

NOAH ALPHEUS YANKEY and WILLIAM OSCAR YANKEY

William Oscar Yankey was born April 6, 1885 in El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, Missouri^{1 2} and died June 22, 1962 in the Rose Vista Nursing home in Woodbine, Harrison County, Iowa. He was the third son of Noah Alpheus and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey. He married Sylvia Stehlik on July 27, 1910 in Denison, Iowa. The marriage was preformed by Harvey Hosteller and the attendants were Stanley Stehlik and Anna Stehlik, siblings of the bride.³ Sylvia Stehlik was born January 30, 1891 and died December 24, 1938 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Noah Alpheus Yankey was born February 24, 1848 in Rockingham County, Virginia and died March 5, 1932 in Denison, Crawford County, Iowa. He married Sarah Catherine Sites on January 23, 1872 in Cumberland, Maryland. Sarah Catherine was the daughter of Joel and Lydia Getz Sites. Sarah Catherine Yankey was born April 18, 1855 and died January 9, 1949 in the Hollander Nursing Home, Denison, Crawford County, Iowa. They are buried in the Oakdale Cemetery, Denison, Iowa.

Noah was only 13 when the Civil War began and was old enough to remember the struggles of the Shenandoah Valley. The family story relates that Noah went to the top of a near-by mountain looking for a gun. He was surprised by Confederate soldiers but hid until they left the area. Both the Yankey and Sites families lived in the Rockingham County, Virginia and Pendleton Counties, West Virginia areas.

Arthur Aldine Yankey wrote *“On Jan. 23 in 1872 Father married Sarah Catherine Sites at Cumberland, Md. He lived a year or two in VA. and then he moved to W.Va and run a sawmill, one of those old fashioned up and down saws, not a circular saw. In the mean time Aunt Betsy Ann and (husband) (sic) had moved to Johnson Co., Mo. Whether they urged Father and Mother to come out there (I) don’t know. Any way they moved there and I was born, near Knobnoster. They lived there possibly a couple of years. Of course I don’t remember anything and yet I seem to like (remember) a half forgotten dream. They moved to Pettis Co. and from there to Cedar Co. the first place I have any knowledge. Father farmed there a number of years, then things were not going too well we moved to Eldorado Springs, lived there about three years and then moved to Galena, Kansas.” We lived in Galena during the depression of 93 and 94. Grandmother Sites was a widow living with one daughter, then the daughter got married leaving her alone. Times being hard and a pull for the folks in W. Va. Father and mother decided to go to W. Va. and take care of Grandma so we loaded our possessions into a couple of wagons and struck out. We put in about 60 days on the road.”*⁴

It is possible that Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey eloped to Maryland to get married. Sarah Catherine Sites was born in Petersburg, Pendleton County, Virginia now Grant County, West Virginia. Noah and Sarah lived one or two years in Virginia and then moved to Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia to operate an old fashioned “up and down” sawmill powered by steam. The timber in this area was an ideal place for a saw mill. Minnie Lee, January 10, 1873, and Florence “Flora”, March 10, 1875, were born in West Virginia.^{5 6}

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Noah Alpheus and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey
Married: January 23, 1872
Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland



Noah Alpheus and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey
c. 1930

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Sarah "Kate" Catherine Sites Yankey Bible

FAMILY HISTORY
OF

Name Noah Alpha Yankey MARRIED January 23, 1872
 To Sarah Catharine Sites Home Cumberland Md

Great Grand Parents
FATHER'S GRAND PARENTS

NAMES	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
1. <u>Noah Alpha Yankey</u>	<u>1844 Va</u>		
2. <u>Sarah Catharine Sites</u>	<u>Apr 18 1853</u>	<u>Petersburg W Va</u>	
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4.			

MOTHER'S GRAND PARENTS

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7.			
8.			

Grand Parents

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Parents

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Children

NAMES	BORN	MARRIED	Anniversary
1. <u>Minnie Lee Yankey</u>	<u>Jan 30, 1873</u>	<u>William W. King</u>	<u>April 1, 1894</u>
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3. <u>Arthur Aldine Yankey</u>	<u>Jan. 6, 1878</u>	<u>Lida Bahr</u>	<u>JAN 11 1911</u>
4. <u>Laura Etta Yankey</u>	<u>May 11, 1880</u>	<u>Arthur Wilson Judy</u>	<u>FEB 24 1908</u>
5. <u>Ira John Yankey</u>	<u>Dec 30, 1882</u>	<u>Mable E. Shives</u>	<u>DEC 18 1912</u>
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7. <u>Charles Edgar Yankey</u>	<u>Nov. 16, 1887</u>		
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Grand Children

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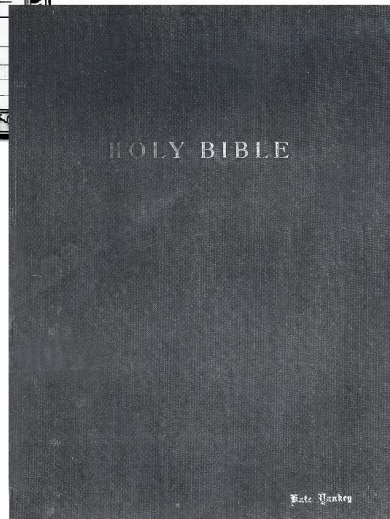
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Provided by:
Roberta Baer Yankey

Cover
Kate Yankey Bible

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The Yankey house was described as being "near the mount of a large Gap in the mountains east of South Mill Creek near a waterfall of a large run. This is an old land mark. It was first settled by George Sites, Jr. around the beginning of the 1800's, possibly 1802. The original house was built 150 yards or so up stream from the present one. The original part of the house and the 2 existing log structures were built some where between 1820-30, most likely by his son Joseph." The wing to the right of the present house is of logs and has been weatherboarded and the left wing of frame work was added.⁷

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“The log cabin at the back of the house was the kitchen, and the log cabin down in front was the sleeping quarters. Here a shed was added. The present buildings were occupied by Joel Sites and family until after the turn of the century (1900’s), at which time only an invalid son George Sites, 5th and his mother who was nearing the century mark remained.” ⁸

Noah Yankey’s brothers split during the Civil War. Some went to the North and some to the South but they reconnected again after the War. James Michael Yankey went to Tennessee but Jonathan Wesley and Joseph Samuel Yankey went to Ohio.

These Yankey family members may have encouraged Noah and Sarah to come to Missouri. Jonathan Wesley, brother of Noah, and his wife Hannah Kessner Yankey had also moved to Dent County, Missouri. The Kessner name is also spelled Cassner and Kesner. Descendants of Jonathan and Hannah Kessner Yankey moved to Texas, Oregon, Illinois, and California.

