

The family of

Albert Weidman and
Sophia Catherine Ramsey
Nale

of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

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Introduction

The following is the beginning of a quest to learn and document the history of the Nale family of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. The quest was begun in about 1995 when I began to gather together all the information that I had on my Nale ancestors. Some of this was passed on to me by my father, Harry E. Nale, along with some of my grandfather's possessions – mostly related to his military career.

I have had several searches for Nale material done at the Mifflin County Historical Society at Lewistown, Pa. Ms. Marian Barr, a research volunteer at the society, has come up with much of the information that follows. She had been very thorough in her research. I have been also able to make some contacts with members of the Nale family in Mifflin County and elsewhere who have supplied information on their branches of the Nale tree.

I have already completed a study of the ancestors of Albert Nale's father and mother, William H. and Sarah Weidman Nale and of Albert's brothers and sisters.

My father, Harry E. Nale, left me a number of photos and relics given to him by his father. Many others have helped supply information and photos of Albert and Sophia and this descendants. Jack Figart, descended from Perry Nale, came through with several photos and helped on Perry's line. Robert R. Nale also contributed photos and information.

The format of this study will be arranged so that it can be easily revised, corrected and added to. We welcome contributions of information and photos that can be added to what is already here.

Copies of this study will be distributed to members of the Nale family and to anyone who requests them. Copies will be sent to the Mifflin Country Historical Society and the Genealogical Society of Blair County to be made available to anyone who inquires about the Nales. It is hoped that those who may benefit from this research will also share what they know with the Societies and with other Nales.

The origins of the Nale name are many and most of them obscure. We know that there were Nales of English and Scottish origin. It also appears in some French and Italian families. My father claimed that his family was of Welsh origin, however there is also the assertion in the Stanley Nale notes that William H. Nale was German and Irish. Many of the Nales who have contacted me were of German origin. The name would derive from the German *Nagel*, which means nail or peg. Some Nagels anglicized the name as Nagle, others dropped the "g" and became Nales. It has become obvious for many reasons that our family name stems from the German and that they can be called "Pennsylvania Dutch ."

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information to be added to this study or corrections of what is presented here. I can be reached at:

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This file can also be found at <www.nale.org>

Albert Weidman Nale and Sophia Catherine Ramsey Nale

Almost all that I know of Albert's and Sophia's lives is included in Albert's obituary as it appeared in the Lewistown *Sentinel* of June 20, 1932 – with his picture. The three articles that appeared in the paper follow.

Albert W. Nale dies, Age 87

Prominent Civil War Veteran and County Office Holder of Milroy is Dead

Albert W. Nale, age 87 years, 8 months and 10 days, one of the two surviving members of the Gilbert Beaver Post of the G.A.R. of Belleville and for many years a prominent figure in the public life of Mifflin County, died this morning at Altoona, having suffered a stroke on Sunday. Mr. Nale had spent the past year in Mifflin County with his daughter, Mrs. B. A. Baker, at Milroy and two weeks ago had gone to Altoona to spend some time with sons residing there.

Albert Weidman Nale was born October 10, 1844 at Belleville, the son of William H. and Sara Weidman Nale. His father's parents died when the former was rather young and he was raised by the Amish people and in early manhood took over a farm for himself near Belleville where the present Mr. Nale was born.

Mr. Nale was 8 years of age when his parents moved to what was known as the Rhoda Taylor farm below Milroy where his father farmed for some 22 years. It was during the residence of the Nale family on this farm, at the age of 18 years he entered the Union Army and participated in some of the heavy fighting which occurred during the latter part of the conflict.

Mr. Nale's first enlistment was on June 29, 1863, for a period of three months, he having been assigned to Company H, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was sent to Camp Curtin at Harrisburg and there armed and uniformed and on July 3 they were sent to Gettysburg where the great decisive fight of the war was then being concluded.

The second enlistment for Mr. Nale came on August 20, 1864 and this was for one year or the duration of the war. He enlisted under Captain F. H. McClanahan of Milroy, and was assigned to the 205th regiment, Company K, under General Hartranft who was commander of the 3rd Division, 9th Corps, composed of all Pennsylvania troops.

After doing fatigue duty for a month Mr. Nale's company was sent to the front line, the veteran participating in quite a number of battles including the fight at Petersburg where he was struck by a "minnie" ball, the bullet cutting through the flesh on the upper side of the left arm and then struck Mr. Nale on the shoulder.

After being honorably discharged from the Federal service Mr. Nale came home and went farming. Shortly afterwards, on December 7, 1866, he was married to Sophia Ramsey of near Milroy who died in 1917. To this union nine boys and two girls were born, two of the boys being deceased while one of the girls died in infancy.

In the Spring of 1867, Mr. Nale and his wife moved to Centre County to the section known as the Loop and remained there for three years. Then they moved to a farm of Mrs. Nale's father, Perry Ramsey, three miles east of Milroy and stayed there until the Spring of 1876, when the family removed to Union Township, near Belleville, where Mr. Nale engaged in farming for over 20 years.

It was in 1896 that he bought a fruit farm near Milroy and remained there for nine years, going into Milroy in 1905 and remaining in his own home until the death of his wife 12 years later. Then he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. B. A. Baker of Milroy, the past few years spending much time with his sons in Altoona. In addition to following the pursuit of farming practically all of his life, Mr. Nale served as county commissioner in Mifflin County for two terms, each of three years, having been first elected in 1896. He also served as jury commissioner at other times a total of 14 years and then for 10 years was court crier, having been in the public service for a period of 30 years or better.

Always a staunch Republican Mr. Nale cast his first vote for John W. Geary for governor of Pennsylvania. While he was not old enough to vote for Lincoln, he had the pleasure of shaking hands with him at Fort

Stedman, in the Civil War days, on an occasion when Lincoln reviewed the troops at that place. Mr. Nale never missed a general election, in November, 1931, casting his 66th consecutive ballot.

A member of the Gilbert Beaver Post, No 296, G.A.R. at Belleville, Mr. Nale was active in the affairs of veterans. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., in which order he has held membership for over 40 years. He is a member also of the Lutheran Church at Milroy.

He is survived by six sons, all residents of Altoona, Harry E. Nale, Altoona traffic officer; John, Perry, Frank and Clarence Nale, all employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Brown Nale, an employee of the Reed Tobacco Company. A son, Jesse, preceded him in death last August. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Forty-two grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren survive; also two brothers, John R. Nale of Milroy, and W. Mack Nale of Lewistown, and a sister, Mrs. Ella Rothrock of Lewistown.

Albert W. Nale – the Lewistown *Sentinel* – June 21, 1932

Funeral Services

The body of Albert W. Nale, Civil War veteran, who died at the home of his son, Clarence Nale, Altoona, where he was guest, Monday morning, 7 o'clock, will be brought overland to Milroy, his home town, Wednesday forenoon. In the Milroy Lutheran Church, Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, the funeral service will be conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Charles Ashton Lantz. The burial will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery, Milroy, beside his wife whose maiden name was Miss Sophia Ramsey of Milroy. The body may be viewed in the Milroy church, Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock, and until the time of the services. All of the relatives and friends of the deceased will meet at the home of Mrs. B. Albert Baker, Milroy, Wednesday, 2 p.m., to proceed in a body to the church. The father spent much of his time with his daughter, Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Nale went from Milroy to Altoona two weeks ago to visit his six sons, who reside in that city.

On last Sunday the day before Mr. Nale's unexpected death, he was up and around and enjoying his usual health and ate his dinner at the home of his son, Clarence Nale, Altoona, and then complained about being ill. He went to his bed and soon sank into a state of unconsciousness from which he did not rally. A stroke of paralysis caused his death and he slept peacefully away.

Albert W. Nale – the Lewistown *Sentinel* – June 23, 1932

Funeral of Mr. Nale

The funeral services of Albert W. Nale were held Tuesday (?) afternoon in the Lutheran Church, the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Lantz officiating, assisted by the Rev. Harry Deiss, pastor of the Congregational church. Both paid great tribute to the life and sterling qualities of Milroy's "Grand Old Man." The floral tributes were of great number and unusual beauty.

The body of Mr. Nale was followed to Woodlawn Cemetery by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends where the services were conducted by Revs. Lantz and Deiss. The carriers were six members of the Milroy Lodge of Odd Fellows, W. O. Rearick, C. G. Miller, J. Edward Bobb, Faye Cunningham, Charles Aurand and James Pennepacker.

A representation of Captain McClenahan Post No. 287 American Legion, was present and the body of comrade Nale was lowered to its last resting place to the notes of the bugle sounding taps.

Among the out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Brown Nale and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nale and two children, Claire Nale, Mrs. Ross Faggert and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Nale and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nale and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nale and family, Frank Nale, Mrs. Jesse Nale, Mrs. Elmer Ross, Mrs. Irene McCormick and Perry Deamer, all of Altoona; Mrs. Ella Rothrock and son Albert, Mrs. Mary Nale, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ramsey of Lewistown; Charles Nale and son of Maitland; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearns and Mrs. Mary Kearns of Burnham; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Nale of Reedsville; John Nale and son Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stull, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagner, Mrs. Harvey Mattern, Mrs. Hassinger, Mrs. Helen Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, and Mrs. Ida Wagner of Siglerville; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young and John Machamer of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. John Bowersox of State College; Mrs. Janet

Houser of Reedsville, and Mrs. and Mrs. William Close of Electric Avenue.

I have researched the 36th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia and the 205th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the units in which he served in the Civil War and what I have found is included in later sections. He is not mentioned by name in any of them other than in the rosters but the story of the units tell us about where he was and the actions in which he participated. I sent for and received my grandfather's service and pension records for the 205th PVI. Any other records of his service in the 36th PVM would be in the archives of the state of Pennsylvania.

I was able to learn from notes written by Stanley Nale and given to me by Jeff and Debbie Nale of Mifflintown, Pa. that Albert's father, William, was drafted in 1864 and could avoid this draft only by paying \$250.00 for a substitute or provide one for himself. Albert then volunteered as the substitute for his father and served in the 205th PVI.

I have vague memories of my grandfather – he died when I was five years old, the summer before I began school in Altoona. I don't think that he stayed at our house for very long since at that time my father and Perry were the only of his sons to have small children and we did not have a spare bedroom. I attended the funeral but have no memories of it except that on the way to Milroy, Bert and Minnie's car was having trouble making one of the hills and we passed them – I have a memory picture of Uncle Bert looking straight ahead and Minnie sitting beside him with a handkerchief pressed to her face.

My father did not have much to say about his father's life other than his service in the Civil War. He passed on to me several mementos that were willed to him – Albert's service belt buckle, a bone pendant and a bone ring with Sophia's initials, S.C.R. There was also a book named, *History of the Easel-Shaped Monument and a Key to the G.A.R. and Its Co-workers*, published by Dux Publishing Co. of Chicago in 1893. Pencilled in the front is a note saying that it was given to me by my father on July 29, 1937. My grandfather's service record for the 36th PVM is copied into the book, a picture of which appears later.

We have purchased a memorial brick that has been placed in the sidewalk in the southeast corner of Lincoln square in Gettysburg beside the Willard House where Lincoln stayed when he was there and very close to a statue of Lincoln . A picture is included. The brick honors his service in the 36th PVM, which served at Gettysburg after the battle. We want to dedicate another one honoring his service in the 205th PVI and one for my grandmother Sophia.

I never knew my grandmother Sophia. She was a Ramsey and I remember my father talking about the Nales and the Ramseys and how close they were to each other.

My grandfather's parents are noted in a previous study. I was able to trace Sophia's line back two generations. Her grandfather was Charles Ramsey, who was married to Catherine Crisman (possibly Crissman). They had the following children: Charles Perry, Thomas, Adam, George, Hamilton, James, Margaret and Catherine. We have no dates of birth or death for any of these except for Charles P.

Sophia's father was Charles Perry Ramsey, born in 1827 and was married to an Amelia. They had the following children: Sophia Catherine, born in 1847 and died November 11, 1917; Charles E., born 1849; William G., born 1856 and Maggie, born 1862. The information on the Ramsey line was given to me by Kathy Waters.

Albert and Sophia were married on December 4, 1866. The following is from the Lewistown Gazette of December 19, 1966 Under "Married"

At the Lutheran parsonage in Milroy on the 4th inst. By Rev. J. F. Dietterich, Albert W. Nale and Miss Sophia C. Ramsey, both of Armagh township, Mifflin County, Pa.

Sophia's obituaries follow:

From the Lewistown *Sentinel* of November 12, 1917:

Mrs. Albert W. Nale died last evening nine o' clock, at her home, Milroy, aged 70 years, 9 months and 23 days. Rheumatism and stomach trouble were the cause of her death. Her maiden name was Sophia Ramsey and she is survived by her husband, Albert W. Nale, Jury Commissioner elect, and nine sons and a daughter and a sister and a brother. One son is dead.

The funeral services will be held in the Milroy Lutheran church, Rev. R. L. Lubold officiating. Interment will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery.

