

The Rileys and the Wrights (continued)

Arthur "Pat" Wright, 1895 to 1946. An early injury limited Pat to light duty work and prevented him from going overseas during World War I. He held a variety of jobs until he was elected Alderman in Tacoma. Most of the people in his district were foreign-born, and they felt that Pat could represent them better than anyone else. He did have a "gift of gab" and a beautiful command of the English language. He was reelected repeatedly.

William Wright, 1897 to 1963, was barely old enough to be drafted just before the end of World War I. He married Jacqueline Warthem in 1926. For a number of years, he ran a pool hall and sports emporium in Tacoma. He retired in 1955 because of poor health.

GRANDCHILDREN of Bonita Riley and Arthur Wright:

George Harvey Wright, 1915 to 1983, eldest son of George A. and Gertrude Wright. He entered the army in March 1942 and married Violet Jamison Gamel in Seattle in November 1942. [Violet was a cousin of Susan Revels Cayton.] While serving as a captain during World War II, George was wounded in the South Pacific. His service ended in Japan with the end of the war. George worked for the Golden State Insurance Company for a few years. He then went into partnership with two other men in California, and they formed their own company, Cal State Insurance. Ill health forced him to retire in 1982.

Charles Arthur Wright, 1918, is the second son of George A. and Gertrude Wright. He went to work for the post office in Seattle in 1940. Entering the army in 1942, Charles's tours of duty took him half-way around the world. He served in Africa, Europe, Panama, the Pacific Islands, and finally in Okinawa, Japan, at the end of the war. Returning to Seattle and postal employment he transferred to the post office in San Francisco in 1946. He married Margaret Gainor of Washington, D.C., in 1948. They have two sons. Charles retired as a supervisor from the post office in 1979.

Irene Graves Harrison, daughter of Giles and Claudine Graves, was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1915, two weeks after the birth of George Wright's first son. Irene became an assistant of her father and grandmother in their chiropody clinic. She was an active attendee of ROOTS picnics and other events. Irene died in November 1988. Her son, David Harrison, is an instructor in Special Education at Long Beach, California.

James Arthur Graves was born to Giles and Claudine Graves in January 1918 after his parents had moved to Seattle. His long-time employment in Seattle, then in Chicago, was with United Air Lines. During subsequent employment with the postal department in Chicago, Jimmy suffered a stroke, incapacitating him for work. Upon his return to Seattle in 1970, he lived with his father, Giles, and his sister, Irene, until his death in 1983. The son of James and his first wife, Alice Dhue, is (James) Wesley Graves, who currently resides in Seattle with his wife, Bonnie Galloway Graves. Wesley is the manager of Computing Systems at The Boeing Company.

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