In 1875 Noah and Sarah and family traveled to Johnson County, Missouri after the birth of Flora Yankey. The Noah and Sarah Crites Yankey family traveled to Missouri in a covered wagon. The parents slept in the wagon and the children slept under the wagon.⁹ The 1880 Missouri Census lists Noah, Sarah, Minnie, Flora, and Arthur living in Walnut Township, Bates County. Flora, age 5, had been born in Virginia (West Virginia) but Arthur, age 2, and Laura Etta, age 1 month (born in May), had been born in Bates County, Missouri.¹⁰

Jacob Yankey, Sr., brother of Michael Yankey, and Mary Shrum were married on December 19, 1796 in Rockingham County, Virginia. Jacob, Jr., son of Jacob, Sr. and Mary Shrum Yankey, and his wife, Ruth Goodnight Yankey, moved to Flat Creek Township near Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri in 1835. Jacob Yankey, Jr. is listed on the 1840 Missouri Census of Pettis County.

Jacob Yankey, Sr., brother of Michael Yankey, and Michael Yankey both named sons, Jacob Yankey.

Arthur Aldine was born in Knob Knoster, Johnson County, Missouri on January 1, 1878. A few years later Noah and family moved Bates County, Missouri where Noah farmed. This farming was *“not going too well”* ¹¹ so the family then moved to Cedar County, Missouri. Ira John, December 30, 1882, William Oscar, April 6, 1885, Charles Edgar, November 16, 1887 were born in El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, Missouri.

The 1880 Missouri Census, Bates County, Walnut Township, page 54 A lists the following:

	Age	Occupation	Bir.Pl.	Fa.Bir.Pl.	Mo.Bir.Pl.
Noah E. Yankey	32	farmer	VA	VA	VA
Sarah C. Yankey	25	housekeeping	VA	VA	VA
Minnie L. Yankey	7	at school	VA	VA	VA
Flora A. Yankey	5		VA	VA	VA
Arthur A. Yankey	2		MO	VA	VA
Laura A. Yankey	1mo		MO	VA	VA

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Walnut Township of Bates County is in the southwest portion of the County on the Missouri-Kansas border. Noah Yankey as others of the Yankey family were “*movers*”. Noah, Sarah, and family lived for 17 years in Johnson, Bates, Pettis, and Cedar Counties, Missouri. All four of these counties are in the mid-western portion of the state. Farming was still “*not doing well.*”

On April 10, 1881 Elizabeth (Betty or Betsy Ann)¹² Ann Yankey, sister of Noah, and husband, Stephen Edward Welch, were married in Dent County, Missouri. Elizabeth (Betsy) Yankey Welch was reported to have spoken with a “*Dutch*” accent and it was possible that her parents spoke German at home. Jacob Yankey, the brother of Elizabeth and Noah Yankey, lived in Dent County, Missouri. Samuel Yankey, the son of Jacob Yankey, Sr. and Mary Shrum Yankey of Kentucky, moved to Pettis County, Missouri and later to Jackson County, Missouri settling near Lone Jack, Missouri. Samuel Yankey married Parmelia Ann Graves on October 10, 1810 in Washington County, Kentucky.

On April 6, 1885 the birth of William Oscar Yankee (Yankey) was noted in the Permanent Birth Records of Missouri.¹³ The family name was spelled as “*Yankee*” with Sarah Catherine Seitz Yankee was listed as his mother and Noah A. Yankee was listed as his father.¹⁴

In 1892 the family moved to Galena, Cherokee, Kansas.¹⁵ In 1887 mining began in earnest in the Galena area. In 1890 there were about 12, 000 people living in and around Galena, 12 daily trains, 2 railroads, and 13 ore mills. Most of the mines were fifty to two hundred and fifty feet deep.¹⁶ Mining was very important at that time in Galena.¹⁷ Initially lead mining in the region prompted many to develop mines and stake claims. Later it was found that zinc was with the lead but had not initially recognized. Zinc mining became more important than lead mining. In late 1892 ore prices began to fall and in early 1893 a depression developed resulting in less mining being done. Noah Yankey and his family lived in Galena during the depression of 1893 and 1894 while Noah Yankey continued to work in the zinc and lead mines of the area.¹⁸ Ira John Yankey and perhaps William Oscar Yankey started school in Galena, Kansas. Galena is south of Eldorado Springs in Bates County, Kansas. In 1877 lead had been discovered in the area and mining rapidly began. Two cities, Empire north of Short Creek, and Galena, south of Short Creek, were laid out. By the late 1890’s 265 mines were in the area, two banks, 36 grocery stores, and over 40 retail stores in the area.¹⁹ Galena is four miles north of the Oklahoma border and adjacent to the Missouri border.

In 1895 the family received word that Lydia Getz Sites, mother of Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey, was ill and now living alone. Lydia Getz Sites, wife of Joel Getz, had been living with a daughter who married thus leaving Lydia Getz Sites alone. The family was loyal in caring for each other in times of need and this led Sarah and Noah and their young family back to West Virginia. During September and October of 1895 Noah and family put their possessions into two wagons and traveled six days a week for about 60 days until they reached Rough Run, Grant County, West Virginia at the foot hills of the Allegheny Mountains. They stopped on Sundays “*to revere the Sabbath day.*” Arthur Aldine Yankey stated that the family initially traveled seven days a week but stopped because they seemed to always have trouble on the Sabbath when they attempted to travel on Sunday.

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The family lived in a log cabin until they could build a frame house. The ceiling beams were hand hewn and the fireplace was made from rocks on the farm. Arthur Yankey made the walnut mantle for the fireplace. The farm had a hot and cold spring on it. The cold spring was used to keep milk, butter, and food fresh. Noah milked cows, raised hogs, and farmed to raise grain and tobacco.²⁰

Arthur Yankey reports that *“Well we reached Grandma²¹ and took care of her for a while until she passed away. Then we moved in to take care of another old couple a distant relation.²² In the meantime some of the W.Va’s moved to Iroquois county, Ill., Judy’s among them. So some of the young men drifted there to work. A neighbor boy was home on a visit and got me into the notion of going to Ill. too. I spent 8 years there. In a few years brother John (Ira John) followed me. Then sister Laura married Wilson Judy and settled in Iowa where some more from W. Va. had settled. Then Charles taught school a couple years then took off without saying where he was going nor did he write (found him years later as a waiter in a restaurant) that left Oscar to care for the home folks.”²³*

On November 14, 1896 Lydia Getz Sites died. The Noah Yankey family then moved to care for Magdalene “Lynda” Wise Sites, wife of Joseph Sites, and her son, George Sites. In the early 1800’s this farm had originally been settled by George Sites, Jr. In the 1900 Census Magdalene Sites was ninety-six years old.²⁴ Magdalene Wise Sites was an aunt of Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey. Noah and family cared for Magdalene and George Sites in exchange for the deed to the farm which Noah Yankey received. In 1912 Noah and Sarah sold this farm to John Judy.²⁵

The 1900 West Virginia Census lists Noah, Sarah, Flora A., Arthur A., Laura E., Ira Jo. (Ira John), Willie O. (William Oscar), and Charles E. Yankey as living in Grant County, West Virginia. Living in the household was Magdalena Sites, age 96, and her son, George Sites, age 60.²⁶ Noah was listed as a farmer. Arthur, Ira, Willie O., and Charles were listed as farm laborers. Sarah was listed as having had seven children with six living at the time of the Census. Magdalene Wise Sites was the wife of Joseph Sites, an uncle of Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey. The Census lists Magdalene Sites as a cousin of Noah Yankey when she was really an aunt of Sarah Sites Yankey.