From the Lewistown *Sentinel* of November 14, 1917:

Mrs. Sophia Catherine Nale, wife of A.W. Nale of Milroy died Sunday evening about nine o'clock after being seriously ill but a short time. Mrs. Nale's name was Ramsey, being a daughter of Perry and Amelia Ramsey and was born in the east end of the valley on Jan. 18, 1846. Mrs. Nale has been a patient sufferer from rheumatism for many years and was confined to a chair most of the time. She was well-known to every body in the valley and was loved and esteemed by all her friends and neighbors. She was united in marriage to Albert W. Nale Dec. 4th, 1867, shortly after Mr. Nale returned from the army, and to this union eleven children were born, nine of whom, with the husband, survive as follows:

William, of Akron, Ohio; Brown, of Clearfield, Pa.; Mrs. Bert (Minnie) Baker of Milroy; Jesse, Perry, John, Clarence, Harry and Frank, all, living in Altoona. One girl and one boy preceded their mother to the grave a number of years ago. One sister, Mrs. John (Maggie) Armstrong, of Milroy, and one brother, William Ramsey of Sigerville, also survive.

Funeral Services were conducted in the Lutheran Church, Milroy, this afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. R. L. Lubold. Interment at Woodlawn.

Several pictures of Albert and Sophia and their family are included. The later pictures show Sophia on crutches. We have no dates for most of the pictures.

Also following is a pension document in Albert's own hand listing his marriage and the names and birth dates of his children.

I have also included copies of his service records, enlistment papers, etc.

What we know about the children of Albert and Sophia will conclude this section. Harry and his family will be the subject of another study.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

ALBERT W. NALE,
350166 MILROY, PA.

G. M. S. [Signature]
Commissioner.
PENSION
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OFFICE.

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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *October 10th 1844*
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Co. H. 200th P. R. and Co. H. 3^d P. V. M*
No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Milroy, Mifflin Co. Pennsylvania*
No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Sophia Ramsey Nale*
No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *In Milroy, Pa. By Rev. J. H. Dutrick on December 4th 1866*
No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? *I have record in Family Bible was*
If so, where? Answer. *affidavit vs. Legd. Dutrick taken from his Church Record of marriage*
No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer.

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I was never married before Dec 4th 1866

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *My present wife was never married before her marriage to me*

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *I am living with my wife*

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No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer. *William L. Nale
Besse Gunn 1st 1867, Amelia Gunn Nov 25 1868, William Brown
Gamel 2nd 1870, Minnie Margret Sep 18th 1872, Gessie Shannon
Nov 8th 1874, Perry Ramsey Jan 1st 1877, Edna Albert
Mar 4th 1879, Clarence Edward Oct 23 1881, Harry Elias
Nov 9th 1883, Roy Adam Aug 26th 1886
Frank Henry Jan 2nd 1889*

all living except two 2

Date *March 17th 1915* (Signature) *Albert W. Nale*

Copy of a Pension form (reduced) filled out by A.W. Nale listing the names and birth dates of his children

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF

TOWN OF

Pennsylvania



Phillips

I *Albert W. Nale*, born in *Phillips Co*
 in the State of *Pennsylvania*, aged *thirteen* years,
 and by occupation a *Farmer*, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
 volunteered this *Twenty* day of *August*, 1864,
 to serve as a **Soldier** in the Army of the United States of America, for
 the period of ~~THREE YEARS~~, unless sooner discharged by proper authority:
 Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,
 established by law for volunteers. And *Albert W. Nale* do
 solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States
 of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all
 their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the
 orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers
 appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Phillips*
 this *20th* day of *August*, 1864 } *Albert W. Nale*
 BEFORE *Shank B. O'Rourke*
2d Lieut. & Rec Officer

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
 to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and
 mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

A. W. Nale
 EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer *Albert W. Nale*
 previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my
 judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the
 duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting
 process. This soldier has *13* yrs, *Dark* hair, *Dark* complexion, is *5*
 feet *9* inches high. *Enlisted to 69th Co. 1st Regt. Pa. Vols.*

Shank B. O'Rourke
 Regiment of *69th* Volunteers,
 RECRUITING OFFICER.

(A. G. O. No. 74 & 75.)
32226 Ad 1

Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years, ending the 20th day of August, 1864, at *Phillips*
203 Regiment of *Volunteers*, on the *20th* day of *August*, 1864, at *Phillips*
Company

Copy of A. W. Nale's enlistment paper

W | 205 | Pa.
 Albert W. Nale
 Pvt., Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.
 Appears on
Company Muster-in and Descriptive Roll
 of the organization named above. Roll dated
 Harrisburg, Pa. Sept. 2, 1864.
 Where born Mifflin, Pa.
 Age, 19 yrs; occupation Farmer
 When enlisted Aug. 20, 1864.
 Where enlisted Milroy
 For what period enlisted one year
 Eyes Grey; hair Dark
 Complexion Light; height 5 ft 9 in.
 When mustered in Aug. 29, 1864.
 Muster-in to date Aug. 29, 1864.
 Where mustered in Harrisburg
 Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100
 Where credited
 Company to which assigned
 Remarks To be credited to Gr-
 mack, Mifflin Co.,
 17 Long Dist. 32 Sub
 Dist.

*The caption of this roll shows that the company was organized pursuant to G. O. 243, A. G. O., Aug. 9, 1864, which required recruits to be mustered in to date from date of enlistment.

Book mark:

W.M. Jackson
 (356d) Copyist

N. | 205 | Pa.
 Albert W. Nale
 Pvt., Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.
 Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 Date of enlistment Oct. 21, 1864.
 Present or absent Present
 Stoppage, \$ 100 for
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
 Remarks:
 Book mark:

W.M. Jackson
 (356d) Copyist

Copies of A.W. Nale's Service Records. Mustering in roll on the left

N | 205 | Pa.

Albert W. Nale
Cvt., Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Nov. & Dec.*, 1864.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$..... 100 for

Due Gov't, \$..... 100 for

Remarks: *Sutter's Bill, \$6.00*

Book mark :

M. W. Jackson
(MAN) *Jackson*

N | 205 | Pa.

Albert W. Nale
Cvt., Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Jan'y & Feb'y*, 1865.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$..... 100 for

Due Gov't, \$..... 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark :

M. W. Jackson
(MAN) *Jackson*

A.W. Nale's Service Records - Present Nov-Dec 1864 and Jan-Feb, 1865

N | 205 | Pa.

Albert W. Nale
Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for March 1865, 1865

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

W.M. Jackson
(358) Copyist

N | 205 | Pa.

Albert W. Nale
Co. K, 205 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Age 19 years

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Alexandria, Va June 2, 1865

Muster-out to date June 2, 1865

Last paid to Dec 31, 1864

Clothing account:

Last settled 186; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 7 25

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 33 33 ¹⁰⁰; due \$ 33 33 ¹⁰⁰

Remarks:

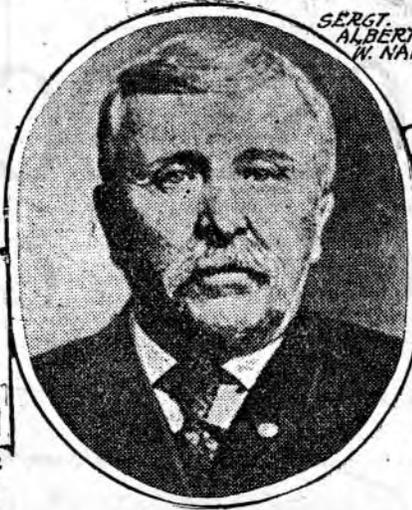
Book mark:

W.M. Jackson
(361) Copyist

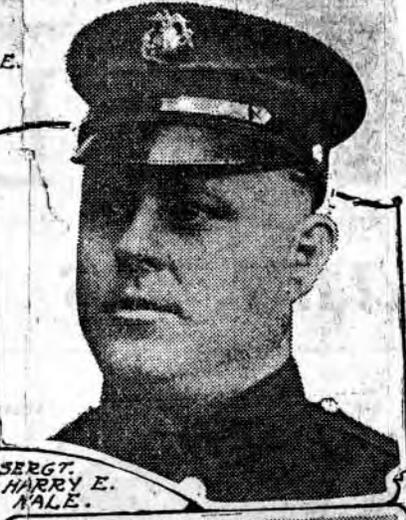
A.W. Nale's Service Records - Present - March-April, 1865 and Muster out Roll



CORP. ALBERT S. NALE.



SERGT. ALBERT W. NALE.



SERGT. HARRY E. NALE.



CORP. ALBERT S. NALE.



SHERWOOD NALE.



THREE GENERATIONS OF FIGHTERS IN MIFFLIN

MIFFLIN COUNTY VETERAN HEADS WARRIOR FAMILY

Sergeant A. W. Nale, of Milroy, His Son and Four Grandsons, Comprise the List of Fighters

MILROY, Pa., May 18.—Sergeant Albert W. Nale has the distinction of having furnished three generations of fighters, six of whom have been active in the service of their country. Sergeant Nale is 75 years old, hale and hearty, altho he fought with Grant in the civil war and has an enviable record as a soldier. He retired from the farm after the death of his life partner two years ago. Sergeant Nale has served his country at home in the capacity of county commissioner two terms, jury commissioner two terms and court clerk for many years.

His son, Sergeant Harry E. Nale, enlisted in the United States marine corps in 1904 and accompanied the fleet on its trip around the world, after which he was assigned to recruiting duty. Sergeant Nale has seen service in almost every country in the world, altho he is now only 33 years old.

Corporal Claire P. Nale, a grandson, was a member of Company G, 110th United State infantry, and took part in the

fighting from Chateau Thierry to the Argonne, during which time he was gassed and shell shocked that put him in the hospital, but he is again with the army of occupation in Germany and intends to remain to see it out.

Corporal Albert S. Nale, a second grandson, was a member of the United States ordnance motor school and on board the boat for France when the armistice was signed.

Brown Nale, a third grandson, was one of the crew of the United States destroyer Wicks, which captured a German U-boat with the entire crew. He is now a second-class quartermaster in the United States navy and assisted in the convoy of President Wilson.

Sherwood Nale, a fourth grandson, is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Kansas. He is rated as a quartermaster of the third class, assisted in the convoy of the president and witnessed the surrender of the German fleet. He has been in the service two years.

This article appeared in a Philadelphia newspaper dated Monday, May 19, 1919. Claire P. Nale is the son of Perry. Albert, Sherwood and Brown are the sons of William C.



STURDY MEMBERS OF MILROY, MIFFLIN COUNTY, FAMILY

One of the families of which the Republicans of Mifflin county are justly proud is that of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Nale, of Milroy. It consists, besides the father and mother, of eight adult sons and one daughter. Nine votes for Taft were cast by the Naleses, and one son has served four years in the regular army. The photograph above was taken at a recent family reunion. Those present were Albert W. Nale, the father; his wife, Sophia C. Nale; William, of Yeagertown; Brown, of Belleville; Mrs. B. A. Baker, of Milroy; Jesse, Perry, John, Clarence and Frank, all of Altoona and all employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in positions of trust, and Harry, at home.

This copy of the family reunion photo appeared in a newspaper dated December 3, 1908

Albert W. Nale, Milroy, Civil War veteran, 83 years old, is the oldest of four living generations of a family line. He visited recently his son, Perry R. Nale, a resident of Altoona, who is 55 years old.



FOUR NALE GENERATIONS

Albert W., sitting; Perry H., standing behind him; Clair, upper right; "Buddie," center. Claire Nale, also of Altoona, a World War veteran, gassed overseas, is a grandson of "Al," as he is familiarly known by his many friends. "Buddie" Nale, the youngest of the four generations' group, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Nale, and is

The article to the left is a late arrival - just before this file was completed. It was sent by Roger Nale, who discovered it in his grandmother's scrapbook. Albert and Perry's ages do not agree. If Albert's age is correct at 83 it would have been taken about 1927. If Perry's age is correct at 55 it would have been taken in 1932, the year of Albert's death. The article also has Perry and Claire confused. Claire is on the left, Perry on the right.



Know ye, that Albert W Nale
 a private of Captain Wm. A. Nelson
 Company H. 36. Regiment of Penn^a. Militia
 Volunteers, who was enrolled on the 29th
 day of June one thousand eight hundred and
 Sixty three to serve thirty days ~~containing the~~
~~same~~ is hereby ~~Discharged~~ from the service
 of the United States this 11th day of Aug^r. 1863
 at Harrisburg Penn^a. by reason of Order of Gov.
 U. S. Curtin

(The objection has being accepted is known to exist)

Said Albert W Nale was born in Millkill
 County in the state of Penn^a. is Eighteen
 years of age, five feet Eight inches high, Dark
 complexion, Blue eyes, light hair, and by occu-
 pation, when enrolled, a Farmer
 Discharged at Harrisburg this 11th day of
 Aug^r 1863.

The witness will be sworn should there
 be anything in the conduct or physical
 condition of the soldier containing here
 noted for the Army

[A. A. A. A.]

Wm. A. Nelson
 Capt Comd'g Co. 76.

Ralph M. Gray. Col.
 Commanding the Regt.

A copy of A. W. Nale's discharge papers from service in
 the 36th PVM from page 411 of the *History of the Easel
 Shaped Monument and a Key to the GAR and Its Co-
 workers*; Chicago, 1893. This book was given to me by
 my father, Harry E. Nale. I have read and broused in it
 many times when I was growing up and I still have it.

