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Quad Study of a Midwestern Family

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This article is based on an analysis of the Grace Romig collection, which she accumulated from the 1920s to the 1950s. Photocopies of these records are in the author's possession. Her collection included original records (some recorded and some held as collateral), family reunion notes, transcriptions of newspapers, timelines for individual surnames, original pay books, and questions posed by Grace and answered by living relatives (honestly, dishonestly, and presumably to the best of their ability). Many entries in this collection contain errors, some intentional, that lead to dead ends. This resource includes Grace's conclusions regarding relationships, but for the most part is a collection of transcriptions and copies of original records that were once in her possession.

Grace tried for years to find out what happened to her mother's elusive father, George C. Deane, but was never able to verify his place and date of death. Grace also tried to understand how people were related, as she collected names and tried to cross-reference them, not realizing that conflicting political views and her relatives' embarrassment might have led to gaps in the timelines. Many of the notes in this collection are based on what Grace was told by various informants, most of whom are unidentified. Although original records might be preferable, every note provides clues that can be thoroughly researched, questioned and verified as accurate, partially accurate, or entirely incorrect. Grace's collection provides an early map to be expanded through research and illuminates the interrelatedness of four families: Romig, Deane, Chronister, and Bird, each of which inevitably ended up with the women as heads of household. These families' timelines are interwoven and rely on each other, repeatedly bound together by three outliers, Cate, Morris, and Gunn, who unite the family by marriage. The women lead the lineage and timelines in these families because the men, in the cases of Sidney Bird, Thomas Deane, and George C. Deane, were only in the merged family units for less than ten years.

The organization of this article is based on the four families in Grace's ancestry noted above. First to be treated is Romig, the family of her father, then Deane, the family of her mother, then Chronister, the family of her

mother's paternal grandmother, and finally Bird, the family of her mother's mother.

ROMIG

1 FRANK G.¹ ROMIG, born in Elk City, Montgomery County, Kansas, on 6 December 1884, son of Owen Theophilos and Sarah Louisa (Gram) Romig,¹ died at Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on 27 September 1977;² married in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois, on 24 November 1910,³ JESSIE LOUELLA⁴ DEANE, born in Houston Township, Adams County, Illinois, on 24 February 1887,⁴ died in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, on 7 February 1971,⁵ daughter of George C. and Minnie Elizabeth (Bird) Deane [see Deane section].

Jessie Louella Deane was born on the Findley Farm,⁶ the first and only known child of George and Minnie Elizabeth (Bird) Deane. Jessie's parents separated after less than five years of marriage and although the actual reason is unknown, their divorce and separation plans were completed but never filed with the courthouse.⁷ Jessie was two when George left and had little knowledge of him aside from what she was told by her mother, Minnie, and other relatives. Jessie and Minnie resided together until Minnie's death and their story is a major theme of the Grace Romig collection.

Two pages of the Grace Romig collection include health and school accounts handwritten by Jessie, and they provide insight as to what Jessie

¹ Lulu B. Turner (Hobart, Ind.) to "To Whom It May Concern" [affidavit of birth], letter, 7 Dec. 1946 (in possession of author, Darcie Posz, 444 8th St., NW, Apt. 313, Washington, D.C., 2013). This affidavit of birth states that Lulu was at the birth of her younger brother and where it took place when she was eleven years old. Their parents are also given.

² Frank G. Romig, Delaware Co., Pa., Local Registrar's Certification of Death no. 130618 (1977), Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, Philadelphia.

³ Romig-Dean, Champaign Co., Ill., Marriage License 2447 (1910), FHL microfilm 1032312.

⁴ [Female Dean], Adams Co., Ill., Certificate of Birth no. [illegible] (1887), Adams Co. Clerk, Quincy. Tape was used by the County Clerk's office to keep this document together and this has made the document number illegible from the photocopy; Woodbury Co., Iowa, probate file 914, Clerk of the District Court, Sioux City, for George C. Deane (see note 102, below).

⁵ Jessie L. Romig, St. Joseph Co., Ind., Certificate of Death no. R-193D (1971), St. Joseph County Health Department, South Bend.

⁶ A photograph of Findley Farm [Adams Co., Ill.], ca. 1886, digital image ca. 2004, is held by author. The original is in the possession of Betty Posz and a digitally enhanced version was created in 2005. The back of this photo has Jessie's handwriting.

⁷ Adams Co., Hancock Co., and neighboring McDonough Co., Ill., guardianship, divorce, and court records were searched to no avail. Lewis Co. and Knox Co., Mo., were also searched for entries with no results. This will be discussed further in the Deane section. The name is often spelled Dean in the records, but usually appears in the Grace Romig collection as Deane.

considered big moments in her life.⁸ When Jessie was five she "dropped [an] 8lb iron off stove hearth on left foot," which swelled to such a size that she walked on crutches most winters until she was thirteen years old.⁹ When she was seven she fell on the root of a tree and cracked three ribs and when she was twelve she fell from a saddle and nearly bled to death.¹⁰ From age fifteen, Jessie wore glasses and "studies came hard for me. My mother had to take in washing. I had to do most of the work. She had stomach trouble."¹¹ She attended the Glenwood County School in Glenwood, Illinois, from September 1893 to February 1894, until the age of seven, at which point she and Minnie moved to Coatsburg where she attended a small county school until she was "8½."¹² They then moved to Bowen, Illinois, where she attended school until 7th grade.¹³

In the 1900 census, Jessie, Minnie and Belle Bird are listed as living in Chili Township, Hancock County, Illinois.¹⁴ In 1900, when Jessie was thirteen years old, her mother bought a second hand organ for \$5.00 and she received music lessons from Mattie Scott of Denver, Illinois.¹⁵ She had a soprano voice until she had measles (for the first of four times) when she was twelve, after which she was an alto.¹⁶ In the 8th grade, Jessie attended Carthage grade school and each day would ride on the bicycle of her best friend, Lucile DuBois. Before she completed the 8th grade, Jessie and Minnie moved to Champaign, Illinois.¹⁷ Minnie ran a boarding house there from 1902 on, and in the 1910 census Minnie, Jessie, and Jessie's future spouse, Frank G. Romig, are all living in the same establishment.¹⁸ Jessie moved back from Champaign to finish the 8th grade at Carthage grade school and then lived in Bowen for a winter to attend her freshman year.¹⁹

⁸ Handwriting confirmed from various Christmas cards and correspondence.

