

Henry Stephen & Ida (Doescher) Wallace

Henry Stephen Wallace was born in the city of Monroe on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 PM on Sept 13, 1884. He was the fourth child of Henry Wallace and Catherine B. Ivy Wallace.

HENRY & IDA WALLACE

Henry was a young looking man during most of his life. He loved beer. He knew his wife, Ida, loved ice cream and would bring it home as a peace offering whenever the need rose. [2]

Henry & Idas wedding was witnessed by Joseph Miller and John Dascher

TWO FAMILIES

The Henry and Ida Wallace family was actually "two" families. The first was when the first two children, Wally and Milo were born. They were born 2 years apart.

Henry, Ida, and their 2 children lived in rented house in Moscow, WI with his mother, Catherine. She had remarried to Rudy Stauffer in 1897. The 1910 US census recorded that Catherine had given birth to 7 children. Henry worked as a plasterer. [3]

During this time the family lived in the city of Monroe area. It lasted about twelve years. [2]

After a span of eight childless years the second Wallace family emerged when four more children were born over a period of just 9 years. The family lived in various homes around Orfordville, Blanchardville and Brodhead [2].

THE "SECOND" FAMILY

Henry Stephen moved his family from the city of Monroe to Brodhead in the

early 1920's. [2] Henry and his family lived on a farm around Brodhead in the Town of Magnolia, Rock County in 1922 [1]

In about 1924, Wally, the oldest son ran away from home to find independence and freedom from farm work.

In 1924, the Henry Wallace family lived at the "Dickey Farm" by Blanchardville, in Town of Spring Valley, Rock County. Although they lived on a farm, Henry did very little farming. Ida and the children did most of the work. [2] After about six years, the family moved to Brodhead.

LIFE DURING THE DEPRESSION

During the Great Depression of the 1930's work was hard to find. Ida grew much of the food by her gardening. [2]

Marvin (Wally), the eldest son who ran away from home in 1924, always had plenty of money and would return home with food and gifts to his family. He was very generous with his younger sisters, giving them money. [2]

HENRY THE FIDDLER

Henry was an excellent blue grass fiddler. He was self-taught, just "picking up" how to play. During the mid-1930's he had his own band, the "Montana Cowboys" that played at barn dances, country parties and similar events. The band had a banjo, accordion, guitar, fiddle and drums. They had a booking agent that was getting gigs all over the area. At times, Henry's daughters, Elsie and Myrtle, along with their friends, would go along on the performances

and do tap dancing entertainment during the intermission.[2]

MASON CONTRACTOR

Henry Stephen Wallace was a mason contractor and plasterer in Brodhead with his brother, Arthur Wallace [2]. He would also run the larger jobs of another contractor out of Madison. He was often away from home on larger jobs in Madison. At one time he had 26 men working for him. At various times, his sons, Milo, Herb, Robert and Howard worked for him.

IDA

Ida lived in a house with a canary. [2]
Ida was left a widow when her husband, Henry Stephen, died in 1951.

Ida died in 1955 from a heart attack. Officially the cause from auricular fibrillation caused by rheumatic heart disease which was caused by repeated attacks of rheumatic fever. She was buried in Greenwood Cem; Brodhead on 8/08/1955

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SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

Henry died in Brodhead at age 66 of coronary thrombosis. He is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

Ida died of a heart attack

SOURCES:

[1] According to info on Herbert Wallace birth certificate, Nov, 1922

[2] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Lauzon, Spring, 1994

[3] 1910 US Census-WI-IowaCo-Moscow

KIDS:

1. Marvin Glen (Wally)

WALLY RUNS AWAY

Marvin Glen Wallace born on April 9, 1907 in Monroe, WI. He was always known as Wally.

The Wallace family was living on the "Dickey Farm" near Blanchardville, WI in 1924 when Wally, the oldest son, silently ran away from home at the age of 16. He didn't like to work on the farm or any "hard" work for that matter. His younger brother, Milo, knew that Wally was going to run away but never told his parents.