VETERAN PASSES



ALBERT W. NALE.

ALBERT W. NALE AGED 87, IS DEAD

Civil War Veteran and
Father of Six Altoona
Residents Dies Early To-
day at Home of Son.

Albert W. Nale, aged 87, for a number of years past a resident of this city and most of whose surviving children reside here, died at 7 o'clock this morning at the home of a son, Clarence Nale of 5009 Sixth avenue.

Death followed a brief illness and was due to diseases incident to advanced years. He had come to this city just two weeks ago after spending some months with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Baker of Milroy. He was in his usual health of late, following a previous severe illness some months ago, and was taken suddenly ill yesterday.

The deceased had been living retired for a number of years past. Most of the time that Mr. Nale previously lived here he was located at the home of another son, Perry R. Nale of 830 Eighteenth avenue. He formerly resided for many years at Milroy, Mifflin county, where he was a county commissioner. He was a well known veteran of the Civil war.

With over thirty years of service in public office to his credit, Mr. Nale was a man active in life. He was for several terms a member of the board of county commissioners in Mifflin county, served as jury commissioner in the same county for a score of years but of late had been living retired, spending his time among his children here and in Milroy.

Born Oct. 10, 1844, at Belleville, Pa., the son of William H. and Sara Werdman Nale, the local veteran spent the major portion of his life in Mifflin county and followed both farming and fruit growing in addition to his career as public office holder. When he was a lad of 8 years his parents moved to a location below Milroy and it was on this farm that the family resided when ten years later, at the age of 18, Mr. Nale enlisted in the Union army and served with distinction during that conflict.

Veteran Nale enlisted in the service June 29, 1863, and served until the close of the war. His first actual contact with the front came soon after his enlistment when the troop went to Gettysburg, being sent there to clear the field after the decisive engagement of the Civil war which was fought on that bloody field. Mr. Nale recalls the terrible scene which greeted their eyes when they came upon the battlefield, thousands of dead bodies of both men and animals lying there under a blazing July sun.

Mr. Nale was married Dec. 7, 1866, to Sophia Ramsey of near Milroy and she died in 1917. To this union nine boys and two girls were born, three of the sons being deceased while one of the girls died in infancy.

All of the six boys reside in this city. They are: Brown Nale, Harry E. Nale, former sergeant in the United States marines, now city traffic officer; John, Perry, Frank and Clarence Nale. The daughter is Mrs. B. A. Baker of Milroy.

There is one sister, Mrs. Ella Rothrock of Lewistown, and a number of grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

A. W. Nale's obituary from the
Altoona Mirror of June 19, 1932

1900 Federal Census

Researcher:

Date:

NARS Microfilm Pub. No. T623, Roll No:

State:

County:

Subdistrict:

City/Town:			Ward:			Personal Description							Citizenship			Education												
Page	E.D.		Name of Person	Relationship to Head	Color or Race	Date of Birth		Age last birthday	Marital status	Years married	Children born	Children living	Birthplace of:			Year of immigration	No. years in U.S.	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Months at school	Can read	Can write	Own/rent	Speak English	Free/mon	Mon/yr	
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131	137	Nale	Albert J	Head	W M	OCT 1844	55	M	34				PA	PA	PA			FARMER	0	X	X	X	0	F	F	S		
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		"	CLARENCE E	SON	W M	OCT 1881	18	S					"	"	"			Woolen FACTORY										
		"	HARRY E	SON	W M	Nov 1883	16	S					"	"	"			Woolen FACTORY										
		"	FRANK W	SON	W M	JAN 1889	11	S					"	"	"			At school		7	4							
143		Nale	Amelia	Head																								
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		Lewistown Borough																										
		Nale	William	Boarder	W M	JUN 1867	33	M	9				PA	PA	PA			day LABORER	0	X	X	X						

Nale family members from the 1900 Census

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF MUSTER INTO SERVICE.	REMARKS.
Myers, Levi A.....	Private	Aug. 27, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
M'Clonahan, Jas. H.....	do	Aug. 29, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
M'Clonahan, A. C.....	do	Aug. 29, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
M'Clintock, Dav. R.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
M'Callps, Elias.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
M'Manigal, Wm. H.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Killed at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865.
M'Callps, John.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Killed at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865.
Nale, Albert W.....	do	Aug. 29, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Owens, Joseph M.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Penepacker, Albert.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Peters, Aaron.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Reedy, John L.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Rager, John W.....	do	Aug. 29, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Ross, Jacob V.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Reed, John H.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Stubs, John W.....	do	Aug. 27, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Stubs, Calvin.....	do	Sept. 2, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Stull, Jacob.....	do	Sept. 3, '64,	Absent, sick, at muster out.
Sager, Samuel M.....	do	Sept. 2, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Snook, Isaac.....	do	Aug. 29, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Snook, Joseph.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Snook, Andrew.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Shirk, Thomas.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Smith, Joseph H.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Sivits, Daniel.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Wounded at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865—discharged by General Order, June 6, 1865.
Sivits, Ell.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Wounded at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865—mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Shoemaker, Mat'w.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Shoemaker, Charles.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Spickler, George.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Wounded at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865—mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Shilling, James.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Saltzman, Jacob.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Wounded at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865—mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Swab, Jacob.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Died at Washington, D. C., 1864.
Thomas, John.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Triester, Andrew H.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Wray, James.....	do	Sept. 1, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Ward Isaac.....	do	Aug. 27, '64,	Mustered out with company, June 2, 1865.
Williams, Charles.....	do	Sept. 2, '64,	Deserted September 2, 1864.

Partial roster of Co. K, 205th PVI showing Albert W. Nale's name.

From Bates: *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers*



The Albert W. Nale Family of Milroy, Pa. Taken in 1908

Albert and his wife Sophia are seated.

Their children from left to right: William C.; Frank H.; Jesse S.; Clarence E.; Minnie M.; M. Brown; John A.; Harry E.; Perry R.



Albert and Sophia - probably taken at the same time as the photo above. These were made into a postcard



Albert and Sophia Nale, their children and the children's families - taken in 1908 at a family reunion.

**Back Row - Bertram Baker (Minnie's husband), Harry E., Clarence E.
Row of Adults: Ellen Henninger Nale; her husband, William C.; Frank H.; Perry R.; Jesse's wife, Tressie Kessler Nale; Perry's wife, Florence Naginey Nale (holding baby); Jesse S.; Albert W.; Sophia R.; John A. Nale holding his daughter Violet; John's wife, Lura Caldwell Nale, holding her son John Stanley; Minnie Nale Baker, M. Brown; Brown's wife, Rachael Foltz Nale; Front row in plaid dress - Mary Gertrude Nale, daughter of Perry and Florence.**



**Albert and Sophia standing on their front porch
Date unknown - the photo was badly faded**



A.W. Nale with his GAR medals, probably at a GAR convention



Albert and Sophia on the front porch again. Sophia was on crutches late in life



Albert and his children at the home in Milroy. Harry is third from the left, Minnie is fifth, Brown is sixth, Perry is ninth.

**The negative was covered with fingerprints.
Assuming that Sophia had died this photo was probably taken between 1917 and 1925, when Harry retired from the Marines**



**Albert and Sophia - probably taken the day of
the 1908 reunion**



Albert and Sophia in their orchard - date unknown



Albert W. Nale, age 82, holding Robert E. Nale, age 4 months. Early 1927



Old photo of Albert - at an earlier age than any others we have found



Front and reverse of a bone pendant made by or for A. W. Nale when he was serving with the 205th PVI. This was passed on to Harry Nale and then to me. The design on the reverse is the Badge of the Ninth Army Corps.

Susan Yocca Rupe

Not just another chair



This is the time of year when many of us go digging out our folding chairs to get them ready for outdoor gatherings or some serious porch-sitting.

But the chair pictured at right is not your ordinary sitting-on-the-porch folding chair. It's a piece of a Milroy family's history.

Robert A. Kearns brought this chair into the *County Observer* office last week and told us the story of his great-grandfather, Pvt. Albert W. Nale.

Albert served in the Civil War and was the last remaining veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic in Milroy. As a Civil War vet, Albert attended ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1913. Each veteran at the ceremony was permitted to keep the folding chair on which he sat during the proceedings.

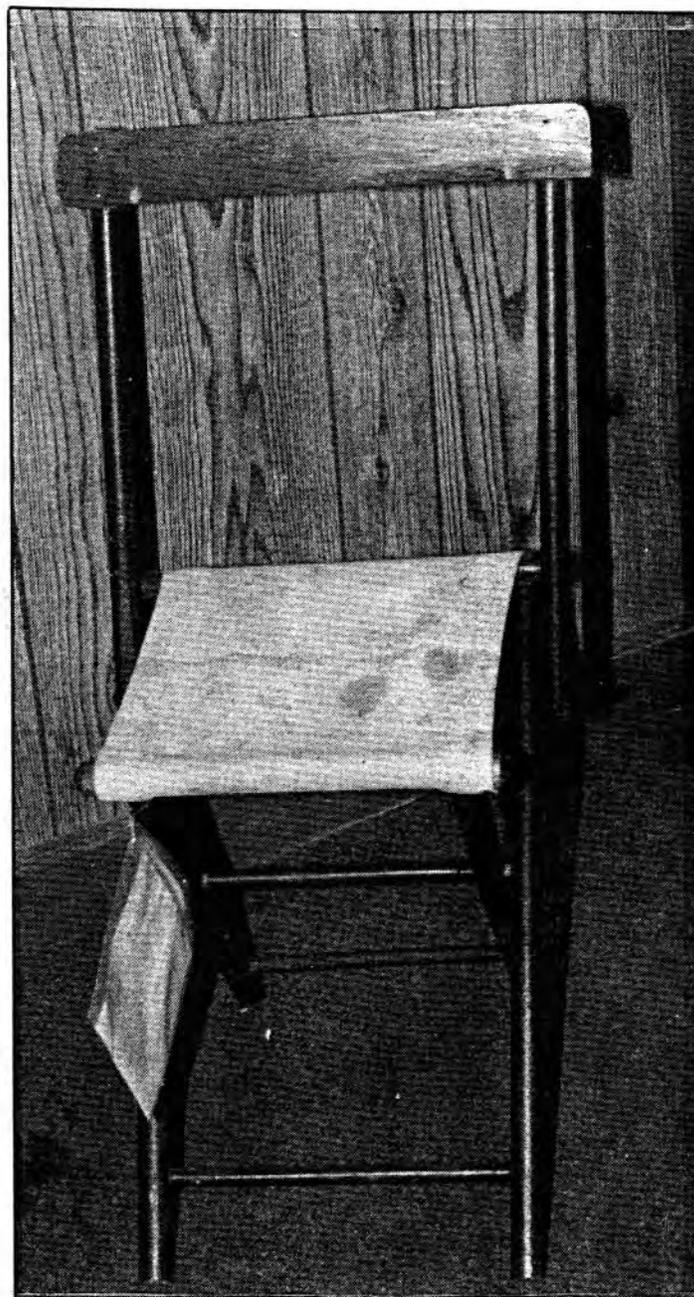
Albert died in June 1932 and, following his funeral, his daughter, Minnie (Nale) Baker, gave the chair to Robert's father.

"Then somehow the preacher had it for 50 years and I never knew it existed until two weeks ago," Robert said.

Robert said he learned of the chair from the minister's son, Paul Lantz of Selinsgrove. Paul and Robert attended school together and, on a recent visit with Paul in Selinsgrove, Paul told Robert about the chair and gave it to him.

Robert recalled that he grew up in Milroy, where he "mostly lived with my grandparents" -- Minnie and her husband, Bertram A. Baker. He graduated from Milroy High School and has lived at the top of the Seven Mountains since 1965.

Albert Nale died of pneumonia at the age of 87. His funeral -- as well as the funeral of Robert's mother, Edna Kearns and Robert's grandfather, Bert Baker -- was done from home. Minnie ordered home embalming and funerals as a matter of economy, Robert recalled.



Albert Nale and his wife, Sophia Ramsey Nale, were the parents of nine children: Brown, Jesse, Minnie, John, Clarence, Perry, Harry, Frank and Roy. Two

of Perry's children are still living, and reside outside Mifflin County. The others are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Milroy.