⁹ Jessie L. (Dean) Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig as written Nov. 12, 1944" (Adams and Hancock Cos., Ill., 1893-1903), unpaginated (in possession of author). Photocopies of the original records were made in 2004. The originals were destroyed, along with the additional documentation, by the son of Grace Romig. Jessie writes a chronology of her health history.

¹⁰ Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9].

¹¹ Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9]; Jessie L. (Dean) Romig, "My Education" (Ill., 1893-1911), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author).

¹² Jessie L. (Dean) Romig, "My Education" [*supra* note 11].

¹³ Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9].

¹⁴ 1900 U.S. Census, Chili Twp., Hancock Co., Ill., E.D. 16, sheet 13-B, Minnie Dean, Jessie Dean, and Belle Bird. Jessie is indexed as "Jessee Whison."

¹⁵ Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9].

¹⁶ Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9].

¹⁷ Romig, "My Education" [*supra* note 11]; Romig, "Case History of Jessie Romig" [*supra* note 9].

¹⁸ 1910 U.S. Census, Champaign, Champaign Co., Ill., E.D. 5, sheet 6-B, Minnie Dean boarding house.

¹⁹ Romig, "My Education" [*supra* note 11].

In 1902, Jessie fell and hurt her arm and because she could not help at the boarding house, she moved to "A' Higginbotham" to live in Champaign.²⁰ From December 1902 until 1905, Jessie attended the Academy in Champaign before matriculating at the University of Illinois where she enrolled in the Medical Student program with the eventual goal of becoming a missionary nurse. She attended for only a year before dropping out to help with her mother's boarding house and do church work, while dealing with poor health. Although Jessie did not take her final examinations, she, "had 3½ years University life."²¹

Frank G. Romig, born in Elk City, Kansas, moved to Champaign in order to attend the Mechanical Engineering program at the University of Illinois.²² He had previously graduated in 1903 from a three-year high school in Coffeyville, but because that school was not accredited, he went to Independence. He graduated from Montgomery High School in 1906.²³ While helping her mother with the daily chores of running a boarding house, Jessie met Frank G. Romig. Frank lived at Minnie's boarding house while attending the University of Illinois, from which he graduated in 1911.²⁴ On 24 November 1910, Frank and Jessie were married in Champaign, Illinois.²⁵ The month of this marriage is disputed and was recorded several times in the Grace Romig collection as taking place in September rather than November, probably to pad the length of Jessie's subsequent pregnancy: in July 1911, about seven and a half months after the marriage, Jessie gave birth to Kenneth Theophilus Romig.²⁶ The Frank Romig family is consistently listed in the Gary, Indiana, city directory from 1911 forward. They raised their family in Gary, with Frank working as a blast furnace foreman at Indiana

²⁰ Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, "1st Sept 1893 . . ." (Ill., 1893–1911), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author). This is a re-written timeline by Grace of Jessie's school years. In another entry titled, "Misc. News Events & Info From Letters 1800s to 1899," there is a mention of a Margaret Shawhan (Higginbotham), b. Falmouth, Ind., 17 Sept. 1839, who married a William Higginbotham. The relationship is not stated. A Margaret A. Higginbotham, fitting the description, is in the 1900 U.S. Census, Champaign, Champaign Co., Ill., E.D. 4, sheet 12A. She was b. Sept. 1839 in Indiana, and operating a boarding house. Also in the household was Mary A. Shawhan, her sister-in-law.

²¹ Romig, "My Education" [*supra* note 11].

²² University of Illinois, *Report of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois*, vol. 26 (Springfield, Ill.: Illinois State Journal Co., 1912), 126-27.

²³ Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, "Pop" (Coffeyville, Independence and Montgomery Cos., Kans., 1903–1906), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author). A short description of Frank's education in Kansas is provided. The towns of Coffeyville and Independence are both in Montgomery Co., Kans.

²⁴ 1910 U.S. Census, Champaign, Champaign Co., Ill., E.D. 5, sheet 6-B, Frank G. Romig at Minnie Dean boarding house; James Herbert Kelley, ed., *The Alumni Record of the University of Illinois* (Urbana-Champaign, Ill.: University of Illinois, 1913), 585.

²⁵ Romig–Dean, 1910, Champaign Co., Ill., Marriage License 2447.

²⁶ "Births," *The Alumni Quarterly of the University of Illinois*, 6 (July 1912): 278.

Steel Company (a subsidiary of U.S. Steel).²⁷ The couple would have three more children, all born in Gary: Harold Clifford, born in 1913, Leonard Sylvester, born in 1914, and lastly the author and compiler of the collection, Grace Elizabeth, born in January 1917.²⁸ Leonard died on 4 May 1917 of whooping cough.²⁹

Jessie's mother appears to have moved to Gary in 1918 and resided with Jessie until Minnie's death in 1946.³⁰ From the 1920s to the 1940s, the family appears to have been living at 716 Harrison in Gary and then at 532 Jackson, also in Gary.³¹ Grace's collection is relatively quiet about this time period, but describes at least one notable event from 8 May 1930. At 11:00 am on that date, a man named Lee Rohm jumped from the tenth story window of The Gary State Building and hit Jessie at the ground level as she was leaving the building with twelve-year-old Grace. Jessie suffered a contusion and nervous shock. She filed a claim against the estate and was awarded \$150.00.³² Frank worked at the steel mill for many years. His death in 1977 resulted from a heart attack.³³ Jessie had died of uremia in 1971.³⁴ The couple is buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Gary. Jessie's mother, Minnie, and her brother Leonard are also buried there, in the same plot.³⁵

²⁷ "1911," *The Alumni Quarterly of the University of Illinois*, 6 (Jan. 1912): 79; entry for Frank G. Romig, Gary, Ind., 1911, "U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989," database online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 8 Aug. 2013.

