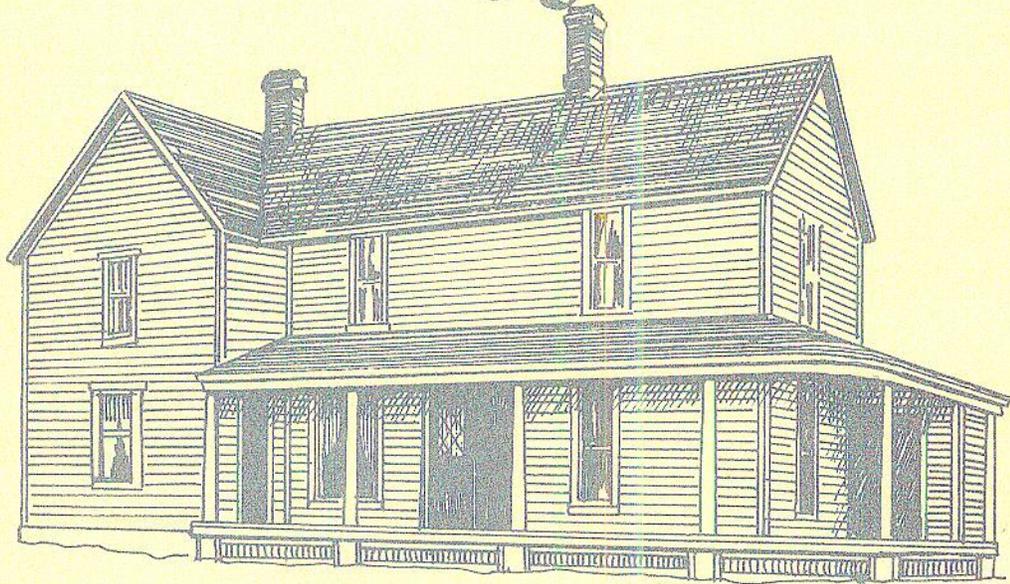


DESCENDANTS OF

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&
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FOREWORD

William Franklin and Eva Ray Collins were married in Macon County, Illinois in 1894. Ten years later, 1904, they moved to Wayne County, Illinois. Their home, illustrated on the cover, was northwest of Sims.

The Collins had nine children of which two died at birth. Descendants of the remaining seven children reside all across the United States, from as far east as Boston, Massachusetts, and as far west as San Diego, California and Kenai, Alaska. This manuscript attempts to provide a record about and for those descendants.

Several family members were contacted to provide names and appropriate dates. Lorene Scarbrough and Edward Collins provided substantial amounts of material on their own and other families and deserve special thanks. Despite a conscientious effort to provide an accurate record, the authors have no doubt that some errors may exist.

A brief ancestral record on William and Eva's also given and several sources of information were used to assemble this record. Census records, obituaries, marriage records and death certificates were used to help document spellings and dates.



William Franklin and Eva (Ray) Collins. This photograph was probably taken in the late 1940s.

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WILLIAM FRANKLIN AND EVA (RAY) COLLINS

William Franklin Collins was born 14 June 1867 in Wayne County, Illinois. His parents were Henry Meek Collins (1827-1904) and Mary Ann (Johnson) Collins (1831-1905). William married Eva Ray on 8 September 1894 at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. Eva was born 13 September 1875 in Macon County and was the daughter of Edward Ray (1845-1917) and Effie

(Cherry) Ray (1850-1933). At the time of their marriage, William's address was Friends Creek, Illinois and Eva's address was Maroa, Illinois. Maroa is in Macon County and Friends Creek is a township in Macon County.

Friends Creek is also thought to be the name of the creek north of Sims, Wayne County, Illinois near where William's parents lived.

In 1904, William and Eva moved from Macon County to Wayne County, Illinois to what became known as the Collins Place. Eva's parents, Edward and Effie Ray, also moved to Wayne County in 1904. William and Eva's house was about 2 miles north and one mile west of Sims. Also, William's parents lived about one-half mile to the north. William farmed until his health would not let him continue.

As their health became worse, Eva stayed with her daughter, Pearl Dickey for eleven months before going to the nursing home in Albion, Illinois. William stayed with his son, Frank Collins, for a time before going to the nursing home in Grayville, Illinois. After he got better, William moved to the Albion nursing home and for a time, William and Eva shared the same room. William died 5 May 1953 and is buried at Hopewell Cemetery, Wayne County, Illinois. Eva died 23 January 1955 and is also buried at Hopewell.

William tended to be somewhat strict about church. He felt that the church was a place to worship God and not to eat. That included any Sunday afternoon gatherings or ice cream socials. Also, as long as someone was able, he did not want any Yucca plants on his grave or on the graves of his parents.