This article pretty well explains itself



Nale graves at Woodlawn Cemetery in Milroy
Large stone - Albert W. Nale, 1844-1932, and Sophia C. Nale, 1847-1917
Roy A. Nale's grave is at the center stone, 1886-1897
Frank H. Nale's grave is on the right, 1889-1955



Aunt Minnie and Uncle Bert's graves at Woodlawn Cemetery, Milroy
The names and dates on the stone read Bertram A. Baker, 1874-1948,
hiswife, Minnie M. Nale, 1872-1957,
their children, Edna Kearns, 1900-1939 and Albert G., 1901-1974

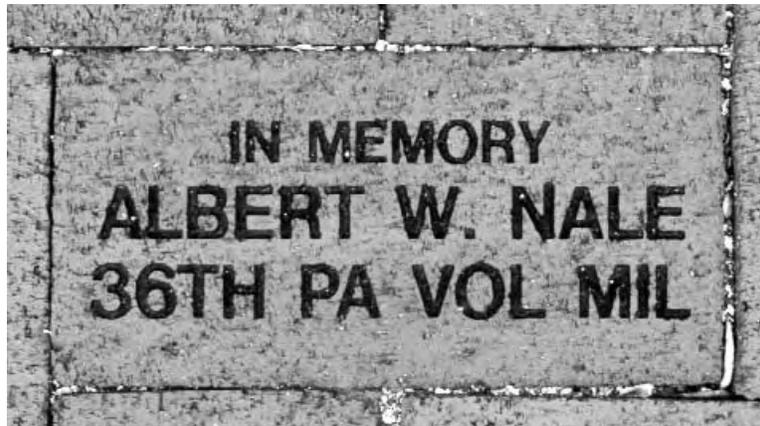


Photo of the brick placed in Lincoln Square in Gettysburg in memory of Albert W. Nale and his service in the 36th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, which arrived in Gettysburg just after the Battle



I am standing on the location of the brick at the SE corner of Lincoln Square, next to the Lincoln statue in front of the Willard House



Albert W. Nale on his 80th birthday, October 10, 1924. This photo was contributed by his great grandson, William H. Nale

The Children of Albert and Sophia Nale

Chart of A.W. Nale's parents and siblings

William H. Nale b. 1820 d. 5 Apr 1871, Armaugh Twp, Mifflin Co. Pa.
& Sarah Weidman b. 4 Sep 1826 d. 20 Apr 1906
| Albert Weidman Nale b. 10 Oct 1844, Belleville, Pa. d. 19 Jun 1932, Altoona, Pa.
| & Sophia Catherine Ramsey b. 18 Jan 1847, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 11 Nov 1917, Milroy, Pa.
| m. 4 Dec 1866, Milroy, Pa.
| Eliphaz B. Nale b. 12 Dec 1846 d. 1 Oct 1911
| & Sarah Longwell b. 13 Jan 1854 d. 21 Jan 1876, Siglerville, Pa. m. 8 Jan 1873
| Wilson W. Nale b. 30 Nov 1848 d. 25 Jan 1890, Milroy, Pa.
| & Adeline Nancy Aitkin b. 4 Aug 1846 d. 6 Nov 1909 m. 5 Jan 1870
| Lawrence Stroup Nale b. 8 Nov 1851 d. 7 Apr 1918
| & Mary C. Worrell b. Sep 1860 m. 27 Feb 1884
| Laura Alice Nale b. 8 Nov 1851 d. 15 Oct 1911
| & Adam A. Ramsey b. 5 Nov 1845 d. 5 Dec 1922 m. 28 Dec 1871
| Clara Peora Nale b. 7 Jul 1854 d. 21 Apr 1901
| & Edmund M. Close b. 3 Nov 1847 d. 31 Jan 1924 m. 18 Jun 1872
| John Reed Nale b. 20 Aug 1856 d. 5 Sep 1936
| & Rachael Jane Longwell b. Jun 1859 d. 4 Dec 1939 m. 25 Aug 1881
| Ella B. Nale b. 27 Oct 1858 d. 2 Feb 1936, Lewistown, Pa.
| & John Thomas Rothrock b. Sep 1861 d. 12 Feb 1928 m. 25 Dec 1884
| Charles Lunger Nale b. 22 Jul 1861, Siglerville, Pa. d. 5 Jun 1924, Siglerville, Pa.
| & Anna Jane McClintic b. 30 May 1867 d. 25 Sep 1944, Woodlawn Cemetery – Milroy
| m. 2 Mar 1887
| Jennie M. Nale b. 1 Ab 1865
| & Abner M. Yeager m. 29 Dec 1891
| William McClure Nale b. 1866 d. 1943
| & Jennie S. McElroy b. 1871 d. 1946

Sarah Weidman Nale's parents and siblings

Jacob Weidman b. 4 Nov 1794 d. 5 Nov 1836, Belleville, Pa.
& Barbara Roop b. 4 Jun 1799, Dauphin County, Pa. d. 9 Jun 1882, Belleville, Pa.
| Sarah Weidman b. 4 Sep 1826 d. 20 Apr 1906
| & William H. Nale b. 1820 d. 5 Apr 1871, Armaugh Twp, Mifflin Co. Pa.
| Johnny Weidman b. 1834?
| Franny Weidman b. abt 1832
| Martha Weidman b. 1832 d. abt 1869
| & William Bigelow MD b. 1824
| Leah Weidman b. 24 Jan 1818 d. 13 Jun 1902
| & Eliphaz Bigelow MD b. 20 Oct 1807, Plain City, Ohio d. 23 Oct 1868, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
| Adam Roop Weidman b. 25 Nov 1835 d. 5 Aug 1919
| & Amanda Catherine Cole m. 21 Feb 1858

Albert and Sophie Nale and children

Albert Weidman Nale b. 10 Oct 1844, Belleville, Pa. d. 19 Jun 1932, Altoona, Pa.
& Sophia Catherine Ramsey b. 18 Jan 1847, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 11 Nov 1917, Milroy, Pa. m. 4 Dec 1866,
Milroy, Pa.
| William Charles Nale* b. 1 Jun 1867 d. 26 Jun 1925, Fremont, Ohio

| & Ella Martha Henninger b. Apr 1872 m. 1 Jun 1892
 | & Elizabeth Tippert
 | Amelia Jane Nale b. 25 Nov 1868 d. Jul 1869
 | Milton Brown Nale b. 2 Jun 1870, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 26 Jun 1948, Altoona, Pa.
 | & Rachael Catherine Foltz b. 2 Mar 1876 m. 30 Dec 1897
 | Minnie Margaret Nale b. 18 Sep 1872, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 1957, Milroy, Pa.
 | & Bertram Alexander Baker b. 7 Jan 1875 d. 1948 m. 24 Dec 1895
 | Jessie Shannon Nale b. 4 Nov 1874, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 20 Aug 1931, Altoona, Pa.
 | & Tressie Kessler
 | Perry Ramsey Nale b. 1 Jan 1877, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 14 Oct 1947, Altoona, Pa.
 | & Florence M. Naginey b. 1 Aug 1882, Milroy, Pa. d. 18 Aug 1952, Altoona, Pa. m. 1899
 | John Albert Nale b. 4 Mar 1879, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 1952, Altoona, Pa.
 | & Lura O. Caldwell b. 17 Apr 1882 d. 1941, Altoona, Pa. m. 28 Jun 1905, Altoona, Pa.
 | Clarence Edward Nale* b. 28 Oct 1881, Mifflin Co. Pa.
 | & Caroline Elizabeth Hagerty d. 20 Dec 1941
 | & Ida Smith Mort d. 28 Sep 1961, Altoona, Pa.
 | Harry Eliphas Nale b. 9 Nov 1883, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 3 Dec 1960, Altoona, Pa.
 | & Edna Mae Cline b. 22 Jan 1896, Huntingdon Pa. d. 16 Sep 1958, Altoona, Pa. m. 8 May 1922,
 | Roy Adam Nale b. 26 Aug 1886 d. 23 Oct 1897
 | Frank Henry Nale b. 21 Jan 1889, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 1955

The Sophia C. Ramsey Line

Charles Ramsey

& Catherine Crisman

| Charles Perry Ramsey b. 1827

| & Amelia Margritz

| | Sophia Catherine Ramsey b. 18 Jan 1847, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 11 Nov 1917, Milroy, Pa.

| | & Albert Weidman Nale b. 10 Oct 1844, Belleville, Pa. d. 19 Jun 1932

William C. Nale was born June 1, 1867, perhaps in Centre County, Pa. The A. W. Nale obituary states that he and Sophia moved to that county in the spring of that year. The 1900 census has him living as a boarder in Lewistown and lists his occupation as a day worker. He was married to Ella Martha Henninger, who was born in April of 1872. At the time that the A.W. Nale family picture was taken - about 1908 - he is listed as living in Yeagertown. The 1900 census gives his occupation as a carpenter and lists three children:

Albert S. – born November 1892

Rella Marian – born August 1894

Sherwood C. – born June 1895

Ella was the daughter of Solomon and Mary A. Bullick Henninger. Solomon's parents were Michael and Elizabeth Henninger.

This is William's obituary - from the Lewistown *Sentinel* of July 8, 1925

W.C. Nale, aged 58 years, died at his home in Fremont, Ohio, Friday, June 26, 1925. The burial was made Monday, June 29 in McPherson Cemetery, Clyde, Ohio.

The deceased was formerly a member of the Independent Order of American lodge of Yeagertown and of the Moose lodge of Fremont, Ohio.

His death followed an illness of two years, caused by cancer on his face and mouth.

He leaves his father, Albert W. Nale of Milroy, and seven brothers and one sister, being the eldest member of a family of 11 brothers and sisters. His mother, Sophia C. Nale, died on November 11, 1917. His sister, Mrs. B. A. Baker, resides at Milroy. Six of his surviving brothers live in Altoona and another brother is a member of

the U.S. Marines, located at Quantico, Va.

The deceased leaves also his second wife and seven sons and daughters born to his first wife, the latter residing in Akron, Ohio.

After working at his trade of a wagon maker and at the axe factories in Yeagertown and Lewistown, he moved to Akron, Ohio. He left Akron and located at Fremont, where he married Mrs. Elizabeth Tippert, and purchased a fruit farm near Clyde, Ohio. Forced by ill health to sell his farm, Mr. and Mrs. Nale moved to Fremont, where he was confirmed in the faith of Grace Lutheran Church seven years ago.

We knew very little about William C. Nale and his family until very recently. David K. Nale, a grandson of William C. and Ellen had attempted to contact relatives in the Akron area but was unsuccessful until he received a response from Linda McKain to a letter that he had sent several years previously. Linda is the sister of the Patricia McKain who married Walter H. Neal and has stayed in contact with the rest of the Nale/Neal family. She had provided us with much of the information listed below.

The children of William and Ellen are:

Albert Solomon Nale, born Nov. 10, 1892 in McVeytown, Pa. and died in January of 1963. His photo along with those of his brothers Sherwood and Brown appears in a newspaper article shown above – “Mifflin County Veteran Heads Warrior Family,” Albert S. was married to Frances Clessing/Klessing and they had a daughter Marianne who married a Lappin. None of these dates are known. Albert was also married to Bernice Bessie Benner, born Nov. 19, 1905, died Feb. 5, 1997 at Albany Oregon. Albert and Bessie had one son:

David Kent Nale, born Nov. 3, 1938. David K. graduated from the U. of Oregon with a BA and from Southern Oregon College with an MA. He has taught high school English and drama in Oregon schools and in Scotland. He is now retired and living in Scotland. He was married to Jean Beedie Davidson (born Dec. 23, 1946) on June 18, 1988. Jean is also a high school English teacher in Scotland. I have been corresponding with David since 1996 and he has helped very much with this family history.

Some time after the divorce of William and Ellen the family changed its name to Neal – all but Albert S. who retained the Nale name.

Rella Marion Nale/Neal was born in August of 1894 and died in 1922. She was married to Dr. Roger Wagoner. They had one child, Bertha Ellen, born Dec. 25, 1915. Bertha married Floyd Farmer, born in August of 1914 and died in October of 1940. Bertha had one child, Sherwood Lee, in 1936.

Sherwood Lee Nale/Neal was born in June of 1895 and died on Dec. 15, 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Walter Brown Nale/Neal was born in September of 1897 and died on May 4, 1947. He was married to an Elsie ?.

Brice Steward Nale/Neal was born on Jan. 6, 1901 and died on Nov. 4, 1980. He was married to Gladys Davis, born Aug. 14, 1901 and died May 9, 1960. We have more information on this line than on any other. Brice and Gladys children:

Walter Harold Neal, born Jan. 17, 1926, died July 2, 1996, was married to Patricia Jean McKain, born July 4, 1925, died April 21, 1949. They had one son, Kevin Christopher, born Oct. 1, 1953. Christopher married Brenda Marie Casserman, who was born on Feb. 17, 1953. Kevin C and Brenda had two children, Christina Marie, born Nov. 30, 1985, and Matthew Christopher, born May 22, 1990.

Walter was married to Patricia Ann Jones (born July 16, 1935) on June 1, 1996. Walter was for many years a cartoonist for the Akron Beacon and a sample of his work along with a photo of him and his wife Patricia are in the photo section of this study.

Sherwood "Skip" Bruce Neal was born on Aug. 8, 1932 and died on Jan. 3, 1991. He was married to Normal Arnold, born Aug. 13, 1932. They had several children:

Deborah Neal was born on Dec. 22, 1952 and married to Walter Beitzel. Their children are: Jennifer, born Oct. 6, 1972 and married to Steven Halter, born Nov. 25, 1973. Deborah later married Richard Meck (born June 20, 1950) on April 9, 1988.

Steven Neal, born April 16, 1957, married Pat ?. They had these children:

Steven Joseph, born and died in 1981?; Rachael, born Sept. 23, 1983; Angela, born April 27, 1985 and Tim, born Jan 5. 1960, who married a Chris ? and had these children: Timothy, b. 1986?; Jeremy, born 1998? And Tyler, born 1991?

Sherwood Bruce was also married to Veronica (Roni) Trent and they had one child, Sherri.

Dorothy Jean Neal, third child of Walter Harold – born 1923?, died 1927?