²⁸ Indiana Works Progress Administration, *Index to Birth Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1882–1920* (Gary, Ind.: WPA, 1939), 287.

²⁹ Indiana WPA, *Index to Death Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1908–1920* (Gary, Ind.: WPA, 1938), 146; Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society, *Oakhill Cemetery, 4450 Harrison Street, Gary, Indiana, Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana* (Valparaiso, Ind.: Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society, 1998), 117; Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, "Events in Life [sic] of Minnie E. Deane & Jessie L. Dean Romig" (1895–1939), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author). Cause of death is noted in Grace's handwriting, but conflicts with the date of death on the headstone and the Indiana Death index.

³⁰ Entries for Minnie Dean, Gary, Ind., 1918, 1920, 1922–23, 1925, 1929–30, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941 [but not in 1945], "U.S. City Directories" [*supra* note 27]. These city directory entries correspond with the location of her daughter; Minnie E. Dean, Indiana State Board of Health, Delayed Certificate of Death No. 36587 (1946). By the time of her death she was residing in Hobart, Ind., at 135 Beverly Blvd., which is the same address as her war rations (Grace Romig Family Collection).

³¹ Martha Daugherty Latko, comp., *Index to the Calumet Township School Enumeration Records, Lake County, Indiana, Jefferson School, Gary, 1919–1924, Griffith, 1923* (Highland, Ind.: M. D. Latko, 2012), 418.

³² Estate of Lee Rohm, to Jessie L. Romig, \$150.00, 26 May 1930; photocopy of original family copy, Grace Romig Family Collection (in possession of author). A copy of the original case envelope is included along with the voucher as proof of payment to Jessie.

³³ Frank G. Romig, Delaware Co., Pa., Local Registrar's Certification of Death no. 130618 (1977).

³⁴ Jessie L. Romig, St. Joseph Co., Ind., Certificate of Death no. R-193D (1971).

³⁵ *Oakhill Cemetery* [*supra* note 29], 117.

Children of Frank G.¹ and Jessie Louella⁴ (Deane) Romig, all born in Gary, Ind.:

- i KENNETH THEOPHILUS² ROMIG, b. 8 July 1911, d. 28 Nov. 2005; m. 1 June 1935 ETHEL MINA ANDERSON.³⁶
- ii HAROLD CLIFFORD ROMIG, b. 23 Feb. 1913,³⁷ d. 28 Dec. 1983;³⁸ m. 1 Sept. 1933 CLOYD ELIZABETH SHIREY.³⁹
- iii LEONARD SYLVESTER ROMIG, b. 23 Oct. 1914,⁴⁰ d. 4 May 1917.⁴¹
- iv GRACE ELIZABETH ROMIG, b. 19 Jan. 1917,⁴² d. 14 Aug. 2007;⁴³ m. GEORGE GRAVES, b. 1917, d. 1994.⁴⁴ She was the creator of the Grace Romig Collection, cited throughout this article.

DEANE

1 GEORGE W.¹ DEANE, born Virginia about 1818 (age 32 in 1850, 41 in 1860), died of pluracy [*sic*] in Knox County, Missouri, in April 1860;⁴⁵ married about 1838 (based on birth of first child) ELIZABETH [W.?] —, born Virginia about 1814 (age 31 in 1850, 46 in 1860), died after 1870, living in Knox County, Missouri.⁴⁶

³⁶ Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, "Jessie Dean Fam." (Births, Deaths, and Marriages of Romig children), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author). This is a hand-written pedigree from John Gunn to Kenneth Romig, with some dates.

³⁷ Harold Clifford Romig, Gary, Ind., Certificate of Birth, Vol. 1234:9, Division of Health and Human Services, Department of Health, Gary, Ind.; *Index to Birth Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1882–1920* [*supra* note 28], 287.

³⁸ H. Clifford Romig, Indiana State Board of Health, death certificate 83-044633 (1983), Indiana State Department of Health, Indianapolis, Ind.

³⁹ Romig-Shirey, Lake Co., Ind., Marriage Licenses, Book 85:507 (1933), Clerk of Circuit Court, Gary.

⁴⁰ *Index to Birth Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1882–1920* [*supra* note 28], 287.

⁴¹ *Index to Death Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1908–1920* [*supra* note 29], 146.

⁴² *Index to Birth Records, Gary, Lake County, Indiana, 1882–1920* [*supra* note 28], 287.

⁴³ Grace E. Graves entry, 2007, "U.S. Social Security Death Index," database online at <Family Search.org>, accessed 24 May 2014; George O. Graves (1917–1994), Memorial No. 89,598,328, online at <www.findagrave.com>, citing St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger, Ind., accessed 14 Aug. 2013. This is a dual headstone for both Grace and George.

⁴⁴ George O. Graves memorial [*supra* note 43].

⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Washington Co., Ky., f. 140v, George W. Dean household; entry for George Dean in 1860, Knox Co., Mo., "U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850–1880," database online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 14 Aug. 2013.

⁴⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, Edina-Center Twp., Knox Co., Mo., p. 19, dwelling 157, family 140. The listing of Elizabeth Dean in this entry as the head of household is likely an enumerator's error. She is listed immediately following the household of [her son-in-law] Benjamin Nichols. She is listed as without occupation, and with no real or personal estate. The next person listed, Elizabeth Davison, 39, has a personal estate of \$50. It appears that the enumerator put the household and family numbers one line too high, not unusual. Note: Dwelling and family numbers are given in this article only if they are pertinent to the discussion.

