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Enclosed in this book is 900 years of Cordrays. I will confess that very little of this has been documented by me. I live 80 miles from the nearest genealogy Library, I was fortunate to get the address of Robert L. Cordray of Pittsburgh who has spent many years tracing Cordrays. Our line is the same to died 1760+ Isaac.

Irene Blake of Oklahoma City, OK, gave me copies of her records of my great-great-grandfather and his children, including my great-grandfather 1823-1851 John. Also addresses of many others who furnished their family history.

Charlene Cordray, of MI, gave me census information, very convincing, regarding who was the father of 1796-1883 William Cordray. I will continue looking for definite proof. I am asking all who may have any knowledge of a record showing who was the father of William Cordray born 8-1-1796 in Cumberland, MD, and married Nancy Madden in Muskingum Co., OH 11-16-1820 and died in North Salem, Linn Co., MO 1883 please write me.

Following are the names and addresses of Cordray relatives who gave me their family history.

You may find some errors made by me in copying their information.

I feel that the method I have used in putting Cordray history together will be easier to understand, also will take less ages, making the book less expensive to have copied. The book contains only names, known dates, of birth, death, marriage, Etc and any history known by me or furnished to me. All material furnished to me is filed.

I think everyone who has helped and hope you enjoy this book that would not have been possible without your help.

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Please feel free to copy this book if you wish.

I have been told that Sarah Ellen Cordray born 1859 died 1951, daughter of Rev. Nathan Cordray born 1828 died 1890, took her father's church and other records to her sister, Jeff [Nester] and Lizzy [Cordray] Nester before she died. Jeff and Lizzie had no children and Lizzie died before Jeff. No one I have contacted knows where these records are now. Any information about these records would be very helpful, and could possibly have the name of 1796-1883 Williams father Nathan Cordray's grandfather.

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This is your life

When you are born you are entered on the schedule page of the time table of life. You will have but one schedule, for there will be no return trip. You will run daily until you reach your final terminal. Your class will depend on your conduct, which should be such as will allow you always to move in the right direction in the right direction scratch. The stations on your schedule will mark the changes that occur in your life. The mileposts will indicate the passing years. To fulfill your schedule you must guard against loss of power (ill health), stalling on grades (indecision), rough handling (not obeying orders), taking the siding (accidents or injuries).

Therefore guard your health and you will never lose power, learn to make decisions and you will never stall, understand and obey the rules and you will avoid rough handling, exercise caution to prevent accidents and injuries, and you will never have to take the siding.

If you accomplish all this during the life of your schedule, you will roll into your final terminal complete and in order and on time.

Written in 1955 by:

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[MALE]
(FEMALE)
+ That date or later
c That date of before
[] Not found in original document

Those are listed as royalty of that era or involved with the Norman-Saxon War.

(UNKNOWN)
{Simon De Lasceles}

(UNKNOWN)
{ASSALF}

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Assalf [Querderai]; Spoke Charter Latin, and spelled the surname (Querderai).

The only date of record for him was that he purchased property in England in 1087, the property included a village, Stainborough, some hamlets and the chief iron works and that part of Yorkshire. He was probably a young man when the Saxons fought the Battle of Hastings. No record of wives names or dates.

Peter [Querderai], son of Assalf, also spoke Charter Latin and was a Saxon. His wife Emma [de Lascelles], parents were Normans. The Lascelles were wealthy and held 7 "Knights fees" in the Pontefract milieu you and 24 carucates in the Birkin milieu. He gave the Birkin estate to daughter Emma as her dowry. Among her several properties she also owned a mill.

Roger [Cordray] I, his wife was believed to be a Lislo, Roger I was the first known to spell the surname Cordray Cordray when he signed a 1142-50 Charter to The Abbey of Rievall [Rievaulx], granted by his brother Adam. In another Charter Roger I also granted land to The Abbey. Each of his parents own sizable estates. It is not known if Peter and Emma had any other children. Roger the first was born about ca 1125 at Birkin. After he came of age he may have lived Blakefil or Stainborough. When he died is not known. The last record of him was near the Abbey of Rievall in the west riding Yorkshire.

Roger [Cordray] II; born about 1160, witnessed a charter to The Abbey of Rievall in the west riding. No other records on him.

Richard [Cordray] I; first son of Roger II, son-in-law of Nicholas Watham, Prior of Christ Church Abbey. Lived in Winston Manor, Isle of Wight. Only record was that he died in 1241.

Richard [Cordray] II; son of Richard I owned property in Isle of Wight, also in Southampton. Died in 1287

Richard [Cordray] III; 1306 Canon of Christ Church Abbey. Isle of Wight. Also Lord of Pound, near Chute, Wiltshire.

John [Cordray] I; of Chute, Wiltshire. The main line of this John's descendants continue to live there until the 1600's, including born 1553 died 1622 John who was the first Cordray to America.

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Chart

Tom; seems to have been a favorite name for this line of Cordray's. Many of them are shown as Thomas and other records.

Sir Tom Cordray; born in 1468 of Chute Wiltshire England. He was a Sergeant at Arms to the Prince of Wales in 1511. Died sometime later. Other records show him as Thomas, his wife was Joan Grey. They had three children.

Tom Cordray; born in 1494, died in 1546 of Chute, Wiltshire, England. His wife Jane Seymour was the first cousin of King Henry VIII third wife, Jane Seymour. Their son 1522-1581 Tom was the second cousin to Edward VI. Other records show born 1494, Tom as a Thomas. You also had a brother Richard and a sister Maud [Cordray].

