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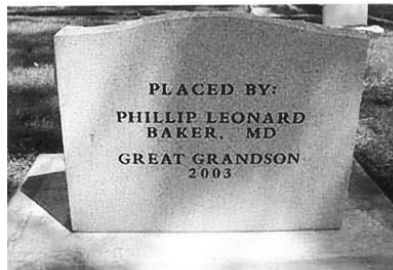
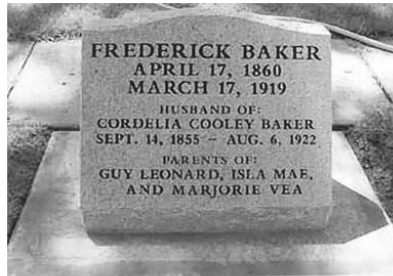
Name of persons married.

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date	Wedded	No.	Name of persons married.
1847		#	
May	5 th	47	Marrid on the 6 th day of March 1847, by Anthony Noble Esquire a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Franklin, Thomas Russel and Mary Eschelbarger.
	*	14 54.	Marrid on the 11 th day of May 1847, by the Reverend Arza Brown, John Baker and Margaret Lyst.

Butler County, Ohio
May 14, 1847
John Baker and Margaret Lyst
Great Great grandparents
of
Phillip L. Baker, M.D.

Frederick Baker
Son of John and Margaret Baker
b. April 17, 1860
d. March 17, 1919
Casper, Wyoming



Margaret Lyst Baker
Pattonsburg, Missouri
c. 1905

Photo provided by
Harold A. Ankeny

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Frederick Baker was born on April 17, 1860 in Madison County, Iowa and died on March 17, 1919 in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming. He had a twin sister named Florance (Florence). His cause of death was listed as cholecystitis with associated uremia. He was married to Cordelia¹ D. Cooley Baker on November 15, 1882 in Lincoln Township, Madison County, Iowa.² Cordelia D. Cooley Baker was born on September 14, 1855 in a log cabin in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois and she died of cholecystitis³ in Omaha, Nebraska on August 6, 1922. They had three children: Guy Leonard, Isla Mae, and Margaret Vea. In 1883 they moved to Wall Lake, Sac County, Iowa where they lived for four years before moving to Ida Grove, Ida County, Iowa. Guy Baker listed his place of birth as Wall Lake, Sac County, on his marriage application.

Cordelia D., William S., Mary C., James L., Henry H., and Moses Jackson were the children of William and Anna French Cooley and the family was living in Moultrie County, Illinois during the 1860 and 1870 census. They did not own property.^{4 5} William and Anna French Cooley lived in Shelby County, Illinois at the time of the 1850 Census.⁶

Anna French Cooley was reported by the family to have died in childbirth at the time of the Civil War. William James Cooley then married Hannah Reay.

Cordelia D. Cooley was reported to have been married before but initially no record had been found.⁷ Records in 1880 showed that Cordelia was married to Joseph Gibeson. Living in their household was George Overstreet.⁸ It is reported that Cordelia came to Iowa with her first husband and with Moses Jackson Cooley, her brother, and his future wife, Emma Catherine Overstreet.⁹ Moses Jackson and Emma Catherine Overstreet Cooley married 1883 in Dallas County, Iowa.¹⁰

Moses Jackson Cooley was previously married to Ellen Ryan Cooley and the family lived in Daviess County, Missouri at the time of the 1880 Census which was recorded in June.¹¹ The couple divorced and Moses Jackson later married Emma Catherine Overstreet on July 14, 1883 in Adel, Iowa. Frederick Baker was a witness to the marriage.

The family history of Cordelia and Moses Jackson Cooley did not discuss any connection to Missouri. Clearly the 1880 Missouri Census records indicate a connection to Daviess County, Missouri. Margaret Lyst Baker and her sons, Albion and Frederic (Frederick) were living in the same dwelling as Moses Jackson and Ellen Cooley.¹² It is not known why these two families are living together but perhaps Moses Jackson and Ellen Cooley rented rooms to or from Margaret Baker and her family as John Baker, husband of Margaret Baker, had recently died.