The family of George C.³ Deane (grandson of George W.¹ Deane) appears to be steeped in family lore in the Grace Romig collection. One item repeated is that George C.'s uncle was the senator, George C. Deane,⁴⁷ which was proved to be untrue, although he did have an uncle named George W. Deane. The latter may have died from wounds he received during the Civil War (see his entry below among George W.¹ Deane's children), as he did not appear in the later Dean lawsuit. Grace's great-grandparents' journey appears to have begun in Washington County, Kentucky, where the family was located in the 1850 census. George W. Dean, 32, born in Virginia appears there with wife, Elizabeth W., age 31 also born in Virginia. Their children range in age from eleven to three: Meredith (male), 11, Thomas, 9, George W., 7, John B., 5, Zacary [*sic*] T., 3, with all of the children recorded as born in Virginia. There was a Joseph Dean, 21, in the household (who could be a cousin or sibling), as well as a Jane, 17.⁴⁸

The George W. Dean family next appears in Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois, in the 1855 Illinois state census with, in the household, three males under the age of ten (John, Zachry, and Sidney), three males from 10-20 (Meredith, Thomas, and George), one male from 30-40 (George W.), one female under the age of ten (Berilla), one female from 10-20, and one female from 40-50 (Elizabeth).⁴⁹ On the preceding line of this census, a Tabitha Deane was listed, between 50-60 years of age; an appropriate age to be George W. Deane's mother.⁵⁰ In 1858, the family was still in Schuyler County, Illinois (just east of Adams County), when George purchased land in Knox County, Missouri.⁵¹ This was prime land in Knox County which would eventually become town of Hurdland, located within city limits of Edina, the county seat.

The Deane family had moved from Washington County, Kentucky, to Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois, and eventually, Knox County, Missouri, where George W. Deane died in April 1860 of "pluracy."⁵² In June of

⁴⁷ Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, "George C. Deane Family Facts" (Adams Co., Ill., [for years] 1872–1888), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author).

⁴⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, Washington Co., Ky., p. 140.

⁴⁹ 1855 Illinois State Census, Rushville, Schuyler Co., p. 120, George Dean household, online at <www.ancestry.com>, citing Illinois State Archives microfilm record series 103.008, roll 2195, accessed 2 Sept. 2013.

⁵⁰ 1855 Illinois State Census, Rushville, Schuyler Co., p. 120, Tabitha Dean household. Also in her household is a male from 10-20.

⁵¹ The patent transferring 160 acres in Knox Co., Mo., to George Deane of Schuyler Co., Ill., was signed 1 July 1858 (image at www.glorerecords.blm.gov.).

⁵² Entry for George Dean in 1860, Knox Co., Mo., "U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index" [*supra* note 45].

that year, the estate of George W. Deane was presented to court and his widow, Elizabeth, presented a bond of three thousand dollars.⁵³ By July 1860, the Deane household contained Elizabeth, 46, Thomas, 19, George, 17, John B., 15, Zachery [sic] F., 12, Berilli F., 9, and Sidney B., 6 (born Illinois), with others recorded as being born in Kentucky. Thomas was the eldest in the household and listed adjacently was the Casper Cronister household, which included a 17-year-old Emma M. Cronister.⁵⁴ The couple appears to have been married by 2 December 1861 court when Thomas presented letters of administration and stated that he had married since the June 1860 court. Letters of administration originally awarded to the widow, Elizabeth, were revoked and given to Thomas, for at that point he had attained his majority. Final settlement was approved by 11 September 1863,⁵⁵ but the estate of George W. Deane appears to have merged with the estate of Thomas Deane, for the case continued into the early 1870s. [See Thomas H. Deane entry, below.] Elizabeth last showed up in the 1870 census in Knox County, Missouri, with all of her children either married or residing elsewhere.⁵⁶

Children of George W.¹ and Elizabeth [W.?] (—) Deane (1850, 1860 censuses):

- i MEREDITH² DEAN, b. ca. 1839.
- 2 ii THOMAS H. DEANE, b. ca. 1840; m. EMMA M.² CHRONISTER.
- iii GEORGE W. DEAN, b. ca. 1843, enlisted in the Confederate army at Edina, Knox County, Mo., on 4 Aug. 1861. He was evidently the George W. Dean who “Died while prisoner of war at St. Louis, Mo. Buried in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.”⁵⁷ He had become a prisoner of war at St. Louis by 24 Aug. 1862. He was discharged 30 Oct. 1862 to the City General Hospital at St. Louis, where he died of pneumonia 3 Nov. 1862.⁵⁸

⁵³ George Dean entries, 1860–1864, Knox Co., Mo., “Probate record, v. 1-2 1845–1863,” 2:405, 486, 538, 565, 606, FHL microfilm 1016070.

⁵⁴ 1860 U.S. Census, Knox Co., Mo., p. 87 (penned), dwellings 637 and 638, families 620 and 621, Casper Cronister household and Elizabeth Dean household. *Cronister* will be used in this article when it is spelled that way in a record.

⁵⁵ George Dean entries, Knox Co., Mo., “Probate record” [*supra* note 53].

⁵⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, Edina, Center Twp., Knox Co., Mo., p. 19, dwelling 156, family 139, Benjamin Nichols household. The next entry, dwelling 157, family 140, is for Elizabeth Dean household [Benjamin Nichols was her son-in-law; see note 46 *supra*]; 1870 U.S. Census, Edina, Center Twp., Knox Co., Mo., p. 11, John B. Dean household, which includes wife Jane [*sic*: evidently her middle name] and Zachary Dean; 1870 U.S. Census, Edina, Center Twp., Knox Co., Mo., p. 16, Sidney Dean in William H. Hoover household.

⁵⁷ Entry for George W. Dean, Civil War, “Soldiers’ Records: War of 1812 – World War I,” database, *Missouri Digital Heritage*, online at <www.sos.mo.gov>.

⁵⁸ Cards for George W. Dean, Pvt., Co. B, Missouri Inf., 1863, *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Missouri*, microfilm publication M322, 193 rolls (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1961), roll 151. He is variously

iv JOHN BAXTER DEAN, b. ca. 1845; m. NAOMIE J. COTTY.⁵⁹

v ZACHARY F. DEAN, b. ca. 1847; m. LUCY E. ADAMS.⁶⁰

vi BERILLI F. DEAN, b. ca. 1851; m. BENJAMIN NICHOLS.⁶¹

vii SIDNEY B. DEAN, b. ca. 1854.