Tom Cordray; born in 1520, died 1581 of Chute, Wiltshire, England. His mother Jane Seymour, was the first cousin to King Henry VIII's third wife Jane Seymour, making him second cousin to King Edward VI.

John Cordray; born 1553 died 1612. Owned Wilton and also Compton, Chamberlain. His brother, born 1549 died 1623 William and first wife Bridget Bridget Goddard Cordray was ancestor of the present Queen Elizabeth II. He had his own Chapel in Chute Church.

Separate page shows Queen Elizabeth's lineage from Americans of royal descent.

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Queen Elizabeth II & American Cousins

Are you among them? Many scions of early Virginia families are. It is not generally known that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has American ancestors and some American cousins, but such is indeed the case.

Yes, six generations of her forefathers lived on American soil. This Chart of American Ancestry of Queen Elizabeth II, An English Queen of American Descent, from American Ancestors, shows her lineage from Early American Colonists, who were themselves descended from English Kings.

Reversing the usual order of those who delight in being known as "Americans of English Descent" the new Queen, through her mother, is An English Queen of American descent.

She is here shown to be descended from three American Colonists of Royal Descent: Col. George Reade, of Yorktown, Virginia; Richard Bernard, of Petsworth Parish, Gloucester Co., Virginia, and his wife Anna Cordray; and also from four American Colonists whose ancestry is not known: Captain Nicolas Martiau, of Yorktown, Virginia; Colonel Stine Warner, of Warner Hall, Gloucester Co., Virginia; Thomas Smith, of Purton, Petsworth Parish, Gloucester Co., Virginia; and Robert Porteus, of Newbottle, Virginia.

Thus, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has among her ancestors several actual founders of the Virginia Colony and is therefore truly a cousin to many Virginia families, who like the Queen, are descended from the families of Bernard, Smith, Reade, or Warner.

On her mother's side, The Queen's English Royal and American descent is as follows:

- *23. KING EDWARD PLANTAGENET III, 1312-1377, married Philippa of Hainault.
- *22. Lionel Plantagenet, 1338-1368, Duke of Clarence, K. G., married Elizabeth Burgh.
- *21. Philippa Plantagenet married Edmund Mortimer, 1352-1381
- *20. Elizabeth Mortimer married Henry Percy, K. G. called od "Hotspur".
- *19. Henry Percy, K. G., Earl of Northumberland, married Eleanor Nevill.
- *18. Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, married Eleanor Poynings.
- *17. Margaret Percy married William Gascoigne, died 1486, Lord of Bentley Manor, York's.
- *16. Elizabeth Gascoigne married George Tailboys of Kyme Manor, York's.
- *15. Anne Tailboys is married Edward Dymoke, Lord of Scrivelsby Manor.
- *14. Francis Dymoke married Thomas Windebank, Lord of The Manor of Haines Hall, Berks, Knighted by King James I, 23rd July 1603.
- *13. Mildred Windebank, 1584-1630, married 1600 Robert Reade, died 1626, of Linkenholt Parish, Hants.
- *12. Colonel George Reade, 1608-1674, to Virginia 1637, acting governor of Virginia 1638, married Elizabeth Martiau, daughter of Captain Nicholas Martiau, 1591-1657

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chart

John [Cordray]; son of 1553-1612 John. He was the first Cordray in America. He came from London to Jamestown VA, in 1621. He was killed by Indians, March 22nd 1622.

Ben [Cordray] I; son of John [Cordray], he was born in London about 1620. He lived in Eastville VA, where he had three hundred acres, and was a vendor. In 1627 he bought 3100 acres in Milford, DE, later returned to Eastville, VA, where he died. His wife was the daughter of 1601-1661, Colonel obedience Robins who came to Virginia in 1622.

Ben [Cordray] II; son of Ben [Cordray] I, owned 1200 acres in Milford, DE, a milieu, and inherited 100 acres in Eastville, VA, from father Ben one estate. His wife was the daughter of James and Sarah Noble. Ben two had three brothers and one sister Joseph died, 1679, Francis, no record of dates, William born 1643 died 1681, and Tom Cordray born 1658 died 1698. No record of dates for Ben too.

Isaac [Cordray]; son of Ben [Cordray] II, do not have record of his birth. He died sometime after 1760. Believed to be born about 1690. He lived in Mispillion hundred of Kent Co., DE, Name of his wife is not known. Only have record of two brothers: 1746 William who went to Great Egg Harbor, NJ, about 1709; and brother Tom, who died in 1764 or later. He had two sons born 1729 died 1785 Tom and born 1735 died 1760 John. Born 1729 Tom was the great great grandfather of Will Rogers. He went to Georgia and fought for the king in the Revolutionary War. When the British surrendered at Fort Augusta, GA, he went to Fort Augustine, FL, but that was held by the Spanish, so he went to Pensacola, FL, which was still held by the British, and set up a trading post. Last word of him he was still there in 1785 his son born 1762 died 1840. Tom's first wife was a Cherokee Indian named Susannah Sonicooie and they were Will Rogers great-grandparents (diagram on page 13 is continued on page _____) they had two sons and daughters. This Tom later married a black woman, named not known, by her he had a son and daughter. The son was a career army officer, and served as an aide to the White House. Died 1764 Tom's son born 1735 died 1760 John is the 5th great grandfather of Eugene Cordray who published in 1973 Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri pioneers. Apparently Eugene did not know of this ancestor or that his surname had been changed from Cordray to Cordray. Robert L. Cordray discovered, after Eugene Cordray's death, that he was 1735-1760 John Cordray's 5th generation grandson, a descendant had changed the spelling, possibly by accident. Eugene Cordray was killed by a burglar. There were many Cordrays listed in Eugene's book living in South Central Missouri in the Boonville and surrounding Missouri counties.