William and Eva Collins had nine children.

1. Freddie Orville Collins, b. 6 January 1895; d. 24 December 1968

Married 1 st	Jessie Walker Fields	b. 12 November 1897
		d. 26 November 1959
Married 1 st	14 October 1922	
Married 2 nd	Maude Strang Payne	b. 28 January 1905
		d. 31 January 1973
Married 2 nd	13 July 1961	

2. Florence Estie Collins, b. 19 June 1898; d. 6 October 1950

Married: Joseph Roscoe Scarbrough, b. 20 February 1892
d. 2 January 1981

Married: 23 December 1917

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN AND EVA RAY COLLINS

Children born to William and Eva were:

- 1. Freddie Orville Collins
- 2. Florence Estie Collins
- 3. Frank Harold Collins
- 4. Infant Son
- 5. Pearl Collins
- 6. Infant Son
- 7. Edward Walter Collins
- 8. Myrtle Collins
- 9. Edna Marie Collins

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FREDDIE ORVILLE COLLINS

Freddie Orville Collins was born 6 January 1895 in Macon County, Illinois. Fred married Jessie (Walker) Fields 14 October 1922. Jessie was born 12 November 1897 in Perry County, Indiana and was the daughter of John M. and Sarah Ann (Cherry) Walker. Prior to marrying Fred, Jessie was married to a Fields and had a daughter, Hazel Fields, born 11 December 1918.

Fred and Jessie lived several different places before settling in Steward, Lee County, Illinois. Before retiring in 1960, Fred worked 19 years at Del Monte in Rochelle, Illinois. Fred was a World War I veteran.

Fred and Jessie did not have any children. Jessie Collins died 26 November 1959 in Lee County, Illinois and is buried at Steward Cemetery.

On 13 July 1961, Fred married Maude (Strang) Payne in Ogle County, Illinois. Maude was born 28 January 1905 in Ogle County. Fred and Maude also lived in Steward, Illinois.

Freddie Orville Collins died 24 December 1968 in Dixon, Lee County, Illinois and is buried at Steward Cemetery. Maude died 31 January 1973 in Ogle County, Illinois and is buried at Rochelle Cemetery.

FREDDIE ORVILLE COLLINS (continued)

1. Hazel Fields Collins (Fred did not adopt her but gave her his name)

Married 1st: Henry Boekus(Boelkus)

1. Barbara Boekus

(Barbara used her stepfather's name of Baremore)

Married 1st: Enghausen

Married 2nd: William Coffmann

(It is thought that Barbara had four children)

Married 2nd: C.W. Baremore, b. 18 December 1914

Married 3rd: O.E. Hayes

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FLORENCE ESTIE COLLINS

Florence Estie Collins was born 19 June 1898 in Macon County, Illinois. Florence married Joseph "Roscoe" Scarbrough on 23 December 1917 in Wayne County, Illinois. Roscoe was the son of William and Sarah Alice (Draper) Scarbrough. Roscoe was born 20 February 1892 in Wayne County.

Roscoe and Florence moved to Manzanola, Colorado before 1924. Roscoe's parents, William and Sarah, had moved to Manzanola in 1919. Florence's sister, Pearl, also went with them and found a job in Rocky Ford, Colorado. The trip, made in a Model T Ford, took two weeks and they camped in a tent the entire trip. Roscoe became foreman at a canning factory. After retirement, he stayed with his son, Delbert, in Garden City, Kansas.

Florence died 6 October 1950 in Manzanola and is buried at Fowler, Otero County, Colorado. Joseph Roscoe died 7 January 1981 in Garden City, Kansas and is also buried at Fowler, Colorado. Florence and Roscoe had three boys:

1. Glenn William Scarbrough
2. Lester Olen Scarbrough
3. Delbert Leo Scarbrough

FLORENCE ESTIE COLLINS (continued)

1. Glenn William Scarbrough, b. 14 March 1920, Wayne Co., IL;
 d. 6 July 1982, La Junta, Otero Co., CO Buried at Manzanola, Otero Co., CO
 Married: Anna Lorene "Bill" Ford, b. 9 August 1923, Hamilton Co., KS
 Daughter of Walter Clayton and Isa Anna (Martin) Ford. Married: 25 December 1941,
 Manzanola, Otero Co., CO

Glenn and Lorene lived at Manzanola, Colorado. Glenn was a Culligan Water Salesman and also worked in the lumber yard. Lorene has retired after working more than 19 years in the Rocky Ford National Bank. As a point of interest, Glenn's birth certificate shows his name as William Glen rather than Glenn William. Glenn and Lorene had two children:

