

HISTORY OF WILLIAM E. FUNKHOUSER FAMILY
COMPILED BY RUTH FUNKHOUSER-LILES
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FATHER William Eustace Funkhouser born Jan 1, 1872 Urbana, Champaign, Illinois
Died May 14, 1922, San Dimas, California

MOTHER: Lillie Olive Stone Born March 19, 1878 Salisbury, Indiana
Died April 22, 1963, San Dimas, California

CHILDREN:

Clair Willard born 1896 married Frieda Tableman (2 children)
Anna Evelyn (Evie) born 12-31-1898 married Tom Boddy (1 child) & Joseph Nolan
Della Grace born 10-22-1902 married James Anderson (3 children)
Morris Glen born 1-24-04 married Louise Barr (2 children)
Nellie Marguerite born 3-18-06 married Carl Williamson (3 children) and
Robert Fitkin
Doris LaVerne born 8-19-06 married Herbert McCollum (1 child)
Fern Lenore born 3-29-08 married Walter Abbott & Clarence Lewis (2 children)
Born in California:
Jack born 1-18-12 married Mary Ann Kelly (1 child) and Jean Morey (3 Children)
Marie born 10-27-14 married Ardon Crawford, Lewis Stratton and Harvey Simpson
Ruth born 7-23-16 married Roy (Toby) Liles (3 children)
Baby Boy lived only 7 days born in 1923

Mom and Pop were married in Hershey, Nebraska. Mom taught school there and Dad delivered mail in a horse & buggy.

They were lured to California by the "GOLD". The gold being the Citrus Fruit we learned later - for a long time we thought it was the real gold.

Poppa, Clair and Glen came ahead of the rest of the family - they came on the train. They rented a house on West Second Street in 1910. The rest of the family came later on the train and three of the children were born at home in San Dimas. Mamma used to tell me of walking from the depot to our home and what a beautiful day it was. Grandma & Grandpa Stone (Elizabeth & Elijah), the John Cranes, Aunt Hattie and Uncle Lemuel Calloway and many other cousins had come to San Dimas before we came.

The second house we lived in was on First Street and then Mamma & Poppa bought the house at 200 North San Dimas Avenue (north east corner of Second Street) and that was our home until Momma passed away in 1963. Our home was complete with cow, chickens, cats & dogs, outside toilet (a two seater, yet) telephone number 1478 (a three party line). One year Mamma sent two of the girls to town to pay a bill and someone noticed they had red spots - later discovered to be smallpox - so they exposed many people in town and we weren't very popular for awhile. We were all quarantined at home and Mamma and Poppa used to sneak in at night to feed and care for us. They stayed away so they could continue to work. With our size family, money and work were necessary. We were a fun loving family. Our get togethers and parties were something to behold. Evie was a very talented musician. She played for all kinds of parties - but always for ours - and she played with a professional band for awhile. Sometimes we would sing all night, but the neighbors never complained. Always on Sundays the family would gather for dinner (fried chicken & lemon pie). After dinner there would be ball games on Second Street. As the family grew we rented halls for our get togethers - the Legion Hall and the Masonic Temple and we still had our music and we put on plays. Our neighbors were: The Charles Laings & daughter Marilyn, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Henger, Mrs Zieten (Mrs Henger's mother), The Woodbury's, Stokes, Slider's, Roth's, Cash, Mr. Mount, Keating's, Goetz's, Mr. Mumford, Whites. Hoover's, Swatman's, Keys McNeil's, Mrs. Taylor, Johnson's, Heckathorn's, Spry's, Mohr's. Sister Fern Lewis and her family lived across the street from Mamma for a long time.

Papa worked in the Teague Nursery and he got up early in the morning to deliver the Los Angeles Examiner. Later he worked as Constable. When he was killed on the job in 1922, the County gave Momma \$2,000. I was with Mamma on Mother's Day when they came to tell her what had happened to Poppa.

Mamma, Evelyn and Grace worked at the Marmalade Factory and later Mamma and Fern worked at the Lemon House. Clair & Glen worked at the Orange House and the two of them stayed in the Citrus Business all of their lives. At one time they owned a packing house near Porterville. Mamma was noted for her cooking, especially her lemon pie - we all still have the recipe and it is in the historical cook book of Pomona called "Pomona Valley Specialties". She often cooked for local banquets with Mrs. Whitted.

Teachers I remember: Miss Riley, her sister Harriette taught in the Mexican School, Miss Rand, Miss Shull, Miss Tipton, Miss Vivian, Miss Leaper (the school nurse), Miss Teachout (cooking & Sewing), Mr. Pipes (janitor), Miss May, the principal (who showed me the paddle more than once). We had a Model T Ford two seater. I can remember telling my kindergarten friends we went all the way to the Cajon Pass and back in one day!

Our claim to fame: Marie & I (Ruth) rode in the Rose Parade twice, once as Fairies and again as Dutch Girls. The truck was from the lumber yard and Floyd Bunell drove in. Mrs. Fairbanks made our costumes.

At the time of Mamma's death in 1963 she had 28 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Most of the surviving family still lives in California - Chrissinda Lewis-Carr, great-great granddaughter is a resident of San Dimas.