2 THOMAS H.² DEANE, born Kentucky about 1840, died by 19 November 1864 at the prison hospital in Macon, Missouri;⁶² married probably in Edina, Knox County, Missouri, evidently between June 1860 and November 1860, EMMA M.² CHRONISTER, born Ohio about 1842, died Adams County, Illinois, 21 September 1872;⁶³ she married second Adams County, 24 January 1869, William J. Aull [see Chronister section].⁶⁴

The settlement of the estate of his father, George W. Deane, suggests that Thomas Deane married Emma M. Chronister between June and November 1860, but marriage records available for this burned county do not provide an exact date.⁶⁵ Their daughter Martha/Mattie Elizabeth Deane was born in October 1861, and their son George C. Deane was born in September 1863.

Several of the sons of George W. and Elizabeth Deane were of age to join the military during the Civil War. The first, as noted in his entry above, was George W. Deane, who enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861. Thomas Deane appears to have joined a local militia in 1862. The 50th Enrolled Missouri Militia, within the Union, was called up in 1862 and again in

identified on the service record cards as a private in Quantrill’s Co., Merrick’s Regt., a private in Capt. Livingston’s Co., and as captured at Shiloh. The various unit designations are not unusual as the information on the cards was gathered from a variety of Union records of prisoners, and captured Confederate records.

An entry for a George Dean of Knox Co., Mo., recording that by 4 Aug. 1864, he was a prisoner of war at the Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond, Va., and his left arm had been amputated, would not be for the above listed George Dean. Chimborazo Hospital was in 1864 a Confederate hospital, so George would not have been a prisoner of war there.

⁵⁹ Entry for John B. Deen and Nomie J. Cotty, 9 Jan. 1868, Knox Co., Mo., “Missouri, Marriages, 1750–1920,” online at <FamilySearch.org>, accessed 13 Jan. 2014.

⁶⁰ Entry for Zachery T. Dean and Lucy E. Adams, 15 Oct. 1871, Knox Co., Mo., “Missouri, Marriages” [*supra* note 59].

⁶¹ Baxter Dean et al. entries, 1869–1873, Knox Co., Mo., “Court Records, vol. 3-5, 1862–1875,” 4:196, 203, 214-16, 256, 277, 202-6, 341-43, 406, 433, 445, FHL microfilm 1015379; *Cates v. Nichols*, Knox Co., Mo., Circuit Court File 2485, Box 93, December Term 1874.

⁶² Entry for Thomas Dean, 18 Nov. 1864, “U.S. Register of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861–1865,” database online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 14 Feb. 2013. Apparently, his death place was listed incorrectly in the copied record as Macon City, Ga., rather than Macon, Mo. (see note 71, below).

⁶³ Emma M. Aull entry, proved and admitted to record 4 Aug. 1872, Adams Co., Ill., “Wills, 1872–1880,” vol. 4, 36-37, FHL microfilm 961243.

⁶⁴ Aull–Dean, Adams Co., Ill., marriage license filed 25 Jan. 1867, Adams County Clerk, Quincy. No marriage license number is noted.

⁶⁵ University of Missouri Extension, *Local History*, online at <<http://extension.missouri.edu/main/DisplayCategory.aspx?C=226>>, accessed 14 Sept. 2013, entry for UED6051, Knox County Courthouse.

October of 1864, which accounts for the gap in the George W. Deane estate and the patience of family members waiting for the estate to be distributed.⁶⁶

The Deane family's conflicting views on the Civil War were reflected within the history of Knox County area and the community. When Thomas served in the 50th Enrolled Missouri Militia in 1862, he was acquainted with then 2nd Lieutenant Henry R. Parsons, who would eventually be promoted to Captain in 1863 and in the 1870s would become a well-known banker in Edina, Missouri.⁶⁷ In 1863, Captain Parsons was dismissed from militia service without trial by Governor Gamble. Parsons had been tasked with guarding the Palmyra jail where a Lieutenant C. S. Hussey was being held, for he "had spirited away some negro men, and was at West Quincy [Illinois] with them endeavoring to cross the river to enlist them in the Federal service. . . ," before being caught and jailed on the Missouri side.⁶⁸ Although more than ten men were guarding the jail, Hussey was released. As Parsons was in charge, he was dismissed by the Governor, resulting in a loss of pay of approximately \$1200.⁶⁹ Thomas Deane signed an undated petition as a member of the 50th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia, for Parsons to be pardoned and paid. John B. Deane signed a similar petition as a citizen of Knox County, Missouri;⁷⁰ this suggests that Thomas and John Baxter Deane were loyal to the Union interest during the Civil War.

When Thomas was called to active service in the Missouri Militia in October 1864, the estate of his father had not yet been settled. The release of dower and a division of portions among heirs had not yet carried out. On 15 or 19 November 1864, with less than 45 days of service, Thomas died of dysentery in the prison hospital in Macon, Missouri.⁷¹

⁶⁶ Entry for Thomas H. Dean, Civil War, Private, Company F, 50th Regiment, enrolled 30 April 1864 in Missouri Militia (Union), called to active service 1864, "Soldiers' Records: War of 1812 – World War I," database, *Missouri Digital Heritage*, online at <www.sos.mo.gov>, accessed 28 Aug. 2013; entry for Companies F and G, 50th Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia (Union), wiki entry online at <FamilySearch.org>, accessed 16 Feb. 2014.

⁶⁷ *History of Lewis, Clark, Knox and Scotland Counties, Missouri: From the Earliest Time to the Present . . .*, 2 vols. (St. Louis and Chicago: Goodspeed Pub. Co., 1887), 2:1101.

⁶⁸ *History of Lewis, Clark, Knox and Scotland Counties, Missouri* [*supra* note 67], 2:1102.

⁶⁹ Missouri Legislature, *Report of the Committee of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second General Assembly of the State of Missouri. Appointed to Investigate the Conduct and Management of the Militia, Majority and Minority Reports, with the Evidence* (Jefferson City, Mo.: W. A. Curry, Public Printer, 1864), 126-29; online edition at Google Books.