Kathryn Nale/Neal, born Dec. 22, 1092. No further information

Frances Nale/Neal, born April 13, 1903, married Robert Lemon. Their daughter, Mary Ellen, born May 21, 1931, married Park Switzer. They had two children:

Cheryl, born June 13, 1958 and died in 1982, married Wesley Moyer.

Brian, born Jan. 8, 1960, married Cindy ? and they had two children: Robert, born Feb. 21, 1900, and Stephanie, Born Nov. 13, 1991.

James Millard Nale/Neal, born 1904?, died Feb. 4, 1957, married Josephine ?

Marion Nale/Neal, born April, 1906?, died ? Dec. 1999, married ? Van Atta, who died in 1941

William C. Nale and known Descendants

William Charles Nale b. 1 Jun 1867 d. 26 Jun 1925, Fremont, Ohio

& Ellen Martha Henninger b. 21 Apr 1872 d. 18 Jan 1954, Akron, Ohio m. 1 Jun 1892

| Albert Solomon Nale* b. 10 Nov 1892, McVeytown, Pennsylvania d. Jan 1963

| & Bernice Bessie Benner b. 19 Nov 1905 d. 5 Feb 1997, Albany, Oregon

| | David Kent Nale b. 3 Nov 1938

| | & Jean Beedie Davidson b. 23 Dec 1946 m. 18 Jun 1988

| Albert Solomon Nale*

| b. 10 Nov 1892, McVeytown, Pennsylvania d. Jan 1963

| & Frances Clessing/Klessing

| | Marianne Nale

| | & ? Lappin

| Rella Marian Nale/Neal b. Aug 1894 d. 1922

| & Dr. Roger Wagoner

| | Bertha Ellen Neal b. 25 Dec 1915

| | & Floyd Farmer b. ? Aug 1914 d. ? Oct 1940

| | | Sherwood Lee Farmer b. ? 1936

| Sherwood C. Nale/Neal b. Jun 1895 d. 15 Dec 1942, Cleveland, Ohio

| Walter Brown Nale/Neal b. ? Sep 1897 d. 4 May 1947

| & Elsie ?

| James Millard Nale/Neal b. ? 1904 d. 4 Feb 1957

| & Josephine ?

| Brice Steward Nale/Neal b. 6 Jan 1901 d. 4 Nov 1980

| & Gladys Davies b. 14 Aug 1901 d. 9 May 1960

| | Walter Harold Neal* b. 17 Jan 1926 d. 2 Jul 1996

| | & Patricia Jean McKain b. 4 Jul 1925 m. 21 Apr 1949

| | | Kevin Christopher Neal b. 1 Oct 1953
 | | | & Brenda Marie Casserman b. 17 Feb 1953
 | | | | |Christina Marie Neal b. 30 Nov 1985
 | | | | Matthew Christoper Neal b. 22 May 1990
 | | Walter Harold Neal* b. 17 Jan 1926 d. 2 Jul 1996
 | | & Patricia Ann Jones b. 16 Jul 1935 m. 1 Jun 1996
 | | Sherwood "Skip" Bruce Neal* b. 8 Aug 1932 d. 3 Jan 1991
 | | & Norma Arnold b. 13 Aug 1932
 | | | Deborah (Debbie) Neal* b. 22 Dec 1952
 | | | & Walter Beitzel
 Jennifer Beitzel b. 6 Oct 1972
 | | | | & Steve Halter b. 25 Nov 1973
 | | | | Christopher Beitzel b. 16 Nov 1978
 | | | Deborah (Debbie) Neal* b. 22 Dec 1952
 | | | & Richard (Rick) Meck b. 20 Jun 1950 m. 9 Apr 1988
 | | | Steven Neal b. 16 Apr 1957
 | | | & Pat ? b. ?
 | | | | Steven Joseph Neal b. ? 1981 d. ? 1981
 | | | | Rachel Neal b. 23 Sep 1983
 | | | | Angela Neal b. 27 Apr 1985
 | | | Tim Neal b. 5 Jan 1960
 | | | & Chris ?
 | | | | Timothy Neal b. ? 1986
 | | | | Jeremy Neal b. ? 1988
 | | | | Tyler Neal b. ? 1991
 | | Sherwood "Skip" Bruce Neal* b. 8 Aug 1932 d. 3 Jan 1991
 | | & Veronica (Roni) Trent
 | | | Sherri Neal b. ?
 | | Dorothy Jean Neal b. ? 1923 d. ? 1927
 | Frances Nale/Neal b. 13 Apr 1903
 | & Robert Lemon
 | | Mary Ellen Lemon b. 21 May 1931
 | | & Park Switzer b. ?
 | | | Cheryl Switzer b. 13 Jun 1958 d. 1982
 | | | & Wesley Moyer
 | | || |Brian Switzer b. 8 Jan 1960
 | | | & Cindy ? b. ?
 | | | | Robert Switzer b. 21 Feb 1990
 | | | | Stephanie Switzer b. 13 Nov 1991
 | Kathryn Nale/Neal b. 22 Dec 1902 d. ?
 | & Aubrey Mitchell
 | Marion Nale/Neal b. ? Apr 1906 d. ? Dec 1999
 | & ? Van Atta d. 1941

Amelia Jane Nale was born on November 25, 1868. She died in July of 1869.

Milton Brown Nale was born on June 2, 1870 in Mifflin County and died on June 26, 1948 in Altoona. Pa. He was married to Rachel C. Foltz, who was born in March of 1876. In the 1900 census he is listed as a drug store salesman. In the caption of the 1907 picture he is noted as living in Belleville.

His obituary – obtained from the Blair Co. Genealogical Society – Altoona Papers

Brown M. Nale

Of 2311 West Chestnut avenue, died at his home at 12:24 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was born June 2, 1870 in Mifflin County, the son of Albert and Sophia (Ramsey) Nale, and was employed as a salesman. Surviving are his wife Rachel C. (Foltz) Nale, one daughter, Ruth; one son, Holmes, and one grandson, William Holmes Nale, all of Altoona; four brothers, John, Clarence, Harry and Frank, all of Altoona, and one sister, Mrs. B.A. Baker of Milroy. He was a member of the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church. Friends may call at the funeral home.

(Death was on June 26, 1948)

A little more information is supplied in the following obituary from the Lewistown Sentinel of April 19, 1928, page 3.

Herbert Nale, age 23, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Nale, of Altoona, was overcome by gas fumes in his boarding house in Pittsburgh last week. Mr. Nale was a clerk in the western city and had returned from a week-end visit over Easter, with his parents, when he was found dead the day following his return.

Funeral services were held in Altoona on last Thursday. The Nale family were former residents of Belleville, having left their home about 17 years ago to make their home in Altoona. John Fultz of Mechanic Street, Belleville, is an uncle of the deceased.

This would put Brown's move to Altoona at about 1911. In his father's obituary, Brown is listed as a salesman for the Reed Tobacco Co. of Altoona. It appears that he spent his career in various sales positions.

In the 1900 census one child is listed:

Ruth C. Nale, born December of 1898.

The obituaries list also:

Holmes Nale. At the time William Holmes Nale is listed as his only child.

Herbert Nale

Holmes Nale's obituary was sent to me by his son William along with other information and photos of his family. From the Altoona Mirror:

Heart Attack is fatal for Mirror Employee.

Holmes M. Nale, of 1212 25th Avenue., assistant advertising manager off the Altoona Mirror since 1950, died unexpectedly as he was preparing to leave his home for work about 8:30 a.m. today. (May 26, 1982)

Death occurred in his automobile where Mrs. Nale found him an hour after inquiry had been made by his associates concerning his failure to arrive at the office.

Death was attributed to a heart attack suffered immediately after he entered his car and before the engine was started. Mr. Nale had been in ill health for some time but had continued his service for The Mirror.

He. was born Sept. 23, 1900, in Belleville, a son of Brown M. and Rachel (Fultz) Nale, and on Oct. 19, 1935, was married to S. Madeline Hunsinger of the city in the Grace Methodist Church by the Rev. L.L. Owens.

Surviving are his wife, one son, William H. of Corning, N.Y., and his mother, of Altoona.

A graduate of Altoona High School in the class of 1919, Mr. Nale entered the service of the Altoona Mirror in November of 1918 as a part-time employee, and since 1919 has served successively as an advertising department collector, and advertising solicitor and from June 13, 1950, as assistant manager of the department.

Mr. Nale was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, of Mountain Lodge, F&AM; Harrisburg Consistory, Jaffa Shrine Temple, the Chamber of Commerce and the Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Association.

Friends will be received at the Laughlin-Carn Funeral Home after noon tomorrow.

Brown Nale and known Descendants

Milton Brown Nale b. 2 Jun 1870, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 26 Jun 1948, Altoona, Pa.

& Rachael Catherine Foltz b. 2 Mar 1876 d. 1970

m. 30 Dec 1897

| Herbert Nale b. abt 1905 d. 1928

| Ruth Nale b. Dec 1898 d. 1955

| Holmes Milton Nale b. 23 Sep 1900, Belleville, Pa d. 19 Dec 1963, Altoona, Pa.

| & Sarah Madeline Hunsinger b. 7 Feb 1904, Atlantic Cit, NJ d. 26 May 1982, Altoona, Pa.

| m. 19 Oct 1935, Altoona, Pa.

| | William Homes Nale b. 5 Apr 1942, Altoona, Pa.

| | & Helen Ernst b. 28 Nov 1946, Rochester, NY m. 7 Oct 1972, Wayland, NY

| | | Jonathan Nale b. 26 Jan 1974, Rochester, NY

| | | & Sheryl Ordinario b. 1 Aug 1978, Rockland, NY

| | | m. 13 Oct 2001, Binghamton NY

| | | Christopher Nale b. 21 Jun 1977, Rochester, NY

| | | Jacqueline Nale b. 9 Apr 1979, Rochester, NY

| | | & John Hughes m. 31 May 2003

Minnie Margaret Nale was born September 18, 1872 in Mifflin County. She was married to Bertram A. Baker (1874-1948) She died in Milroy in 1957.

Minnie and Uncle Bert had four children:

Hazel –who married Charles Condo. They had three children: Margaret Alexander, Charles and Joyce.

Stella – who married Willian Krichbaum. They had two children – Peggy Schriffler and George Earl.

Edna Catherine, 1900-1939. Edna was married to Richard Emerson Kearns, born 1901. They had three children:

Robert Alexander, born November 3, 1919, and whose wife was named Shirley A.

They had four children: 1. Ann Frances, who married a Hetrick, and had one child – Erik Steven. 2. Robert Alexander, Jr., who married Brenda Marie Zerby, born March 16, 1955. They had two children – Jessica Sue and Wyatt Standford. 3. Nancy Elliot – no more information. 4. Colleen Gail, who married John Alfred Dunkelberger III. One child – Margaret Shirley.

Josephine Stella Elizabeth, born March 9, 1921. No other information.

Mary Margaret, born May 22, 1924. No other information.

Albert George – 1901-1974.

Minnie was the only one of the children to stay in Mifflin County. When her father retired he went to live with her and would take trips to Altoona to see the boys.

I have fond memories of the times that we went down to see Aunt Minnie and Uncle Bert. We went almost every summer. I recall sleeping in her front bedroom and listening to the crickets chirping away. Sometimes we were her only guests but there were occasions on which some or all of the other boys would be around. I recall one time when they were all there and were trying to burn out a hornet's nest high up on one of her trees. I went to her funeral in 1957 – coming up from York and meeting my father there. When I was doing graduate work at State College I would often stop by and say, "Hello." Sharon and I have driven by where her home was several times but I am not sure whether the old house is still there. It was the last house on a street that angled out to Rt. 322. Albert was living with her until her death. I have no memories of Edna.

Uncle Bert went along when my father would take us fishing. He knew the good spots. However, Don and I were too young and antsy to do much real fishing. I do remember my father catching a large catfish and

cutting his hand on one of the barbs when he was trying to extract the hook.

Minnie M. Nale and known Descendants

Bertram Alexander Baker b. 7 Jan 1875 d. 1948

& Minnie Margaret Nale b. 18 Sep 1872, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 1957, Milroy, Pa. m. 24 Dec 1895

| Hazel Baker

| & Charles C. Condo

| | Margaret Alexander Condo

| | Charles Condo

| | Joyce Condo

| Edna Catherine Baker b. 2 Feb 1900 d. 1939

| & Richard Emerson Kearns b. 30 Mar 1901

| | Robert Alexander Kearns Sr. b. 3 Nov 1919

| | & Shirley A. d. 25 Aug 1995 m. 30 Jun 1946

| | | Ann Frances Kearns

| | | & Hetrick

| | | | Erik Steven Hetrick

| | | Nancy Elliot Kearns

| | | Robert Alexander Kearns Jr.

| | | & Brenda Marie Zerby b. 16 Mar 1955 m. 5 Aug 1978

| | | | Jessica Sue Kearns b. 13 Jun 1981

| | | | Wyatt Stanford Kearns b. 17 Sep 1982

| | | Colleen Gail Kearns

| | | & John Alfred Dunkelberger III m. 18 Jun 1994

| | | | Margaret Shirley Dunkelberger b. 20 Oct 1997

| | Josephine Stella Elizabeth Kearns b. 9 Mar 1921

| | Mary Margaret Kearns b. 22 May 1924

| Stella Baker

| & William Krichbaum

| | Peggy Shriffer Krichbaum

| | George Earl Krichbaum

| Albert George Baker b. 1901 d. 1974

Jessie Shannon Nale was born on November 4, 1874, and died August 20, 1931 in Altoona. He was married to Tressie Kessler. On the gravestone, Tressie's dates are: 1880-1963. Another name is listed: Roy Crawford Norris - 1897-1953. No known children or descendants

I have this obituary from the Lewistown Sentinel, August 22, 1931

Jesse Nale, aged 56 years, died at his home in Altoona August 20, at 4 p.m. The deceased was a former resident of Milroy and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tressie Kessler Nale, of Altoona and a sister, Mrs. B.A. Baker of Milroy. Funeral services are to be held from the deceased's residence in Altoona, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment being made in the Rosemont Cemetery at this place.