1. Gary Wayne Scarbrough
2. Glenda Ann Scarbrough

2. Lester Olen Scarbrough, b. 20 July 1921, Wayne Co., IL; d. 2 August 1970, Holbrook, AZ. Buried at San Diego, San Diego Co., CA

Married: Christine Elizabeth Grasmick, b. 15 January 1922, Germany. Daughter of John Conrad and Catherine Grasmick
 Married: 26 April 1948, Raton, NM

Lester and his family moved to San Diego, California before his children were married. Lester was employed at General Dynamics Government in San Diego. Lester died on way home after visiting his father, Roscoe, in Manzanola, Colorado. Lester and Christine had two children:

1. Richard Lester Scarbrough
2. Gaylene Sue Scarbrough

3. Delbert Leo Scarbrough, b. 13 December 1924, Manzanola, Otero Co., CO

Married: Rosa Lee Proctor, b. 28 April 1928, Rocky Ford, Otero Co., CO

Daughter of George Proctor
 Married: 6 April 1946, Las Vegas, NM

Delbert and his family moved to Garden City, Kansas. Delbert works for the Electric Co-op. Delbert and Rosa Lee helped take care of his father, Roscoe, when his health failed. Delbert and Rosa Lee had two children:

1. Lynn Del Scarbrough
2. Deena Lee Scarbrouh

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FRANK HAROLD COLLINS

Frank Harold Collins was born 12 May 1900 in Macon County, Illinois. Frank married Beulah Chloe Miller 28 July 1917 in Kentucky. Beulah was the daughter of Leroy and Ruth (McRill) Miller and was born 25 July 1899 in Wayne County, Illinois.

Frank and Beulah lived in several different places north of Wayne City, Illinois. He farmed and worked some in the timber. In 1954, Beulah died. She is buried at Hopewell Cemetery, Wayne County, Illinois. On 18 August 1955, Frank married Pearl Reed. Pearl was born 8 August 1908 and is the daughter of Logan and Nora Reed. After being in the nursing home at Fairfield, Illinois for several years, Frank died 5 February 1983. He is also buried at Hopewell Cemetery.

Frank and Beulah had five children. They are:

1. Helen Collins
2. Melba Collins
3. Velma Collins
4. Eva Ruth Collins
5. Joyce D. Collins

1. Helen Collins, b. 7 June 1918, Wayne Co., IL

Married: Norbert "Red" Scarbrough, b. 10 January 1917, Wayne Co., IL

Son of Clarence and Lily (Brady) Scarbrough

Married: 15 December 1935, Wayne Co., IL

Helen and Red live at Mt. Vernon, Illinois and had one son, Clarence Scarbrough.

2. Melba Collins, b. 1 June 1921, Wayne Co., IL

Married: Roger Bozarth, b. 14 May 1917, Wayne Co., IL;

d. 26 January 1965. Buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Fairfield, Wayne Co., IL

Son of Sheridian and Effie (Hollingsworth) Bozarth

Married: 4 May 1940, Wayne Co., IL

Melba lives at Fairfield, Illinois and Melba and Roger had one son, Ronald Bozarth.

3. Velma Collins, b. 8 October 1923, Wayne Co., IL

Married 1st: Sammy Catton, b. 24 May 1922

Son of George and Ursula (Scott) Catton Married 1st: 26 November 1940, Wayne Co., IL

Velma lives at Wayne City, Illinois and she and Sammy Catton had four children:

FRANK HAROLD COLLINS (continued)

4. Eva Ruth Collins, b. 12 March 1927, Wayne Co., IL Married: Kirby Milt, b. 31

August 1924

Eva and Kirby live at Mt. Vernon, Illinois and had one son, Terry Milt.

1. Terry Milt, b. 21 October 1955

5. Joyce D. Collins, b. 8 August 1939; d. 25 September 1939. Buried at Hopewell Cemetery, Wayne
County, Illinois

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PEARL COLLINS

Pearl Collins was born 11 August 1903 in Macon County, Illinois. Pearl was such a small baby that a bed was made from a shoe box. A warming oven was also used as an incubator. In 1904, her parents moved back to Wayne County to the home place north of Sims, Illinois. Pearl worked some in a restaurant at Rocky Ford, Colorado and with her Aunt Josie in a Decatur, Illinois restaurant. She also worked in a laundry for three years in Clinton, Illinois.

On 7 March 1925, Pearl married Audrey Vere Dickey in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. Audrey was the son of Joshua Curtis and Laura (Johnson) Dickey and was born 3 March 1904 in Wayne County, Illinois. They lived in the house that Verl Dickey now lives in until 15 October 1927 when they moved in with Audrey's mother, Laura, who wasn't very well. This big house was about a half mile west and north of the Collins home place.