⁷⁰ Missouri Legislature, *Report . . . 1864* [*supra* note 69], 130-31.

⁷¹ Entry for Thomas Dean, 18 Nov. 1864, "U.S. Register of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861–1865," online at www.ancestry.com, states he died in Macon City, Ga. It appears that there was an error in the original record. It seems unlikely that could enter service in Missouri, be captured, make it to a Confederate prison in Georgia, and die there, all with 45 days, and for his death to be recorded in an "official" source. It is noted that the person responsible for the information was A. B. [Augustus B.]

The estate records for his father note that Thomas left a widow and two minor children who were also to receive a portion of the George W. Deane estate.⁷² His widow, Emma, was appointed administratrix of the estate. She was instructed that after she presented the bond and inventory, she was to privately sell any assets and report back in February 1866, at which time a continuance was granted.⁷³ Although not recorded, Emma appears to have settled the estate, for on 31 August 1866, she was able to lend money to a relative of her friend, Charles F. Cate [see Chronister section]. Lastly, on 4 May 1868, Emma Aul [*sic*] asked for an allowance for the care of her children "from 15 Nov 1864 to 4 May 1868 on the sum of two hundred & ninety dollars" and was granted the reimbursements from the estate. The final settlement of the estate was for \$10.30.⁷⁴

In 1869, the children of George W. Deane began a lawsuit against the minor heirs of George W. Deane, in order to prompt the distribution of the estate. Thomas's widow, Emma, and her two minor children, Martha and George, are identified as defendants in this lawsuit.⁷⁵ Thomas's two minor children, George and Mattie, appear in the 1870 census, living with their mother, Emma, and her new husband, William J. Aull, residing in Adams County, Illinois.⁷⁶ Although the filings took several years, finally in 1873, the property was sold at auction by the sheriff and the proceeds were divided amongst the heirs (two of the sons, John Baxter and Zachary, had sold their portions to Berilla's husband Benjamin Nichols during the period 1871–1873).⁷⁷ Several of the announcements required for the sale noted that Emma, Martha, and George Dean were not of Knox County in the period 1869–1871.⁷⁸

Castle, assistant surgeon of the 9th Regiment Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, and that the places of death for the individuals surrounding Thomas in the record are virtually all Missouri. It would seem that the Macon cited as Thomas's place of death was really Macon, Missouri, and that someone copying the record mistakenly assumed that the more widely known Macon in Georgia was meant. The 9th State Militia Cavalry was involved in a skirmish at Macon, Mo., in Feb. 1864 (<http://shs.umsystem.edu/civilwar/regions/counties/macon.html>).

⁷² Thomas Dean entries, 1864–1867, Knox Co., Mo., "Probate records, v. 3-4, 1864–1879," 3:84-85, 88, 169, 306, FHL microfilm 1016071; Baxter Dean et al. entries, 1869–1873, Knox Co., Mo., "Court Records" [*supra* note 61].

⁷³ Knox Co., Mo., "Probate records" [*supra* note 72], 3:88.

⁷⁴ Knox Co., Mo., "Probate records" [*supra* note 72], 3: 306.

⁷⁵ Knox Co., Mo., "Court Records" [*supra* note 61], 4:216.

⁷⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, Camp Point Twp., Adams Co., Ill., p. 36 (penned) William J. Aull household with George and Martha Dean; Aull-Dean, Adams Co., Ill., marriage license filed 25 Jan. 1867, Adams County Clerk, Quincy. No marriage license number is noted.

⁷⁷ Baxter Dean et al. entries, Knox Co., Mo., "Court Records" [*supra* note 61].

⁷⁸ "Order of Publication," *The Sentinel* [Edina, Mo.], 30 Sept. 1869, p. 2, col. 4, *Missouri Digital Newspaper Project*, online at <<http://shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/mdnp/mdnptable.shtml>>, accessed 28

Children of Thomas H.² and Emma M.² (Chronister) Deane:

- i MARTHA/MATTIE ELIZABETH³ DEANE, b. Oct. 1861, d. after 1900;⁷⁹ m. GEORGE SLATTERY.⁸⁰
- 3 ii GEORGE C. DEANE, b. 21 Sept. 1863; m. (1) MINNIE ELIZABETH² BIRD, (2) SUSIE —.

3 GEORGE C.³ DEANE,⁸¹ son of Thomas H.² and Emma M.² (Chronister) Deane, born probably in Knox County, Missouri, 21 September 1863,⁸² died at Correctionville, Woodbury County, Iowa, on 23 October 1891;⁸³ married first at Adams County, Illinois, on 19 September 1885, MINNIE ELIZABETH² BIRD,⁸⁴ born near Chatton, Adams County, Illinois, 1 September 1863, died Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, 28 November 1946,⁸⁵ daughter of Sidney¹ and Elizabeth (Gunn) (Morris) Bird [See Bird section]. George apparently married second SUSIE —.⁸⁶

George had one sibling, Martha “Mattie” Deane, who was born a few years before him and, according to the Grace Romig Family Collection,

Aug. 2013, advanced search for Dean; “Sheriff’s Sale in Partition,” *The Sentinel*, 1 June 1871, p. 2, col. 6, *Missouri Digital Newspaper Project*, online and accessed as above, advanced search for Dean.

⁷⁹ 1900 U.S. Census, Ward 3, Chillicothe, Livingston Co., Mo., E.D. 99, sheet 13-A, George Slattery household.

⁸⁰ Entry for George Slattery and Miss Mattie Dean, 15 Sept. 1891, “Missouri Marriage Records, 1805–2002,” database online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 14 Aug. 2013.

⁸¹ Not to be confused with a man named George Cassius Dean (1866–1951), who resided in Burton, Adams Co., Ill., his entire life and is well documented with censuses, city directories, newspaper commentaries, and local published histories on that county; the memorial page for George Cassius Dean (1866–1951), Memorial No. 60,971,071, is online at <www.findagrave.com>, citing Burton Cemetery, Burton, Ill., accessed 14 Aug. 2013.

