

Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Correspondence between Ann Arnold Hennings and Mildred Stoy Oliver, 1966 and 1967. Information about Charles Stoy and family.

Robert Stoy 23 Nov 2020

Oliver, Mildred Stoy

STOY
Kelley
Sayre

2/17/1966

Charles Stoy

Phebe Anna Kelley (b ¹ d 3/31/1903¹)

^D Has marriage certificate dated 4/27/1868 signed by Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa.
Address for both - New Martinsville, West Virginia

1. Has D. C. Burial permit dated 3/31/1903. Internment 4/1/1903. Gives place of birth West Virginia, place of death Garfield Hospital, cause - Erysipelas

Has contract dated 11/1885 between P.A. Stoy and Board of School Trustees, Drainsville District Fairfax County to teach school, \$25 for 5 months.

Hearsay - from 2 older persons - Phebe Stoy kept post office at Forestville (now Great Falls, Va) in one of the houses which still stands on 193. Also lived in D. C. for time, dates unknown.

Two small forms among her father's papers -

1. Armina Kelley, member Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 Quarterly Ticket 1/7/1860
2. P.A. Kelley, member Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 Quarterly Ticket 1/7/1860

Whether receipts for mother and daughter or two sisters unknown, however if Armina is Phebe's mother, thinks full name would read Armina Sayre Kelley. Was told her mother was a Sayre of West Virginia

Stoy

1040 Towlston Road
McLean, Va. 22101
February 17, 1966

Dear Mrs. Hennings:

I have gone through various papers in my possession to see if I had anything which might answer your request. The following papers are in my care:

- ① - Marriage Certificate of Charles Stoy and Phebe Anna Kelley dated April 27, 1863 and signed by the Mayor of Pittsburgh, Penna., James Blackmore. This gives the same address for both; namely, New Martinsville, West Virginia.
- ② - Health Department, District of Columbia Burial Permit dated March 31, 1903 for Phebe A. Stoy which indicates that she was shipped to Herndon, Va. by an undertaker named Jno. R. Wright for internment on April 1, 1903 (by the Southern Railroad). It gives place of birth as W. Va.; place of death as Garfield Hospital; and, cause of death as Erysipelas. (*skin disease*)
- ③ - A contract dated November 1885 between P. A. Stoy and Board of School Trustees, Drainsville District Fairfax County to teach school for which she would receive \$25.00 for five months. For this sum, she also would sweep the floor and build the fire.
- 4 - I have no written verification of the following:
I have been told by one woman who is over 95 years old, and another not yet 80 that Phebe Stoy kept the post office at Forestville in one of the houses in that area which still stands on Highway 193. She and her husband owned a farm in that area. She lived in Washington, D. C., but during what years I do not know.

another name
for Great Falls,
Va.
Also Drainsville
area mentioned
as area lived
close by Great Falls
ack
2/18/66

5 - Among Dad's papers were two small forms, as follows:

- (a) Armina Kelley Member.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Founded A. D. 1784.
3 Quarterly Ticket, Jan. 7th 1860
R. L. Woodyard Minister
Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,
that will I do, that the Father
may be glorified in the Son. - John XIV, 13.
(Six-line poem here)
- (b) P. A. Kelley Member.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Founded A. D. 1784.
3 Quarterly Ticket, Jan 7th 1860
R. L. Woodyard Minister.
Remember the sabbath-day, to keep
it holy - Exod. XX, 8.
(Four-line poem here)

Note: Whether the above receipts are for mother and daughter, or two sisters, is unknown to us; however, if the Armina here is Phebe A. Kelley's mother, I believe the full name would read Armina Sayre Kelley. I was told her mother was a Sayre of West Virginia.

If you would like to look at any of the papers that I have, or if I can be of further help, please call me at 759-2282.

Sincerely,

Mildred Stoy Oliver

P. S. - The only thing I can recall about your grandfather, Elmer Stoy, after he left McLean was hearing his sister, Imogene remark that she had visited him and indicated that he married again. I cannot recall hearing that either she or my father had any contact with him after that one time. I do remember that the last I heard of him, he was in Richmond, Va. I do have a list of Dad's other brothers and sisters (with some addresses) if you need it. So far as I know, all are dead, but you might contact their children.