In the fall of 1928, Audrey and Pearl bought the "log house" which was across the road and to the south of Laura Dickey's home. In mid-April 1934, they bought the place that Verl now has and lived there until the spring of 1955 when they moved across the field to the house Orville Dickey had built in 1950. As retirement approached, Pearl and Audrey built a new house down the road east from where Verl lives. They moved there in October, 1978.

Audrey died 16 December 1978 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Illinois and is buried at Dickeyville Cemetery in Wayne County, Illinois. Pearl and Audrey had eight children who are:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Orville Curtis Dickey | 5. Otha Lee Dickey |
| 2. William Harold Dickey | 6. Barbara Faye Dickey |
| 3. Orl Louise Dickey | 7. Carlyn Allen Dickey |
| 4. Audrey Verl Dickey | 8. Helen Irene Dickey |

1. Orville Curtis Dickey, b. 7 December 1925 in Wayne Co., IL
d. 24 February 1979, Olney, Richland Co., IL Buried at Dickeyville Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

Married: Velma Arlene Mayberry, b. 14 October 1928, Wayne Co., IL Daughter of Harrolle Halsey and Lucile (Trotter) Mayberry Married: 1 March 1946, Jefferson Co., IL

Orville farmed until health would not permit, then worked as a garment factory machinist. Velma also worked at the garment factory in Fairfield, Illinois for 10 years and in 1981 moved to Claremore, Oklahoma where she also works in a garment factory. Orville and Velma had six children:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Elbert Curtis Dickey | 4. Robert Dale Dickey |
| 2. Steven Lee Dickey | 5. Norman Gail Dickey |
| 3. Allen Wayne Dickey | 6. Virginia Arlene Dickey |

EDWARDWALTERCOLLINS

Edward Walter Collins was born 4 November 1908 in Wayne' County, Illinois. Ed married Helen Johnston on 15 April 1933. Ed worked at Del Monte on the Railroad. Ed and Helen live at Dekalb, Illinois and after retiring, spend the winter in Donna, Texas.

Helen was born 9 October 1915 in *Wayne* County. She was the daughter of Frank Bruce (20 September 1885 - 15 May 1974) and Phoebe Ethel (Pennington) Johnston (23 September 1889 - 21 September 1971),

Ed and Helen have six children:

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| 1. Joan Collins | 4. William "Bill" Collins |
| 2. Donna Collins | 5. Karen Collins |
| 3. Patricia Collins | 6. Linda Collins |

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MYRTLE COLLINS

Born 18 January 1911 in Wayne County, Illinois, Myrtle married Everett Green on 4 August 1933. Everett was born 10 May 1909 and was the son of Frank and Rosa (Williamson) Green. They farmed some near Bluford, Jefferson County, Illinois and then near Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. After farming, Everett worked for about 5 years in construction at Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado. In January 1954, they moved to Baytown, Texas where Everett retired from J.M. Huber Carbon Black Plant. Everett died 1 November 1976 and is buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery, north of Baytown, Texas.

Myrtle and Everett had one son, Standly Green.

1. Standly Everett Green

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EDNA MARIE COLLINS

Edna Marie Collins was born in Wayne County, Illinois on 18 November 1913. Edna married Herman Monroe Butler on 25 November 1932 in Sycamore, Illinois. Monroe was born 23 September 1906 in Jefferson County, Illinois and was the son of Washington and Lousetta (Bennett) Butler. Edna worked at a yarn factory in Rochelle, Illinois and Monroe had a radio and television repair shop. Following retirement, Edna and Monroe moved from Rochelle on 1 September 1970 to a 20-acre piece of land in Ozark County, Missouri. The land joined Mark Twain National forest on three sides. Monroe died 2 December 1971 in Greene County, Missouri and is buried at Thornfield, Missouri.

Edna moved from the acreage to Ava, Missouri 14 March 1981. On 14 June 1981, Edna married Cecil Herbert Wright in Isabella, Missouri. Cecil was born in Obion County, Tennessee on 13 August 1911 and is the son of Herbert and Melvina Wright. Edna and Cecil live in Ava.

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LINEAGE OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN COLLINS

Only limited information has been obtained regarding the lineage of William Franklin Collins. A limited ancestral chart is shown on the next page.

