

Muriel Willis Myers and the DAR by Jim Willis (her brother) April, May 2016

3rd Great grandfather and mother James Lowe and Rosanna Heimbach Lowe

James was a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. Muriel became eligible to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution because of him. There must be a lot of distant and close relatives that are also eligible

John Lowe was born in 1720 in Scotland and died in 1791 in Prince William County, Virginia. His son was James Lowe. James was born January 5, 1755 in Kirk, Scotland. He died in 1819 in Sharon, Noble County, Ohio. According to the papers of George Washington in the library of congress, James Lowe(Husbandman) was an indentured servant to George Straker, Mariner, Master of the ship Swift. James Lowe was a clerk for George Washington for three years. He was sold in Annapolis to a man who bought him to develop the western lands of George Washington. They went from Annapolis to Mount Vernon to western Pennsylvania(then thought to be Virginia) James worked under Valentine Crawford, Washington's overseer in the west. George Washington accompanied them part way on their journey. In a letter to George Washington from Valentine Crawford on July 27, 1774, Valentine states that he sold James Lowe to Major John Mccoluck and James Ellis

He married Rosanna Heimbach (may have been Hawbach or Haybach). Rosanna was born in 1776 in Culpeper, Virginia. She died October 10, 1853 in Morgan County, Ohio. Her father was John Heimbach and her mother was Mary Hoffman

.James later served in the American Revolutionary War. James was a private in Capt. Silas Jones company in the 13th Regiment command commanded by Cornell William Russell in September 1777. In Germantown October, 1778, he disappeared and was thought to have been captured or killed. He was back to his regiment in February 1778 at Valley Forge. Then he was with Capt. John Wilson's company, 13th Virginia Regiment at Fort Pitt-Pittsburg. Next record shows him in 1780 in Capt. Benjamin Biggs company, seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Capt. John Moran. His pay was recorded as being \$6.08 per month. He served until January 1780.

He married Rosanna in Virginia. They lived in Virginia, Eight of their twelve children were born there. Census records show he owned 11 slaves. They moved to Olive, Ohio in 1806. He built a cabin there and lived there until he died. He did not own slaves in Ohio. Ohio was against slavery. Marietta had an underground Railroad. James was one of the first settlers near Olive. In 1809 he received a land grant from the US Grant program for Virginia war soldiers in Ohio of over 200 acres in Valley creek, between the Little Miami and Scorpio rivers. Olive is near Caldwell. The cabin was on the land of Silas Thomas. He died in 1819 when he had a fit while crossing a river. He was first buried in Olive, Ohio but later was moved to the family cemetery by his son Robert and the land owned by Robert.

James and Rosanna had 12 children, Thomas born in 1768 in Maryland, Benedict born 1762 in Maryland and died in Morgan Ohio in 1862, Jonathan born January 29, 1797 and died in Auricles ILL, Ann born 1798 in Fauquier Virginia, died 14 January 1851, Sarah born 1798 in Fauquier, VA ,and died August 27, 1881 in Hardin Ohio, Jemina born in 1800 in Fauquier VA and died 1878 in Eureka Kansas, Methodis born in 1803 died in Illinois, Robert born September 20 1803 in Fauquier Virginia and died December 29, 1861 in Morgan Ohio, Hannah born in Aug 16 1810, married Lemuel Grimes Jan 1,1829 in Morgan Ohio, and died Feb 12 1901 in Washington county Ohio, James born 1808 in Morgan Ohio ,and died December 29, 1861 in Morgan Ohio , Rosanna born 1812 in Washington County Ohio and died in 1912, Mary born June 17, 1814 in Morgan Ohio and died Feb 6 1894 in Needmore Brown, IN .The first eight children were born in Virginia. The other four were born in Ohio after 1806. The family had moved to Ohio near Olive in 1806.

2nd Great grandfather and mother Lemuel Grimes and Hannah Lowe

Lemuel was born February 3, 1810 in Belmont, Ohio and died October 19, 1869 in Marietta Ohio. He married Hannah Lowe January 1, 1829 in Morgan County, Ohio. Lemuel was a farmer near Marietta and was a highly respected man of the community. He died of blood poisoning after stepping on a nail. Hannah Lowe was born August 16, 1810 and died February 12, 1901 and was born in Salem, Ohio. They had 13 children. Ruth Ann 1829, David Melton 1832, Morgan Susan, 1833, Rosanna Elizabeth 1835, Hannah Matilda 1837, John Wesley 1838, Marinda and Olinda, 1840 (they were twins), Sarah Jane 1843, James Finley 1843, Willis Bishop 1846, William C 1850, and Edison Brady 1855. Edison Brady is the great grandfather of Priscilla Dunn who compiled much of the above information.