Wally went to Kansas and worked in the wheat fields. He made a good living because he always came back to his family's home in Wisconsin driving a new Model A Ford. Once he saw how independent and financially well off he could be, he never worked for another person, always being his own boss. [1]

RETURN TO WISCONSIN

Eventually, Wally moved back to Wisconsin, settling in Fort Atkinson. Wally saw how hard

work as a plasterer was by watching his father. Instead, Wally decided to find an easier way to earn a living doing almost anything else. He owned and operated a little shoe repair shop and made good money (\$9400 in 1929, per 1930 census).[1]

Wally met Verna English in Fort Atkinson. Stub English, her father, operated a barbershop near Wally's shoe shop. Wally was 23 and Verna was 15 years old when they were married in 1929. She'd cry whenever Wally would leave. [1] Wally & Verna rented a home for \$19/mo at 323 North 3rd Street in Fort Atkinson, WI in 1930.

Wally Wallace was a good-looking man when he was young. He was "wheeler-dealer" who always like to dicker and be active in all sorts of business adventures. He always had the best of cars. [1]

Wally opened the "Hwy Eats Shop" on the south side of Fort. It was a small hamburger shop on Highway 12, the main road for Illinois traffic before the Interstate system was constructed. His brother, Milo, worked for him for a while. The business turned out to be a gold mine for Wally. [1]

GENEROUS WALLY

Wally always had a big heart. Wally would return home to Brodhead with food, gifts and money that he'd leave. Wally would borrow money to various

people in need. Frequently, the people would never pay him back, tending to take advantage of his good nature. Verna felt he carried his generosity too far outside the family. [1]

TAVERNS & OTHER BUSINESSES IN LAKE MILLS

In the mid 1940's Wally became a tavernkeeper and moved to Lake Mills where he eventually owned his own bar, the "Town Club". The bar had illegal slot machines in the kitchen. His brother, Herb, operated the bar for him. [1]

In 1947, Wally sold the bar and bought a mobile home. He used to take long vacations with it. He and the English family once took a long trip to Florida. [1]

Stub English and Wally bought a drug store in Lake Mills from the Sietz family. They operated it for several years. Eventually they bought another drug store on the southwest corner of Lake and Main in Lake Mills. This store eventually became the Heimstreet Pharmacy. [1]

In the early 1950's Wally bought a truck stop and gas station on old Highway 30 in Lake Mills. Herb and Lois Wallace worked in the restaurant for a short time. Wally and Herb used their sister's (Elsie) lawn mower to keep the area mowed. [1]

After the truck stop, Wally bought "Danny's Lounge" and changed it

to "Bill & Wallys". The bar eventually became the "Wooden Nickel" [1]

Throughout his life, Wally was always dabbling in real estate deals. He and Verna owned several farms. Verna would fix up the house and they'd sell the property for a profit. They owned the farm that Crepaco expanded on to. [1]

Wally died on April 21, 1971 while attending bar at the Wooden Nickel. His brother, Herb, discovered his body behind the bar. A memorial service was held in Lake Mills at the First Congregational United Church of Christ by Rev Richard Frasier. Wally was buried in Lake Mills, WI at the Rock Lake Cemetery. [1]

VERNA'S LIFE

Verna had a "change of life" crisis, after which she left everything go. She went from classy to messy almost overnight. During that time she treated Wally very poorly.

After Wally died, Verna English Wallace remarried [1]

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

KIDS:

1. William (Bill)

William "Bill" Charles Wallace was born on April 6, 1940 in Watertown.

Vicki (Wallace) Caucutt recalled that during her freshman year in HS she went to homecoming with Jim Flood. I begged Dad (Herb Wallace, Bill's uncle) to ask Billy to let Jim use his car for homecoming. At that time Bill had the hottest car in town, along with a pretty racey reputation. Being the sort of rebel she was, Vicki pushed her Dad quiet heavily. Dad said, "Go ask your Uncle Wally and he can talk to Billy." So she went to the bar and asked Uncle Wally. She was nervous as she sat on the bar stool waiting for her Uncle. She asked. Uncle Wally knew Jim (who also had a racey reputation). He said he would speak with Bill. How much influence her Dad had on the "YES" answer she received she will never know!!! When the prom rolled around, Bill let us use the car again. He handed me the keys and just said "HAVE FUN and bring it back clean." Jim washed it.[3]