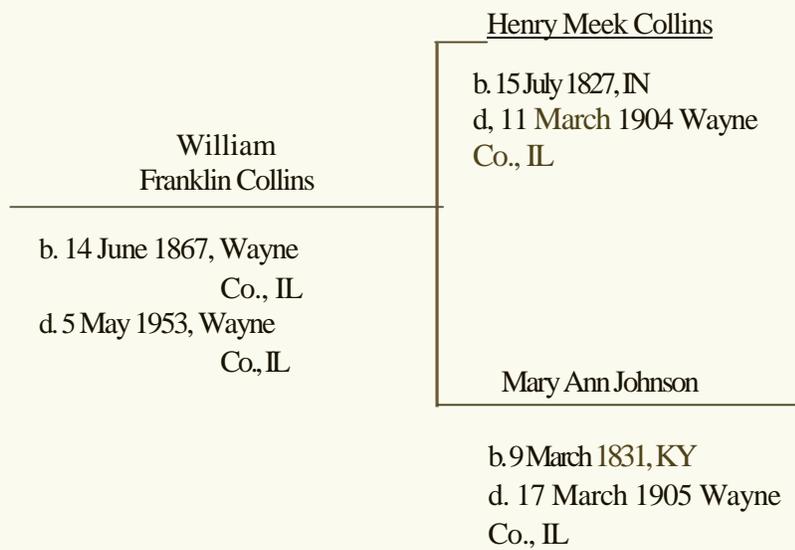
Henry Meek Collins and Mary Ann (Johnson) Collins

Henry Meek Collins, a farmer, was born 15 July 1827 and married Mary Ann Johnson. Henry was born in Indiana and Mary was born in Kentucky. Mary Ann was born 9 March 1831. The 1870 Wayne County, Illinois census shows the Collins family living near the Brush Creek Post Office. The 1870 census also lists six children and indicates the children were born in Illinois, but the Collins family is not listed on the 1860 Wayne County census.

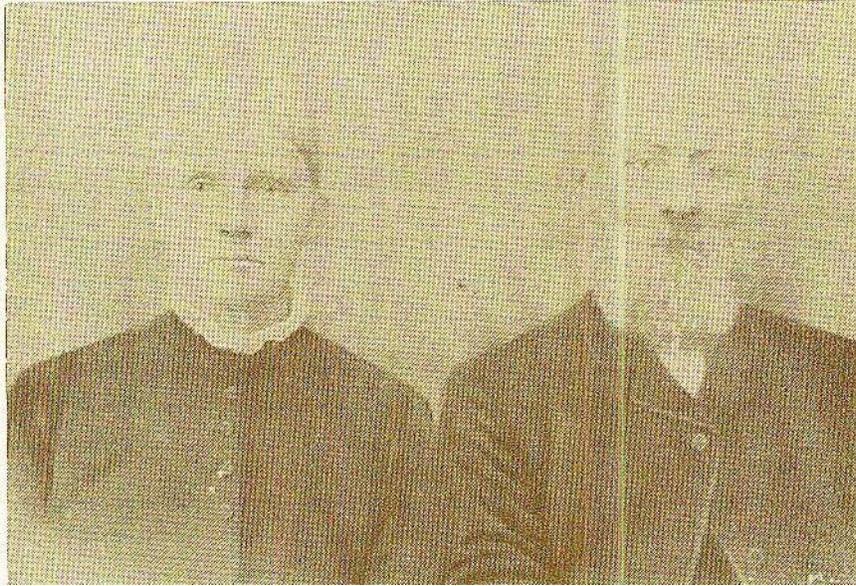
1. Susy Elizabeth Collins, b. 1857, IL; Married: Davy Dalton
2. Mary Josephine Collins, b. 1861, IL; Married: Rufus Brandem and they lived in Decatur, Illinois
3. Ida Collins, b. 1861, IL; Married: Park Cravens and they moved to Grand Valley, Colorado.
4. Louisa Collins, b. 1865, IL; Married: Washington Cravens
5. William Franklin Collins, b. 14 June 1867; Wayne Co., IL; d. 5 May 1953; Married: Eva Ray, b. 13 September 1875; d. 1955 Married: 9 September 1894, Macon Co., IL
6. John Henry Collins, b. 1870, Wayne Co., IL; d. 1943. Buried at Johnsonville Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL Married: Lizzie Harris, b. 1873; d. 1953. Buried at Johnsonville Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

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ANCESTRAL CHART WILLIAM FRANKLIN COLLINS



Henry Meek and Mary Ann Collins (continued)



Henry Meek (1827-1904) and Mary Ann (Johnson) Collins (1831-1905). This photograph was probably taken about 1900.

Henry Meek Collins died 11 March 1904 in Wayne City, Wayne County, Illinois. He died in the old big "Rainwater" house located in the northeast part of town. His funeral was also in the big house and was on a bad winter day. Mary Ann Collins died 17 March 1905 in Wayne County, Illinois. Both Henry and Mary Ann Collins are buried at Dickeyville Cemetery, Wayne County, Illinois.