Rosemont Cemetery probably means Rose Hill.

The 1900 census lists him as living in Mifflin County as a farm laborer. The caption of the 1908 picture has him living in Altoona and working for the PRR.

Perry Ramsey Nale was born on January 1, 1877 in Mifflin County and died on October 14, 1947 in Altoona. He was married to Florence M. Naginey (1882-1952) in 1899.

His obituary from the Blair County Genealogical Society - Altoona paper:

Perry R. Nale

Of 609 Twentieth Street, died last evening at 8:30 o'clock after a short illness. He was born in Mifflin County Jan. 1, 1877, the son of Albert and Sophia (Ramsey) Nale. He came to Altoona in 1899 and married Florence Naginy the same year. Mr. Nale retired from the Pennsylvania railroad in 1942 after having been employed in the Twelfth Street boiler shops and the Juniata shops as a sheet metal worker. Mr. Nale is survived by his wife, four daughters, Mrs. Jessie Shirley of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Gertrude Figart of Lexington, Ky., Mrs. Ethel Lowther of New Bethlehem and Mrs. Esther Lockard of Altoona; four sons, Clair of Altoona, Blair County Court tipstaff; Charles and Dean of Altoona and Ray of Baltimore, Md.; five brothers and one sister, B. M., John, Clarence, Harry and Frank of Altoona and Mrs. Minnie Baker of Milroy; 17 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. Friends will be received at the Laughlin funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening. Services at the funeral home in Altoona Saturday morning after which the body will be taken to Milroy. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Milroy at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Friends may view the body at the cemetery.

Florence's obituary, dated 8/19/52 reads:

Mrs. Florence M. Nale, a former Milroy resident, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jerome Lockard, at Altoona on Monday at 10:30 p.m. after a lengthy illness. She had been residing with her daughter.

Mrs. Nale was born in Milroy on August 1, 1882, a daughter of the late William and Eliza Close Naginey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry R. Nale in 1947.

Surviving are eight children, Clair P. Nale, Charles E. Nale and Mrs. Jerome Lockard all of Altoona, Mrs. Jessie Shirley of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Ross Figart of Richmond, Ky., Mrs. Thomas Lowther of New Bethlehem, Ray H. Nale of Baltimore and Dean E. Nale of Dallas, Texas.

Also surviving are a brother, John T. Naginey of Milroy, three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Aitkins ????

Willa B. Naginey of Milroy and Mrs. Ella Ruble of Iowa; 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Nale was a member of the Milroy Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held in the Axe Funeral Home at Altoona on Thursday at 11:30 a. m. and further services will be conducted at the graveside in Woodlawn Cemetery at Milroy at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Jack Figart, Perry's great grandson, has supplied information on Perry's descendants, especially the line of Mary Gertrude.

Perry's children:

Clair Perry Nale – born 1899

Jessie Nale – born 1902

Dorothy Viola Nale – born 1903. Dorothy Viola died in childhood - probably 4-5 years old

Charles Edward Nale – born March, 1904

Mary Gertrude Nale – born November 19, 1905

Ethel Adams Nale – born 1907

Esther Irene Nale – born November 27, 1914

Ray Harold Nale – born November 7, 1923

Dean Emory Nale – born July 8, 1925

Perry and his wife are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Milroy, along with Dorothy Viola.

Clair Perry was born in 1899 and died on October 1, 1954. He was married to Bertha Merkle. They had three children – Margaret, Donald and Richard. He was a veteran of WWI and his photo appears in the 1919 newspaper article "Mifflin County Veteran Heads Warrior family" that is included earlier in this study.

Jessie was born in 1902 and died in 1977. She was married to Fred Shirley. They had five children, Fred Jr.,

Shirley, Wayne, Robert and Jack.

Charles Edward was born on March 15, 1904 and died on January 16, 1965. He was married to a Gerthel and they had one child that we know of – Arlene.

Mary Gertrude (November 19, 1905-March 18, 1978) married Francis Ross Figart (May 12, 1905-December 7, 1965) Their children:

Francis Ross Figart, Jr. – (September 1926 – April 1992), married to Ruth Lunsford Ballard. Child – Frances Ruthe Figart – February 1984

Phyllis June Figart – born June 1928, married William Thomas Walters. Their children:

Scott Sudduth Walters – born May 11, 1950; Betty Lou Walters – born 1952, married Aubrey Bivens; Virginia Lee Walters, born 1954 and married Michael Branch

David Roy Figart (November 6, 1930-May 8, 1950)

Mary Lou Grace Figart – born August 31, 1934 and married Adolfo Vinicio Cordova, born June 15, 1940.

Jack Thomas Figart – born November 9, 1940. Married to Mary Nelle Dudley – born May 3, 1943. One child – Julie Faye Figart – born May 3, 1974.

Ethel Adams – no further information.

Esther Irene was born on November 27, 1915. She married T. J. Lockard. They had three children – Linda, Thomas and Bonnie.

Ray Harold was born on November 7, 1923. He married Vi Bittmer and they had one child, Nancy Ann.

Dean Emory was born on July 8, 1925. He married Mary Erla Knisley on September 16, 1950. Mary was born on November 25, 1926 and died on December 12, 1997. They had three children – Danial Dean, Dawn Charlene, and Deborah Sharon.

The following information was supplied by Deborah:

Dean graduated from Altoona High School and then went to Bob Jones University, probably '46-49 (BA in Bible) and then Dallas Theological Seminary, '50-'55?? (ThM). He received his doctorate in theology at Dallas in 1987

Mary got her Bachelor's degree in 1987, her master's in 1989 and her doctorate in 1993 – from the Dallas Seminary.

Dean's first parish was Immanuel Baptist Church in Bedford, Mass. – 1956-59.

Dean and Mary went to Pittsburgh in March of 1959 where Dean became the pastor of the Sandusky Street, Baptist Church. That church was torn down in 1964 and Dean and his congregation relocated to a new church built in the north suburbs and renamed Northgate Bible Baptist Church. Dean retired in August of 1992.

"He then wanted to work part-time and thought he might like to teach in a college. My mother had gotten her doctorate in teaching in '93. In '95, my brother, a pediatrician in Dallas, knew someone who worked at DBU (Dallas Baptist University) and asked if there might be any openings. The school looked at their resumes, interviewed them and then hired both of them to teach a night class. My dad taught NT Survey and my mom taught an education/psychology class in Resilience in children. They taught through the spring semester of '97 and my mom was hoping to teach again in the fall, but she was way too sick by that point. It was a huge disappointment to her to admit she was too weak to teach (She loved it.) Also, my dad's mind was really getting bad by that time. In '95 we noticed that he began to get repetitive and a little forgetful. It concerned him as

two of his sisters (and now three) had senile dementia and possibly both his parents."

"He is still living, and as you might have heard, now has Alzheimer's-type dementia and lives here in Pittsburgh in an assisted living facility."

Dean and Mary's children are:

Daniel Dean Nale born 11-8-51, married 9-26-91 to Brenda June LeTourneau. Daniel is now a pediatrician with a practice in Dallas.

Dawn Charlene Nale born 11-9-53, married 6-23-90 to Bruce Jiles and divorced a few years later. They had one child, Jeffrey Alan Jiles, born 8-6-91.

Deborah Sharon Nale (me) born 2-10-56, married 9-14-84 to Ted Blendermann, one child, Emily Anne Blendermann, born 1-8-97.

Perry Nale and known Descendants

Perry Ramsey Nale b. 1 Jan 1877, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 14 Oct 1947, Altoona, Pa.

& Florence M. Naginey b. 1 Aug 1882, Milroy, Pa. d. 18 Aug 1952, Altoona, Pa. m. 1899

| Claire Perry Nale b. 1899 d. 1 Oct 1954

| & Bertha Merkle

| | Margaret Nale

| | & Merkle

| | Donald Nale d. 1980

| | Richard Nale

| Jessie Nale b. 1902 d. 1977

| & Fred Shirley

| | Fred, Jr. Shirley

| | Robert Shirley

| | Shirley Shirley

| | & Kyser

| | Jack Shirley

| | Wayne Shirley

| Dorothy Viola Nale b. 1903

| Charles Edward Nale b. 15 Mar 1904 d. 16 Jan 1965

| & Gerthel

| | Arlene Nale

| | & Jim Vance

| Mary Gertrude Nale b. 19 Nov 1905 d. 18 Mar 1978

| & Francis Ross Figart b. 12 May 1905 d. 7 Dec 1965

| | Francis Ross Figart Jr. b. Sep 1926

| | & Ruth Lunsford Ballard

| | | Francis Ruthe Figart b. Feb 1984

| | Phyllis June Figart b. Jun 1928

| | & William Thomas Walters

| | | Scott Sudduth Walters b. 11 May 1950

| | | Betty Lou Walters b. 1950

| | | & Aubrey Bivens

| | | Virginia Lee Walters b. 1954

| | | & Michael Branch

| | David Roy Figart b. 6 Nov 1930 d. 8 May 1950

| | Mary Lou Grace Figart b. 31 Aug 1934

| | & Adolfo, Vinicio Cordova b. 15 Jun 1940

| | Jack Thomas Figart b. 9 Nov 1940

| | & Mary Nelle Dudley b. 3 May 1943
 | | | Julie Faye Figart b. 3 May 1974
 | Ethel Adams Nale b. 24 Dec 1907 d. 24 Nov 1976
 | & Thomas Lowther
 | Esther Irene Nale b. 27 Nov 1915
 | & T.J. Lockard
 | | Linda Lockard
 | | & McCarter
 | | Thomas Lockard
 | | Bonnie Lockard
 | | & Newman
 | Ray Harold Nale b. 7 Nov 1923
 | & Vi Bittner
 | | Nancy Ann Nale
 | The Rev. Dean Emory Nale b. 8 Jul 1925
 | & Mary Knisley b. 25 Nov 1926 d. 12 Dec 1997 m. 16 Sep 1950
 | | Daniel Dean Nale M.D. b. 8 Nov 1951
 | | & Brenda June LeTourneau b. 6 Jun 1952 m. 26 Sep 1991
 | | Dawn Charlene Nale b. 9 Nov 1953
 | | & Bruce Jiles b. 27 Aug 1960 m. 23 Jun 1990
 | | | Jeffrey Alan Jiles b. 6 Aug 1991
 | | Deborah Sharon Nale b. 10 Feb 1956
 | | & Ted Blendermann b. 28 Oct 1958 m. 14 Sep 1984
 | | | Emily Anne Blendermann b. 8 Jan 1997

John Albert Nale was born on March 4, 1879 in Mifflin County and died 1952 in Altoona, Pa. He was married to Lura O. Caldwell (April 17,1882-1941) on June 28, 1905 in Altoona. Lura's parents were Winfield S. Caldwell (born Oct. 1853) and Violet Mellison (born Oct., 1859).

John and his family lived to the east of Altoona up the Kettle Road just above Rose Hill Cemetery. I recall that we visited there several times and was impressed that they kept a goat. The home is no longer there.

Their children:

Violet – June, 1907 - Feb. 9, 1965
 John Stanley – June 28, 1908 - August, 1982
 Willis – June 30, 1910 - March 1, 1975
 Shirley Oliva – October 25, 1912 – May 12, 1983
 Martin Broombaugh – January 8, 1915 – December 14, 1975
 Forrest Atley – February, 27, 1917
 Nellie May – January 2, 1920 – November 29, 1981
 Artie – January 2, 1920-January 2, 1920
 Paul Luther – May 15, 1921 – May 15, 1922
 Robert Richard – March 28, 1923

All of the above were born in Altoona.

In the 1908 families photo, John is holding Violet and Lura is holding Stanley.

I have been contacted by email by Robert R. Nale's daughter, Sandra Gowans who lives in Waterloo, Iowa and

she put me in touch with Robert R, who lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They have most gracious and cooperative in sending pictures and much information and are working to make contacts with other Nale families.

Robert R. Nale married Ida Frances Norris. Their children:

Marsha Kaye, who married David Allen Coates – they have three children, Kimberly, Michelle and Kelly.