In 1870 Frederick Baker was living with his parents and family in Butler Township, Harrison County, Missouri. John Baker, his father, was a farmer. Margaret Baker was listed as having four hundred dollars of personal property.¹³ In 1880 John Baker has died

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and Margaret, Alvin, and Frederic are living in Benton Township, Daviess County, Missouri. ¹⁴

The 1885 Iowa Census lists Fred Baker, age 25, as living in Levey Township, Sac County, Iowa. He is listed as married. Cordelia and Guy L. Baker are living with Fred Baker. The letter "L" as a middle initial for Guy Baker is shown on the records. ¹⁵

The 1900 Iowa Census, Ida County, Corwin Township, page 168A states the following:

	Birthdate	age	Br.place	Fr.br place	Mo.br.place
Baker, Fred	April 1860	40	IA	MO	OH
Cordelia	Sept. 1856	45	IL	IL	IL
Guy	Sept. 1883	16	IA	IA	IA
Isla	Aug. 1887	12	IA	IA	IA
Margaret	Sept. 1892	7	IA	IA	IA

The 1900 Census reported that all of the children were at school and Fred and Cordelia D. Cooley Baker had been married for seventeen years (1882). All of the family members could read and write and the family lived in a rented house. The father of Fred Baker was listed above as having been born in Missouri but that is not correct but should have been Virginia now West Virginia.

In 1900 the Elmer Bickford family was living in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. The family was in Yakima County, Washington by 1904 when Ella Adley Bickford died. Elmer Bickford died in 1906 in Yakima County, Washington. Lou Bickford married Frederick Baker in Billings, Montana in 1907. The couple traveled to Denver, Colorado for treatment of tuberculosis that Lou Bickford Baker contracted. Lou Bickford Baker contracted tuberculosis in Minnesota according to her death certificate. Perhaps the family moved west for early treatment of the tuberculosis. With her parents dying so young, age 56 for Ella and 58 for Elmer, perhaps they died of tuberculosis also.

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No. 1161...

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MONTANA,
County of Yellowstone, } ss.

To Any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between Fred Baker a man, whose color is white whose residence is Billings, Montana; whose age is 40 years. Born at Winterset County of Madison and State of Iowa, and who has and is now a widower been previously married or divorced. His father's Christian and Surname is John W. Baker. His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Margaret Lish and Lou Bickford a woman, whose color is white; whose residence is North Yakama, Wash whose age is 21 years Born at Maine County of Otter Tail and State of Minnesota and who has not been previously married or divorced. Her Father's Christian and Surname is Elmer A. Bickford. Her Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Ella Adley.

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of Marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

23rd day of May A. D. 1907

Elmer A. Bickford


Clerk District Court.

On May 23, 1907 Marriage and Marriage License No. 1161 between Fred Baker and Lou Bickford occurred in Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana. These records were found by the author in 2017. Fred listed himself, age 40, born in Winterset, Iowa and a widower. John W. Baker and Margaret Lish (Lyst) Baker were listed as his parents. Lou Bickford was listed as age 21 and born in Maine Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota. She was not previously married. Her parents were Elmer A. and Ella Adley Bickford. Lou Bickford listed her address as North Yakama, Washington.¹⁶

The 1900 Minnesota Census lists Lou Bickford in the home of Elmer and Ella Bickford living in Maine township, Otter County, Minnesota. She was listed as age fourteen. Living in the home were her parents and Maude, Lou, and Mable Bickford. She was probably twenty-one years of age at the time of her marriage to Fred Baker.¹⁷ Lou Bickford had a sister, Maude, age 18 and Mable, age 8, listed on the Census living in the same household in 1900.