Lewis Yankey reported *“During their failing years they (Magdalene and George Sites) made arrangements with Noah Yankey to move in with them and take care of them. In return they gave him a deed for the farm. Noah built a chimney in 1898. Noah sold the property to John Judy in 1912. Judy sold it to Tom Cleaver in 1918 and Earnest Cleaver acquired it in 1960.”²⁷*

On June 1, 1961 Arthur Aldine Yankey wrote that the family did not travel all of the time when the family left Missouri for West Virginia. He reported that they stopped to see *“Uncle Wesley”* (Jonathan Wesley Yankey, brother of Noah Yankey) and family for about a week in south central Missouri (Dent County). The family then crossed the Mississippi River near Chester, Illinois and spent a few days in Chester, Illinois with *“one of Wes’s daughters that married a Lipscomb”*.²⁸ They crossed the Mississippi River near Chester, Illinois. This was a direct route from Galena, Kansas thru Dent County, Missouri and on to Chester, Illinois. Arthur reported that he weather was good for the entire trip.²⁹

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In West Virginia they lived in a log house until the family could create a comfortable frame house from two cabins with hand hewn ceiling beams, a fireplace of native stone, and a walnut fire place mantle made by Arthur Aldine Yankey. There were two cabins that formed the house with one the kitchen and one the sleeping areas and combined into one house. Noah and the sons added the above fireplace in 1898.³⁰ The farm was unusual in that it had a cold water spring and a warm water spring on the property.³¹ The milk house was built over the cold water spring to keep milk, cream, eggs, and other food cool and fresh. Lydia Getz Sites, mother of Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey, died on November 14, 1896. Noah and Sarah then began to care for Magdaline Wise Sites, the widow of Joseph Sites,³² and her invalid son, George Sites, on the Joseph Sites place. Noah and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey and family provided care for Magdalene Wise Sites and George Sites in exchange for a deed to the farm.

Ira John and William Oscar slept in the loft of the cabin. During the winter snow or frost would often cover their beds.³³

Arthur Aldine Yankey writes that Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey *“Grandmother was busy caring for her family’s needs by raising large gardens and baking many loaves of bread each week to keep her family fed. And there was her sheep---she raised them, sheared them, cleaned, carded and spun the wool to make warm clothing for her family. Also, on her loom she wove 3 foot wide strips in an intricate mountain pattern which were sewed together to make bed coverlets. Each of her children received one of these as a wedding gift when they married. Today some of her great grandchildren proudly display small framed scraps of these coverlets as a reminder of their heritage. It is interesting to note that the coverlet on the bed at Lincoln’s boyhood home at Hodgenville, Kentucky is reported to be of the same pattern.”*³⁴ A portion of this coverlet pattern survives in the family.³⁵

In 1983 Donald Yankey reports that *“Back in West Virginia they established a home near Rough Run in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The family lived in a small log house until grandfather and his young sons could erect a comfortable frame house. The ceiling beams were hand hewn and the fireplace mantle made of rocks from the farm, with the walnut mantle handmade by the oldest son, Arthur.”*

“The farm was unusual in that it had both a warm and a cold spring on it. The milk house was built over the cold spring to keep the milk, butter, and other food cool and fresh.

*Grandfather milked cows, raised pigs to butcher that were fattened on acorns, and he cultivated the land to raise tobacco and grain.”*³⁶

Each child received a bedspread made by Catherine Sites Yankey as a wedding present. A portion of the original quilt remains with the author and is depicted in this book.

In 1912 Flora Alice married George Sites; in 1908 Laura married Wilson Judy; in 1911 Arthur married Lida Bahr; and in 1912 Ira John married Mabel Shives; Charles did not marry; Minnie married William King; and in 1910 William Oscar married Sylvia Stehlik.

Some of the people in this area of West Virginia moved to Cissna Park, Iroquois County, Illinois.

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The Judy's were among this group. A former neighbor boy was home for a visit and encouraged Arthur Aldine Yankey to go to Illinois where he spent 8 years. Ira John Yankey went to Illinois in 1906 and worked on a farm for several years.³⁷ Charles Edgar taught school for "a couple of years" and then "took off" drifting away from the family not to be seen for several years. He left "without saying where he was going to live nor did he write. He was found years later working in a restaurant." At the time of the death of Noah Yankey, his father, Charles was reported to be living in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also served in the US Navy and is buried in the National Cemetery, Mobile Alabama. After Laura Etta Yankey married Wilson Judy they moved to Crawford County, Stockholm Township, Iowa.³⁸

William Oscar Yankey was not satisfied with caring for Noah and Sarah Crites Yankey and left for Iowa after securing a "hired man to care for the home folks."³⁹ In 1908 Ira John Yankey returned to West Virginia from Illinois to help with his parents. During the summer of 1909 Arthur Yankey also returned to West Virginia from Illinois.

