Lance (1934-)

Betty Joann 'Boop' Lance was born on July 23, 1934 in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. She was the 2nd child born to **Frederick Edward** and Lillian Ruth (Barnett) Lance.

In May 1952, Betty married Thomas Ray Broshears in Warrick County. He was born in 1933 in Warrick County. They became the parents of Vicki, Kent, Bryan, and Julie Broshears.

On April 13, 1991, Betty 'Broshears' was living in Newburgh, Indiana when her brother, Steven E. Lance, passed away (source: Steven's April 15, 1991 obituary in 'The Evansville Press').

"Betty is living in Newburgh, Indiana to date. Betty is the daughter of Fred Lance and Lillian Barnett."....(source: her half-sister Mary Jane Lance/Bruce of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, via letter to cousin Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 10 Jan 2001).

Betty Joann Lance



Mary Jane Lance (1936-)

Vernon and Mary Jane (Lance) Bruce



Mary Jane Lance was born on September 11, 1936 in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She was born to **Frederick Edward** and Sarah O'Neil (Taylor) Lance.

Mary Jane married Mr. Garrett. They became the parents of Jeffery David Garrett on April 2, 1957. Mr. Garrett was killed during the war in Viet Nam.

On September 21, 1957, Mary Jane married Vernon Lee Bruce. He was born on July 14, 1937 in Evansville and was a son of John William and Mary Beatrice (Marlin) Bruce. Mary Jane and Vernon became the parents of 2 children – David Lee and Kellie Sue Bruce.

On April 13, 1991, Mary Jane 'Bruce' was living in Evansville, Indiana when her brother, Steven E. Lance, passed

away (source: Steven's April 15, 1991 obituary in 'The Evansville Press').

In April 2004, Mary Jane and her husband, Vernon Bruce, still lived in Evansville, Indiana.

Sondra Sue Lance (1945-)

Sondra Sue Lance was born on December 2, 1945. She was the 1st child born to **Frederick Edward** and Alice Janice (Baker) Lance.

On August 21, 1986, Sondra married Steve P. Kremer in the city of Henderson in Henderson County, Kentucky. They became the parents of Angie and Scott Kremer.

On April 13, 1991, Sondra 'Kremar' was living in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana when her brother, Steven E. Lance, passed away (source: Steven's April 15, 1991 obituary in 'The Evansville Press').

In October 1997, Sondra reportedly was living with her husband, Steve Kremer, in the town of Cadiz in Trigg County, Kentucky.

Steven Edward Lance (1946-1991)

Steven Edward 'Sugar Bear' Lance was born on December 6, 1946 in the town of Newburgh in Ohio Township, Warrick County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child born to **Frederick Edward** and Alice Janice (Baker) Lance.

On April 13, 1968, Steven married Charlene Ann Talarzyk. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sampson) Talarzyk. Steven and Charlene became the parents of 3 children – **Brandon Eric**, **Brenda Erin**, and **Brina Gail Lance**.

On April 13, 1991, Steven passed away of lung cancer at Indiana University Hospital in the city of Indianapolis in Marion County, Indiana. He was 44 years old. He was laid to rest at Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh, Indiana on April 17, 1991. His cemetery listing states: "Steven Lance, Died 4-13-1991 - Age 44 Yrs".... (source: USGenWeb Internet Website).

His newspaper obituary states: "Steven E. 'Sugar Bear' Lance, 44, of Newburgh, died Saturday at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis of cancer.....He attended First Christian Church in Newburgh and had been a fork lift driver at Alcoa, where he had also been involved in union functions....Surviving are his wife, the former Charlene Talarzyk; daughters, Brenda and Brina, both at home; a son, Brandon at home; his parents, Alice and Fred Lance of Newburgh; sisters, Sondra Kremar and Mary Jane Bruce, both of Evansville, and Betty Broshears of Newburgh; and brothers, Larry and Randy, both of Evansville, and Ben of Chandler....Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Simpson Funeral Home in Newburgh, the Rev. Bobby Sheets officiating, with burial in Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh....Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at the funeral home."....(source: obituary in the 'Evansville Press', Monday, April 15, 1991).

Larry Lee Lance (1948-1997)

Larry Lee Lance was born on April 24, 1948. He was the 3rd child born to **Frederick Edward** and Alice Janice (Baker) Lance.

Larry married Ida about 1964. They became the parents of 2 children – **Denise** and **Kent Lance**. Larry and Ida eventually divorced.