Henry Collins would not talk about his parents, any brothers or sisters, or other relatives. Before moving to Illinois, there is a good chance that he lived in Kentucky. One time, when a song entitled "In the Cave" was sung by Floyd Collins on the radio, Henry remarked that he could be one of their relatives. However, even when Freddie begged, Henry would not say anything more.

LINEAGE OF EVA RAY

As with William Franklin Collins, only limited information has been obtained regarding the lineage of Eva Ray. An ancestral chart showing this information is on the next page.

Edward and Effie (Cherry) Ray

Edward Ray was born 24 April 1845 near Winchester, Scott County, Illinois and was the son of Thomas and Julia Ann (Curtis) Ray. About the year 1857, he, with his parents, moved to Macon County. Edward Ray served in the Civil War and enlisted from Macon County. In 1870 he married Effie Cherry the daughter of Ellen (Reiley) Cherry. Effie was born 24 April 1850 at Brainbridge, Ohio. In 1904, Edward and Effie Ray moved to Wayne County and resided near Wayne City, Illinois.

Edward and Effie had eleven children.

1. Josephine "Josie" Ray, b. 19 December 1870, Macon Co., IL;
d. 17 August 1966, Bluford, IL; Buried in Thomason Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

Married 1st: Oliver Peck

Married 1st: 22 February 1899, Emery, Macon Co., IL

1. Infant Son, d. as an infant (blue baby)
2. Cecil Peck, d. 1935 (Hodgins Disease) Married: Marie
Stroud

Cecil and Marie wanted to have a double wedding with Audrey and Pearl Dickey. They went to the courthouse and the judge didn't know how to perform one.

Married 2nd: Silas Butler

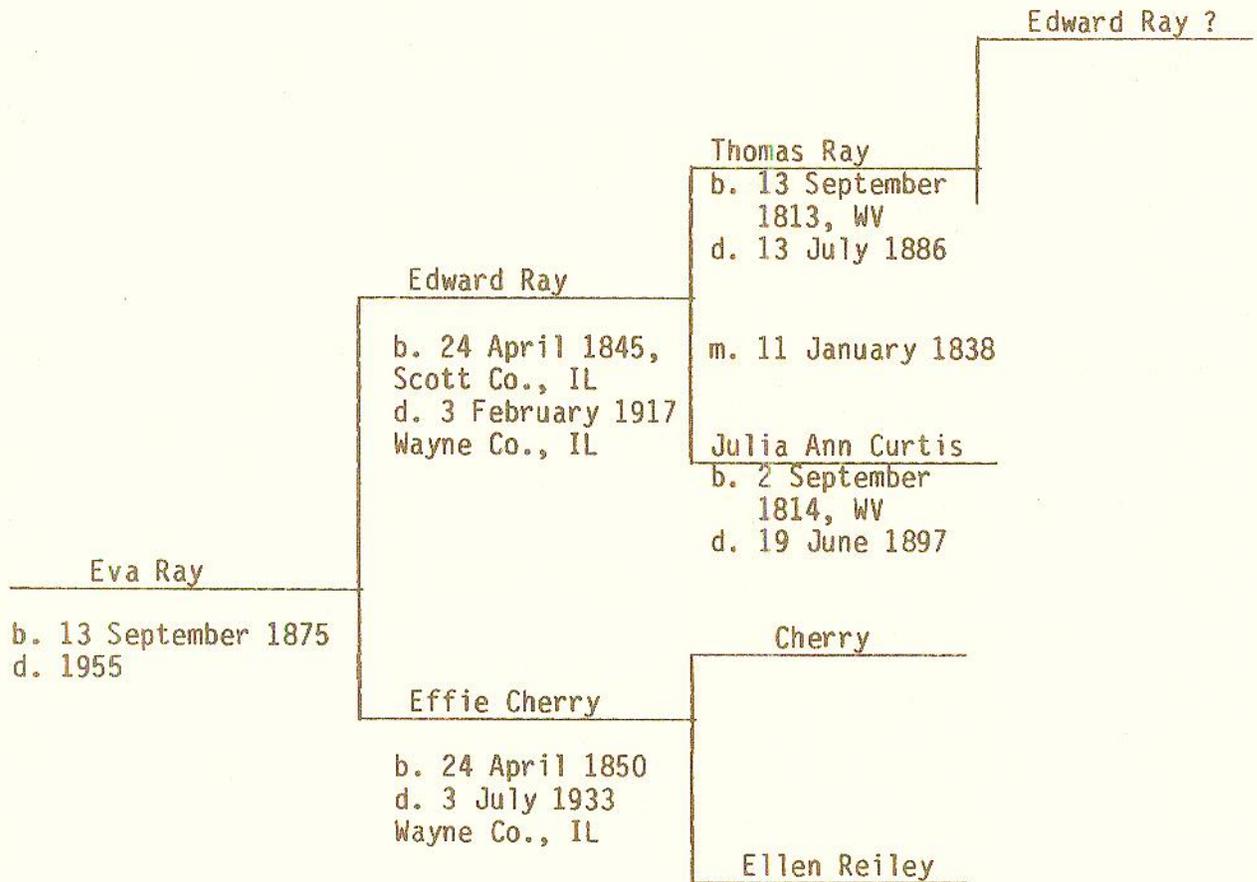
2. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ray, b. 14 September 1873, Macon Co., IL;
d. 2 December 1958; Buried at Thomason Cemetery, Wayne Co. IL

