

Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Correspondence between Ann Arnold Hennings and Anna Laura Sanford Stoy (wife of John Stoy) regarding Charles Stoy and Phoebe Kelley Stoy and their children; written 19 July 1974.

Robert Stoy 12 January 2021

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July 19, 1974

Dear Mrs. Stoy,

Please excuse the delay in answering your request for Stoy information. Once the summers are over my pet hobby of genealogy must be put on the shelf until the next year. I always promise myself to fill in a few Saturdays with a letter or two but never seem able to do it.

I am enclosing what little I have on the Charles and Phebe Anna (Kelley) Stoy family. When I started my search I went first to your sister-in-law, Mildred Oliver. She gave me quite a lot. She has in her possession the Marriage certificate of Charles Stoy and Phebe Anna Kelley dated 4/27/1868 and is signed by the Mayor of Pittsburg, Pa., James Blackmore. It gives the addresses for both as New Martinsville, West Virginia. (I wrote to the County of Allegheny at Pittsburg and was told they had no marriage records prior to 1885. They recommended I check with the Carnegie Library, Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, which I have never done. I also write the Wetzel County, West Virginia, Court House in New Martinsville to see if the marriage was recorded there and they answered that they had no record.)

Mrs. Oliver also has from the Health Department, D. C. Burial Permit dated 3/31/1903 for Phebe A. Stoy. I'm not sure if it is the same as I received recently from the D. C. Vital Records Division but it has the same information, namely: #148223

- ✓ Phebe A. Stoy
- Date of Death - March 31, 1903
- Age - 57
- Listed as Married (with single, widowed, divorced crossed out)
- Birthplace - West Virginia
- Birthplace of parents - unknown
- Place of death - Garfield Hospital Annex
- Place of residence - 1432 Corcoran St., N.W.
- Place of burial - Herndon, Va.

Mrs. Oliver's file also contains several other bits and pieces that give the family puzzle a little color. They are a contract dated Nov. 1885 between P. A. Stoy and Board of School Trustees, Drainsville District Fairfax County to teach school for which she would receive \$25 for five months. For this sum, she also would sweep the floor and build the fire; two small notices that show Arminda Kelley and P. A. Kelley members of the Methodist Episcopal Church as of Jan. 7, 1860. No idea where this church was.

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The only other major clues I have to the family are as follows:

1. Reference Virginia (Stoy) Arnold, my mother - Stoy's came from N. J. through Pennsylvania to Ohio and down to Loudoun/Fairfax area via New Martinsville, West Virginia. She learned that through the Lewis family and they were related to her through her mother, Maria Caylor. In my Caylor search I have recently found where they moved from Ohio to Loudoun County. No mention of any West Virginia areas yet so they theory may possibly be correct.
2. In our Stoy family Bible is a letter from Margaret (Stoy) McAllister, sister to Clifford and Elmer. It was written to my mother in 1952 from Los Angeles, California. She stated that in order to work in a defense plant during World War II she needed proof she was born and when and where. She notified the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Richmond, Va., and they stated they wanted a list of all children born to Charles and Phebe (Kelly) Stoy. She sent the following information stating she could not remember the exact dates and they sent her an official Transcript of a record of birth which took the place of a birth certificate:

- " 1 about April 1870 - boy
- 2 about March 1872 - Boy
- 3 about April 1874 - girl
- 4 about February 1876 - girl
- 5 ~~about~~ 6th of November 1878 - girl (myself)
- 6 about March 1881 - Girl
- 7 about July (I think) 1884 - boy (Elmer)
- 8 about Feb. (13) 1888 - girl ♀

I hope to be in Richmond in a few weeks and hope to visit that office just to see what they have on a lot of items I am working on and I will check to see if that list gives any additional information.

3. As for county records, I have a little but far from complete.

Fairfax County, Va. - DB-L-4, p 103

Dated 25 Mar 1870

Recorded 25 Mar 1870

Charles Stoy buys 137 acres of land for \$2,630 from Henry Bower of Philadelphia. Stoy from Loudoun Co. It is the same land Bower received of Eliza Elliott by deed dated 31 Oct. 1867 and recorded in Fairfax Liber H-#4, folio 330.

There are other deeds showing how they sold various pieces of the property but I don't have the details. I haven't had time to check the Loudoun courthouse to see what they have for Charles prior to 1870.

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4. On visiting the National Archives I checked the index to compiled Records of Confederate Soldiers. I found many Stoy's from around the country but no Charles.
5. I was given sometime ago an old map of the Dranesville District #6 of Fairfax County (I believe from a book in the Fairfax Court House) which shows the location of various homes. It is a very poor and undated copy but the names Charles B. Stoy shows up right where Mrs. Oliver said the old house used to be (Springvale P. O. area on the Georgetown-Leesburg Turnpike.)<sup>1</sup>

That is about it for now. If anything develops I will certainly keep you informed. If you get lucky and find anything, I would certainly appreciate hearing about it.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Gerald L. Hennings)

Enclosure

P. S. It just dawned on me that the 1900 D. C. Census might show Charles and Phebe and might just give us a lot of answers to our blank spaces such as dates of births, places, etc. Getting down to the National Archives is something else again but maybe one Saturday I can go.

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Needs Stay info on hand.

1850's  
1860's

Need 1870-1880 Ld Census Stay.