After Bill married Beverly they had a son William. Bill asked Vicki to baby sit. Bev and Bill lived above Wally's bar. [3]

Bill had a drinking problem in those days. When Vicki baby sat and they came home Bill was a bit wasted, He drove her home several times. One time Beverly

called Herb to come and drive me home. [3]

For the short time Beverly and Bill were married, Bev would come to the herb & Lois' house and talk with Lois. Bev was beautiful and smart! Vicki would listen to her Mom give advice to Beverly in support of her leaving Bill. Since Vicki liked Bill, she did not like hearing Mom give Bev that advice and resented her Mom for that. [3]

Vicki was hit in a weird way when she heard of Bill's death. Thinking back, as a kid, she always wanted to draw a "circle" to bring him in closer to the family.....for whatever weird reason; maybe, because Vicki knew how it felt to be a bit of a rebel and how reputations are earned on partial truths. Perceptions of reality vary. But likely it was because he was so generous to his little cousin. The few experiences Vicki had with Bill were mostly positive. So her perception was a bit different. Whenever Vicki got in trouble her Mom would say "you're just like the Wallace's." Those kind of comments you receive as a kid make you look at the negative, and years later the positive and they have a huge impact on self esteem. [3]

Bill lived in Rockford, WI [1] and had two girls with his second wife, Mary. a) Carrie married Scott Erdmann and lived in Hustiford, WI. b) Kellie married

Paul Shaver and lived in Melbourne, AR. [2]

Bill married Carol Krupp of Watertown on April 10, 1982 in Lake Mills. [2]

Bill was employed by the Jefferson Sounty Human Services transporting the elderly. He enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, NASCAR racing, camping at Willow Mill in Rio, WI and motorcycling. and died on Oct 5, 2012 in Watertown, WI. [2]

Son, Bill Jr, lives in Watertown, WI. [1]

2. David Wallace

David lived in Lake Mills. He had 3 kids [1]

David married Marlene. They lived in Jackson, WI in 2012 [2].

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

[2] Obituary of Bill Wallace, Oct 2012

[3] E-Mail from Vicki Wallace Caulcutt, 12/10/2012, after the death of Bill Wallace.

2. Milo Henry

Milo Henry Wallace was born on December 10, 1909 at Blanchardville, WI. He attended the school system in Monroe.

Milo & Julie Trickle lived in Monroe.

In the early 1940's, Milo tended bar for this older brother Wally at the Town Club in Lake Mills. Milo was a very handsome man. [1]

MILITARY HERO

Milo enlisted in the Army on March 27, 1942. His WWII enlistment papers showed him as weighing 152 pounds on a 5' 9" frame. He was single when he enlisted.

He was the first person to enlist into the military from the Brodhead area. He was 33 at the time, rather old for enlisting. Milo entered the service at Fort Sheridan, IL. [4]

He received his basic Army infantry training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He was then transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana for further training. [4]

Milo Wallace volunteered for service in the 101st Airborne Infantry Division (Screaming Eagles). It was a glider infantry unit. He received training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Next, he was transferred to Nashville, Tennessee where his division participated in maneuvers. In September, 1943 his division set sail for England where he received advanced training. [4]

Milo's division participated in their first action as part of the "D-Day"

invasion force at Normandy on June 6, 1944. [4]

Milo's plane, with 13 men, was shot down in Belgium or Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. [1]. The last word received from Milo was a message to his wife not to worry if she did not hear from him. [4].

A Memorial Service was held at the Congregational Church in Brodhead on November 5, 1944 to remember Milo and his contribution.

Milo's body was brought back and buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead. [1]

In June, 1946, a post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized in Brodhead and named after the three young community members that died in World War II. Thus, the Wallace-Culles-Maveus VFW Post 6858 was born. [2] Milo's younger brother, Howard, served as the Post Commander in 1962-3. [3]

October 2, 1944:

The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Staff Sergeant Milo H. Wallace, was killed in action on the Nineteenth of September in Belgium."