Married: Raleigh Merrett, b. 1866; d. 1944; Buried at Thomason Cemetery, Wayne Co., IL

Married: Decatur, Macon Co., IL

1. Grace
2. Russell
3. Clarence
4. Mabel
5. Ethel

ANCESTRAL CHART - EVA RAY



Edward and Effie (Chery) Ray (continued)

3. Eva Ray, b. 13 September 1875, Macon Co., IL; d. 23 January 1955 at Resthaven Nursing Home, Albion, Edwards Co., IL

Married: William Franklin Collins, b. 14 June 1867; d. 5 May 1953 Married: 8 September 1894, Decatur, Macon Co., IL

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|--------------|-----------|
| 1 . Fred | 5. Edward |
| 2 . Florence | 6. Myrtle |
| 3 . Frank | 7. Edna |
| 4 . Pearl | |

4. Anna "Annie" Ray, b. 26 May 1877, Macon Co., IL;
d. 14 November 1974

Married: William Hadley Married:
Emery, Macon Co., IL

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|------------|-------------|
| 1 . Lester | 3. Florence |
| 2 . Alice | 4. Viola |

They lived at Meaha, Iowa.

5. Willis Ray, b. 18 September 1879, Macon Co., IL

Married: Mada Phily
Married: Decatur, Macon Co., IL

- 1 . Pansy
- 2 . Clifford
- 3 . Daisy

They lived at Savanna, Illinois.

6. Julie Virginia "Jenny" Ray, b. 8 August 1881, Macon Co., IL

Married: John Wunderlich
Married: Wayne City, Wayne Co., IL

They lived at Freeburg, Illinois and had no children.

7. Sarah Ellen "Sally" Ray, b. 23 November 1883, Macon Co., IL;
d. 4 July 1950

Married: Chester Arthur Kirby

Married: 20 January 1908, Wayne City, Wayne Co., IL

1. Edythe Ruth
2. John Wilbur
3. Lola Josephine

8. Frank Ray, b. 11 February 1886, Macon Co., IL

Married: Ada Borland

Married: T5 June 1910, Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL

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| 1. Bernice | 3. Ruth |
| 2. Ernie | 4. Paul |

They lived at Clinton, Illinois.

9. Roy Ray, b. 4 March 1888, Macon Co., IL; d. 26 September 1918.

Roy was killed in action in France in World War I, 124 Field Artillery, 33rd Division. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Roy never married but was engaged to be married when he enlisted. Edwin was also fighting near where Roy was killed.

10. Edwin Ray, b. 12 January 1891, Macon Co., IL; d. 7 October 1971 Married: Hazel Close

1. Norman
2. Wyman

Edwin and Hazel were killed in a car accident in Missouri.

Edwin was a veteran of World War I. They lived at Moberly, Missouri.