⁸² “George C. Deane Family Facts” [*supra* note 47]. In this timeline created by Grace, mentions of George, his sister Martha, and his parents Thomas and Emma, are in chronological order. The timeline ends with the purported year and location of George’s death, and with the articles of agreement in 1889 that he and Minnie had signed.

⁸³ “A Fatal Accident,” *The Sioux Valley News* [Correctionville, Iowa], 29 Oct. 1891, p. 2, col. 4, online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 15 Sept. 2012, advanced search in *The Sioux Valley News* for Dean(e) between 1890–1895. This article includes a description of the events along with the testimony for the Coroner’s Inquest; George Dean, Memorial page for (1866–1891), Memorial No. 32,513,721, online at <www.findagrave.com>, citing Correctionville, Iowa; Woodbury Co. Genealogical Society, *WPA Grave Registrations Woodbury County, Iowa*, vol. Abbot to Kerchner (Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa Genealogical Society, 1984), 82, accessed 14 Aug. 2013.

⁸⁴ Deane–Bird, Adams Co., Ill., marriage license no. 4019 (1885), Adams Co. Clerk, Quincy.

⁸⁵ Minnie E. Dean, Death Certificate [*supra* note 30].

⁸⁶ “A Fatal Accident,” *The Sioux Valley News* [*supra* note 83]; Later entries identify the spouse by the first name of Susie. “Local Comment,” *The Sioux Valley News*, 26 Nov. 1891, p. 2, col. 3, online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 15 Sept. 2012, advanced search for Susie and Dean from 1890–1893; “Administrator’s Notice,” *The Sioux Valley News*, 3 Dec. 1891, p. 3, col. 6, 10 Dec. 1891, p. 4, col. 2, and 17 Dec. 1891, p. 7, col. 6 (online as above). It was normal practice for the notice to appear in a paper for three consecutive weeks.

married a man with the surname Slattery. This is verified by a marriage entry in Livingston County, Missouri, from 15 September 1891.⁸⁷ George and Martha are found in the 1870 census with their mother, Emma, in Adams County, Illinois, and there is an entry for a George Dean, age 15, born Illinois, farmhand, in the 1880 census in Livingston County, which is where his aunt, Lucinda Wartick, was residing.⁸⁸ By 1885, George was in Kansas with his step-grandmother, Martha Cronister.⁸⁹

As noted above, he married on 19 September 1885, in Adams County, Illinois, Minnie E. Bird. The ceremony was performed by Charles F. Cate, who had been appointed guardian (as noted below in Chronister section) of George after the death of his mother in 1872.⁹⁰ On 24 February 1887, Jessie Louella Deane was born to the couple at the Findley Farm.⁹¹ On 8 August 1888, Benjamin Gunn and wife, Polly Ann, sold five acres to George C. Deane for \$80.00.⁹² By 23 July 1889, George and Minnie decided to separate and the couple signed articles of agreement whereby George would receive all of the contents of the farm including equipment, and Minnie would receive custody of Jessie and the land.⁹³ The land described in the sale of 1888 is the same land that was mentioned in the separation agreement of 1889. This agreement recorded that George received and sold the land for \$500.00 to George Thrush, described in *The Quincy Daily Journal* as an insurance and real estate agent.⁹⁴ On 24 July 1889, Thrush transferred the land through dual quitclaim deeds for \$500 to Minnie Deane

⁸⁷ Entry for George Slattery and Miss Mattie Dean [*supra* note 80].

⁸⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Fairview Twp., Livingston Co., Mo., E.D. 174, sheet 2-B, George Dean in James McClury household.

⁸⁹ 1885 Kansas State Census, Valverde Twp., Sumner Co., p. 21, for Martha Cronister household, online at <www.ancestry.com>, accessed 12 Aug. 2013.

⁹⁰ Deane–Bird, Adams Co., Ill., marriage license no. 4019 (1885).

⁹¹ [Female Dean], Adams Co., Ill., Certificate of Birth no. [illegible] (1887). A photograph of the Findley Farm is in the Posz family collection.

⁹² Benjamin Gunn and wife to George C. Deane, Adams Co., Ill., Deed Book 131:313, County Court Clerk’s Office, Quincy (an owner’s copy of the original deed in possession of author).

⁹³ George C. Deane to Minnie E. Deane, possession & parcel of house, five acres, for minor daughter Jessie, and custody of minor child to Minnie, for the consideration of cattle, mules, hogs, farming equipment, and for Minnie to make applications for a divorce, 23 July 1889 (photocopy of original family copy from Grace Romig Family Collection in possession of author). It is unknown where the originals are, as they were not filed in Adams Co. or Hancock Co., Ill.

⁹⁴ “Real Estate,” *The Quincy Daily Journal* [Illinois], 26 July 1889, p. 1, col. 6, “Quincy Historical Newspaper Archive,” Quincy Public Library, online at <www.quincylibrary.org/library_resources/newspaperArchive.as>, accessed 13 July 2013, advanced search in “All publications” for Thrush; George C. Deane to George Thrush, Adams Co., Ill., Deed Book 118:310, County Court Clerk’s Office, Quincy.

and Jessie L. Deane. The deed from Thrush to Jessie was filed shortly after it was signed, while the deed to Minnie was filed several years later.⁹⁵

Searches of Adams County and surrounding counties provide no entries showing the couple as divorced,⁹⁶ but it appears that George was under the assumption that when he signed the articles of agreement with Minnie in 1889, she would be making applications for a divorce. He agreed to give Minnie custody of their child and he left Adams County, Illinois, assuming he was free to start a new life.