Donald Yankey reported that Arthur wrote "In the meantime Oscar rented a place (in Iowa) and tried baching (sic) and farming and was (not) going too well, so thought a good idea for the folks to move out there and help out."⁴⁰ By 1909 William Oscar Yankey had rented a farm in Iowa and Noah, Sarah, and Ira John "had a sale, rented the place and they went to Iowa."⁴¹ In 1912 Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey's West Virginia farm was sold to John Judy.⁴²

Arthur moved to Illinois for a few weeks to "visit a girl" and then continued on to Iowa to help Oscar with the corn picking which was delayed until March of 1910 because of an early, heavy snow in the fall of 1909. Arthur then moved to Denver, Colorado for a few days before moving to Rocky Ford, Colorado. He then returned to Illinois to marry the girl he "visited" in 1909. They returned to Rocky Ford, Colorado and lived the remainder of their lives.⁴³

Arthur Yankey wrote "It had snowed about 18 inches early before the corn was picked so helped Oscar harvest his corn in March, then on St. Patrick's day I took off for Denver Colo. Spent a few days in Denver and found nothing to my liking, went on to Rocky Ford and am still there. Hired to a man named Whitcomb quit him in Sept. and worked the fall for Mr. Frink (?) rented a place and went back to Ill. and married my girl I went to see the fall before. Moved several times finally settled here in R.F. and to remain here the rest of my days."⁴⁴

About 1909 Ira John Yankey went to Iowa to visit his sister, Laura Yankey Judy, and brother, William Oscar Yankey. Ira John returned to West Virginia to visit his parents but returned to Iowa in 1910 to farm with Noah and Sarah Crites Yankey until Ira John was married in 1912.⁴⁵

The 1910 Iowa Census dated April 27 and 28, Crawford County, Stockholm Township, lists the following:⁴⁶

Yankey, William O.	25	head	General farm
Flora	35	sister	None
Sarah C.	55	mother	None
Noah A.	62	father	None

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William Oscar was caring for his parents and sister, Flora, but the West Virginia family farm was initially rented and finally sold in 1912. Before April 27, 1910 Noah and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey had moved to Crawford County, Iowa. ⁴⁷

In 1912 Noah Yankey and Sarah Crites Yankey moved with their son, William Oscar Yankey, and his family to Ink, Arkansas. Lloyd Yankey, age 2, and Marie Yankey, age 3 months, moved with their parents, William Oscar and Sylvia Stehlik Yankey. The families lived their a short time until a fire destroyed their home. Noah and Sarah moved back to Denison, Iowa and William Oscar Yankey and his family moved to Sayer, Beckham County, Oklahoma and back to Vail, Iowa in 1915. Lloyd began school and Marie wanted to also begin her schooling and was allowed. They both attended and graduated from a one room school house near their farm. ⁴⁸

The 1920 Iowa Census, Crawford County, Denison Township, dwelling 24, family 24, page 904 lists the following:

	Age	Bir. Pl.	Fa.Br.Pl	Mo.Br.Pl
Judy, Wilson	36	WVA		
Laura E.	39	MO		
Thelma M.	7	IA		
Irma L.	9	MO		
Gladys V.	1	MO		
Yankey, Noah A.	79	VA	VA	VA
Yankey, Catherine	67	VA	VA	VA



Noah Alpheus and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey Family

Back: Lloyd Francis, Cecil, Thelma Mae Judy, Marie Vivian, Ira John, William Oscar, Arthur Aldine, Arthur Wilson Judy
 Fr: Noah, Sarah, Winifred Catherine, Opal Naomi, Gladys Viola Judy, Irma Laura Judy, Mabel (Shives) [Donald], Sylvia (Stehlik), Lida (Bahr), Laura Etta
 c. 1921

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**Standing: Laura Yankey Judy
Thelma Judy Lingle
Seated: Sarah Sites Yankey
Bette Lingle
Four generations
c. 1935**

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**Winifred Yankey
c. 1918**

Photo provided by:
Phillip Baker, MD



**Clarence and Winifred Yankey Lee children
L/R: Linda, Dorothy, Catherine,
Fred, Clarence, Jr.
c. 1954**



Arthur and Lida Bahr Yankey

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Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey Family

L/R: adults standing Marie Yankey, Lloyd Yankey, Sylvia Stehlik Yankey and William Oscar Yankey (behind Lloyd), Sarah Crites Yankey, Laura Yankey Wilson, Noah Yankey, "Wilson" Judy, Ira John Yankey, Mabel Shives Yankey, Arthur Aldine Yankey

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L/R: girls standing Irma Judy, Opal Yankey, Gladys Judy

**L/R: boys seated Donald and Curtis Yankey, Wilson and Ira John Judy
c. 1928**



**L/R: Lloyd, Myrna, Sarah Crites Yankey, William Oscar Yankey
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1936**

**Myrna Alice Yankey
Sylvia Stehlik Yankey
c.1936**



Noah and Catherine Sites Yankey were living with Wilson and Laura Yankey Judy and family, Thelma M., Irma L., and Gladys V. Laura E. Yankey Judy was a daughter of Noah and Catherine

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and the sister of William Oscar Yankey.

In 1930 Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey were living in a rented home on U.S. 30 in Denison, Iowa. Noah A. Yankey was 82 and Sarah C. Yankey was 74. The reported value of their home was \$15.00. ⁴⁹

His obituary reported that in 1887 Noah Yankey joined the Methodist Church probably in Missouri. Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey joined the church twice. Once “*early in life*” and later as an adult she “*joined the church.*” On March 5, 1932 Noah died at his home in Denison, Crawford County, Iowa on the Lincoln Highway ⁵⁰ about one month after suffering a stroke complicated by uremia. ⁵¹

The obituary of Noah Alpheus Yankey reported the following: “*Noah Alpheus Yankey died at his home on East Lincoln Way (Denison, Crawford County, Iowa-author) Saturday evening at 9:44 having reached the age of 84 years and 10 days. He suffered a stroke on February 4 from which he never recovered. He bore his suffering patiently and hoped he might live until his 84 birthday. The deceased was born in Rockingham Co. Va Feb 24, 1848 and was the son of Jacob and Judith Yankey, and the youngest child of a family of 12 children.*

On Jan 23, 1872 he was united in marriage to Sara Catherine Sites at Cumberland, Maryland. Seven children were born to this union. Mrs. Minnie Lee King and Florence Alice Sites having preceded their father in death.

In the fall of 1887 Mr. Yankey united with the Methodist Church and since that time has been a faithful worker in all church departments. He was a good husband and father and always took part in affairs that were for the up building of the community which he lived.

For several years after his marriage he resided in West Virginia. The family then moved to Missouri where they made their home in Pettis and Johnson Counties for 17 years. Three years the family lived in Kansas and returned to West Virginia in 1895.

In the fall of 1900 (1909-author) they came to Crawford Co. Iowa settling at Deloit. In 1912 they moved to Arkansas and in 1916 returned to this county to make their home in Denison. During this residence here he made a host of friends who mourn his death.

Besides his good wife he leaves to mourn his death the following children. Arthur of Rockford, Colorado, Mrs. Laura E. Yankey of Cherokee (Iowa), John of Denison, Oscar of Vail, and Charles of New Orleans, La and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. J. F. Arnold officiating. Interment followed in the Oakland Cemetery.” ⁵²

In 1940 Catherine Sites Yankey was living with Wilson Judy and her daughter, Laura Yankey Judy, and family in Cherokee, Iowa. ⁵³ The author remembers visiting this family on their farm. Later Catherine was taken to the Hollander nursing home in Denison, Iowa

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On January 9, 1949 Sarah Catherine Yankey was ill for several years⁵⁴ and she died in the Hollander nursing home in Denison, Iowa.