Milo and Julie had 1 girl, Lanaya (Lannie). She was born while Milo was overseas. He only saw her once, when she was one year old. [1]

After Milo died, Julie lived in Santa Maria, CA. She later was remarried to Walter Connor.[1]

Lannie lives in Long Beach or Terrance, CA along with 2 boys & 1 girl [1]

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

[2] Newspaper clipping, Brodhead Independent-Register, June 5, 1996

[3] VFW 6858 50th Anniversary flyer

[4] Memorial Service Slip, Nov 5, 1944 (copy in BL files; original w/John Wallace)

Milo was a flier who died in World War II.

3. Myrtle Kathryn

After high school, Myrtle Wallace moved to Rockford to stay with a cousin. She got a job during World War II at the Phelps factory. She worked as a mechanic making universal joints. [1]

In about 1945 Myrtle married Ray Schaffer. They didn't have any kids and lived in Brodhead. Ray earned a living renting pinball machines and arcade shooting galleries. The couple were divorced in the early 1950's. [1]

Myrtle later married Everett McGregor. She lived in Rockford, IL. [1]; living at Rockford, IL

Kids:

a. Janet

Janet Snyder

McGeragor was married and divorced. She lives in Loves Park, IL [1]

In 1993 she was very sick. She had a hysterectomy, cancer operation. [1]

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

b. Cathy

Cathy Sue Hanke was born in Rockford, IL on April 27, 1958. She married Robert Hanke. Together they had 2 children, Brent and Tyler. [1]

The family lived in Mount Morris, IL and were members of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In about 1986 they moved to Casa Grande, AZ [1]

Cathy was an intensely independent woman. She was a non-conformist.[1]

Cathy died of lung cancer in Arizona at

the age of 32 years,
on July 19, 1990.[1]

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of
Elsie Wallace Peters
at her home in Lake
Mills, to Bill & Nancy
Wallace Lauzon,
Spring, 1994

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[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace
Peters at her home in Lake Mills,
to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon,
Spring, 1994

4. Elsie Inez

ELSIE IS BORN

The Wallace family was living at
1114 Main Street, in Monroe WI,
when Elsie Inez Wallace was born
in March, 1920. Elsie was named
after two family friends, Elsie
Rolly and Inez Schultz. [1]

EARLY ASTHMA

Young Elsie was very sickly as a
child. She inherited asthma from
her father's side of the family.
She had severe asthma attacks
until she was in her early 20's.
She finally saw a doctor that
performed tests and found she
was allergic to smoke, dust and
ragweed. After he prescribed
some de-sensitizing medicine her
suffering was under control. [1]

ELSIE OUT ON HER OWN

Elsie graduated from high school
in about 1938. She moved to
Janesville to enroll in a business

school to learn typing and
operating various office
equipment. [1]

The Wisconsin Telephone
Company provided the first
steady job for Elsie. At \$13 a
week and coming out of the
depression, she thought she was
rich. [1]

She moved to Florida to visit a
friend at the University of Florida
who enlisted in the military. She
worked for Southern Telephone
for a year. [1]

It was at this time that her
younger brother, Robert, had a
bad accident and cut up his hand
while working in a creamery in
Brodhead. Elsie moved back to
Brodhead to help him recover.
[1]

Elsie moved to Rockford with her
sister, Myrtle and together, they
lived in a boarding house for
girls. They were treated like
family and enjoyed the life.
While in Rockford, Elsie worked in
a factory. [1]

ELSIE AND ERV PETERS

While living in Rockford, Elsie was
asked to be Matron of Honor in
the wedding of some friends, Ann
and Bob. The best man at the
wedding was Erv Peters. As it
turned out, Elsie was "bumped"
out of the wedding party because
it was a Catholic wedding and
non-Catholics were not allowed
to be in the party at that time.
Erv was a practicing Lutheran at

the time, but since he was baptized a Catholic, he was allowed to be a part of the ceremony. Ann still invited Elsie to the wedding. She also invited Erv and Elsie to dinner and soon they began dating. [1]

Ervin F. Peters was born on January 8, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois. Elsie and Erv were married on June 1, 1946 at the "Little Brown Church in Vale" (valley) in Nashua, Iowa, near Waterloo, Iowa. [1]

Their first apartment was a small two-room space, very clean and cozy, with a fireplace. Herb, Elsie's younger brother, brought his new girlfriend, Lois Michaelis, to the apartment to meet his sister and his family. [1]