Larry then married Brenda. They also became the parents of 2 children – **Misty Dawn** and **Canna Lynn Lance**. This marriage also ended by divorce.

"Larry never missed work if there was any to be found, but he did love to drink and gamble....He was good and always took care of his family. He loved his children very much and was greatly in debt when he died because of his last two children and wife.".... (source: his half-sister Mary Jane Lance/Bruce, June 1998). Larry worked over 30 years with the Laborers International Union of North America and served as an Executive Board member as well as a delegate to the Union's annual International Conventions. He loved horse racing and attended races all over the country. He was reportedly such a good horse man, many horse owners valued his thoughts about their horses.

During 1997, Larry heroically battled lung cancer but passed away October 15, 1997 at age 49.

Daniel Ray Lance (1949-1963)

Daniel Ray Lance was born on April 18, 1949. He was the 4th child born to **Frederick Edward** and Alice Janice (Baker) Lance.

Daniel Ray Lance - 1961



"In 1962, Danny was about 12 or 13 years old years old and was secretly visiting the site of the demolition of an old shed. He had been forbidden to go the work site by his father. However, Danny went against his father's wishes in order to steal some wood from the old shed in order to build a fort or tree house in the woods. While picking through the debris, Danny apparently stepped on a rusty nail and punctured his foot. He decided not to tell his father about his injury for fear of punishment for defying his father's wishes. Without proper treatment and shots, Danny's foot became gangrenous and after a short time, Danny passed away from the effects of tetanus (lockjaw). Many of Danny's school classmates attended his funeral"....(source: incident as remembered by Mary Jane Lance/Bruce of Evansville, Indiana, via telephone to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 28 Feb 2001).

On July 18, 1963, Daniel passed away at age 14. He was laid to rest at Sharon Cemetery in the town of Newburgh in Warrick County, Indiana on July 20, 1963. His cemetery listing states: "Danny Ray Lance, 1949 - 1963"....(source: USGenWeb Internet Website).

The Vanderburgh County Department of Health, Evansville, Indiana issued a 'Death Certificate' for Danny which includes the following information: Danny Ray Lance died on July 18, 1963 at 6:35 a.m. at (DOA) St. Mary's Hospital; he was 14 years old; he was a white unmarried male; the primary cause of his death was acute pulmonary oedema, hypersensitive state due to non spific focal granuloma of liver & spleen, cause undetermined....[signed] R. C. Colvin, M.D. of Newburgh, Indiana; Danny was buried at Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh, Indiana on July 20, 1963; the funeral home was Simpson Funeral Home of Newburgh, Indiana; the death was recorded in book number 28, page 90, registration number 1116 [end].

Randall Keith Lance **(1952-)**

Randall Keith Lance was born about 1952. He was the 5th child born to **Frederick Edward** and Alice Janice (Baker) Lance.

He married Cecelia. They became the parents of **Elizabeth Audra Lance** on August 31, 1981. Their marriage later ended with a divorce.

In October 1997, 'Randy' Lance reportedly lived with his wife, Lucille, in the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

John William Lance **(1914-1993)**

John William Lance was born on November 30, 1914 in Knox County, Indiana. He was a son of **Elijah Dello** and Mattie (Mickler) Lance.

On January 9, 1920, John was 5 years old and living with his parents on a rented farm in Vincennes Township in Knox County, Indiana. The 1920 Indiana census (ED 106, pg 5A) also indicates John and his parents were all born in Indiana.

On April 19, 1993, John passed away in the town of Coronado in Pima County, Arizona at age 78.

Arthur C. Lance Jr. **(1920-unknown)**

Arthur C. Lance Jr. was born on December 7, 1920 in Knox County, Indiana. He was the 1st child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of him at this time.

James Lance **(unknown-unknown)**

James Lance was the 2nd child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. He eventually married Patricia Conover. They became the parents of **Mark** and **Jeff Lance**.

Bill Lance **(unknown-unknown)**

Bill Lance was the 3rd child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of him at this time.

Russell Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Russell Lance was the 4th child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of him at this time.

Alberta Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Alberta Lance was the 5th child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of her at this time.

Betty Lee Lance
(unknown-unknown)

Betty Lee Lance was the 6th child born to **Arthur C.** and M. Mamie (Miller) Lance Sr. Nothing more is known of her at this time.

End of the Fourth Generation of Lances Born in Indiana