Ella Bickford died on December 7, 1903 and was originally buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, Sunnyside, Washington but later she was reburied in Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Washington. Elmer Bickford died in 1906 and was buried in Tahoma Cemetery. Lou Bickford Baker died on September 14, 1909 according to Shaw and Sons Funeral home records but her cemetery stone lists May 10, 1909 and she is buried in Tahoma Cemetery, Yakima, Washington.¹⁸ Elmer, Ella, and Louella Murrey Bickford Baker are buried in Section F, Block 301, Lots # 4, 3, and 2.

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In April of 2021 the author obtained a copy of the original death certificate of Lou Bickford Baker from the Vital Records Division of the State of Colorado. This certificate lists the cause of death as “pulmonary tubuculare.” The document further states that she contracted the disease in Minnesota. Perhaps the family moved to Montana for treatment in a drier climate. (Opinion of author) On May 11, 1909 Lou Bickford Baker’s body was transferred to North Yakima, Washington for burial. Fred Baker is listed as the informant on the death certificate with an address of North Yakima, Washington.

The author believes that Fred and Lou Baker moved to Denver , Colorado from Yakima, Washington for treatment of Lou’s tuberculosis. Lou died in Mrs. M. W. Lare’s Sanatorium of Englewood, Colorado. This facility had 33 tent beds and charged \$1.00 per day and up for care. The facility was operational from about 1901 until 1916.

A photo on page 153 in *Movers and Settlers: The Baker Family* is reported to be of Frederick Baker. The two women in the photo were unknown at the time of book publication. It is now thought they are Lou and Maude Bickford taken at an unknown location probably in Yakima, Washington.

The 1910 Iowa Census, Pottawattamie County, Kane Township ¹⁹ lists the following:

Baker, Cornelia (Cordelia)	Head	55	WS	IL	IL	IL	Nurse Gen.Practice
Isla	Dau	22	S	IA	IA	IA	Teacher
Marjorie	Dau	17	S	IA	IA	IA	None

Frederick Baker had left at this time and Cordelia lists herself as a widow. This is the first time that Cordelia Baker is listed as a nurse in any records.

Fred and Cordelia separated but apparently not divorced. Family records from Marjorie Cooley Long, daughter of Moses Jackson Cooley, mentioned that they were separated or divorced. In 1903 Marjorie stated that she traveled by train with her mother, Emma Catherine Overstreet Cooley, from Wall Lake to Ida Grove, Iowa to visit with Fred and Cordelia D. Cooley Baker at the Cook Ranch. At one time the ranch consisted of twelve sections of land.²⁰ Fred Baker was one of the managers on the Cook Ranch near Ida Grove and Cordelia D. did cooking for the ranch staff.²¹ The Cook Ranch was about 7000 to 8000 acres where they raised Hereford cattle and farmed for hay and grain.

Marjorie V. Cooley Long reported that Fred Baker and the Baker family were “*quite musical.*” Moses Jackson Cooley and his wife, Catherine Overstreet Cooley, lived in Wall Lake, Iowa. After the death of Catherine’s mother, Anna, in 1870 Catherine lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kearney. Catherine lived with her son Cliff Cooley and his wife for the last six years of her life.²²

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In 1909 Frederick Baker was living in Denver, Colorado at the time of the death of his mother, Margaret Lyst Baker. Florence Baker Skelton was living in Cromwell, Iowa and Albert Baker was living in Agra, Oklahoma at that time. The obituary of Margaret Baker notes “*Mrs. Frederick Baker (Cordelia Cooley Baker-author) has been here caring for Grandma*” in Laurel, Cedar County, Nebraska in 1909.²³ Their son, Guy Leonard Baker, married Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker on March 23, 1909. Leonard Baker, father of the author, was born on February 27, 1913. In 1915 a photo of Cordelia, Ethel Huckstep Baker, and Leonard Baker was taken near Vail, Iowa where Ethel Huckstep Baker, was working as domestic help for Tracy North. Ethel Huckstep Baker later married Tracy North.²⁴