William Oscar Yankey as noted before was the only one at home to take care of his parents. Oscar became dissatisfied, hired a man to help his parents, Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey, and “took off” for Iowa. He moved to Crawford County, Stockholm Township, Iowa and worked for Henry Wulf. By 1909 William Oscar Yankey had rented a farm in Iowa. Ira John, Noah, and Sarah Crites Yankey remained in West Virginia.

In 1895 Noah Yankey and family had returned to West Virginia. About 1900 the young Yankey men began to consider leaving the area and did leave about 1902. In 1961 Arthur Aldine Yankey wrote *“In the meantime some W.Va.’s moved to Iroquois county, Ill., Judy’s among them. So some of the young men drifted there to work. A neighbor boy was home on a visit got me into the notion of going to Ill. too. I spent 8 years there. In a few years brother John followed me. Then sister Laura married Wilson Judy and settled in Iowa where some more from W. Va. had settled. Then Charles taught school a couple years then took off without saying where he was going nor did he write (found him years later as a waiter in a restaurant) that left Oscar to care for the home folks. He got dissatisfied, hired a men to help father, and took off for Iowa too.”*⁵⁵

In 1910 Noah, Sarah, Arthur, and Ira John “had a sale, rented the place and they moved to Iowa.”⁵⁶ Arthur moved to Illinois for a few weeks to “visit a girl”,⁵⁷ and then continued on to Iowa to help Oscar with the corn picking. The corn picking was delayed until March of 1910 because of an early, heavy snow fall in 1909. Arthur had met Lida Bahr while working in Illinois a few years before. Arthur then moved to Denver, Colorado for a few days before moving to Rocky Ford, Colorado. In 1910 he was working as a hired man on a farm near Rocky Ford, Otero County, Colorado.⁵⁸ He then returned to Cissna Park, Iroquois County, Illinois to marry the girl he “visited” in 1909. After their marriage on January 11, 1911 they returned to Rocky Ford, Colorado and lived there all of their lives. On the 1910 Iowa Census Noah and Sarah Yankey were in Iowa.⁵⁹

In 1906 Ira John Yankey traveled to Illinois but in 1908 he returned to West Virginia. In 1909 Ira John Yankey traveled to Iowa to visit his sister Laura Yankey Judy and William Oscar Yankey but returned to West Virginia to assist with his parents. In 1910 after Noah and Sarah Yankey’s personal property sale Ira John left West Virginia for Iowa and lived and farmed with his parents until his marriage. In 1912 Ira John married Mabel Shives of Deloit, Iowa. Opal Yankey Whiteing, daughter of Ira John and Mable Shives Yankey, reported that Ira John Yankey met Mabel Shives at the Deloit Methodist church where Mabel played the piano. However Mable Shives had previously seen Ira John Yankey during a train ride from Deloit to Denison, Iowa when Mabel was with her friend, Margie Brogden. This railroad was a branch of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad called the “Punkin Vine” route which had been completed in 1898 and extended from Wall Lake, Iowa to Denison, Iowa.⁶⁰ Mabel Shives informed Margie that “she was going to marry that man” and later Mabel Shives and John Yankey were married.⁶¹ It is of personal family interest in that Guy Leonard Baker, grandfather of the author, was a brakeman on this railroad line until his marriage to Ethel Amelia Huckstep in March of 1909.

Also living in Stockholm Township in 1910 was Laura and Wilson Judy, page 121, dwelling #

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126, family # 127; Jacob and Annie Riggleman, page 194, dwelling # 58, family # 58; John and Annie Judy, page 195, dwelling # 85, and family # 85. All of these families were from West Virginia.

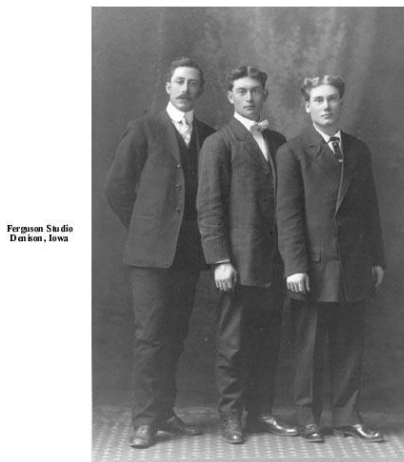
At the time of the 1910 Census of April 27 and 28 William Oscar Yankey was listed as the head of the household of his sister, Flora, and parents, Noah and Sarah Catherine Sites Yankey.⁶² On July 27, 1910 William Oscar married Sylvia Stehlik whose family was also living in Milford Township, Crawford County, Iowa. On July 22, 1910 they were granted a marriage license. On their certificate of marriage they both were listed as living in Boyer, Crawford County. They were married by Rev. Harvey Hostetler in Denison, Iowa and Anna Stehlik and Stany (sic) (Stanley) Stehlik were witnesses to the marriage.⁶³



William Oscar and Sylvia Stehlik Yankey
Wedding: 1910



Signatures:
Western Bohemian
Farm Mortgage
Sylvia Yankey
William O. Yankey
November 2, 1937



Arthur Aldine, William Oscar, Ira John Yankey
c. 1920



Charles Edgar Yankey
c. 1917

J.E. Purdy & Co. Studio
Boston, Massachusetts

They had two children: Lloyd, born December 22, 1910, and Marie Vivian, born October 14, 1912. On December 23, 1912 Oscar had a sale of all of his farm livestock, horses, and machinery on the farm of Leslie Marshall which Oscar was renting.

PUBLIC SALE!

As I am going to move away I will sell on the Leslie Marshall farm 2 miles west and 3 miles north of Vail and 5 miles east of Deloit, on

Monday, Dec. 23,

Commencing at 12 o'clock sharp

Nine Head of Horses

Consisting of black mare 4 years old with foal, weight 1400; black gelding 4 years old, weight 1400; team of bay mares, weight 2600; bay driving team, mare and gelding, weight 2500; gray colt 3 years old, weight 1300; bay colt 2 years old, weight 1100; bay mare 6 years old with foal, wt. 1100.

38 Head of Cattle: 4 milch cows, 8 two-year-old steers, 16 yearling steers, 5 yearling heifers and 5 calves. 18 head of hogs, 8 sows and 10 barrows.