Phyllis Anne married Philip Delano Martin. Their children: Carrie, and Heather

Steven Keith married a Terry Osborn and had three children to her – Angie, Jeremy and Lori. Steven married again to a Doretta Krites and had another three children – Stephanie, Robert, and Bradley

Sandra Jean (Feb. 25, 1956) married Jay Wiliam. Gowans (March 8, 1956-August 3, 1957). They had three children – Jennifer Leigh (Feb. 27, 1981), Kyle Jay (Aug. 18, 1984) and Lucas Peter (Jan. 13. 1986).

John A. Nale and known Descendants

John Albert Nale b. 4 Mar 1879, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 1952, Altoona, Pa.

& Lura O. Caldwell b. 17 Apr 1882 d. 1941, Altoona, Pa. m. 28 Jun 1905, Altoona, Pa.

| Violet Nale b. Jun 1907, Altoona, Pa. d. 9 Feb 1965

| John Stanley Nale b. 28 Jun 1908, Altoona, Pa. d. Aug 1982

| Willis Nale b. 30 Jun 1910, Altoona, Pa. d. 1 Mar 1975

| Shirley Oliva Nale b. 25 Oct 1912, Altoona, Pa. d. 12 May 1983

| Martin Broombaugh Nale b. 8 Jan 1915, Altoona, Pa. d. 14 Dec 1975

| Forrest Atley Nale b. 27 Feb 1917, Altoona, Pa.

| Nellie May Nale b. 2 Jan 1920, Altoona, Pa. d. 29 Nov 1981

| Artie Nale b. 2 Jan 1920, Altoona, Pa. d. 2 Jan 1920

| Paul Luther Nale b. 15 May 1921, Altoona, Pa. d. 15 May 1922

| Robert Richard Nale b. 28 Mar 1923

| & Ida Frances Norris b. 6 Dec 1922, Grahm, Ky. d. 30 Apr 1993, Waterloo, Iowa m. 7 Jun 1946,
Evansville, Ind.

| | Marsha Kaye Nale

| | & David Allen Coates

| | | Kimberly Coates

| | | Michelle Coates

| | | Kelly Coates

| | Phyllis Anne Nale

| | & Philip Delano Martin

| | | Carrie Martin

| | | Heather Martin

| | Steven Keith Nale*

| | & Terry Osborn

| | | Angie Nale

| | | Jeremy Nale

| | | Lori Nale

| | Steven Keith Nale*

| | & Doretta Krites

| | | Stephanie Nale

| | | Robert Nale

| | | Bradley Nale

| | Sandra Jean Nale b. 25 Feb 1956

| | & Jay William Gowans b. 8 Mar 1956 d. 3 Aug 1997
| | | Jennifer Leigh Gowans b. 27 Feb 1981
| | | Kyle Jay Gowans b. 18 Aug 1984
| | | Lucas Peter Gowans b. 13 Jan 1986

Clarence Edward Nale was born on October 28, 1881. He was in Altoona at the time of the 1908 reunion. He married twice - his first wife was Carrie, his second wife Florence is still living at the family home in Altoona at this time (May, 2000).

There were two children:

Chester F. Nale, born January 24, 1909 and died June 18, 1992 - in Altoona. Chester's wife's name was Florence M., born February 3, 1909 and is still living in Altoona at this writing.

Mildred Nale - born August 9, 1910 and died April 11, 1978. She was married twice.

Clarence Nale and known descendants

Clarence Edward Nale b. 28 Oct 1881, Mifflin Co. Pa.

& Caroline Elizabeth Hagerty d. 20 Dec 1941

| Chester F. Nale b. 24 Jan 1909 d. 18 Jun 1992, Altoona, Pa.

| & Florence Marie Menza b. 3 Feb 1909 m. 15 Aug 1932

| | Marilou D. Nale

| | & Robert A. Mears Sr.

| | | Robert A. Mears Jr.

| Mildred Nale* b. 9 Aug 1910 d. 11 Apr 1978

| & Fred G. Repke d. 28 Oct 1947

| Mildred Nale* b. 9 Aug 1910 d. 11 Apr 1978

| & Constant Baehler d. 29 Apr 1998

Harry Elphas Nale was born on November 9, 1883 and died in Altoona on December 3, 1960. He was married on May 8, 1922 to Edna Mae Cline, who was born on January 22, 1896 in Huntingdon, Pa. and died at Altoona on September 16, 1958.

There were two children:

Robert E. Nale, born November 16, 1926 at Altoona

Donald Harry, Born March 10, 1928 at Altoona.

Robert was married to Lucille M. Rockey on August 6, 1949

Two Children - Martin Robert born on July 31, 1954 and William Harry, born on April 24, 1956 – both at Harrisburg, Pa.

Robert married Sharon Ann McMillen at Columbus, Ohio on March 9, 1979

Martin was married to Martha Jacobi on August 30, 1980 at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

One daughter - Stephanie Christine, born July 8, 1985 at Cooperstown, NY

Martin married Heidi E. Hesse at Gettysburg, Pa. on July 10, 1998.

William was married to Charlotte Joann Williams on June 15, 1996 at Livermore, California.

Two sons - Weston James, born August 23, 1997 at Pleasanton. CA and Caleb William, born April 9, 1999 at Pleasanton.

Donald was married to Virginia Mae Rockey (born in Altoona, September 12, 1935) on June 8, 1952 at Altoona.

Three children –

Mark Alan – born September 8, 1959

Pamela Helen – born February 9, 1962. Married to Tim Allen Kurczewski (b. May 16, 1967). One child - Kyle Andrew Kurczewski

Matthew Donald – born June 24, 1964. Married to Nancy Herbers. Three children –

Eric Christopher, born October 19, 1990; Christina Rachele, born June 30, 1993; Emily Megan, born April 17, 1995.

Harry E. Nale and his family will be treated in detail in a section to be written later. Harry joined the U.S. Marines in 1904 and served until 1908. He reenlisted in 1909 and served until 1925. In 1925 he became a Policeman at the city of Altoona and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1950.

Robert E. Nale graduated from Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. and was ordained in York Pa. on May 24, 1949. He served parishes in Marysville, Duncannon and York, Pa. and in Columbus and Youngstown, Ohio. He retired in September 1989 and now resides in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Donald H. Nale graduated from Penn State with an engineering degree and has worked in that capacity at Columbus, Ohio; Wichita, Kansas, and in Southern California. He is retired and is living in Pomona, Ca.

Harry E. Nale and Descendants

Harry Eliphas Nale b. 9 Nov 1883, Mifflin Co. Pa. d. 3 Dec 1960, Altoona, Pa.

& Edna Mae Cline b. 22 Jan 1896, Huntingdon Pa. d. 16 Sep 1958, Altoona, Pa. m. 8 May 1922, Holidaysburg, Pa.

| Robert E. Nale* b. 16 Nov 1926, Altoona, Pa.

| & Lucille M. Rockey b. 9 Nov 1923, Altoona, Pa. m. 6 Aug 1949, Altoona, Pa.

| | Martin Robert Nale* b. 31 Jul 1954, Harrisburg, Pa.

| | & Martha Jacobi m. 30 Aug 1980, Ann Arbor, Mich.

| | | Stephanie Christine Nale b. 8 Jul 1985, Cooperstown, NY

| | Martin Robert Nale* b. 31 Jul 1954, Harrisburg, Pa.

| | & Heidi E. Hesse m. 10 Jul 1998, Gettysburg, Pa.

| | William Harry Nale b. 24 Apr 1956

| | & Charlotte JoAnn Williams m. 15 Jun 1996, Livermore, Cal.

| | | Weston James Nale b. 23 Aug 1997, Pleasanton, Cal.

| | | Caleb William Nale b. 9 Apr 1999, Pleasanton, Cal.

| Robert E. Nale* b. 16 Nov 1926, Altoona, Pa.

| & Sharon Ann McMillen b. 22 Apr 1944, Troy, Ohio m. 9 Mar 1979, Columbus, Ohio

| Donald Harry Nale b. 10 Mar 1929, Altoona, Pa.

| & Virginia Mae Rockey b. 12 Sep 1925, Altoona, Pa. m. 8 Jun 1952, Altoona, Pa.

| | Mark Alan Nale b. 8 Sep 1959

| | & Judi Guerrero

| | Pamela Helen Nale b. 9 Feb 1962

| | & Tim Allen Kurczewski b. 16 May 1967

| | | Kyle Andrew Kurczewski

| | Matthew Donald Nale b. 24 Jun 1964

| | & Nancy Herbers

| | | Eric Christopher Nale b. 19 Oct 1990

| | | Christina Rachele Nale b. 30 Jun 1993

| | | Emily Megan Nale b. 17 Apr 1995

Roy Adam Nale was born on August 26, 1886, and died on October 23, 1897. He is buried beside his parents in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Milroy.

Frank Henry Nale was born on January 21, 1889. My father had Frank's obituary in some clippings that he left me, but there is no date. However, his gravestone, next to his parents at Woodlawn Cemetery gives his dates as 1889-1955. No record of any marriage or descendants

Frank Henry Nale – from Altoona paper.

Of 306 Spruce Avenue, died Saturday at 7 p.m. after an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 21, 1890 at Big Valley, Mifflin County, a son of Albert W. and Sophia (Ramsey) Nale. He was a retired boilermaker of the miscellaneous shops, Pennsylvania Railroad.

He leaves one sister, Mrs. Minnie Baker of Milroy; two brothers, Clarence E. and Harry E. of Altoona.

He was a member of the Milroy Lutheran Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and attended Fourth Lutheran Church of Altoona.

Friends may call at the John P. Lafferty funeral home after 7. p.m. Monday until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Milroy Lutheran Church.

Photos of Albert and Sophia's children and their families.

We offer here all that we have been able to locate and will be glad to add any others that may come in. Two family photos have already been included earlier.



**This is the latest we have of several of the family together - taken at Frank's cottage at the Raystown Dam in the late 1930's or early 40's. It was contributed by Florence Nale, the wife of Clarence, who at this date (Aug, 2000) is still living in Altoona.
Left to right: Brown, John, Minnie, Clarence, Harry and Frank.**



**Clarence Nale (seated) and his son Chester
Also Contributed by Florence Nale**



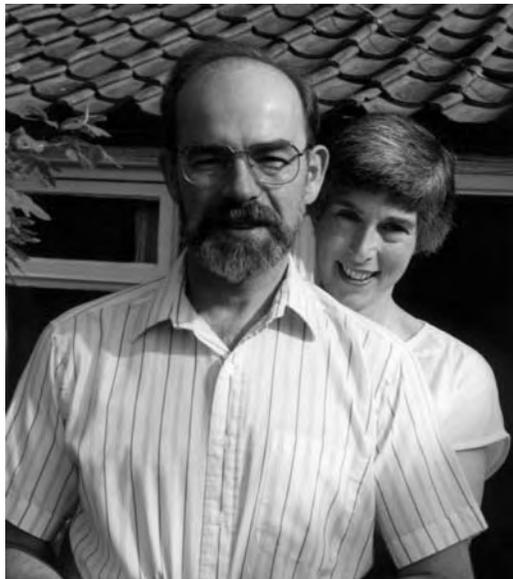
Another contributed by Florence Nale
Back Row - Chester Nale, Uncle Bert, Chester's mother
Second row - Hazel Condo with baby Joyce, Minnie, Florence with Marilou on her
lap. Kneeling - Charles Condo



Aunt Minnie and Uncle Bert

Descendants of William C. Nale

Photos of three of William's sons, Albert, Sherwood and Brown, appear in the article, "Mifflin County Veteran..." shown earlier. David Kent Nale is the son of Albert. David found me on email in 1996 and we have been corresponding regularly ever since. David now lives with his wife Jean in East Calder, Scotland, having retired after many years of teaching high school English. They invited us to visit and we spent two weeks with them in 1997 and they visited us in 1998. You can learn more about David and Jean, view some photos, learn more about Scotland, find some good recipes and great literature on David's home page - <http://www.kelvin.org/nale>



Descendants of William C. Nale



SATURDAY SHOWCASE By Walt Neal

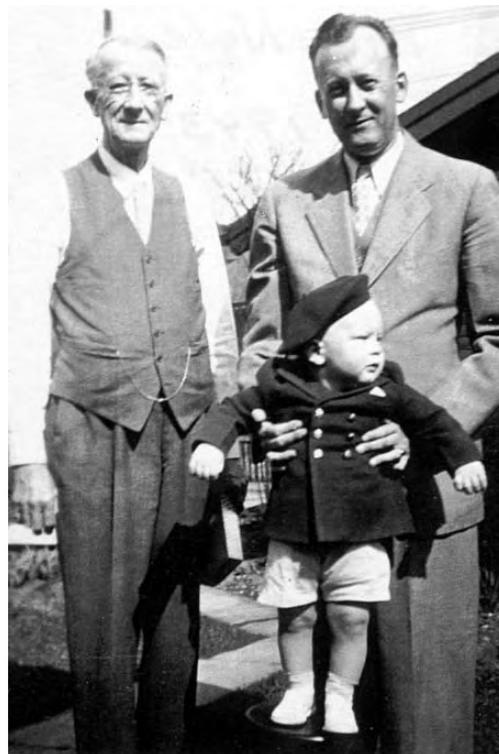


Walter Harold Neale was a grandson of William C. Nale and for many years a cartoonist whose work appeared regularly in the *Akron Beacon*. He is shown above with his wife, Patricia McKain Neale. Below them is a sample of his work as it appeared in the *Beacon*.