The 1915 Iowa Census, Pottawattamie County lists Cordelia Baker, age 56, as living in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is reported as a widow and working as a housekeeper. Her religion is listed as Methodist.²⁵

The 1920 Nebraska Census lists Cordelia (Cornelia on the Census) was living with her daughter, Isla Mae, and her husband, Charles L. Lee. Cordelia was listed as widowed and no occupation was listed.²⁶

Marguerite Lee Edwards, daughter of Isla Mae Baker Lee, reported that Frederick Baker visited for a few days in Omaha, Nebraska with her parents before moving to Casper, Wyoming. Marguerite also reported that Isla Mae Baker Lee went to Casper for the funeral of her father. The death certificate of Frederick Baker lists him as widowed as his second wife, Lou Bickford, had died in 1909. The family apparently did not know of the second marriage of Frederick Baker.

Marguerite Lee Edwards reported that Cordelia Cooley “*was unhappy, but she was always kind and sweet to me—reading Bible stories & singing hymns. I always think of her when I hear the hymn ‘In the Garden’*”.²⁷

Fred Baker and Cordelia D. Cooley Baker were separated or divorced before 1907. The death certificate²⁸ of Fred Baker in 1919 lists him as widowed. This would have been from his second marriage to Lou Bickford

Family photos of 1913 show Cordelia D. Cooley Baker holding Leonard Albert Baker, her grandson, in Vail, Crawford County, Iowa while visiting her daughter-in-law, Ethel Huckstep Baker.²⁹ Family history reported that Cordelia Cooley Baker lived with Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker North for a period of time after the death of Guy Leonard Baker.³⁰

The death certificate information of Frederick Baker was provided by Edgar W. Baker, the brother of Fred Baker. Cordelia Cooley Baker died on August 6, 1922 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. Cordelia is buried in Lot No. 363, Old Section 20, Grave 5

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of the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska. She was listed as widowed on her death certificate.³¹ This would suggest that Fred and Cordelia D. did not divorce according to Cordelia Baker's family. Her death occurred three years after the death of Fred Baker. In 1919 Fred Baker was listed as a clerk on his Death Certificate and he was buried in the Highland Cemetery, Grave 2, Block 25, Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Florence Baker, twin sister of Frederick Baker, was married to John Skelton on November 23, 1883 in the home of John's parents in Corning, Adams County, Iowa.³²

The Casper Daily Tribune, page 6, column 1, March 19, 1919 lists the following:

SERVICES FOR FRED BAKER TO BE HELD HERE

*“The funeral of Fred Baker, who died Monday evening after an illness of 10 days, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Baker was employed by the Grier commissary for many years, but had been in Casper for only a few months. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Lee of Omaha, Nebr. and Mrs. L. J. Larson of Council Bluffs, Iowa.”*³³

Frederick Baker died on March 17, 1919 and was buried on March 20, 1919. In 2003 the author placed a head stone at the site of Frederick Baker's grave. The stone reads:

*Frederick Baker
April 17, 1860
March 17, 1919
Husband of:
Cordelia Cooley Baker
Sept. 14, 1855 – Aug. 6, 1922 Parents of:
Guy Leonard, Isla Mae, and
Marjorie Vea*

The back of the stone reads: *Placed by: Phillip Leonard Baker, MD Great Grandson 2003.*

Information obtained later lists Cordelia with the middle initial “D” on the 1860 Illinois Census of Moultrie County.³⁴ After the stone was placed the second marriage of Frederick Baker to Louella Bickford was discovered by the author.