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Information by: Robert L. Cordray Irene Blake, Charlene Cordray

chart

Tom [Cordray] I; son of born 1690 died 1760 Isaac Cordray; would life wife believed to be daughter of Robert and Isabel Campbell frame. Tom died in 1773 in DE.

Tom [Cordray] II; son of Tom I; he married Comfort Bryan about 1769 in Milford, DE, a milieu area. Her parents were Bennett and Rachel Bryan. Tom II and Comfort had eight children. They moved to Cumberland, MD, area about 1768. They went back to Milford, DE, for a while to collect her share of her father's estate who died in 1788. They soon returned to Cumberland, MD. She died sometime later, about 1800. Tom II, married his second wife and they moved to Tuscarawas Co. OH about 1810. He died 6-5-1832, born about 1750.

Tom [Cordray] III; son of Tom II and Comfort Bryan Cordray. He was born in 1770 and Cumberland Co., MD, wife's name not known. Names of all of his children not known. 1820 census for Tuscarawas Co., OH shows him, wife and nine children. Name of spouse and names of children were not given then. One son, age 24, matches born 1796 William [Cordray], and the age of a girl matches Eleanor Nelly who married Vincent DeWitt 11-20-1823. There is said to be a Coshocton Co. OH History book* that says Eleanor Dewitt's father was Thomas Cordray who came from Maryland. He had a twin brother, Noble, and older brother Isaac [Cordray], sister Elizabeth [Cordray] who married her second cousin Noble Cordray, brother Shepherd [Cordray], and Bennett [Cordray]. Tom I I I was in Adams Twp., Coshocton Co., OH. In 1840 census. Not in 1850 census. It is believed he sold his farm to a son-in-law and was living with them when he died, some time between the 1840 and 1850 census. Possibly about the time William and Nancy came to MO, in 1842.

* [DEWITT ISAAC C. Adams township; farmer; postoffice, Bakersville; born in Adams township, Coshocton county, October 14, 1839; son of Vincent and Eleanor (Cordray) DeWitt, and grandson of Thomas Cordray. He attended school until the age of maturity, and has since devoted his time to farming. He was married September 1, 1864, to Miss Delila Smith, daughter of Bartholemew and Mary A. (Reed) Smith, and granddaughter of George and Elizabeth (Ellis) Smith. She was born in Bucks township, Tuscarawas county, July 24, 1845. They are the parents of three children, Asmer A., born June 20, 1869; Francis M., born June 20, 1868, and Ira A., born June 17, 1872. (History of Coshocton Co., Ohio, its past and present 1740-1881. pp 667-8)]

William [Cordray]; born 8-1-1796 in Cumberland, MD, married Nancy Madden born 5-18-1794 in Cumberland, MD. They were married in Muskingum Co., OH, 11-16-1820. She was the daughter of John Madden. Mother's name not known. They're eight children were born in Washington Twp., Muskingum Co., OH, between 1823 and 1838. There were some that believe that William was the son of born 1772 Noble and born 1772 Elizabeth Cordray, a sister of born 1770 Tom II Cordray. Noble and Elizabeth were married in Cumberland, MD, in 1794. Others believed William was the son of born 1770 Tom III (or Thomas) Cordray. Census records show a Thomas Cordray was in Allegheny Co., MD, in 1800 with one son, two daughters under age 10, and wife. William would have been age 4 at that time. In 1806 Thomas Cordray of Hampshire Co., VA, just across the river from Oldtown, MD, sold livestock and implements to Isaac Cordray. Thomas had a brother named Isaac. Eventually this was born 1770 Thomas [Cordray] (or Tom

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III) leaving the area ahead of his father and brothers. By 1800, born 1770 Thomas, his father, and all of his brothers, except Nathan [Cordray], were in Tuscarawas Co., OH. The 1820 census shows Thomas Cordray over age 44 with two sons under age 10, two daughters under age ten, two daughters between age 10 and 15, one son between age 18 and 25, and one daughter between age 16 and 18. The son between age 18 and 25 would fit William aged 24, and he was not married until November 16, 1820. Records showed this Thomas had a daughter Eleanor (Nellie) [Cordray] who married Vincent DeWitt. The 16-18 year old daughter would have fit Eleanor Noble and Elizabeth Cordray was still in Cumberland, MD, in 1798, and by 1810 had moved to Fayette, Co., PA, and there in the 1810 census had no son of William's age living with them. They moved to Monongalia Co., VA, by 1816 and then to Zanesville, OH in 1829. William [Cordray] and Nancy had a sale in Muskingum, OH, in 1842 and moved to Missouri. It has not been determined where in Missouri they first came. They were in Osage Co. for the 1850 census. Son Nathan, age 22, was with them. Later records show Nathan was a circuit riding preacher. He married Mary Boyd of Milan, MO. In 1853 in Sullivan Co., MO. Five of William and Nancy's children were married in Osage Co. between 1850 and 1859. Two of the wives were sisters from Browning, MO. Son John's [Cordray] widow remarried in 1856 and died sometime after the 1860 census. William and Nancy took the three children: Elizabeth [Cordray], Josiah [Cordray], and Henrietta [Cordray] to North Salem, Linn, MO.