Farm Machinery, Etc.—McCormick stacker, 2 hay rakes, lumber wagons, carriage, Surprise riding cultivator, 2 walking plows, 3-section drag, bob sled, Gorham seeder 7-inch pump nearly new, 6-foot galvanized water tank, two 6x16 portable hog houses, three 3½ foot feed bunks, set of 1¼ inch work harness, set of 1½ inch work harness, 900 bushels of corn in crib, 480 rods of barbed wire, several hundred feet of second hand lumber, 2 heating stoves, No. 9 cook stove, separator and other articles too numerous to mention. Free Lunch At Noon.

TERMS:—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest from date of sale. No property to be removed until settled for.

Col. M. McGrath, Auct.
Henry Stuck, Clerk.

W. O. Yankey

After the sale Oscar, Sylvia, Lloyd, and Marie along with Noah and Sarah Yankey, his parents, moved to Ink, Polk County, Arkansas where they lived for about three years. Polk County is located in the area of the Arkansas National Forest. William Oscar and Noah Alpheus Yankey farmed near each other. There were many sawmills in Polk County, Arkansas. Noah Yankey operated a sawmill in Grant County, West Virginia thus the family may have worked some in the logging industry in Polk County in addition to farming.

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On October 16, 1913 the Mena Star paper reported that “*M.O.Yankee*” was among “*those who worked on the Mena and Cherry Hill road on Oct. 8.*” This was probably W.O. Yankey (Oscar).⁶⁴ Ink, Arkansas is located on the “*Mena and Cherry Hill road*” which is currently Route # 88.

A fire caused by a Warm Morning Stove destroyed their home. Noah and Sarah Sites Yankey returned to Iowa and William Oscar and Sylvia Stehlik Yankey, and children, Lloyd and Marie, moved to Sayre, Beckham County, Oklahoma that is located in the far southwestern corner of the state. On Christmas morning their home was once again destroyed due to a Warm Morning Stove.

On September 12, 1918 William O. Yankey registered for the draft in Sayre, Beckham County, Oklahoma. He was listed as a farmer.⁶⁵

In 1918 Lloyd was seven years of age and Marie was five years of age when the family returned to Vail, Crawford County, Iowa and lived on a farm south of Vail. On March 1, 1923 Sylvia Stehlik Yankey purchased land in Section 16 of Hayes Township from Fred Fitzimmons, Sr.⁶⁶ for \$20,000 dollars which included a mortgage of \$10,000 to William Piper and \$6,000 to Fred Fitzimmons, Sr.

On the 1925 Census of Iowa Oscar, Sylvia, Lloyd, and Marie are listed in Hayes Township Iowa. Oscar has attended through the 8th grade, Sylvia through the 7th grade, and Lloyd and Marie were in the 7th grade. Noah Yankey, Oscar’s father, was born in Virginia and Sarah Sites, Oscar’s mother was born in West Virginia. Noah and Sarah were married in Maryland. Sylvia listed her parents as being born in Austria.⁶⁷

On March 3, 1925 they sold the land to Fred Fitzimmons, Jr.⁶⁸ for \$16,000 dollars. This current farm address is 2220 350th Street. William Oscar is reported to have fallen out of the hay loft of the barn on this farm. This was a fall of about thirty feet but fortunately Oscar landed on some hay and was not seriously injured. Marie and Lloyd Yankey attended a one room school house which was about one half mile from their home

On December 22, 1925 Sylvia Stehlik Yankey purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Section 33, Township North (Westside Township) from M.L. Runge the Receiver for McHenry and Seemann for \$21, 500. Two thousand five dollars was due by March 1, 1926 and then \$5000 dollars due annually beginning in 1929.⁶⁹ On March 1, 1926 they took possession of a farm and the family moved to the farm located at the current address of 2145 370th Street south of Vail, Iowa. At this time Lloyd and Marie Yankey were attending Vail Public High School in Vail, Iowa. This is the current home of Royce and Ruth Yankey Noelck.

The 1930 Iowa Census, Crawford County, Westside Township, page 127 lists the following:

Yankey, Oscar	Head Owner	45	MO	VA	WVA	Farmer
Sylvia	Wife-H	39	IA	CZEK	CZEK	

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Lloyd	Son	19	IA	MO	IA
Marie	Dau	17	IA	MO	IA

Ferguson Studio
Denison, Iowa



"John" b. 1882
"Wilson" b. 1884
"Oscar" b. 1885
"Jake" b. 1886

L/R: Jacob S. Judy, William Oscar Yankey,
Ira John Yankey, Arthur Wilson "Wilson" Judy
Denison, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1908

Photo provided by:
Ruth Yankey Noeck



William Oscar Yankey
Cultivating corn
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1940



L/R: Lloyd Yankey, William Oscar Yankey,
R. Johnson
Inspecting drought crops
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1930

Oscar was a farmer and did have a dairy at one time. Marie Yankey Baker remembers carrying pails of milk from the barn to the cream separator in the house. This was about fifty yards and up an incline. The Des Moines Register reported that Oscar received an award from the Boyer Valley Cow Test association for the high cow test from one of his Jersey cows. His herd of grade and purebred Jersey cows was also the highest for the month of June 1930.

The Des Moines Register reported that in 1930 alfalfa test demonstration fields of Crawford County on which lime and phosphate were used increased yields 45 percent while manure alone raised yields seven percent. Oscar was involved in this test for Westside Township of Crawford County, Iowa.

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Oscar sold his dairy of 18 Jersey cows and 18 Jersey heifers on January 2, 1942. His farm was in Westside Township was later owned and operated by Lloyd Yankey, son of William Oscar and Sylvia Stehlik Yankey, and brother of Marie Yankey Baker. Currently the farm is owned by Royce and Ruth Marjorie Yankey Noelck. Ruth Yankey Noelck is the daughter of Lloyd Francis Yankey and Alice Hamblen Yankey.

On December 7, 1937 an article in the Carroll Daily Herald reported that Oscar was working with the CCC Conservation Service reported that he had increased his corn production by 10 to 20 bushels by contour farming and the use of terraces on the land. His crop was 70-80 bushels per acre that year compared to the usual 50 bushels per acre.

Sylvia Stehlik Yankey was on her way to Vail, Iowa from their home in Section 33 south of Vail on Monday evening December 19, 1938 when “*she was taken suddenly ill. She was taken to the home of her daughter, Marie Vivian Yankey Baker, where she suffered a stroke. Her condition improved and all hope for her recovery returned, her family having done all they could to ease her suffering and make her comfortable. On December 24, 1938 she was stricken with another stroke and passed suddenly away with her daughter and son-in-law at her bedside*”. Sylvia Stehlik Yankey was described as quiet and kind by Donald Yankey.⁷⁰

After his wife, Sylvia, died William Oscar moved to his farm in Milford Township north of Vail, Iowa where he built the house located on this farm. The first floor of the new house had a large kitchen, bed room, and a very large living room. Upstairs there were two more bedrooms. The water was from a well outside of the back door of the house.