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Guy Leonard Baker
Chief Clerk, Car Department
Southern Pacific Company
Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada
1913



Guy Leonard Baker
c. 1910



Ethel Huckstep
c. 1899

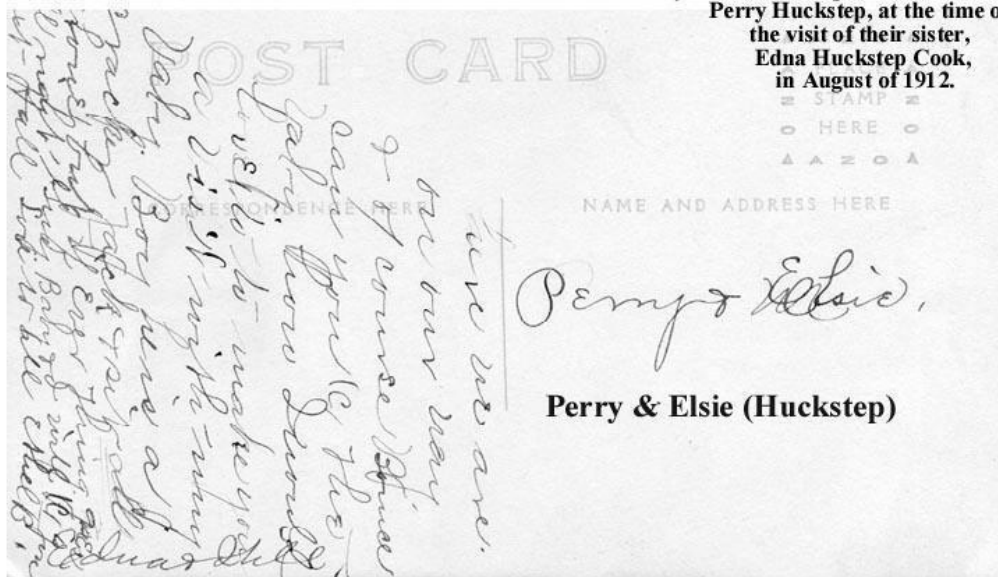
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The home was A.S. 1 of Southern Pacific Railroad housing in Sparks, Nevada.



**L to R: Ethel Huckstep Baker, Leonard Baker, Guy Baker, Will Baker, Edna Huckstep Baker
Sparks, Storey County, Nevada
1912**

This photo postcard photo was written from Sparks, Nevada by Ethel Huckstep Baker to her brother, Perry Huckstep, at the time of the visit of their sister, Edna Huckstep Cook, in August of 1912.



**Here we are on our way & of course Bounce.
Can you (C) the baby. How I would love to make you a visit with my baby.
Boy is he a cracker jack & sit all alone.
If ever thing goes all right Guy and I will (C) you next fall.
Love to all Ethel B., Edna and Will**

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Cordelia Cooley Baker
Sept. 14, 1855-Aug. 6, 1922
Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Omaha, Nebraska



Cordelia Cooley Baker
c 1920

Guy Leonard Baker
c 1909



Ethel Amelia Huckstep
c 1909



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Cooley and Long Families



Back L/R: Marjorie V. Cooley Long, Beryl Jeanette Kirkendahl Long,
Kenneth LaVerne Long, Betty Catherine Long Monroe,
LeRoy Lee Monroe, Harold Conrad Long

Front L/R: Janice Long Dowling, Janet Long Huisenga
c. 1945



Annie McNeese Cooley
wife of
James L. Cooley

James L. Cooley
brother of
Cordelia
and
Moses Jackson Cooley

Marjorie V. Cooley Long
Harold Conrad Long
c. 1953

L/R: Vivian Cooley Finley, Lula Grace Cooley Huffaker,
Emma Catherine Overstreet Cooley,
Marjorie V. Cooley Long, Eva Cooley Faul
c. 1945



Photos provided and identified
by
Phyllis Larson Ingraham,
Cliff Cooley,
Betty Catherine Long Monroe



Emma Catherine Overstreet
married
Moses Jackson Cooley

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**Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker North
Edna Huckstep Cook
c 1918**



Frederick Baker

**Highland Cemetery
Casper, Natrona County,
Wyoming
b. Apr 17, 1860
d. Mar. 17, 1919**



**L/R: Mildred Lucille Larson
Marguerite Vivian Lee
Leonard Albert Baker**

**The children are cousins.
Mildred: Marjorie Vea Baker Larson
Marguerite: Isla Mae Baker Lee
Leonard: Guy Leonard Baker**

c 1918

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Marjorie Vea Baker and Louis Julius Larson Family