Lemuel's father was Matthew Grimes who was born approximately in 1777 and supposedly in Ireland, and died in Sharon Ohio December 1822. The 1850, census shows them living in Olive, Morgan County Ohio. Lemuel 40, and Hannah was 39; eight children were them at that time ages 17, 16, 13. 12, 10, 10 and 6. Lemuel purchased land October 10, 1834 in Morgan County. The 1860 census shows them living in Marietta Ohio. Hannah died at the home of her daughter Matilda, Mrs. JH Rose during a short visit.. In 1888 Matilda had married John H Rose or J.H.Rose. Hannah lived with her son EB Grimes at Camp Wesley near Marietta Ohio. 16 years before, she lived in Fearing, Washington county, OH and later moved to Urbana IL After she died her son brought her back to Marietta for burial. Lemuel and Hannah are buried at the Lynch Church cemetery near Marietta, Washington County, Ohio.

Great grandfather and mother John Milton Willis and Rosanna Grimes

John Milton Willis was born February 12, 1839 in Rainbow, Washington County Ohio and died at Burr Oak Kansas, January 4, 1909. On December 13, 1858, he married Rosanna Grimes in

Nebraska. She was born in 1838 and died Jan. 8, 1896. Rosa and John had four boys, Osmer born in 1859 and died in 1907 in Marietta, OH, Arthur, born Dec 15, 1860 in Washington County, OH and died May 31 1937 in Portland, OR, Lemuel Willis, born in 1868 and died in 1931 in Paonia, CO and Fred born Sep 16, 1870 in Marietta, OH and died Oct. 10, 1947 in Santa Anna, CA. When his country called for volunteers to defend the Union, he enlisted in Company C, 59th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and later in company G 66th Ohio Veteran Volunteers until the end of the war. The 1885 Nebraska census shows their residence was Lancaster Nebraska and Arthur Willis was 24, Fred was 15, Lemuel was 17 and the parents, John was 47, and Rosa was 49. They moved to Burr Oak Kansas later. John was a Methodist minister and went to the annual session of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Norton Kansas in 1907. There is a history of Burr Oak Kansas in Niguel County in North Central Kansas. It was a small town of approximately 200 people and it was known for abundant hunting and fishing close by Laurel Lake State Park 15 miles northeast. Burr Oak was established in 1871 and it got its name from the numerous Burr Oak trees in the area. After Rosa died, John remarried Mary (Molly Davis), July 1897. His father was George Willis the second, born 1813 in Ohio. and Christiana Willis was his wife. She was born in 1819. Her maiden name was Skipton. George and Christiana, in the 1870 census, shows George as 57 and Christiana as 51. They had three children, Sarah 20, Henry 16 and Lucy 10 living with them at the time. Both George and Christiana are buried in the Methodist Church cemetery in Crooked Tree, Ohio.

Rosanna Grimes father was Lemuel Grimes and he married Hannah Lowe. Hannah's father was James Lowe.

Grandfather and Mother Arthur Chrisman Willis and Katherine Mae Rogers

Dad's father was Arthur C Willis who was born in Ohio where his father had lived. He married Katherine Rogers April 5, 1886 in Lincoln Nebraska. Arthur had three brothers, Osmer born 1859 probably in Marietta, OH and died in 1907 in Marietta, OH, Lemuel born 1868 and died 1931 in Paonia CO and Fred born Sep `16, 1870 in Marietta, OH and died Oct 10, 1947 in Santa Anna CA. Arthur lived in Nebraska and Kansas and finally grandfather Arthur Willis moved and homesteaded in Kanarado (Burlington County) Colorado in 1887. We have pictures of the Homestead where they lived until about 1903. They moved back to Kansas at that time and then back to Paonia in 1910. Arthur and Katie had seven sons, Harry born Jan 10, 1887 in Nebraska and died, July 16 1965 in Kansas, Charles born June 7, 1888 in Burlington County, Colorado and died May 5, 1953 in Kansas, Foster born July 6, 1890 in Burlington CT CO and died Oct 29, 1951 in Concordia Kansas, John Ray born April 9, 1893 in Burlington County and died June 21 1954 in Paonia Colorado, Frank born Jan 12 1896 in Burlington County and died June 4, 1972 in Oak Park, ILL, Lee Byron (Bud) Dad) born Nov 7, 1898 in Burlington County and died May 18 1972 in Denver CO and Fred born Nov 20, 1904 in Kansas and died Oct 13, 1935 in

