

Letter from Mary Jo Lewis (Fort Myers, Florida) to Robert Stoy, 7
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Dear Bob,

Since it has been so long since I last wrote you with information concerning Dorothy Stoy Berry, I copied the letter I sent you. It read as follows:

"I got your letter today, and I am indeed the daughter of Dorothy Virginia Stoy and John Kenyon Berry. I was born in Washington, D.C. on January 23, 1935. I think they were married in 1921 or 1922. Marjorie Virginia Berry, my sister, was born on April 22, 1926, their first surviving child. Mother told me that she had six miscarriages, but I'm not sure if they were before Margie or between Margie and me. I am sure that I was a last ditch effort to save a failing marriage. Mother and Daddy were divorced in 1939 after 17 years of marriage.

Daddy married Jane Poole Pine seven years later, I think. There was some kind of stipulation I believe in the divorce papers that he could not remarry for that amount of time. Daddy and Jane had two children, John Kenyon Berry, Jr., who now lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Elizabeth (Beth) Berry Unrine, who now lives in California (I think).

Daddy was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, June 20, 1900. I don't know where he went to elementary school. He went to Western High School in Washington, D.C., but had to leave in the 10th grade to work on the farm. His father, Richard Edgar Berry, was very ill (I don't know what was wrong -- Granddaddy lived for many years after that.). He worked for a while for Stoy and Roberts an accounting firm my grandfather was a partner in. When Granddaddy opened Stoy and Stoy, Daddy stayed with Mr. Roberts and worked for him for the rest of his life, as far as I know. He was never able to pass the CPA exam. He died in Washington, D.C., in September 1985. He is buried in the Berry family plot at Andrew Chapel Church (across from Hazelton Labs), in McLean, Virginia.

Mother married Richard Bashaw in 1975 and was with him until she died. They lived in Arlington, Virginia.

Marjorie married Gilbert Cornwell McCutchan on May 18, 1946. Their children are: Kathleen Jo McCutchan, born November 10, 1947; Laura Anne McCutchan, born June 11, 1951; Deborah Irene McCutchan, born August 2, 1956; and Paula Jean McCutchan, born March 16, 1958.

The following information is to the best of our collective memories (me, Kate, Laura, Debbie and Paula):

Marjorie Virginia Berry: born April 22, 1926
Married: Gilbert Cornwell McCutchan May 18, 1946; divorced September 1, 1964
(born March 15, 1921; died 1974)

Kathleen Jo McCutchan, born November 10, 1947
Married: John Stuart Rettig, 1968. Divorced 1972
No children

Laura Anne McCutchan Connor, born 6/11/1951
Married: Dennis Francis Dupuis
(Can't find my divorce papers, but I think I was 21 when we married,
so that would be in 1972. We were married for 7 years, so divorced in 1979. LAC)
No children.

Married: Richard Edward Connor, 9/10/1983
Children: Richard Randy Connor, 8/18/1988
Kayla Lacey Connor, 8/18/1988

Deborah Irene McCutchan Wooden, born August 2, 1956
Married: Paul F. Wooden, Jr., 7/26/1980
Child: Paul F. Wooden, III, born 3/15/1986

Paula Jean McCutchan Mead, born March 16, 1958
Married: Daniel George Mead, October 10, 1981
Children: Justin Adam Mead, July 13, 1983
Rachel Nicole Mead, July 21, 1988

Married Lewis E. Van Hoose (date: January 1964) until death
No children

Don't know where Marjorie went to elementary school - probably in Fairfax County. We moved to Arlington Virginia in 1939, after Mother and Daddy were divorced. Marjorie graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1943.
Died: December 2, 1977

Mary Josephine Berry, born January 23, 1935 at Columbia Women's Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Married: Jack Lee Lewis - January 30, 1954. Mary Jo went to Matthew F. Maury Elementary School, Swanson Junior High School, and graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1952.

Marleen Anne Lewis, born November 18, 1955
Married: Victor Physioc - February 14, 1982. Divorced
No Children
Married: Robert James Goode, Jr. - June 14, 1984. Divorced 1992 (?)
Child: Heather Marie Goode, born June 28, 1984
Married Stephen Michael Ward, June 17, 2006
Married: Daniel Edwin Stapler - August 26, 1994. Divorced April 3, 1997
Child: Jack Daniel Stapler, born July 1, 1993

David Lee Lewis, born April 10, 1958
Married: Stacey Wheeler - 1983 - divorced 1984
No Children
Married: Maureen Elizabeth Hynson - 1990 - divorced August 11, 1995
No Children
Married: Celia Cade - November 30, 2005
No Children

I am enclosing copies of two pictures of my grandfather, Clifford Stoy. I do not know when these pictures were taken. I have the original, but there is no date on it. There is also a picture of my grandmother, Daisy Pearson Stoy, enclosed. I am also enclosing a copy of a picture of the whole family, Clifford and Daisy (front row), Helen and John (second row), Mildred and Dorothy (third row), taken at Clifford and Daisy's home, 4711 1st Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, sometime in the 70's.

In answer to your question about Margie's second husband, Lewis Van Hoose, he was Director of Maintenance at Hazleton Labs. I am in touch regularly by email with his oldest daughter Julie Hussain. She lives in Virginia still. After Marge's death, Van married Jean Bowen Gingel, and they purchased a home here in Fort Myers. Van and Jean and Jack and I were very close, and maintained close friendship until his death. Julie has given me permission to give you her email address. It is: Jtink11731@aol.com - she is looking forward to hearing from you. I am still in contact with Jean, Van's widow.

My grandmother, Daisy Pearson was born in Fairfax, Virginia, December 10, 1874. She was the fourth child of John S. Pearson and Virginia Sanders Pearson. She had four (4) brothers and four (4) sisters, one of whom died in infancy. She married Clifford Metzger Stoy on August 10, 1897. Their children were Mildred Stoy, born July 25, 1898; Dorothy Virginia Stoy, born April 6, 1902; Helen Stoy, born September 3, 1906; and John Metzger Stoy, born May 18, 1911. This information is found in "A Geneological History of The Follin Family in America" by Gabriel Edmonston (no longer in print).

I do not know where my grandmother went to school, but I imagine elementary school was in Fairfax County, Virginia. I doubt that she went to college.

I am completely amazed that Granddaddy's family lived so close by. I never remember hearing anything about them, with the exception of Worth Arnold and Virginia Arnold. I don't think I ever met either of them, but remember hearing their names. We were so close to Grandmother's family, sisters and cousins, but I don't ever recall hearing anything about Granddaddy's family. What a shame!!

I hope this information will be helpful to you. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact me. I hope that we can meet someday. If you and your wife are ever in Fort Myers, please look us up. We'd love to meet you both.

Sincerely,



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