**Back: Evelyn Ione, Opal Maxine, Phyllis Elaine
Front: Ione Mae, Robert Louis, Daryle Frederick, Mildred Lucille
c. 1945**

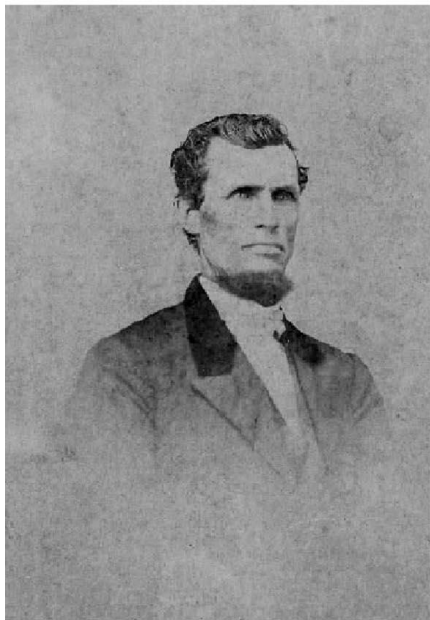


**Marjorie Vea Baker and Louis Julius Larson
c. 1915**

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**John Gilbert and Marguerite Vivian Lee Edwards family
L/R: Jerry, Bill, Clark, Judy, and John**



**William James Cooley
father Cordelia Cooley Baker**



**Frederick Baker
Father of: Guy Leonard Baker
Isla Mae Baker
Marjorie Vea Baker**

The women in the photo with Frederick Baker are thought to be Maude and Lou Bickford. The Navy uniform is probably worn by Maude and the graduate would have been Lou Bickford. It is not known whether the photo was taken in Billings, Montana or Yakima, Washington. If Lou Bickford was age 18 at graduation perhaps both of her parents were still living at the time.

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STATE OF IOWA, CRAWFORD COUNTY, SS.

Application is hereby made for the issuance of a license for the Marriage of G. L. Baker
and Ethel Huckstep in accordance with the statute in such cases made and provided.

I, G. L. Baker do solemnly swear that I am personally acquainted with

and Ethel Huckstep who make application for the above License; that said Ethel Huckstep is of the age of _____ years and upwards, of sound contracting mind and unmarried; that said G. L. Baker is of the age of _____ years and upwards, of sound contracting mind and unmarried; and that there is no legal impediment to said parties entering the marriage state, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am not interested in the issue of said License.

Subscribed and sworn to by the said _____ day of _____ 19____

NOT FOR LEGAL PURPOSES

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF IOWA, CRAWFORD COUNTY, SS.

Office of Clerk of the District Court.

License is hereby granted to any person authorized to solemnize marriages according to the laws of said State to join in Marriage Mr. G. L. Baker and M. Ethel Huckstep of the County aforesaid, and the person joining them in Marriage is also required to make due return of the Certificate annexed, to the Clerk of the District Court, within ninety days, of the names of the parties, time and place of Marriage, and by whom solemnized.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office in Denison, in said County, this 24th day of March A. D. 1909

Frank Faul Clerk
Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

To the Clerk of the District Court of Crawford County, Iowa;

This certifies that on the 24th day of March 1909, at Milford Twp in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly joined in Marriage

Mr. Guy L. Baker and M. Ethel Huckstep

Given under my hand this 24th day of March 1909
A. A. Howe, M. E. Pastor

IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

RETURN OF MARRIAGE TO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT.