William, Nancy, son Nathan Nancy's father, John Madden, helped organize the Methodist Church in North Salem about 1862-3. Rev. Nathan [Cordray] was the first preacher. The church records have been lost or destroyed. The first buried in the cemetery was 1868. Ethel Lambert Swisegood, who at one time had been a board member of the church, said they had attempted to locate the church records. They were told that Rev. Nathan's daughter, Sarah Ellen [Cordray], had taken the church and other records to her sister Lizzie (Cordray) Nester's home before she died in 1951. Jeff and Lizzie (Cordray) Nester did not have children. Lizzie died before Jeff and they were not able to learn what became of the records. Ethel says the present church was finished just before Decoration Day in 1910?. The day it was finished the last thing done was the plaster ceiling. The next morning when the door was opened the plaster had fallen off the ceiling and was then finished with wainscoting in the center and a decorating metal on the sides, in time for the celebration planned for decoration day. She also advised that Thomas Olean (Ola) Cordray was one of the leaders in getting the church built. Nancy died March 28, 1881, and William died January 1, 1883. They are buried in the North Salem Cemetery. They have children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren buried in North Salem, Cemetery.

I have talked to several Cordrays that have always lived in Lynn or surrounding counties of Missouri and age 97 (a great great granddaughter). All say that they have always been told that Williams father was named Thomas Cordray Cordray.

Robert Luther Cordray of Pittsburgh, PA, has spent over 40 years tracing Cordray history, and has given me most of the information I have down to Born 1796 William. Our lines part with brothers died 1773 Tom I and died 1782 Noble I, sons of born 1640 died 1760 Isaac. They are:

Noble [Cordray] I; date of birth not known, married Mary Ellett, daughter of died 1773 Tom Ellett. He lived in Stewart Run, VA (now WV). he had a son died 1788+ Noble II, and a son died 1729, Tom E. Cordray, who married Elizabeth Christopher they. They had five sons, born about 1770 James, born 1772 Noble, who married (his second cousin) Elizabeth Cordray, daughter of died 1832 [Tom II].

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Tom II Cordray and sister of born 1770 Tom III Cordray. Tom C. And Elizabeth also had born 1775 Isaac, died about 1803 Tom, and born 1781 John Cordray. Born 1772 Noble was in the War of 1812.

Page 204 or two and four of this book shows the cord realign from died 1760+ Isaac Cordray down to: Robert L. Cordray, of Pittsburgh, PA; Ellis Cordray of Phoenix, AZ; Irene Blake, of Oklahoma City, OK; and Charlene Cordray of St Johns, MI.

PHOTOS

Sacred to the memory of
Nancy Cordray
Born
May 18, 1794
Died
March 20, 1881
Aged
84y, 10m, 2d

Sacred to the memory of
William Cordray
Born
August 1, 1796
Died
January 1, 1882
Aged
86y 5m

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chart

PHOTO

Rev. Nathan Cordray and his
mother Nancy (Madden) Cordray

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Information by Irene Blake and Paul L. Cordray

John [Cordray]; son of William [Cordray] and Nancy (Madden) Cordray was born in 1823 in Washington Twp. Muskingum Co., OH. His parents had a sale in OH in 1842 and came to Missouri. They were in Osage Co., MO. For the 1850 and 1860 census. He married Abigail Curtis in 1845. They had three children: Elizabeth [Cordray] born in 1846, who married in 1867 Sevier Smith; Josiah [Cordray] born in 1849 who married in 1876 Catherine Stufflebean; and Harriet Cordray born in 1850 who married in 1875 Milford Hall. John died 8-13-1851 a brother, Thomas died 12 days later. They died with cholera which was very bad at the time. He is buried in Osage Co. (probably Mint Hill). Abigail married J. C. Brimm 6-22-1856, she died and the children's grandparents, William and Nancy Cordray, took them to North Salem, Linn Co., MO, where a son Rev. Nathan Cordray lived.

The 1850 census for Osage Co., MO, showed Cordelia Curtis 17 and Josiah Curtis 52 living with them.

Chart

1880? Census, Osage Co., Linn Twp., Page 52

Elizabeth [Cordray]; daughter of John [Cordray] and Abigail (Curtis) Cordray, was born in 1846 in Osage Co., MO. Her father died 8-13-1851. Her mother married J. C. Brimm in 1856 and died sometime between the 1860 census and 1862. Her grandparents, William [Cordray] and Nancy (Madden) Cordray, took her brother Josiah [Cordray] and sister Harrietta [Cordray] to North Salem, Linn Co., MO, sometime between 1860 and 1862. They were in Osage Co., MO, for the 1820 census, and helped son Nathan [Cordray] organize the Methodist Church in North Salem in 1862. Elizabeth [Cordray] married Sevier Smith in Linn Co., MO, 1-11-1867. They went back to Osage Co., MO. My father remembered her and some children being back to visit her brother (and his father) Josiah [Cordray] when he was very small he was born in 1884.

I found them on the 1870 census with Clovia [Smith] and Cora [Smith] and in 1880 census with Clovia aged 13 years, Cora aged 11 years, Henry [Smith] aged 9 years, Milly [Smith] aged 6 years, and Edward Smith aged 2 years. Benton Twp. in 1870 and Benton Twp. in 1880. 1890 Census records for Osage Co., MO, were destroyed. Parts of 1900-1910 records not legible, and Census records after 1910 have not been released. At this time I have not been able to trace them further.

