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Third Generation—Harold and Arthur

Harold Frederick Yankle was the first son, but second child of Henry and Susanna (Good) Yankle. He was born May 7, 1896, in Owosso, Michigan. His older sister, Ida May Yankle was 7



years old at the time that her younger brother was brought into the world. She and Harold, remained close for much of their early lives. Ida later married John Pilcher and moved to Chicago, where she had two daughters.

Harold lived in Flint, Michigan for most of his life and attended the Hazelton school through the 8th grade. When World War I broke out, Harold joined the Army and served in the Army Ambulance Corp. The ambulances were produced by the Buick Motorcar Corporation, and at the end of the war, Harold joined Buick and worked there for 45 years as a draftsman.

Harold met Marian Palmer

sometime after the war, and married her on July 20th, 1920. They had 3 children, Robert Palmer, Margaret Marian, and Richard Harold Yankle. The middle names of their children are genealogically significant as they all refer to Family members in preceding generations.

Harold and Marian lived on Humboldt Street in the Civic Park section of Flint. This neighborhood was designed and financed by General Motors Corporation.

Harold became very active in the Boy Scouting movement, and established a tradition that was followed closely by his sons and grandsons. At one time or another, most of them were Boy Scouts themselves and many went on to become Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters. Harold was also an avid outdoorsman and golfer

Harold divorced Marian in 1944. He had two more wives, Lillian Anderson, and Dorcas Thwing, before he died June 8, 1983, at the age of 87.

Arthur Henry Yankle was the oldest son of John and Helena (Griep) Yankle. He was born April 18, 1899 in Owosso, Michigan, about 3 years after his cousin, Harold. Arthur had two younger brothers, Richard John, and Barney August Yankle.

** An interesting note: while doing research on the Family tree, David Yankle and his father Dick, discovered that Harold Yankle had 75 first cousins, including the Yankle boys mentioned above. Families were much bigger in those days. **

Arthur did many different things in life, and moved about much of Michigan, pursuing a living. At one point, he painted caskets for a living,



“making metal ones look like wood, and wooden ones look like metal.”

Arthur met and married the beautiful Frances Irene Blanchard. They were married in Owosso on April 17th, 1920. Frances went by her middle name, “Irene”. Irene sewed, cultivated flower and vegetable gardens, and raised chickens. Her vegetables and chickens often appeared on the family menu.

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The Yankle Chronicle is published monthly as a medium by which to share information with all those who are the descendants of Frederick and Henrietta Yankle.

The photos included in the Yankle Chronicle are from the Yankle Family Archives currently being maintained by Bob Yankle. If you have historical family photos, please share them. Please Email a digital image of your photo in .jpg format to:

Bob Yankle at byankle@triad.rr.com

Where Are We Now ???

Frederick and Henrietta Yankle's Final Resting Place



West Haven Cemetery, Shiawassee County, Michigan

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Historical Family Highlights

Arthur was a kind, but strict man. He attended church a lot and was very rigid in the upbringing of his children. For instance, he would not let them go to movies (although it was later discovered that the kids would get to see movies when they visited their cousin, Barb).

Arthur and Irene adopted Irene's niece, Beryl Yankle, and raised her as their own child. Their own son, Marlowe Allan Yankle would later run the family drive-in restaurant in Otsego, Michigan.

At various times, Arthur and his family lived in Owosso, Traverse City, Otsego, and Holly Michigan. Arthur died December 14, 1960, in Corunna, Michigan and is buried in Owosso, Michigan.

Our Featured Family

Kathryn Marie (Yankle) King is the youngest daughter of Robert and Evelyn Yankle, granddaughter of Harold Yankle, great granddaughter of Henry J.W. Yankle, and great, great granddaughter of Frederick and Henrietta Yankle.

Kathryn was born September 23, 1952, in Flint Michigan. She attended the Flint Public school systems, following in the footsteps of her older brother and sister, Bob and Svona.

Kathryn graduated from Northwestern High School in 1970. In September of 1972, Kathryn married Michael King, and the next March, their son, Abraxas Michael King was born (Abraxas can be seen in the photo, standing to the right of his mother). Kathryn later divorced Michael in 1978.



Kathryn's second son, Shaun King, was born August 3, 1978. Shaun is Kathryn's "love child" (he's the one standing to the left).

At one point in her career, Kathryn worked for a contractor in the state of Texas. So what?, you might ask. It turns out that Kathryn ordered all the panes of glass that are part of the geodesic dome in the Epcot Center at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Kathryn moved her sons to Traverse City, Michigan so she could be near her parents, Bob and Evelyn Yankle, who had retired to Interlochen, Michigan in 1977.

For a long time, Kathryn worked at the Grand Traverse County Health Department, in the Family Planning department. She also runs a part-time business, with a partner, in aromatherapy, creating "blends" for customers using herbs and essential oils.

Kathryn was named after her grand-aunt, Kathryn (Palmer) Brabyn, whose nickname was "Kitty". Kathryn has claimed that nickname for her own, so if you hear Kitty mentioned at the Family Reunion, you'll know who to look for.



Kidz Spotlight Kidz Spotlight



The grave marker shown at the left is a sandstone monument for Henry Bontein, the father of Henrietta (Bontein) Yankle. Henry is buried next to his daughter in West Haven Cemetery, Shiawassee County, Michigan.

There is another stone, just like it, which marks the gravesite of Frederick Yankle, the boy who died at the age of 15. He is buried next to his parents as well, at the same cemetery.

Both of these stones are barely readable and are deteriorating rapidly. Dick, Dave, and Bob Yankle agreed that new stones should be carved and placed in front of the historical monuments. David, as the Family genealogist, points out that future generations will find it much easier to track their ancestry back to its roots if such physical markers are readable.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please mail a check to Bob Yankle, 914 S. Ridge Rd., Burlington, NC, 27217. The stones will cost approximately \$155.00 apiece for 2 stones. These new monuments will be placed on July 24th, at 9:00 A.M., in a ceremony that will be attended by all the Family Reunion members who care to join us. The Owosso Argus, the local newspaper, will be on hand to cover the event. Family members will be asked to join hands while certain or our relatives pray aloud. You are ALL invited to create a prayer that you will share with the Family for this event. As well as honoring our ancestors, these prayers might include the giving of thanks that we could finally get together and meet one another.