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| 1. Full name of GROOM <u>Guy Leonard Baker</u> | 10. Place of residence <u>Milford Twp</u> |
| 2. Place of residence <u>Wall Lake</u> | 11. Age next birthday <u>27</u> years Color <u>W</u> Race <u>Cauc</u> |
| 3. Occupation <u>Passenger Breakman</u> | 12. Place of birth <u>Milford Twp</u> |
| 4. Age next birthday <u>26</u> years Color <u>W</u> Race <u>Cauc</u> | 13. Father's name <u>Wm Huckstep</u> |
| 5. Place of Birth <u>Wall Lake</u> | 14. Mother's maiden name <u>Phoebe Leonard</u> |
| 6. Father's Name <u>Fred Baker</u> | 15. Number of bride's marriage <u>1st</u> |
| 7. Mother's maiden name <u>Cordelia Conley</u> | 16. Married at <u>Milford Twp</u> in the County of Crawford and State of Iowa, the <u>24th</u> day of <u>March</u> 19 <u>09</u> |
| 8. Number of groom's marriage <u>1st</u> | 17. Witnesses to marriage <u>Blanch Conley</u>
<u>Pearly Clothiers</u> |
| 9. Full name of BRIDE <u>Ethel Amelia Huckstep</u> | |
| Maiden name, if a widow _____ | |

We hereby certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

NOT FOR LEGAL PURPOSES

Guy L. Baker (Groom)
Ethel Huckstep (Bride)

Dated at Milford Twp this 24 day of March 1909
A. A. Howe, M. E. Pastor Deput

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the return of the solemnization of the marriage of Guy L. Baker and Ethel Huckstep as filed in my office this 27th day of March 1909

Ethel Amelia Huckstep and Guy Leonard Baker
Marriage License and Certificate
Frank Faul Clerk

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Guy Leonard Baker was born September 17, 1883 in Wall Lake, Sac County, Iowa according to his marriage license.³⁵ The family lived in Wall Lake for four years and then moved to Ida Grove, Iowa where he lived until his marriage. The State of Iowa does not have a birth certificate of Guy Leonard Baker³⁶ but the official Iowa birth form lists that he was born on September 17, 1882.³⁷ Guy Leonard Baker met Ethel Amelia Huckstep in Deloit, Crawford County, Iowa where he had come to work. Guy worked for several years in Deloit, Iowa as a passenger brakeman for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. His obituary further states that “*which position (passenger brakeman) he filled with much credit to himself.*” The Chicago and Northwestern railroad built a line from Denison, Iowa to Deloit, Iowa. This line, later called the “*Punkin Vine*” route when it was abandoned,³⁸ ³⁹ was completed in 1898 with a new station in Deloit. This line ran from Denison to Wall Lake, Iowa. The line followed the valleys and rivers of the area and coursed like a pumpkin vine thus the name for this branch of the railroad. The towns of Kiron, Boyer, Schleswig, Deloit, and Ricketts were on the line. Guy was a stocky man and was overweight. Guy and Ethel were married in March 24, 1909 in the Huckstep family home, Milford Township, near Deloit, Iowa.⁴⁰

Family tradition, according to Grace North Abbott, daughter of Ethel, states that Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker and Guy Leonard Baker lived in South Dakota on an Indian Reservation for some period of time after their wedding. Grace North Abbott reported that Ethel worked as a cook while on the reservation. The obituary of Guy Baker does not list any of this information.

Guy Leonard Baker was born in Wall Lake, Iowa after the family moved there in a covered wagon from Winterset. They lived in Wall Lake, Iowa for four years and then moved to Ida Grove, Iowa where Frederick Baker worked on the Cook Ranch⁴¹ according to some family records but on the Adams Ranch⁴² according to others. The 1895 Iowa Census lists Guy Baker, age 11, as living in Corwin Township, Ida County, Iowa. This age would conflict with the Iowa birth data.

Guy Leonard Baker was “*adored*” by his sister Isla Mae Baker according to her daughter, Marguerite Lee Edwards and was a “*happy person.*” Guy made a book shelf and a blanket box for his sister, Isla Mae Baker Edwards.

