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Dear Cousins Walter and Jessie:

Thank you so much for loaning the picture of my mother and her sister and brothers. I remember having seen this picture when living at home, but I do not know what became of it. I had a negative made and four prints so as to supply our children with a copy. We had one son and three daughters; but the youngest daughter succumbed to cancer when she was 34 years old. We were married in Boulder, Colo. on March 23, 1910, but celebrated our Golden Wedding on Jan. 2nd of 1960 so that we could have all our children and grandchildren with us, except Virginia, the youngest who left two forlorn boys. The oldest Kris Scotia Wiren is graduating from high school this month and will enter college next fall, as now planned. The other boy, Robert Craig Wiren, was 14 last month. They have an excellent step-mother, who also has a son and a daughter which we also claim as grands, and they respond in kind.

Our oldest daughter, Elizabeth Jane Walls (named Jane after my mother) now lives in Spring Arbor, Mich. where her husband, Dr. F. Wesley Walls is the Academic Dean of Spring Arbor College, a Free Methodist College. ~~They~~ They have two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Forrest W. Walls, is a successful attorney at law in Seattle, Wash. where our daughter and family have lived for past 20 years, and may again. The next in line is Burton H. Walls, who got his AB from SPC of Seattle, majoring in business management but is now trying his hand at real estate. The oldest daughter, Francine E. Walls, is now in Wales taking her third year of college, but will be back to Seattle to graduate from Seattle Pacific College from which both of her brothers graduated. The youngest daughter, Sylvia J. Walls, is 14 yrs old and attending high school in Spring Arbor, Mich.

Our next oldest daughter Frances E. Longenecker (my namesake) now lives in Waco, Texas, where her husband Dr. J. G. Longenecker, teaches business management. He is also the author of a textbook (college) and co-author of another college textbook on the same general subject. They have three daughters, Lynda J. the oldest, then Nancy L. (born on my birthday) and Jane Evelyn. The two younger girls are in grade school and Lynda is in Junior Hi.

My parents, Jane and Isaac, had eight children born to them, five living to maturity. Their first born, Isaac, Jr. died at birth at Packwaukee, Dec. 14/ 1866; William Hansen came next, born April 14, 1868, on the farm on the shore of Buffalo Lake, a widening of the Fox River in Wisconsin. A daughter, Sarah Ann, was born Apr. 13, 1870, on the same farm. Will lived to be past 81 years and Sarah lived past 88 yrs. Margaret Jane, born April 26, 1873, on the same farm and died at age 16 years in Hanson Co., South Dakota. Mary Eliza, born Nov 13, 1876, on the farm on shore of Buffalo Lake, Wis; Died as Mrs. Fleming at Litchfield, Ill., Jan. 14, 1950. Hattie, born and died on the Buffalo Lake farm May 16, 1878. Charlotte Sabrina - known to all as Lottie - born Dec 20, 1883, on farm 3½ miles North of Fulton, So. Dakota; died Mrs. Neisler at age 74 plus in Boulder, Colo. Frank Isaac (yours truly) born June 26, 1887, on the So. Dakota farm near Fulton; retired as Major, Army of the U. S. after more than 37 years of service - still living and might even see you this fall.

I see I missed mentioning my first born - the finest boy ever born (to me at least) Feb. 18, 1912, so he is now 56 years old. He has a wife, Rose, and a son, Gordon Stephen (goes by the name of Steve. His initials are the same as his maternal grand father G.S. Davis) and a daughter, Stephany Jane. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii, where my son watches over the quality of Del Monte Pineapple products as he is in charge of their laboratory and testing of all fruit or juice canned there; he also manages the by-products plant. He has a 30 year pin as he trucked for them when in High School in Honolulu - McKinley Hi - when I was stationed at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii.

I have given you quite a run-down on the Pickering clan; glad to get yours on the Metcalf side. I wrote up our history some years ago but haven't kept it up to date.

Sincerely,

Your Cousins, Frank & Bertha