M.S.O.

Oliver, Mrs. W.

Stoy

6600 Placid Street
Falls Church, Virginia
22043
January 28, 1967

Dear Mrs. Oliver,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful letter. At the moment I have received so much information for the different families on my side of the family and that of my husbands that I don't know which one to work on next. I'm afraid all of it is going to have to wait since I took on a part-time job in connection with my other hobby, sewing.

My Aunt Louise Stoy has been hvery helpful in giving me pictures of the many members of the family and at the moment I am having them copied. Among her collection are many that have no names on them. When summer arrives and I am able to get baby sitters easier, I would like to take you up on your offer to visit the old homes in the Great Falls Area and also see if you can identify some of the pictures.

On my husband's side of the family we have a marriage of a Donahoe to a Lowe. I am trying to track down through members of the family the Lowe's you spoke of. Maybe I'll be lucky and come up with the answer.

Thank you for the correction on your mother's name. Was the Thomas name a cousin on her side or that of your father's?

Mother gave me what she had on your Aunt Margaret. When I borrowed Aunt Louise and Uncle Bob's Bible I found an old letter from her written to mother back in 1952. Mother also gave to me the announcements of her death and that of her son in 1960.

Thanks again for all the wonderful information and additional traditional stories that add to the puzzle. Maybe someday they will help pull the story together.

Sincerely,

P.S. Do you know where your father's middle name came from?

1040 Towlston Road
McLean, Virginia
January 21, 1967

Dear Mrs. Hennings:

December and January have been busy months for all of us, but I believe that at last I can get back on the Stoy genealogy. Dad's family was scattered and we didn't see much of them - cannot recall ever having see Uncle Charlie nor Aunt Anna. I will try to set down all I know.

Phebe and Charles Stoy had the following children, but I doubt that I have them in the correct order as to ages: (By the way, Grandmother's name is spelled Phebe and not Phoebe as I always thought was the correct spelling of that name - didn't you?)

Three Sons:

Charles
Clifford
Elmer

Five Daughters:

Florella - called "Rella"
Anna
Imogene - sometimes called "Genie"
Margaret - called "Maggie"
Susie

Charles - I believe lived in Worcester, Mass. When he married, or what he was doing up there, I do not know. He had a son named William, I'm told by one of my sisters. I believe he had more than one son. Charles was divorced, perhaps from the mother of his boys. I have a vague memory of hearing this; also, I believe Dad and Mamma visited him.

Elmer - As I told you in my last letter, the last I heard of him, he was living in Richmond, Va., but that was years and years ago.

Clifford Metzger Stoy - Was, of course, our Dad. He married a daughter of John S. Pearson of Springvale, Va. (a section of the County located on Rt. #193 beyond Forestville, Va. I believe you had my mother's name as Daisy Thomas, but that was the family name of some of her cousins. Mamma and Dad lived on adjoining farms. They were married in Washington, D. C. on August 10, 1897.

Florella - This sister married a Mr. Lowe and lived on Old Georgetown Pike (#193) above Forestville, Va. (Forestville is now called Great Falls, Va., as you probably know.) When Aunt Rella died she was living near Utterback's Store on said Pike. She left at least one of her children in that area, a son named Albert Lowe. There was a daughter near there at one time. They may be able to either furnish more information, or correct what I am giving you.

*Mother's name spelled
Florella
Marella
or*

Anna - Married a Mr. Paul and lived in the Camden, N. J. area. Dad visited her at least once in my memory. My sister went there once and says that she believes Aunt Susie was there at that time. I think Aunt Anna had children, but not sure. If you have no other leads, a letter to the office of vital statistics of Camden, N. J. re the death of Anna Paul (nee Stoy) might unearth something. This is just another suggestion in case you have no information and the Lowe family can give you none regarding her.