Phillip Baker, grandson, remembers stacking hay on this farm with horses using a Jayhawk stacker.⁷¹ Oscar bought one of the very first Ferguson tractors with a hydraulic three-point hitch that he replaced with the very successful Ford 8N tractor. This three-point hitch revolutionized farm implement attachment to tractors forever as it was adopted by all tractor lines. Spraying weeds with 2, 4-D vegetation killer was common at this time but this older formulation is not used at present.⁷² Many of the fruit bearing shrubs such as elder berry and gooseberry were killed by this practice of spraying along the rural roads.

Oscar was a strong, stocky man like so many of the Yankey men. Current Yankey family members living in Rockingham County, Virginia have a body builds like that of Willam Oscar and Ira John Yankey.⁷³

On January 15, 1940 W. O. Yankey of Vail, Iowa and Aurora Ellen Mills of Leonx, Iowa signed a marriage application in Jackson County, Missouri.⁷⁴ He listed Crawford County, Iowa as his residence and she listed Taylor County, Iowa. Aurora has been previously married to Tip Long who died on July 21, 1902⁷⁵ and then to Claude Mills. On the 1930 Iowa Census Cecil and Aurora were listed as proprietors of a “style shop” in Lenox and they had been married for five years.⁷⁶

In March of 1940 Oscar and Aurora Yankey visited in Vail, Iowa with Leonard and Marie Yankey Baker and attended the dedication of the new Presbyterian Church.

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On the April 13, 1940 Iowa Census, Taylor County, Lenox town, William Oscar and Aurora are listed as married and both have completed high school. Oscar's residence on April 1, 1940 was listed as Crawford County and Aurora E. Yankey listed her residence as Taylor County on that same day and Aurora was listed as operating a retail ladies wear business and Oscar was a retired farmer.⁷⁷ William Oscar owned his home with a value of \$4500 at the time of the Census.

In January of 1940 William Oscar was married to Aurora Long Yankey as noted on a Warranty Deed of land from W.O. Yankey, Aurora Yankey, Marie Yankey Baker, and Leonard Baker to L.F. Yankey. This was a portion of the land that Lloyd Francis Yankey ultimately owned south of Vail, Iowa.⁷⁸

The Lenox Time Table reported that on Friday, November 7, 1940 Oscar received a concussion and fractured clavicle following a fall at the construction site of a new home he was building in west Lenox, Iowa. He fell from the first floor into the basement striking his head on a concrete pillar. He did not regain consciousness until early Saturday morning. He recovered at home.

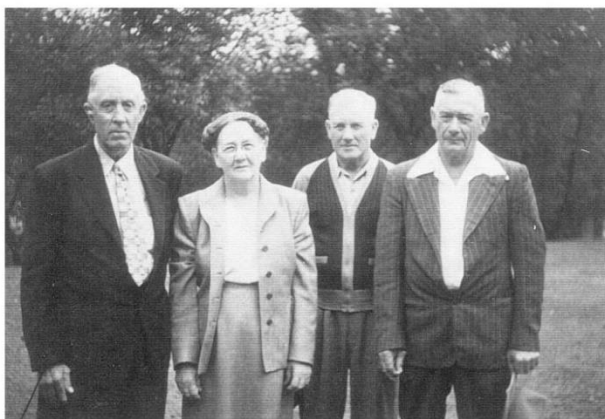
On April 27, 1942 William Oscar registered for the draft from Vail, Milford Township, Crawford County, Iowa. He was listed as 5 feet and 8 inches tall and weighed 175 pounds. He had brown eyes and gray hair.⁷⁹

On May 11, 1944 Sarah Sites Yankey, wife of Noah Yankey, wrote to the Grant County Press newspaper⁸⁰ that "*W. O. Yankey has moved to Shennandoah, Iowa and I am staying with my grandson, Lloyd Yankey, at Vail for the present.*" Her son, William Oscar Yankey, had moved to Shennandoah, Iowa. She further stated "*Well, yesterday it did not rain so Lloyd took a load of cattle to Omaha.*"⁸¹

Oscar married twice in a short period of time following the death of Sylvia Stehlik Yankey. The first was to Aurora Long of Lennox, Iowa but later was divorced and then to Glennie Schnapp of Corning, Iowa but again he was divorced. In 2008 Iowa records were search by the author for marriage documents for the second and third marriages. This search was not productive as the State of Iowa reported there were no records available for either marriage

Oscar worked as a meat cutter in Tabor, Iowa where he met Gladys Christiansen who was born in Missouri Valley, Harrison County, Iowa.

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Yankey Siblings
Arthur Aldine, Laura Etta (Judy), Ira John, and William Oscar Yankey
1951



Gladys Christiansen and William Oscar Yankey
Married: 1948

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**Yankey Men and Women
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1951**



**L/R: Earl Whiteing, Phillip Baker, Les Lingle, Lloyd Yankey, Arthur Yankey (Bethene Yankey),
Ira John Yankey, Thomas Whiteing, Wilson Judy, William Oscar Yankey, Donald Yankey
Front: Leonard Baker**

Photos provided by:
Phillip Baker, MD



**Standing: Alice Hamelin Yankey, Laura Yankey Judy, Lida Bahr Yankey, Mable Shives Yankey,
Opal Yankey Whiteing, Thelma Judy Lingle, Marie Yankey Baker, (Cindy Van Dusen), Robert a Baer Yankey,
Gladys Christiansen Yankey, (Max Yankey), Myrna Yankey
Front: Ruth Yankey, Carol Whiteing, Sylvia Baker, Janet Yankey**

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Arthur Aldine and Lida Bahr Yankey Family
Back L/R: Fred Lee, Lida Bahr Yankey, Winifred Yankey Lee, Arthur Aldine Yankey
Middle: Dorothy Lee, Catherine Lee
Front: Ted Lee, Jr. and Linda Lee
c. 1950

Photos provided by:
Dorothy Lee Hudson



Cecil, Kenneth, and Winifred Yankey Lee
children of
Arthur Aldine and Lida Bahr Yankey
c 1970



Lida Bahr Yankey and
Arthur Aldine Yankey
c. 1958

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Lloyd and Alice Hamblen Yankey Family
Back: Richard and Janet Yankey Lansink, Royce and Ruth Yankey Noelck
Myrna Yankey and Roger Mohr, Eugene and Martin Mohr
Third Row: John Lansink and Gaylen Mohr
Second Row: Elaine Lansink, Alice Hamblen Yankey and Lloyd Yankey
Front Row: Patrica Noelck, Katherine Noelck, Donna Lansink
c. 1975

