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The Tree branches - Henry and John

Henry J.W. Yankle was the first-born son of Frederick and Henrietta (Bontein) Yankle. He was born October 8, 1858 in Dearborn, Michigan. Henry had five siblings: Henrietta, Julia, Lydia, Frederick, and John. About the time that Henry was 7 or 8 years old, his father moved the family from Dearborn to New Haven Township, Michigan where Lydia, Frederick and John were born.



New Haven Township is in Shiawassee County, Michigan, near the city of Owosso. At the time Henry was born, it was a heavily forested wilderness. Only 20 years before, the people who moved to Owosso were called "pioneers." Henry and his siblings were all born during the time that the Civil War was being fought. Supplies to this part of the country were delivered by canoe, flat barge, and horse carriage.

The Yankles lived on a farm on Riley Road. In later years, Henry purchased his own farm on Riley Road, and lived across the street from his sister Henrietta. Henry cleared the land and built a log cabin with his own hands.

Henry lived next door to David Schautz, and his wife Susanna (Good). David was kicked in the head by a horse and died at the age of 22 from his injuries. Henry struck up a relationship with Susanna and married her on March 31, 1881. Eight years later, their first child, Ida, was born in the log cabin Henry had built.

The couple sold their farm and moved to Flint, Michigan in the mid-1990s. They lived in a home on Glenwood Avenue. Their second child, Harold, was born in Flint.

Henry took work at the Flint Carriage Works and later worked at Buick Motor Company, setting a precedent. Four generations of Yankle descendants have worked for General Motors.

John Ezra Yankle was the youngest son of Frederick and Henrietta (Bontein) Yankle. His older brother, Henry, was 17 years old when John was born February 9th, 1976. This pattern was to repeat itself within the Family Tree structure, as the descendants of Henry Yankle are generally 10 to 15 years older than the descendants of John.

When John was 11 years old, tragedy struck the Yankle family when John's older brother, Frederick, drowned in the Shiawassee river. Had Frederick survived, there may have been another entire branch of Yankle descendants to be included in the Family Tree. Frederick is buried next to his parents.



John lived on the family farm at Riley Road, later inheriting it after the death of his father, Frederick

Yankle in 1892.

John met and married Helena A. Griep, daughter of August C. Griep and Mary (Kuester). Helena had moved to the United States with her parents at the age of three. They were married at St. John's Church in Owosso, MI. on

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The Yankle Chronicle is published monthly as a medium by which to inform and educate those who are the descendants of Frederick and Henrietta Yankle.

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Where Are We Now ???

Yankle Descendants now span the United States "sea to shining sea"

- We reside in: Michigan: Interlochen, Traverse City, East Lansing, Burton, Bloomfield Hills, Clio, East Grand Rapids, Flint, Otsego
- North Carolina: Burlington - Alabama: Daphne
- Florida: Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Petersburg
- California: Apple Valley - Louisiana: Marrero
- Nevada: Fallon - Illinois: Naperville
- New Mexico: Chaparral - Arizona: Phoenix

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Featured Family Highlights

May 26, 1897. John and Helena had 3 sons: Arthur, b. April 18, 1899. Richard, b. September 25, 1901, and Barney, b. March 08, 1904.

John and Helena sold the family farm and moved to Corunna, Michigan. John worked at the Renown Stove Co. as an iron molder, and was an active member of the Iron Molder's Union. Helena was said to have ruled the Yankle family with an "iron hand", so perhaps it ran in the family.

John lived a long life. He was 82 when he died, having survived his wife's death by 12 years. There are pictures in the Family Photo Archives of John holding his great granddaughter, Peggy Banghart. He died in 1958.

Our Featured Family

Traci Renee (Yankle) Kaibel is the oldest child of Marlowe Allan Yankle and Lillian Josephine (Muntz), granddaughter of Arthur Yankle, great-granddaughter of John Ezra Yankle, and great, great granddaughter of Frederick Yankle. She currently resides with her husband, 2 children and 2 step-children in Marrero, Louisiana.

Traci was born March 10, 1967 in Mobile, Alabama. She attended the University of Southern Alabama and graduated in 1990 with a degree in Secondary Education. She put the degree to good use as she now teaches 9th and 10th grade English at Belle Chasse High School.

Traci met Kenneth Kaibel who was in the U.S. Navy and a divorcee with two children. They fell in



love and married on June 12, 1993. Traci became the step-mother to Kenneth's two children, Whitney and Kenny, and bore two children of her own: Jacob, b. July 24, 1995, and Hannah, b. June 27, 1999.

Kenneth retired from the Navy in March 2003. He keeps busy by doing part-time construction work and serving as the caretaker and custodian of Greta United Methodist Church. He has recently started to learn

more about the opportunities of real estate investment.

Jacob Kaibel is active in the cub scouts and as of this printing, holds the rank of "Bear". Jacob loves computer games, soccer, the Science club, and is very active in Kids for Christ at his church.

Hannah attends Kate-n-Allies Preschool. She loves ballet and tap, putting on makeup, and making up and singing songs. She also loves to help her Mommy cook.

Traci enjoys singing, softball, and nights out with her husband, Ken. Traci's church has organized a children's cooperative so that young children may be left with members of the church congregation, while their parents are free to go out on a date.



Kidz Spotlight Kidz Spotlight



What: Yankle 2004 Family Reunion
Where: Comstock Inn, Owosso, Michigan
When: Friday, July 23rd and Saturday, July 24th, 2004

Attendees of the Family Reunion will receive a group rate of \$79.00 per night (plus taxes) if we get at least 10 (and up to 15) reservations made before June 23rd, 2004. The Comstock Inn will take reservations now (reserve with a credit card). These rooms have 2 double beds and are in the non-smoking section of the hotel. To reserve your room and get the group discount call 1-877-266-7862, and give them the group code "YANKL". Please call Bob Yankle at (336) 263-4450 when you have made your reservations. I will also arrange for you to be picked up at the airport if you are flying in. You may fly into Flint or Detroit, whichever is more economical (Flint's closer).

Please bring one set of nice, "go to church", clothes as there will be a formal group photograph, taken by a professional studio photographer, on Friday night.