Erv's first job was with the Rockford Water Department. It did not pay very well and he did not stay there very long. [1]

ERV IN THE POST OFFICE

As soon as he came home from the War in 1946, Erv had wanted to work for the Post Office. He got the job because his uncle was a high ranking official in the Postal Service. Erv stayed with the mail service for 38 years. He retired at age 55. [1]

ELSIE'S WORK LIFE

Elsie worked in Rockford in a one-person office for 30 years for a lumber and millwork manufacturer. They also did

contracting. Elsie was the secretary, chief sales woman, and main administrator for the business. The wages were good, but there were no pension or retirement benefits. She continued working up to a week before her only son's birth and returned only 3 months after his birth. [1]

RETIRED LIFE

Elsie and Erv did much traveling after they both retired. They visited Canada, Mexico, both US coasts and many places in between. They usually traveled by car but took a number of bus trips. They've been to Las Vegas 25 times. [1]

After they retired, they moved from Rockford to a lakefront home on the north end of Rock Lake in Lake Mills, WI. [1]

Erv died on August 20, 1992 in Madison, WI. A service was conducted in Lake Mills at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. His cremated remains were laid at the Milton Lawns Memorial Park in Janesville, WI.

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

5. Herbert Edward See a separate bio for Herbert & Lois Wallace.

6. Howard E

Howard served in Marines during WW II.

Annie was baptized at the Rock Grove Lutheran on 7/3/1926 and was confirmed on 7/2/1939. Howard received an adult baptism at Rock Grove Trinity Lutheran on 1/22/1950. He joined the Bethlehem Lutheran church on 11/29/1959. [13]

In 1962 he served as the Post Commander in the Brodhead VFW Post.

Howard worked as a welder in both Beloit and Rockford. [1] He is retired.

Howard lives at 803 E. 2nd Ave in Brodhead; phone # 897-4266.

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

Howard has a "bad" heart and bleeding ulcer

Kids:

- a. Danny Lee
Danny Lived in Brodhead at time of marriage.; Darlene lived in Milw, WI

Danny & Darlene live at 1477 Hwy QA in Mineral Point, WI 53565

Sources:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

- b. Sherry
- c. Stephen Charles
lives at N3791 Hwy F, Brodhead; 897-4725

wife SSN 399-56-8932;
married at age 21

Steve is a schoolteacher and coach. He taught at Cambria, WI and is the head coach at Brodhead HS. Cynthia works as a homemaker, teacher and in the church. They have 6 kids [1]

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

SSN 389-54-0878

- d. Tami Jo
lives at 201-14th Brodhead; 897-8330
married for first time at age 25; married twice
- e. Timothy Scott
lives at 906-19th Brodhead; 897-4822 in 1992 lived in Madison when got married

7. Robert Rodman

Robert Wallace was born on June 21, 1927, the youngest child of Henry & Ida Wallace.

Robert was working in a creamery in about 1940 when he cut up his hand in a bad accident. [1]

Robert served in the Navy during WWII.

Robert worked in Bjorks' Restaurant. [2]

Robert was working as a plasterer and mason with his father for many years. He also worked for Fairbanks Morse Co. in Beloit. [2]

He was married to Vera Belle Swinehart. She had been married to a Mr. March previously and had two children, Thomas (married to Melody) in Brodhead and Terrence (married to Carole) Marsh in Columbus Ohio. As of 1994, there were 2 step-grandchildren, Monty and Amanda. They were married at St. Rose Catholic Church in Brodhead. [2]

After various illness problems, Robert worked as a custodian for 21 years at Brodhead school. [2] He was a member of VFW Post 6858.

Robert's family lives at 702 E. 8th Ave in Brodhead; phone # 897-2781

Robert died on June 13, 1994 at St. Claire Clinic Hospital in Monroe, WI from cancer complications, including pneumonia. Robert was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead, with military rites on June 15, 1994.

SOURCES:

[1] Recollections of Elsie Wallace Peters at her home in Lake Mills, to Bill & Nancy Wallace Lauzon, Spring, 1994

[2] Obit, from papers of Herb Wallace, in BL files

MASTER SOURCES:

[13] Address Book entries from Annie Wallace, received 1/5/2013 (transcribed & discarded)