Chart

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Josiah [Cordray]; son of John [Cordray] and Abigail (Curtis) Cordray was born 2-22-1849 in Osage Co., MO. His father died when he was about two years old. His mother remarried five years later and died sometime after the 1860 census for Osage Co., MO. His grandparents William [Cordray] and Nancy (Madden) Cordray took him and his two sisters Elizabeth and Harrietta to Lynn Co., MO. Where they lived on a farm one mile south of North Salem, MO. Grandparents William and Nancy were in Benton Twp., Osage Co., for the 1850 and 1860 census and John and Abigail's children were not with them. The children were with them for the 1870 census for Lynn, Co., MO, except sister Elizabeth, who had married Sevier Smith in Linn Co. In 1867 and then returned to Osage Co. When Josiah was a small boy in Osage Co. He and cousin were

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playing around a watering trough, bushwhackers rode up and shot his cousin. When they aimed the gun at him it failed to fire and he ran into the brush and got away. He talked about this a short time before he died. Josiah married Catherine Stufflebean. They lived on the grandfather William Cordray's Farm. Son Thomas Olean (Ola) and Ola's son Harvey lived there until the middle 1930s. Josiah and Catherine had nine children, Ella [Cordray], Laura [Cordray] died sometime after birth, Archibald [Cordray], Thomas Olean [Cordray], John [Cordray], Charles [Cordray] Jr., Cora [Cordray], Ritta [Cordray], Gail [Cordray], and Jenny Cordray. In addition to farming Josiah had a brick mold and made brick. Also always raised tobacco for his own use. Josiah died in 1931, Catherine died in 1837. They are buried in the North Salem Cemetery.

Information by Oren Jennings

Chart

Photo

M. W. Head

Millard Wilson head was born on August 27th 1876 1/4 mile Northeast of North Salem, Linn co., MO. When he was 11 years old he moved with his parents to a farm 2 miles south of North Salem, living in that vicinity farming part of the same Farm until the year 1911. Mister heads Boyhood days were spent on helping his Pioneer father clear up to farm and get it in cultivation. He was married to Ella Cordray in 1896. Mr head was always above normal in weight as he weighed nearly 200 pounds at the age of 12 or 13 years. And 1911 his weight increased so rapidly that he had to quit farming, so he moved to North Salem and went into The Meat Market & restaurant business for several years. In the year 1920 is way too became so great that he could not take care of the restaurant business so he went into the show business. He traveled with carnivals and became known to the show world as the Missouri giant. He continued traveling for the next 10 years.

During these ten years he traveled through and showed in 15 different states, namely; Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and OH. In all these states he showed as the Missouri Giant offering a reward of \$100 in gold to any person coming into the show way more than he did. But he never had to pay the reward. He weighed almost 600 pounds but looked heavier. He was 6 ft 6 in tall, 80 inches around at the waist and wore size 14 shoes. The last 4 years his health had become so bad he had to give up traveling and has lived in and around North Salem since.

M. W. Head was 57 years, 11 months, and 13 days old at the time of his passing. He was the son of John [Head] and Angeline Head, pioneer citizens of Linn and Sullivan counties. He was United in marriage with Ella Cordray, May 6th, 1896. To this Union two children were born, Mrs. Gracie Jennings and Joe head of North Salem, MO. He leaves to mourn his departure besides his two children, his wife, two Brothers, three Sisters: namely George [Head] and Dave Head of North Salem, Mrs. Diantha Adams of New Boston, Mrs. Nancy Collier of Marceline, and Mrs. Sarah Collier of Higginville, MO. His father, mother and three sisters having preceded him in death. He also leaves to mourn his departure five grandchildren and a host of other relatives and Friends.

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Information by Oren Jennings

Ella [Cordray]; daughter of Josiah [Cordray] and Catherine (Stufflebean) Cordray was born 11-17-1877, died in February 1954. She married 5-9-1896, Millard W. Head. They had a daughter Gracie, and a son, Joe. Millard's obituary is on page 28.

Gracie [Head]; daughter of Millard [Head] and Ella (Cordray) Head was born in Linn Co., MO, 2-10-1897. She married 3-8-1816, Fay McKinley Jennings, born 12-12-1896. They farmed in the North Salem vicinity of Linn Co., where son Oren [Jennings] was born. Fay died 3-31-1941. Gracie then lived in North Salem, where she was postmistress until she died in 4-20-19 53. They are buried in North Salem Cemetery.

Oren [Jennings]; son of Fay [Jennings] and Gracie (Head) Jennings, was born 2-17-1919 near North Salem. He married 7-20-1939 Lois Walter, born 12-16-1920 in Brookfield, MO. They lived in Brookfield where they had two daughters and a son. He worked for a gas company and is now retired in Chillicothe, MO. Their children are:

Barbara [Jennings]; born 12-4-1942 in Brookfield, MO. She married 10-6-1963, William Scott Brown, born 9-22-1939 in Louisiana, MO. They have a daughter Krista [Brown] born 9-24-1972 and a son Jeffrey [Brown] born 7-29-1981 in Kansas City, MO.

Beverly [Jennings]; born 1-13-1948 in Brookfield, MO. She married 8-24-1969 Don Eugene Branaum born 7-25-1947 in Chillicothe, MO. They have a daughter Amy [Branaum] born 3-25-1973 in Warrensburg, MO, and a son Andrew [Branaum] born 12-3-1980 in Columbia, MO.

Wesley Oren Jennings; born 9-15-1950 in Brookfield, MO. He married 8-4-1979 Susan Strange born 2-18-1955 in Savannah, GA. They have a daughter Katie [Jennings] born 7-19-1983 in Woodstock, GA.

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Information by Wilma Garrett

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Joe Head's obituary.

Joe Head, 83 of 145 East Robard, died Monday at the Brookfield Nursing Center.

Services will be held at 2 pm Wednesday at the Bowden Rhoades Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Kelley officiating, burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 7 pm until 9 pm Tuesday.

