

William Foster Reynolds (1871-1950)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 2011

e-mail : To Jo Ann Ordway (joanninyuma@yahoo.com), Yuma, AZ, from Jerry Long, 20 July 2011:

Jo Ann,

I noticed a couple of differences in dates that I thought I would ask about. You list that your parents married on 20 April 1942 I have also found it as 25 April 1942. The latter date is reported on their marriage license recorded here in Daviess County (Marriage Book 96, p199) - see attached copy.

Also in the Kentucky Birth Index the birth date of your brother, William J., is reported to be 22 May 1953 (see listing below). Are you certain that his birth date is 27 May 1953?

I don't know of anyone living on the Reynolds side of the family that would be closely related to you. I will review the siblings of your mother and see if I can locate any of their children.

I have not seen the CD of pictures that you mentioned. Do you think there is any way I could get a copy? I have a few pictures of the Youngs (around 10 or so). If they weren't already on the CD I could scan them and send them to you. I have attached a recent picture of myself at work in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library.

Thanks again!

Jerry Long

e-mail : From Jo Ann Ordway (joanninyuma@yahoo.com), to Jerry Long, 21 July 2011:

Good morning,

Thanks for the update on my dates. I am in the Family History Library here in SLK this morning. I looked at a book containing records of marriages in Daviess County and found their marriage date to be April 25th in that book. I believe I got my information from the Department of Health in Kentucky--possibly not the best source of information and I didn't put an image of the source on my computer. As I have said I am just a beginner, but eager to learn.

As to my brother's birth date--you are exactly right. It clicked with me when I saw the date. I don't have an official document--just my memory which isn't very official.

As to the CD--mine is home in Yuma. I am sure Rita would be willing to help you. You may already have the same pictures. She has a picture of Rheinhart and Emma, a picture of my father, Paul and others--looks like they are Kentucky bootleggers and other pictures of some of the girls--one with Aunt Lucy and my mother and pictures of Aunt Carrie and others.

Thanks for checking on cousins from the Reynolds side for me. The only one I remember anything about is Patty--Uncle Alfred's daughter. I only met her as a child, but have no knowledge of her married name.

If I have any more information, I will send it to you. I will send some pictures of me and my family soon.

Thanks again.

Jo Ann

e-mail : To Jo Ann Ordway (joanninyuma@yahoo.com), 9 August 2011:

Jo Ann,

I have attached copies of the obituaries William Foster Reynolds (from "Owensboro Messenger" of 8 Feb 1950) and his wife, Zina Phillips Reynolds (from the "Owensboro Messenger" of 15 Apr 1950).

The following are some notes on the children of William Foster Reynolds (17 September 1871 Ohio County, KY – 7 February 1950 Evansville, IN, son of William H. Reynolds & Mary Melvina Carter) & Zina Phillips 10 February 1877 Ohio County, KY – 14 April 1950 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, daughter of Commodore Perry Phillips & Honnora Huff):

Wiburn Cleborn Reynolds born 12 Apr 1899, died 19 Nov 1983 Vienna, Dooly County, GA (in 1969 he was living in Eugene, Oregon. Married Eva Elizabeth Strange in 1921 (Ohio County, KY Marriage Book 34, p33). She was born 23 Nov 1901 & died 4 Jan 1988 Lane County, OR. Their children included – Wilburn C., Jr., born 26 Dec 1920 Daviess County, KY & died 1 Feb 2000 Glendora, CA, married Mary Imogene Sampley, 30 Jun 1945 Stanley, Daviess County, KY; and William, born 7 Aug 1923 Daviess County, KY.

Alva G. Reynolds born 26 Jun 1902, died 23 Aug 1969 Evansville, IN, where he was buried at Locust Hill Cemetery. Married Lela M. Turpen about 1923, she was born 1902 IN & died 30 Dec 1965 Evansville, IN, where she was buried Locust Hill Cemetery. Alva & Lela and their two sons are listed in the 1930 census of Indianapolis, IN. Alva G. Reynolds married 2nd Ethel (Boyd) in 1968 in Evansville, IN (Vanderburgh County, IN Marriage Book 180, p558), she was born 6 Feb 1911 & died 11 Nov 1979 Evansville, IN, where she was buried at the St. Joseph Cemetery. Alva & Lela had two children – Bruce G. & Jack R. 1. Bruce G. Reynolds, born 11 Feb 1926 IN & died 14 Dec 1991 Evansville, IN, where he was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery.

He married Ella Jean Woodward in 1947-48 Evansville, IN (Vanderburgh County, IN Marriage Book 133, p278), she was born 1929-30 & died 16 Aug 1991 Evansville, IN, where she was buried in Park Lawn Cemetery (they had Alva Lee, Kelly & Cheryl). And 2. Jack R. Reynolds, born 18 Jan 1928 IN & died 4 Apr 1988 Evansville, IN, where he was buried at Locust Hill Cemetery. Married Ann (Morris), 1946-47 (Vanderburgh County, IN Marriage Book 131, p272), she was born 20 Jan 1930 & died 9 Dec 2005 Evansville, IN, they had sons, Jack R., Jr. (died 14 Apr 1971, buried Locust Hill Cemetery, Evansville, IN) & David. [See attached Word file with obituary abstracts of Alva G. Reynolds from the Evansville, IN newspapers, on internet site <http://browning.evcpl.lib.in.us/>]

Floyd E. Reynolds born 21 Oct 1905 KY and died in Nov 1975, lived Hammond, Lake County, IN. Married Geneva Beele (Crawford) on 28 Feb 1923 Rockport, Spencer County, IN, she was born 1907-08 KY & died 29 May 1932; she was the daughter of Hugh Hamilton Crawford & Etta Irene Moseley. Floyd & Geneva are listed in the home of his brother, Alva Reynolds, in the 1930 census of Indianapolis, IN. Their children included Louise, born 3 Sep 1923 Daviess County, KY & Irene, born 1924-25 KY, possibly a third daughter – one of the daughters married Harold Phillips.

Alfred W. Reynolds born 9 Nov 1915 Ohio County, KY (KY birth certificate) & died 20 April 1972, Gary, Lake County, IN, where he was buried in the Calumet Park Cemetery (see attached copy of obituary from the “Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer”). He married Michael Mae Bivins 30 March 1940 (Daviess County, KY Marriage Book 93, p45); she was born 15 Nov 1919 Daviess County, KY & was living in 1972; the daughter of Richard Burr Bivins & Laura Pearl Emmick. Alfred W. & Michael had two daughters living when he died in 1972 – Mrs. Patricia Reynolds Alexander & Pamela Reynolds, both then living Gary, IN.

Roland D. Reynolds born 14 Apr 1920 Ohio County, KY & died 13 June 1989; in 1972 lived Gary, IN. Married Emma Jean Westerfield 30 June 1941 (Daviess County, KY Marriage Book 95, p154). She was born 15 Aug 1923 Ohio County, KY & died 30 Jan 2009 Owensboro, KY; daughter of Rommie Westerfield & Gusta Ralph. Roland & Emma Jean divorced & she married 2nd Joseph M. Pagan about 1942.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

e-mail : From Jo Ann Ordway (joanninyuma@yahoo.com), 9 August 2011:

Good afternoon Jerry, Thanks so much for the great information. It means so much to me.
JoAnn

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