Photo provided by:
Ruth Yankey Noelck



Donald Yankey Family
Standing: Debra and David Yankey
Roberta Baer Yankey and Donald Yankey
c. 1986

Photo provided by:
Roberta Baer Yankey

Donald and Roberta Baer Yankey
were Yankey family researchers.
Their request for Arthur Yankey's family
history letter in 1961
contributed greatly to
the Yankey family information

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L/R Back: John Curtis, Opal Naomi, Donald LeRoy
Front: Ira John and Mabel Ethel (Shives) Yankey
c. 1936 or 1937



L/R: Opal (Yankey), Merlin,
Frederick Earl, Carol Whiteing
c. 1948



Frederick Earl, Opal Naomi (Yankey),
Carol Anne, Merlin Earl Whiteing
c. 1961

Photos provided by:
Carol Whiteing Borgstahl



L/R Back: Marie Kathryn (Corn) and Merlin Earl Whiteing,
Carol Anne (Whiteing) and Ronald William Borgstahl
Front: Opal Naomi (Yankey) and Frederick Earl Whiteing
c. 1977

Gladys Christians Yankey was born on November 6, 1910 and died on November 27, 1996 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.⁸² Her parents were Theodore and Anna Wohlers Christiansen. In February of 1948 she was married to William Oscar Yankey and they had one son, Max Yankey, born on October 4, 1948. William Oscar and Gladys Christiansen Yankey lived in Missouri Valley, Iowa for a short time and then returned to the farm north of Vail, Iowa where they farmed for several years. Oscar suffered a stroke and was paralyzed and unable to speak but he remained very alert until just before his death. He spent the remainder of his life in the Rose Vista Nursing Home in Woodbine, Iowa until he died on June 22, 1962.

William Oscar Yankey and Sylvia Stehlik Yankey are buried in the Vail Cemetery, Vail, Crawford County, Iowa.

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NOAH ALPHEUS YANKEY and WILLIAM OSCAR YANKEY

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Noah Yankey, age 2
- 1860** Virginia
Jacob Yankey, Rockingham County, Virginia, dwelling 4366, family 3393
Noah Yankey, age 13
- 1870** Virginia
Jacob Yankey, Rockingham County, Virginia, page 41
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- 1880** Missouri
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- 1890** Missouri
Noah Yankey, Cedar County, Missouri
William Oscar Yankey, age 5. .
- 1900** West Virginia
Noah Yankey, Milroy District, Volume 7, sheet 12, line 15.
William Oscar Yankey, age 15.
- 1910** Iowa Census
William Oscar Yankey, age 25, Crawford County, Stockholm Township, p.196,sheet 6A
Noah Yankey, age 62, Crawford County, Iowa
Sarah Catherine Yankey, age 55, Crawford County, Iowa
- 1920** Iowa Census

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William Oscar Yankey, age 35, Crawford County, East Boyer Township, Iowa
Lloyd Francis Yankey, age 9
Marie Vivian Yankey, age 7
Noah Yankey, Crawford County, Denison Township, living with Wilson Judy family
Sarah Catherine Yankey, Crawford County, living with Wilson Judy family

1930 Iowa Census

William Oscar Yankey, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa
Lloyd Francis Yankey, age 19
Marie Vivian Yankey, age 17.
Noah Yankey, Crawford County, Denison Township
Sarah Catherine Yankey, Crawford County, Denison Township

1940 Iowa Census

Leonard Albert Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa
Marie Vivian Yankey Baker
William Oscar Yankey, Crawford County, Iowa
Sarah Catherine Yankey, Crawford County, Iowa

1950 Iowa Census

Leonard Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa
Marie Vivian Yankey Baker
William Oscar Yankey, Crawford County, Milford Township, Iowa

1960 Iowa Census

Leonard Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township
Marie Vivian Yankey Baker

1970 Iowa Census

Leonard Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa
Marie Vivian Yankey Baker, Crawford County, Iowa

1980 Iowa Census

Leonard Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa
Marie Vivian Yankey Baker, Crawford County, Westside Township, Iowa

Various spellings: Yankey, Yankie, Yankee, Jencke, Jankie, Jencke, Joenke, Jaencke

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Germans in Rockingham County, VA. 1914, Page 162-172, by T. Wayland.
Sixty Miles from Contentment, by M.H.Dunlop
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¹¹ Letter, *Arthur Aldine Yankey*
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- ³⁵ Coverlet, portion in possession of the author, provided by Opal Naomi Yankey Whiteing, daughter of Ira John Yankey, 2001. A photograph of a portion of the coverlet is in a front photo of this book
- ³⁶ *Our Father, Ira John Yankey*, 1983
- ³⁷ *Our Father, Ira John Yankey*
- ³⁸ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*, 1961
- ³⁹ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*.
- ⁴⁰ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*
- ⁴¹ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*
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- ⁴³ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*
- ⁴⁴ *Letter, Arthur Aldine Yankey*
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- ⁴⁶ 1910 Iowa Census, Crawford County, Stockholm Township, page 196
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- ⁶⁴ Wanda Tilley, reporting to the author, January 2010
- ⁶⁵ Registration Card, William Oscar Yankey, Sayre, Beckham County, Oklahoma, Serial No 1966, Order No. 297, September 12, 1917
- ⁶⁶ Iowa, Crawford County Deed Book, No. 37, page 87, 1923
- ⁶⁷ 1925 Iowa Census, Crawford County, Hayes Township
- ⁶⁸ Iowa, Crawford County Deed Book, No. 37, page 358, 1923
- ⁶⁹ Iowa, Crawford County, Deed Book No. 37, page 515, 1925
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- ⁷² 2, 4, 5-T is banned. 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T were mixed to form Agent Orange
- ⁷³ Personal observations of the author who knew William Oscar and Ira John Yankey
- ⁷⁴ Application for License to Marry, State of Missouri, County of Jackson, Application No. 77689, January 15, 1940
- ⁷⁵ Iowa Death Records, Page County, film no. 1035149, page 55 and page 3, no. 69
- ⁷⁶ 1930 Iowa Census, Taylor County, Lenox, page 125A
- ⁷⁷ 1940 Iowa Census, Taylor County, Lenox town, page 8B
- ⁷⁸ Warranty Deed, Book 49, Page 212, Crawford County, Iowa, No. 5012 filed on June 5, 1940
- ⁷⁹ Draft Registration, Crawford County, Iowa, William Oscar Yankey, April 27, 1942, No. 1215
- ⁸⁰ Grant County Press, Petersburg, West Virginia, May 11, 1944
- ⁸¹ Lloyd Yankey, uncle of the author, was a large cattle feeder and farmed near Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
- ⁸² Obituary, Gladys Christians Yankey, November 1996