Imogene - So far as I know she was in the Washington area most of her life. She married three times, after the deaths of her husbands:

- ① - A Mr. Moore whose first name I do not know. They had a daughter named Louise who was accidentally shot while vacationing on a farm in the Colvin Run-Dranesville area when about 12 years old. She may have been a year older or younger, I'm not sure. (My mother said I used to play with her when we both lived in D. C.) Her mother worked for many years in the Dulin & Martin store on F Street in D. C. I can't remember seeing her father, so he must have died a few years after his marriage. Records dated a little before the turn of the century (in Washington, D. C.) might disclose his full name, age and date of death. I don't know where Louise is buried, but it could be with her father. There is a picture here (among Mamma and Dad's records) which Mamma told me a few years before she died that she thought was Louise. It is a baby with a long dress such as they wore in those days.
- ② - Some years later, Imogene married a widower, Dr. Ed. Detweiler of Herndon. (He was called Ed. so I don't know whether it was Edward or Edgar.) He was the one who was killed by a man who called him to treat his mother, but who wouldn't allow her to go to the hospital. This tragedy was in the County papers - possibly a Herndon paper was published then - and I believe you could trace it through the Fairfax Herald, or its successor, if any.
- ③ - Her third marriage was to a man named "Andy" Krause, I believe. She went with him to Leavenworth, Kan., later became quite ill, and died there. Dad and Mamma went out there to see her a while before she died.

Margaret - Married a Mr. McAlister (was it?) and had one son? Last heard of in California? Your Mother knows more about her after she left Washington than I do, I believe.

Susie - Perhaps some of Aunt Anna's family or even descendants of the other Aunts may know about her - I cannot recall whether she married. I do recall that at one time (as a young girl, perhaps) she was interested in the Salvation Army, whether in D. C., Camden, N. J. or somewhere else, I don't know. I mention this fact only in case she can't be traced. The S. A. of Washington, D. C. might have records around the 1900's, or this may be useless information.

*Is this
the outfit
as shown
in the picture
of Susan N.
W. Allison?*

AS for pictures of various members of Dad's family, they appear to be very few. There is one which Mamma said she thought was a brother of Grandfather Stoy named John. You are welcome to look at the two I have here, if you will call me.

I realize that much of what I have written here has a doubtful sound, but when a person tries to remember an entire life-time she is likely to be uncertain of details. (By the way, Grandmother's post office must have been called Springvale not Forestville - or did I mention that?)

Other information which I don't believe I have mentioned so far concerns the Stoy name in general, and may be of no use to you, but here it is:

- 1 - During World War I, a young man in uniform named Harold Stoy from Pocatello, Idaho came to our house in Washington, and Dad said he was the son of an Episcopal minister, a cousin of Dad's.
- ② - In the 1950's my husband, my sister Dorothy and I took a trip to Stoystown, Pa. near Somerset, Pa. and found that it was a rather quiet town which perhaps had seen better days. It was founded by either Daniel or William Stoy - I cannot recall which - There was a marker at the end of town, but I forget the date, also.
- 3 - Several years back there was a man came to Washington from Atlanta, Ga. and talked to my brother about the Stoy family. He asked him if there was a legend in our family about one of the first settlers leaving a musket to his descendants. My brother could find no relation between his family and ours. He had looked up my brother because he saw that he had the same name in the directory as his own - John Stoy. I have since wondered if he was a descendant of the man in the picture I have who Mamma thought was Grandfather's brother.
- 4 - About five years ago there was an old place on Rt. #7 just beyond here which was occupied by a man whose mailbox had Stoy Sunday on it. I never did get to know him, but wondered where he obtained the Stoy part. Then I rambled on a little farther and remembered that many years ago there was a well-known evangelist in the U. S. named Billy Sunday, and wondered whether somewhere in the central or western part of the U. S. some of our relatives had met up with his relatives, which resulted in the name Stoy Sunday. Well, enough of these ramblings, facts, and possibilities.

If you have never seen the farm where Charles and Phebe Stoy lived, nor the house where I was told that Grandma kept the post office, I would be glad to go with you any time, if you will phone me at 759-2232; also, if there are any questions about these items, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Mildred S. Oliver