Milton Brown Nale and Descendants



Rachael, Brown and Mary Nale - 1943



Brown, Holmes & Bill - 1943



Rachael, Mary & Bill - 1943



**Madeline, Bill & Holmes -
1947**

Milton Brown Nale and Descendants



Herbert Nale and friend



**Holmes Nale - 1950
from the Altoona
Mirror**



Holmes, Madeline & Ruth - 1943



**Madeline & Bill Nale - 1979
The children: Jackie, Chris & Jonathan
Bill sent all the photos on these two
pages.**

Descendants of Perry R. Nale

Almost all of the following photos were supplied by Jack Figart, who is descended from Perry through his mother Mary Gertrude. Jack also supplied many of the photos of Albert W. and Sophia C. Nale and their family.



Perry R. Nale and some of his girls.
l. to r. - Gertrude, Perry holding Esther, Ethel.
Taken around 1916.



Florence Naginey Nale and children -
l. to r. -Back row - Florence, Claire, Jessie,
Charles. Front - Gertrude, Ethel and ?

Descendants of Perry R. Nale



This was taken in Milroy, Pa. at the time of Florence N. Nale's funeral - 1952
Back row - Ethel, Esther, Gertrude, Jessie
Front row - Dean, Ray, Charles, Claire



This is also from 1952 and shows the Ross and Gertrude Nale Figart family
Back row - Ruthe Ballard Figart, Ross Figart, Jr., Bill Walters, Phyllis Figart Walters,
Mary Lou Figart
Front Row - Gertrude, Scott Walters, Ross Figart, Sr., Jack Figart
The baby is Betty Lou Walters

Descendants of Perry R. Nale



This is Jack and Mary Nelle Figart at their home in Bastrop, Texas
Jack and I have been corresponding by email since about 1991 and he has been most cooperative in sending information and photos about the Nale family



Jack and Mary Nelle's daughter Julie and
Ms. Kitty

Descendants of Perry R. Nale



Perry and Florence' children from about 1911
Back row - Claire, Jessie, Charles, Gertrude
Front row - ? and Ethel



Dean and Mary Nale and their families - taken in 1994.
l. to r. - Dawn Nale Jiles, her son Jeffrey in front; Ted and Debbie Nale
Blendermann, Dean and Mary Nale, Brenda and Dan Nale

John Albert Nale and descendants



John Albert Nale and Lura O. Caldwell Nale - taken about the time of their wedding
June 28, 1905 in Altoona

John Albert Nale and descendants



John Albert and Lura Nale and their daughters
Left to right - Shirley, Nellie and Violet



John Albert Nale and his sons - about 1940 in Altoona
Left to right - Martin, Stanley, Forrest, John A, Robert
Willis is not in the picture

Descendants of John A. Nale



Above is a collage of Robert R. and Frances Nale and their families. Robert has been very generous in sharing photos of his parents and brothers and sisters and also many of the Albert W. Nale family.

He now lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

We give the identifications as supplied by Robert:

Top Row, l.to r.:Dannelle, Stephanie & Michael, Sandy &Jenny, Marsha's family: Top - Stephanie,
Top row - Michelle, Ben Kelly, Kim, Marsha, Michael. Bottom row - Guy, ?, Dave.

Middle Row: Brad & Angie Goodwin with Brittany & Dillan; Robert R. & Frances Nale, Steve and
Doretta Nale with Stephanie, Robbie and Bradley.

Bottom Row: Phyllis' family: Top - Roland, Phil, Phyllis, Darrin, Bottom - Carrie, Robert R. with
Logan in front, Heather. Middle photo - Robert R. & Logan, Right photo - Sandy's family. - Kyle,
Luke and Jenny

Harry E. Nale and descendants



Sgt. Harry E. Nale at one of his Marine recruiting offices - date and place unknown. Harry served in the Marines from 1904 to 1925, much of it on recruiting assignments all over the country.

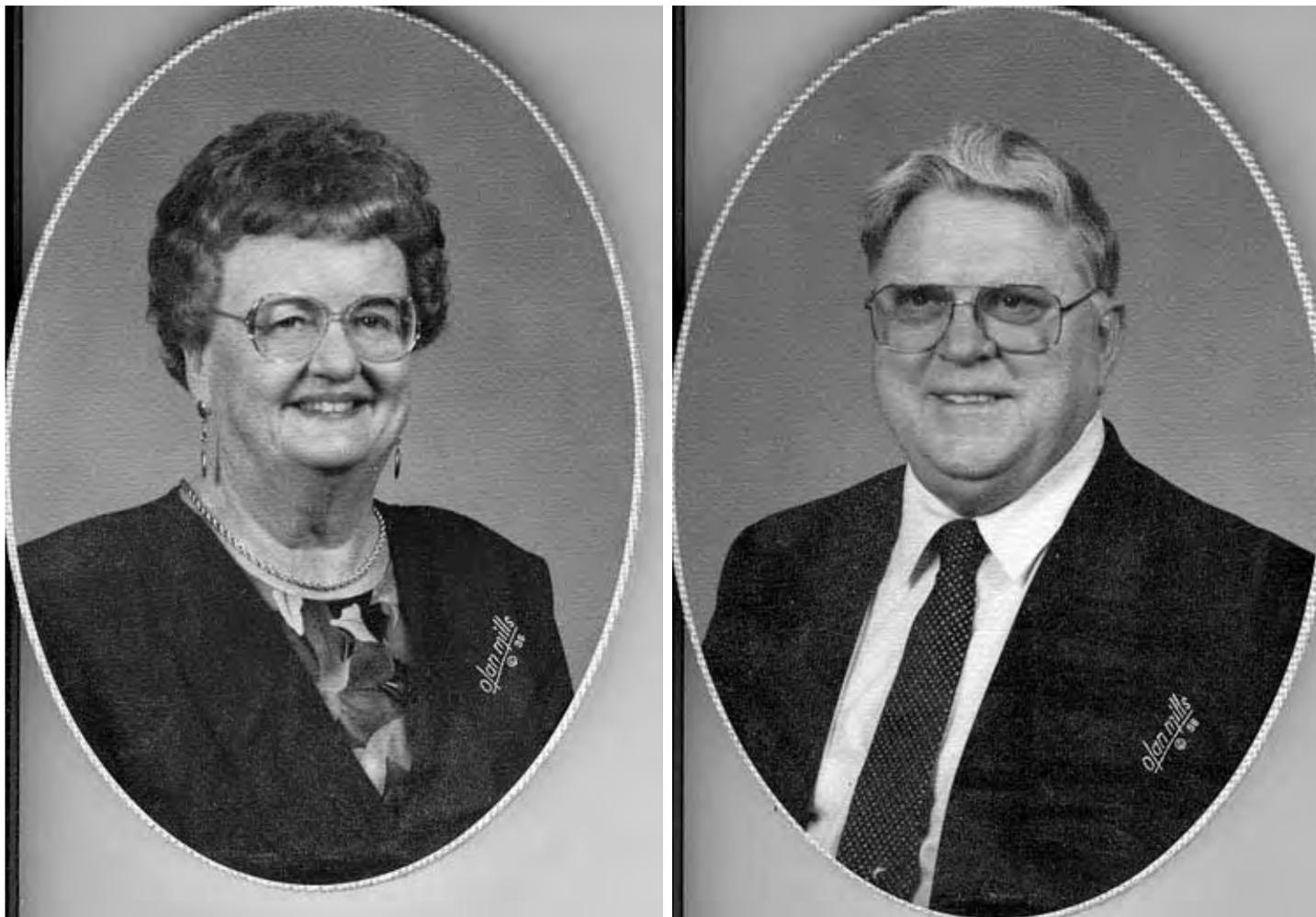


Officer Harry E. Nale - taken close to his retirement from the Altoona Pa. Police Force in 1950. He joined the force in 1925, immediately after his retirement from the Marine Corps



Edna M. Nale, Helen and Bill Rockey, Harry E. Nale in August of 1949. At the wedding of R. E. Nale to Lucille Rockey

Descendants of Harry E. Nale



Donald H. and Virginia Rockey Nale - now retired and living in Phillips Ranch, CA

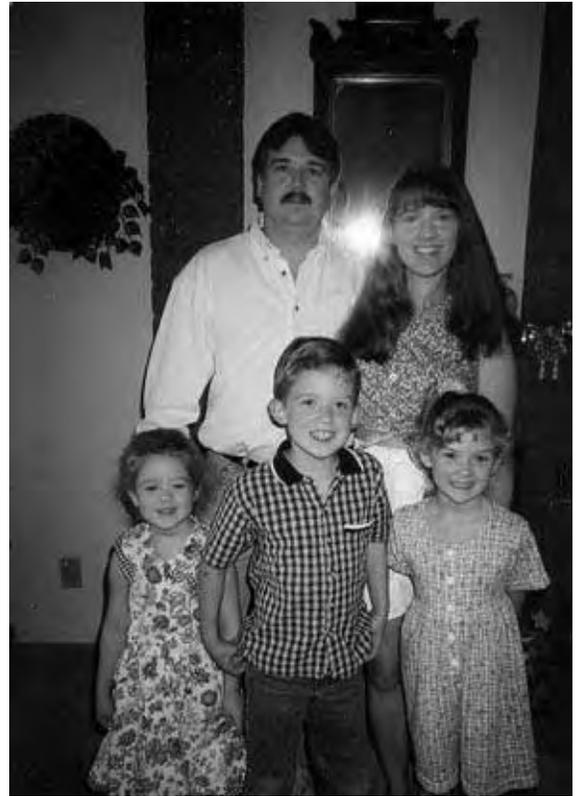


Don & Virginia's children -
Mark, Matthew and Pamela

Descendants of Harry E. Nale



Mark and Judi Nale



Matthew and Nancy Nale
Emily, Eric & Christine



Tim & Pamela Nale Kurczewski and their son Kyle

Descendants of

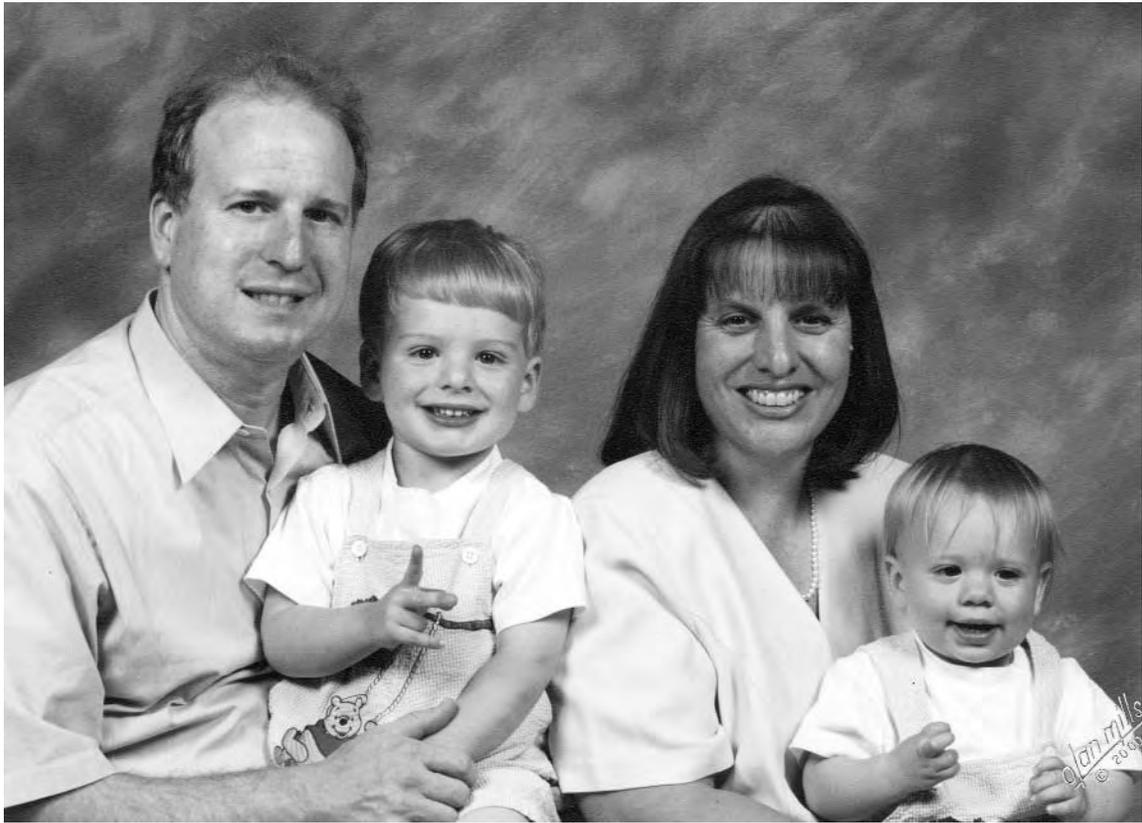


The Nale Family, about 1973
Martin, Robert, Lucille, William



Stephanie, Heidi Hesse Nale and Martin

Descendants of Harry E. Nale



William, Weston, Charlotte Williams Nale and Caleb



Robert and Sharon Billhimer Nale - Sept. 2000