11. Ruth Ray, b. 1 August 1897, Macon Co., IL

Married: Roy Collie

Married: 1921, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL

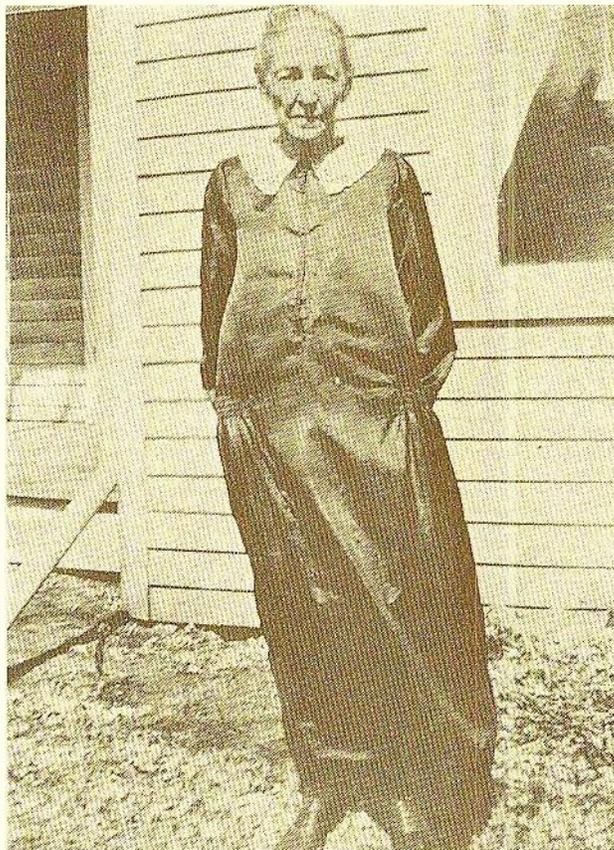
1. Virginia
2. Roy, Jr.
3. Velma

They lived in Decatur, Illinois.

Edward Ray died 3 February 1917 in Wayne City and is buried at Thomason Cemetery, Wayne County, Illinois. W.A. Mayberry conducted funeral services at the Ray home. As a side note, the tombstone has an incorrect death date of 1916. Effie (Cherry) Ray died 3 July 1933 and is buried at, Thomason Cemetery.



Edward (1845-1917) and Effie (1850-1933) Ray.
This photograph was probably taken near 1915.



Effie (Cherry) Ray as photographed about 1930.

Thomas and Julie Ann (Curtis) Ray

Thomas and Julie Curtis Ray were both born near Wheeling, West Virginia. Thomas was born 13 September 1813 and Julie was both 2 September 1814. On 11 January 1838, they were married and shortly afterward, they moved to Scott Co., Illinois.

The 1840 Scott County census lists Thomas and his family. While very limited information is available from the 1840 census records, Thomas, age 20-30, is shown as having two sons less than five years old.

Also, the 1840 Scott County census has an Edward Ray family who lived in the same vicinity (one page removed) as Thomas Ray. Edward's age is between 40 and 50 and there are seven children shown in the household. One son is shown as being 20 to 30 years old. The age of Edward and the son plus the proximity of the Edward Ray and Thomas Ray households allows one to speculate that Edward could be the father of Thomas. If this is true, then Thomas, age 23 in 1840, would have had seven brothers and sisters of whom one was also age 20 to 30.

In 1855, Thomas and his family moved to Macon County, Illinois near the town of Maroa. The 1860 census of Macon County lists Thomas and his family as farmers having real estate valued at \$33,000 and personal property valued at \$650. There appears to be a discrepancy on the ages of Thomas and Julie. The 1860 census shows Thomas as 43 rather than 47, and Julie as 42 rather than 46.

The 1860 census also lists 9 children, all born in Illinois.

1. Alonzo Ray, age 21 (b. about 1839)
2. Joseph Ray, age 18 (b. 5 October 1841)
3. Curtis Ray, age 17 (b. about 1843)
4. Mary Ray, age 16 (b. about 1844)
5. Edward Ray, age 14 (b. about 1846)
6. David Ray, age 10 (b. about 1850)
7. Clinton Ray, age 8 (b. about 1852)
8. Sarah Ray, age 7 (b. about 1853)
9. Margaret Ray, age 6 (b. about 1854)

The obituary for Julie Ray has these 9 children listed as well as three others who preceded her in death. They are:

10. William
11. Ruth
12. Charlotte

The 1840 census allows one to speculate that William would have been born prior to Joseph since there are two boys listed⁴ of 1840.

Thomas and Julie Ann (Curtis) Ray (continued)

Thomas died 13 July 1886 at their family residence 31 miles north of Forsyth and is buried at the cemetery east of Macon. Julie died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.P. Thrift, near Emery on 19 June 1897. The obituaries of Thomas and Julie tell where their children lived and a little bit of information are given on who their daughters married.

	Residence in	
	1886	1897
1. Alonzo	Maroa Township	Maroa
2. Joseph	Whitmore	near Emery
3. Curtis	Springfield	Chicago
4. Mary (Ray) Thrift	Friends Creek Township	Oregon
5. Edward	Maroa Township	near Emery
6. David	Springfield	Virginia
7. Clinton	Maroa Township	Maroa
8. Sarah (Ray) Van Meter	Winchester	Winchester
9. Margaret "Maggie" (Ray) Thrift	Maroa Township	Emery

The obituary of Thomas also has some of his brothers and sisters. The total shown is five which does not match the seven shown for Edward Ray in the 1840 Scott County census. Those listed are:

Ruth (Ray) Carroll of Knobnoster, MO;
 Moses Ray of New Mexico; and
 Three other deceased brothers, one of which was Joseph Ray of Cincinnati.

In politics, Thomas was a Whig, then Republican. He did not like slavery and four of his boys, including Edward and Joseph, fought in the civil war.