Colorado. Fred was handicapped with out hearing and partly crippled. All except Harry and Fred were born at the homestead. Fred Frank, Ray and our dad, Byron, moved back to Paonia with them and went back to school. Foster Harry and Charlie stayed in Kansas. Ray worked for several years and became a farm worker on our grandfather's place or his father's place. Arthur moved while he was a carpenter and built a place on the east side of the town of Paonia which later became the Newton residents. He also built across the street the place where Mabel Graham lived. She had married Lemuel Willis who was one of Arthur's brothers. The other places they lived were up Minnesota Creek and then finally bought a farm out near Red Top Mountain. This is where both Muriel and I were born..Dad and mother moved there to help and lived on the farm. This must have been tough times because Muriel was born in January 1929 and I was born in December 1929. The only way to do diapers was to make them, wash them, and hang them out on the line to dry. In the wintertime of course these would freeze on the clothesline. Grandfather Willis died in 1937 and is buried in Portland Oregon. Arthur Willis married Katherine Rogers. She was born in Newark New Jersey November 9, 1862. Her father's name was William Rogers and her mother was Jane. Katherine Mae (Katie) Rogers was born in Newark, New Jersey November 9, 1887. Her parents were born in Ireland. There were seven children, Elizabeth A. born Aug 5, 1855 in New Jersey and died May 1, 1863, Rebeca J. born Sept. 11, 1856 in New Jersey and died March 1916, Meary H. born March 1858 in New Jersey and died April 29, 1863, Rachael born Dec 10, 1859 in New Jersey and died in 1913. Katherine Mae born May 26, 1862 in Camden New Jersey, married Arthur Chrisman Willis, April 6, 1886 in Lincoln Nebraska, and died April 12, 1922 in Paonia Colorado and is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Paonia, William born Dec 28, 1863 in New Jersey and died Oct 13 1913 and John born Dec 15, 1867 in New Jersey and died Sept 17, 1868. Three of the children lived less than 8 years, Elizabeth, Meary, and John. Their mother died in 1868 and their father in 1870. In 1880 three of the children lived with their uncle, Joseph Dearth and aunt, Charlotte after 1870. Along with that family were siblings ,Rachel and William The 1880 census shows their ages were, Catherine Rogers was 18 and Rachel Rogers was 20. William Rogers was 16 and those were her siblings. After Catherine died, Arthur remarried. His second wife was Ida R. ----. She was born Dec. 15, 1860 in Illinois and died May 31, 1937. They moved to Portland about 1930. She is also buried in Portland.

Father and Mother Lee Byron Willis(Bud) and Anita Helena Boettcher

Muriel was the daughter of Lee Byron Willis born Nov 7, 1898 in Kanarado, Burlington County, Colorado and died May 18, 1974 in Denver and Anita Helena Boettcher born May 18, 1903 in Kewanee, WI and died Aug 23, 2001 in Grand Junction, CO. Both are buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver. They were married Oct 13, 1927 in Chicago..They had three children, Muriel, born Jan 7, 1929, James (Jim) born Dec 27, 1929 and Fern born Dec 5, 1931 and died 1Nov 1, 2009.. Dad and Mother lived in Paonia until about 1950. Dad worked in a grocery store

and in later times, after we had graduated from high school he went to work in the coal mine at Somerset. About 1950 our mother and dad moved to Denver where dad worked for a rubber company for a short time. He then took a job in a grocery store where he remained until he retired. He passed away in 1974 at the age of 76. Anita Boettcher Willis was born in Kewanee, Wisconsin. She had three siblings, Ronald, Meta and Louise. She later moved with her mother to Butternut, Wisconsin after her father died in 1907. Her mother's maiden name was Graf and her family lived in Butternut Wisconsin. Mother married dad in 1927 in Chicago. They moved to Paonia shortly after that.

Muriel Willis Myers, Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Muriel became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is a summary of the information provided to her from the DAR and some additional from our own records. She was born Jan 7, 1929 in Paonia, Colorado. She went to elementary and high school in Paonia, graduated in 1947, and attended Western State College. She married Jerry Uhrlaub who grew up in the area of Florence Colorado. They had two boys, Jeff born Dec 26 1953 and Randy born May 22, 1958. His parents were Julius and Stella Uhrlaub. The census shows Jerry as being three years old in 1930 so he was born in 1927. She worked at home in Denver as a transcriber of court records. The records were transcribed on a circular cylinder. She later returned to college and received a PHD from the University of Colorado. She taught at Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado where she still lives. Muriel was later married to Alvin Myers