Joe John, son of Millard Wilson [Head] and Ella (Cordray) Head was born 6-7-1900 and July 2nd, 1921 he married Ida Bell Cassity in North Salem. Surviving are: his wife of the home; four children: Millard Benjamin Head, Brookfield; Herald Dewayne Head, St. Catherine; Billy Lee Head, Slater; Wilma [Head] Garrett, Reed Springs; eight grandchildren: Sherrill Klasing, Penny Stanley, Keith Head, and Kevin Head all of Slater; Brenda [Head] Cokerham, Laclede; Donna Lockband?, state of Washington; Pamela Garrett, Garland, TX; Gary Garrett, Chicago IL; 10 great-grandchildren; one nephew: Oren Jennings, Chillicothe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gracie Jennings.

He was a member of the Browning Baptist Church.

Chart

Information by Agnes Williams and T. J. Cordray

Archie Curtis [Cordray] Sr.; son of Josiah [Cordray] and Catherine (Stufflebead) Cordray. He was born in 1880 in the North Salem area of Linn Co., MO. He married Maud Carmack, and they had five sons and six daughters, also a daughter that died at birth (name not known). They lived in Kansas where they worked in the oil fields. They also lived in Missouri where they farmed and did various types of work. Daughter Margaret [Cordray] died when a young child. Archie Curtis [Cordray] Jr., born 4-3-1920 died in 1937. Lovell [Cordray] born in 1903 died in 1979. Charlie [Cordray], born in 1905 died in 1952. Ralph Lafayette [Cordray], born 10-4-1924, was killed in Holland 3-26-1945 in service in World War II. He is buried in Brookfield, MO, Cemetery.

Maud Carmack [Cordray] died in 1963. Archie [Cordray] Sr. died in 1966. Archie, Maud, Charlie wife Florence, and Ralph L. Are all buried in the same lot in Brookfield, MO, Cemetery.

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Information by members of the family

Lovell Cecil [Cordray]; son of Archie and Maude (Carmack) Cordray, was born in 1903, died in 1978. He married Clara Bowen and they had 11 children. A son born in 1924 died date not known. Johnny [Cordray] born in 1925. Wilbert [Cordray] born in 1927. Nina Lois [Cordray] born in 1929, deceased, date not known. Velma Leona [Cordray] born 1931, died date not known. Daisy [Cordray] born 1935. Neoma [Cordray] born 1937. Jimmy [Cordray], born 1941. Dorothy [Cordray], born 1945. Floyd Wayne [Cordray], born 1947 and Reva Cordray born in 1950.

Information by Alma Deskias and Marshall Cordray

Charles M. Cordray dies Tuesday afternoon.

Charles Monroe Cordray, 46, died yesterday afternoon at the McLarney hospital after a prolonged illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 pm at the Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. John Meeks will conduct the service and burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Cordray was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cordray. He was born in Okmulgee, OK, October 2nd 1905. On July 6th 1926 he was United in marriage with Miss Florence Packham, Linneus. They were the parents of five children. Surviving are Mrs. Cordray of the home, two sons Marshall [Cordray] and Jackie Cordray, both in the service; three daughters, Helen [Cordray] Kelsey, Sunflower, KS; Virginia [Cordray] Troya, Brookfield; and Minnie [Cordray] DeWeese, Brunswick.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cordray, Brookfield, five sisters: Lulu [Cordray] Hensley, Pauline [Cordray] Carmack, both of Kansas City; Francis [Cordray] Riedel, Detroit; Agnes [Cordray] Smith, Brookfield; and Rosie [Cordray] Grubbs, Salisbury; two brothers: T. J. Cordray, Brookfield; and Lovell Cordray, Glasgow; and five grandchildren.

Information by Lula Smith

Chart

Lula Catherine [Cordray]; daughter of Archie Curtis [Cordray] and Maude M. Carmack Cordray. She married first William Stevens. They had a daughter, Betty Stevens. Lula married second 3-5-1979 Fred Smith. They live in Osawatomie, KS.

Betty Stevens; daughter of William [Stevens] and a Lula (Cordray) Stephens. She married first Mike Mazza. They have two children Michael Mazza and Theresa Mazza. Betty and Mike divorced and she married second James Shasteen. James adopted Michael F. Mazza and Teresa A. Mazza. James and Betty had a daughter Cheryl L. Shasteen. No record of dates for spouses.

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Information by Alma Deskins

Chart

Jacob Carmack dead at 62.

Jacob Carmack 62, died Tuesday 1-6-1959 St. General Hospital in Kansas City. He had been in poor health for several years. Services will be held at Wright Funeral Home Friday conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Kelly. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Mr. Carmack was born in Sullivan Co., September 7th, 1896. The son of William [Carmack] and Ellen Carmack. He was married to Pauline Cordray October 24th, 1924. He lived in St. Catherine and Brookfield until he moved to Kansas City a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, Billy [Carmack], Charlie [Carmack], Jerry [Carmack], Tommy [Carmack], and Larry [Carmack]; four daughters, Mrs. Hazel [Carmack] Roth, this is violet Parker, Freda and Patsy.?

All of the children are living in the Kansas City area.

There are also eight grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Chloe Carter, of Glasgow.

Information by Agnes Williams and Alma Deskins

Agnes [Cordray]; daughter of Archie [Cordray] Sr. and Maude (Carmack) Cordray.

Funeral services for W. R. Dean, 54, of Clinton will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Hill Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. Keith Kelly, Marceline. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Dean died at his home yesterday afternoon (7-24-1962). He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Ruby) Blackwell, and Mrs. Charles (Beverly) Ireland, both of Brookfield. Two sons, SP5 Charles R. Dean, Ft. Benning, GA; Archie Dean,, Brookfield; two brothers Nathan Dean, and Donald "Doc" Dean, both of Brookfield; a half brother, Jim Houston, Hardin, MO; nine grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Wybert Raymond Dean was born 3-25-1908 in Hardin, MO. His parents were Thomas G. [Dean] and Elizabeth Dean. He married Agnes Cordray and four children were born to the couple.