Family tradition states that George C. Deane was “killed in Woodbury, WI in 1891.”⁹⁷ However, Woodbury is not located in Wisconsin. The “FindaGrave” entry for a George Dean shows his burial in 1891 at the Correctionville Cemetery, Correctionville, Woodbury County, Iowa.⁹⁸ An initial inventory by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) recorded him as having been born in 1866 and dying 23 October 1891.⁹⁹ According to a newspaper account, George C. Deane was struck and killed by a train while at work for a railroad company. He had moved to the area with a wife and child three weeks prior to his death, worked on the railroad for a short time and had \$700 in his possession. His second wife had planned on having his body buried “some place in Missouri” but opted to have it done in Iowa.¹⁰⁰

Additional newspaper searches in Woodbury County, Iowa, determined that the estate of George C. Deane would be probated by his widow, Susie

⁹⁵ George Thrush to Jessie L. Deane, 24 July 1889, Adams Co., Ill., Deed Book 118:311, County Court Clerk’s Office, Quincy, Adams Co., Ill.; George Thrush to Minnie E. Deane, 24 July 1889, Deed Book 134:714, County Court Clerk’s Office, Quincy. Although both deeds have the same date, they are recorded in different volumes.

⁹⁶ A search of Dean(e) entries was made in the following records: Adams Co., Ill., “Chancery Index, A-Dean,” FHL microfilm 934668; Adams Co., Ill., “Chancery Index, Dean-Hunsaker,” FHL microfilm 934669; Adams Co., Ill., “Chancery Court, A-22, 1888–1889,” FHL microfilm 1853889; Adams Co., Ill., “Chancery Court, A-23, 1889–1891,” FHL microfilm 1844910; Hancock Co., Ill., “Plaintiff Index to Court Records, 1857–1963,” FHL microfilm 955130; Dean(e) entries, Hancock Co., Ill., “Defendant Index to Court Records, 1857–1963,” FHL microfilm 955131; Hancock Co., Ill., “Circuit court records, v. Q, 1884–1897,” FHL microfilm 955124. Besides this search of FHL microfilm records, a search of courthouse records was also conducted (email, Dawn Trautvetter, Quincy, Ill. [(EMAIL FOR PERSONAL USE)] by Russ Dittmer, 17 Sept. 2013, “I was unable to locate any of the names [Jessie Dean, George Dean, Elizabeth Bird, Sidney Bird] that you provided to me. [date ranges 1860–1895 for guardianship, estate, and probate records in Adams Co. at the Adams County courthouse],” in possession of author).

⁹⁷ Graves, “George C. Deane Family Facts” [*supra* note 47]; Grace Elizabeth (Romig) Graves, “Deane Note” (Ill., 1863–1946), unpaginated (photocopy in possession of author). This is a hand drawn pedigree chart that focuses on Minnie and George and then on Sidney and Elizabeth.

⁹⁸ George Dean memorial [*supra* note 83].

⁹⁹ WPA Grave Registrations Woodbury County, Iowa [*supra* note 83].

¹⁰⁰ “A Fatal Accident,” *The Sioux Valley News* [*supra* note 83].

Deane, in November 1891.¹⁰¹ On 26 November 1891, *The Sioux Valley News* noted that an attorney arrived “from Missouri Saturday to settle up the business affairs of Mrs. Geo. Deane, wife of the man who was killed by being struck by an engine on the Illinois Central a few weeks since,” which was followed by several announcements in December 1891 regarding the Administrator’s Notice. A Probate Appearance document provides a skeletal account of George’s estate: Susie put forth a bond of \$100.00 on 24 November 1891, which indicated that he had \$41 on him at the time of death, not the \$700 stated by the newspaper.¹⁰² On 22 January 1892, it was ordered that Susie provide, within 10 days, an inventory and an additional bond of \$2000.00, and it was noted that she was to confirm a settlement with the railroad, which she filed first by registered letter 18 February 1892 in Correctionville, and then again 24 February 1892 in Chillicothe, Missouri. The final entry is from 30 June 1910, stated “Order,” but no description is provided, and an evaluation of the docket book for that entry shows the case was on a list of parties that cannot be located.

A closer examination of the probate file provides more detail. At the time of his death, George had a debt of \$36 owed to him by Illinois Central Railroad Company and an old stove worth \$5. Filed in the January Term of 1892, Susie testified in the Petition for Approval of Settlement of Claim that she was the widow and that George left surviving him a child aged 10 months. She also swore on 25 December 1891 that she had settled with the Railroad Company, as they were liable for \$500.00. Another Petition for the Removal of Administratrix, which was not noted in the Docket book, was filed later and sworn to on 25 January 1892 by Minnie E. Deane at Hancock County, Illinois; in this she states that she was married to George 19 September 1885 “at the residence of Charles Cates in Huston Township,

¹⁰¹ There was one entry for a Susie marrying a George Deane, but upon further investigation it appears to be merely coincidence. George Dean of Dry Creek, Jefferson County, Mo., m. Miss Susan J. Belew, also of Dry Creek, Jefferson Co., Mo., on 26 Jan. 1889. On 23 Feb. 1892, George and Susan had a child b. in Jefferson Co., a son named Jessie, and at this time George’s place of birth was identified as Union Co., Ky. If the couple were having children in Jefferson Co., Mo., at a time when the Woodbury Co., Iowa, George Deane was elsewhere, this is just a case of a couple with the same names; this is further reinforced by funeral home records for the Missouri Deane family which state that George Deane d. at his residence in DeSoto, Mo., at the age of 40 of pneumonia on 25 Dec. 1893 and is bur. at the Dry Creek Cemetery.

¹⁰² George C. Deane estate, notice date 24 Nov. 1891, Woodbury Co., Iowa, “Docket v. 2-4, 1883–1893,” No. 914, FHL microfilm 1451916; Woodbury Co., Iowa, “Probate record . . . v. D-E, 1885–1891,” vol. E, p. 617, Probate No. 914, 1892, FHL microfilm 1451926 (bond date and amount noted in this record); Woodbury Co., Iowa, “Probate record v. F-H, 1891–1896,” vol. F, p. 26, Probate No. 914, FHL microfilm 1451927; Woodbury Co., Iowa, “Probate record . . . v. S-T, 1909–1910,” vol. T, p. 579, Probate No. 914, FHL microfilm 1451932, when Probate No. 914 is listed under dead cases.