The obituary of Guy Baker reports that Guy and Ethel A. Huckstep Baker moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa after their wedding and makes no mention of working on an Indian reservation. The obituary states “*they moved to Council Bluffs, where they lived until June, 1913, at which time they moved to Sparks, Nevada, where he was employed as chief clerk in the car department of the Southern Pacific railway company.*” In June of 1913 after the birth of Leonard Albert Baker in Council Bluffs, Iowa on February 27, 1913 the family moved to Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada. Guy Baker was not in good health and

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because of this the family moved to Nevada. In 1903 Sparks, Nevada was established to serve the newly rerouted tracks of the Southern Pacific Company.⁴³

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Guy Baker was said in his obituary to be *“a man of excellent habits and was a very home loving husband and father. His home and family were the dearest possessions on earth to him.”* The obituary mentions his father, mother, two sisters, Mrs. C. L. (Isla Mae Baker) Lee and Miss Marjorie Baker (Marjorie Vea Baker) of Council Bluffs, Iowa. This love of family and home continued with Leonard Albert Baker and Phillip Leonard Baker.

Guy Baker died at home in his sleep of a heart attack at 6 am on January 6, 1914, however, his death certificate lists *“valvular heart disease”*⁴⁷ as the cause of death. The obituary states *“the immediate cause of his death being due to heart trouble. Besides his beloved wife he leaves to mourn his death a baby boy ten months old”*^{48 49} Marguerite Lee Edwards, daughter of Isla Mae Baker Lee, reported that Guy Baker came home from work at noon and died suddenly. Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker in correspondence to the family from Sparks, Nevada on August 12, 1913 mentions that Guy was so heavy that he could not stand.⁵⁰ Guy Baker’s obituary lists his job as a Clerk for the S.P. Co.⁵¹

On January 8, 1914 the Reno Evening Gazette reported *“Died. BAKER. In Sparks, January 6, 1914 Guy L., dearly beloved husband of Ethel Baker, age 30 years, 3 months, a native of Iowa. Remains will be accompanied to Deloit, Iowa, Saturday morning on train No. 10 by Mrs. Baker. Interment will take place in that city.”*

Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker and Leonard Albert Baker returned on train No. 10 to Deloit, Iowa accompanied by her twin sister, Edna, and her husband Will Cook.⁵² It is unknown whether Edna and Will Cook were living in Nevada at the time of Guy’s death or whether they went to Sparks, Nevada to be with Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker. In August of 1913 Will and Edna Huckstep Cook were seen in photographs at the Sparks, Nevada home of Guy and Ethel Huckstep Baker.

The obituary of Guy L. Baker states that he *“was born on September 17, 1883 in Winterset, Iowa.”*⁵³ He moved with his parents to Wall Lake, Iowa where they lived for four years, later moving to Ida Grove, Iowa at which place he grew to manhood. He was employed by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for several years, which position he filled with much credit to himself. On March 23, 1909 he was married to Miss Ethel A.

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Huckstep, and the moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa where they lived until June of 1913, at which time they moved to Sparks, Nevada where he was employed as chief clerk in the car department of the Southern Pacific railroad company. He proved himself an able man in his department and was held in the highest esteem by his employers, who had tendered him a promotion, but his ill health prevented him from accepting the position.

Mr. Baker was a man of excellent habits and was a very home loving husband and father. His home and family were the dearest possessions on earth to him.

Mr. Baker died at his home in Sparks, Nevada on January 6, 1914 at the age of 30 years, 3 months, and 20 days, the immediate cause of his death being due to heart trouble. Besides his beloved wife he leaves to mourn his death a baby boy ten months old, his mother and father, two sisters, namely, Mrs. C.L. Lee and Miss Marjorie Baker, several cousins, and other relatives. Services were held in the Methodist Church, Deloit, Iowa with burial in the Deloit Cemetery. ”⁵⁴

The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church in Deloit, Iowa by Rev. Ralston. Guy Leonard Baker is buried in the cemetery in Deloit, Crawford County, Iowa.

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