Information by Agnes Williams

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Ruby Dean McAdams; daughter of Wybert [Dean] and Agnes (Cordray) Dean. Mother Agnes was almost blind and unable to find record of birth dates.

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Information by Agnes Williams

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Charles [Dean]; son of Wybert [Dean] and Agnes (Cordray) Dean, married first Doris Burris, they had a daughter Pamela [Dean], name of Pamela's husband is not known. They have two sons, Christopher [Dean] and Daniel [Dean]. Charles married second Donna Lawson. They have Ramona [Dean], Donella [Dean] and Raymond Dean. No record of birth dates.

Information by Agnes Williams

Chart

Beverly Dean Ireland; daughter of Wybert [Dean] and Agnes (Cordray) Dean. She married Charles Ireland. They have Archie Ireland, name of wife not known. He has Annie Ireland and Julie Ireland, Gayetta Ireland; Gayetta, who married (first name not known) Mazzeri, they have Suetta [Mazzeri], Niejsa [Mazzeri], Sandra; married, husband's name not known [Andrew Smith]; children are Dennis, Christopher, Jamie, and Harley. Raymond and Curtis Ireland

Information by Mrs T. J. Cordray

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Married 10-13-1956 divorced 10-1969?

Thomas Jefferson [Cordray]; son of Archie Curtis [Cordray] and Maude (Carmack) Cordray was born 6-18-1960. He married 6-19-1939 Julia Evelyn French born 11-11-1920. They had eight children: Ethel Mae [Cordray], Thomas [Cordray] Jr., Charles Lee [Cordray], Ralph David [Cordray], Donald Eugene [Cordray], Chester Curtis [Cordray], Joyce Ann Katherine [Cordray], and Iona Louise Cordray.

T. J. Served in the Army from April 13th 1944 until October 21st 1945. He was wounded in Germany March 15th, 1945. He lived in Kansas City, MO where he worked at General Motors Assembly Plant from May 13th, 1953 to February 24th, 1982 when he retired.

Daughter Ethel Mae Cordray died February 24th, 1982. Charles Lee Cordray died July 4th, 1985. Daughter-in-law Kathleen died 7-31-1986. Daughter Iona Cordray died 7-24-1967.

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Information by Mrs T. J. Cordray

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Ethel Mae [Cordray]; daughter of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray, was born 11-25-1938. She married 10-13-1956 Raymond Salvador Dominguez. They had Raymond Charles [Dominguez], Julia Marie [Dominguez], Kathy Lynn [Dominguez], and David Alan Dominguez. They divorced and Ethel Mae married in 1969 Stephen Carder. They had Steven [Carder] and Patrick Fitzgerald Carder. Ethel died 2-24-1982.

Thomas [Cordray] Jr; son of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray was born 7-23-1940 married 12-27-1971, Wetona Opal Caldwell they have no children.

Charles Lee [Cordray]; son of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray I was born 10-18-1941. Married 4-3-1966 Georgia Ann Hoffman. They have Jefferson Lee Martin [Cordray]; Charles Lee [Cordray]; Robert Lee Allen [Cordray]; Georgia Ann Marie [Cordray]; Matthew Lee Thomas [Cordray]; Mary Ann Louise [Cordray]; and Joyce Ann Katherine Cordray [Katherine was Denise].

Charles Lee Cordray died 7-4-1985.

Information by Mrs T. J. Cordray

chart

Ralph David [Cordray]; son of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray, born 9-11-1943. He married 1-17-1964 Kathleen Eugenia Long. They have Bridget Long [Cordray] born 9-13-1964?

Donald Eugene [Cordray]; son of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray, born 10-18-1944. Married 11-30-1970 Linda Mae Brown. They have George Willard [Cordray]; Mary Kathryn [Cordray]; and Joseph Anthony Cordray.

Chester Curtis [Cordray]; son of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray born 5-27-1946. Married 4-3-1971 Rheta Kaye McDaniel. They have David Eugene [Cordray], Shawn Curtis [Cordray], and Shane Lee Cordray.

Joyce Ann Katherine [Cordray]; Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray. Born 2-5-1948 married 11-16-1981 Samir Niyazi.

Iona Louise [Cordray]; daughter of Thomas J. [Cordray] & J. Evelyn (French) Cordray born 7-21-1949. Married 7-24-1964 Gary Gene James Dyke. They have Rochelle Denise Dyke and Richard Thomas Dyke. Iona died 7-24-1967.

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Information by Alma Deskens

Last rites to be held Wednesday for R. L. Cordray.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm for Corporal Ralph Lafayette Cordray who was killed in Holland, March 26th, 1945. Corporal Cordray's body was returned to this country recently for final burial.

Services will be from the Hill Funeral Home With The Rev R. P. Elliott in charge. Burial to be at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Corporal Cordray was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cordray of Brookfield.

Ralph Lafayette, son of Maude and Archie Cordray, was born October 4th, 1924 at St. Catherine, when about 12 years of age he went with his parents to Kansas City, where he attended high school and where he was employed at the time he entered the service.

Ralph is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cordray, 625 West Lake Street, Brookfield; five Sisters: Mrs. Lulu (Cordray) Bell, Kansas City; Mrs. Pauline (Cordray) Carmack, Glasgow; Mrs. Agnes (Cordray) Smith, Brookfield; Mrs. Frances (Cordray) Smith; Linnaeus; Mrs. Rosie (Cordray) Grubbs, St. Joseph; and three Brothers; Lovell Cordray, Kansas City; Charlie Cordray, Kansas City; T. J. Cordray, Brookfield; two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Others surviving are his grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Carmack, Brookfield; several aunts and uncles and a host of other relatives and Friends. While in Kansas City he attended the Westside Christian Church.

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Information by Delores Jacobs and Vernon Dale Cordray

chart

Thomas Olean [Cordray]; son of Josiah [Cordray] and Catherine (Stufflebean) Cordray, was born in 1882 in Linn Co., MO. He married first Nellie Belle Peavler, daughter of Martin Van Buren [Peavler] and Nancy (Baker) Peavler. She was born 4-8-1882 in Linn Co., MO. They lived several years on what had formerly been his great-great-grandfather William Cordray's Farm, 1 mile south of North Salem, MO. He farmed and had a barbershop in North Salem. He later built a combination home and barber shop in North Salem in late 1920s, on a lot on the Nathan Cordray property. Ola and Nellie had two sons; Harvey [Cordray] born 1902 and Floyd [Cordray] born in 1906. Nellie Bell died in 1933 and is buried in North Salem Cemetery. In the mid or late 1930s Ola went to the Tulsa area of Oklahoma where he worked on a dairy farm. He married second Della Howser. Ola died in a Miami Oklahoma Hospital in 1942. He is buried in a Tulsa, okay. Cemetery.

Chart

Harvey R. [Cordray]; son of Thomas Olean (Ola) Cordray and Nellie Belle (Peavler) Cordray, was born in 1902. He married Alpha E. Swisegood, daughter of James [Swisegood] and Lila (Head) Swisegood. They had five children. Kieth Edwin [Cordray], Virgie Lorene [Cordray], Evelyn Bernice [Cordray], Roy Allen [Cordray] and Dolores [Cordray]. Roy did not marry and died 3-15-1988. He is buried in North Salem Cemetery. Virgie and Leo Carey does not have children. Harvey and Alpha farmed in Linn Co., MO, all of their lives. Alpha died in 1966 and Harvey died in 1967. They are buried in North Salem Cemetery.

Information by Delores Jacobs

Chart

Keith Edwin [Cordray]; son of Harvey [Cordray] and Alpha (Swisegood) Cordray, was born into-14-1925 near North Salem, Linn Co., MO. He married 8-7-1947, Nina Nadine Cassity. They have four children:

Linda [Cordray]; married Leslie Edmonston and they have a daughter Tina Reyana (Edmonston) [Waterman].

Robert Keith [Cordray]; married first Bonnie (Moore) Behrman, they had a son Carlton Travis [Cordray]. Married second Shirley Blakely, they have a son Daniel Ray [Cordray].

Alan Leslie [Cordray]; two marriages, spouses names not known.

Carl Ray Cordray; who married Rowena Kehr. They have Elizabeth Ray [Cordray] and Jeffrey T. Cordray.

Keith worked for the Burlington railroad as a Station Agent and telegrapher. He is now retired and lives in Bosworth, MO.

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Information by Delores Jacobs

Chart

Evelyn Bernice [Cordray]; daughter of Harvey [Cordray] and Alpha (Swisegood) Cordray. Born 9-18-1929, near North Salem Lynn Linn Co., MO. Married John R Smith 7-1-1948. They have three children:

George A. [Cordray]; born 3-5-1952. He married first 2-2-1971 Kathleen Simpson born 9-20-1951. They have two children Christopher [Cordray] born 4-9-1971 and Shannon [Cordray] born 6-2-1976. George married second 3-26-1980 Kristine Gamm.

Sandra Sue [Cordray]; born 12-8-1953, married 11-16-1974 Randy Simmons born 2-8-1952. They have three daughters, Andrea Joy [Simmons] born 1-13-1978, Jennifer Lynn [Simmons] born 6-9-1979 and Kristen DeLynn Simmons born 9-7-1981.

Joni Lynn [Cordray]; born 9-11-1961. She married 4-2-1983 Richard Allen Willmore, born 5-8-1960. They have a daughter Robyn Allen Willmore born 4-20-1986.

Information by Delores Jacobs

Dolores Lucille [Cordray]; daughter of Harvey [Cordray] and Alpha (Swisegood) Cordray, was born 5-11-1931 near North Salem, Linn Co., MO. Married 9-3-1948 Carl Rayburn Jacobs born 10-29-1928. They have two children:

Lindell Ray [Jacobs]; married 10-21-1971 Antonio Lee Thomas, they have two children Amy Rhianna [Jacobs] Born 6-25-1983 and Sarah Nicole [Jacobs] born 12-29-1984.

Carol Rayna [Jacobs]; born 11-2-1961, married 6-28-1981 Patria Lutes. They have a son Jacob Ryane Lutes.

Information by Vernon Dale Cordray

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Floyd [Cordray]; son of Thomas Olean (Ola) Cordray and Nellie Belle (Peavler) Cordray was born 11-27-1906 in Oklahoma. Was raised and lived one mile south of North Salem, Linn Co., MO. Married Luna Mae Clark born x-20-1911 in Norfolk, a har. They had three children Brandon Dale, XXX Junior and g i l l e t a Cordray. A n i d a Joe, was born in North Salem, Linn Co., MO. 6-14-1931 and lived only a few hours. She is buried in North Salem Cemetery. Soy and Luna Mae later live in Oklahoma where he worked in the oil fields and drove a bus and Tulsa, okay. Where he died 3-17-1939. He is varied in Tulsa, okay, Cemetery. Lunime married Mary Ann Wyatt Wyatt in 1946 and lived in Arkansas and Oklahoma. She died in Lindsay California 4-14-1976 and is very there.

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