

DESCENDANCY
of
WILLIAM HENRY BYERLY (b 1853) and ANNE WARLOW (b c1856)
and
WILLIAM BYERLY and BESSIE WINGATE (b c1873)

William's parents may have been John Byerly and Catherine Kaufman

Anne's father was probably Joseph Warlow

Bessie's parents are not known to us

Note 1: Material in larger type is from our family history database maintained by KFE (Karl Frederick Edler Jr) while material in smaller type is added by BFE (Barbara Ann Fisher), wife of KFE.

Note 2: Unless otherwise indicated, most of the information in this Section is from Jane Shelley Byerly of Voorhees NJ, who has generously shared her research. Although we know of no reason it is in error, please note that we have not verified this material and caution should be exercised in passing it along. Future researchers will probably enjoy looking into it further! Also, please note that some data from US Census records has been added by KFE.

Note 3: Names of direct ancestors of Mrs Byerly's granddaughter are underlined.

I. William Henry¹ Byerly was born Jan 1853 in PA. His parents may have been John Byerly (c1823-c1880) and Catherine Kaufman. Some possible earlier Byerly generations are on page 20-6.

William married Anne Warlow; at least one child. Born about 1856 (age 14 in 1870 census) in PA, she died about 1887, age about 31. He married Bessie **Wingate** about 1889 (married 11 years in 1900); at least three children. She was born about 1873 (age 27 in 1900) in PA. He died about 1906, age about 53. She died about 1942, age about 69.

ANNE'S PARENTS were probably Joseph Warlow and (-?-) [Warlow] of Williams Twp, Dauphin Co PA. The 1870 census shows Joseph as a miner, born in Wales, age 44.

A. John A² Byerly, born about 1880 in PA, was a coal miner Williamstown, Dauphin Co PA in 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses. He married Margaret Cecilia Higgins about 1904 (married six years in 1910 census); five children. She was born about 1885. All we know about her parents is that her father was probably William Higgins, who was born about 1867.

Margaret died about 1939, age about 54. John also died about 1939, age about 59.

Although Mrs Byerly's information indicates that John's middle name was Oliver, we have been unable to locate "John Oliver" or "John O" in any census records. The census takers apparently recorded his name as "John A" in the 1900 census and others.

1. Annie³ **Byerly** was born about 1906 (age 4 in 1910 census).
2. James Joseph³ Byerly, born 15 Sep 1907, married Margaret Alice Schoffstall
and married Thelma M **Underkoffler** - see page 20-5.
3. William³ **Byerly** was born about 1909 (7 months in 1910, 9 years in 1920).
4. John³ **Byerly** was born about 1912 (age 7 in 1920).
5. Edward³ **Byerly** was born about 1919 (4 months in 1920).

B. James³ Byerly was born Dec 1889.

C. Maxwell³ Byerly was born Jan 1894.

D. Alma³ Byerly was born Jan 1896.

JOHN SHELLEY (b c1825) and MARYANN NAYLOR (b 1840) and their descendants from page 20-1

John's parents are not known to us

Maryann's parents were Georg Leonard Naylor and Annie B Taylor

Note: information on this and the following page is from Jane Shelley Byerly. We have not verified it, but include it here for interest and as a starting point for a future researcher.

I. John¹ Shelley Sr was born about 1825 Derbyshire to a wealthy family. He and a brother became disgruntled because, in accordance with English law, his father's estate was left to the oldest son, so they came to America. The brother had a paper mill in Illinois and John, about 19 years old, built up a boot and shoe factory in Bethlehem PA.

He married Maryann Naylor. She was born 16 Apr 1840 Heidelberg. Her father, Georg Leonard Naylor, was born 15 Sep 1807 Bavaria, and died 29 Aug 1876 Clarence MO, age 69. Her mother, Annie B Taylor, was born about 1809 “in Germany”, and died 23 Aug 1882 Clarence, age about 73.

After receiving her High School education, Maryann immigrated to America with her father, mother, and brother Peter. After several years in Bethlehem, John and Maryann bought a farm in Wesley, Venango Co PA. He died 14 Aug 1885, killed instantly in a fall from a hay wagon, age about 60. Maryann died about 1913, age about 73.

Nine children, including: Livia; John Paul; Anna Bell (married Dr C M **Wilson** and lived in Franklin); Elizabeth; William Domer (below); Mary; Austin; and Raleigh Deweight (farmed at Bullion PA, children Kenneth, Lucille, Maxine, and DeWitt).

E. William Domer² Shelley, born 16 Nov 1869 Venango Co PA, attended the Barkeyville, Venango Co grade school. He began a business course at Barkeyville Academy, but had to abandon it when his father was killed. Afterwards, William helped his mother on the farm.

He married Margaret McClenahan at her home in New Bedford, Lawrence Co PA (where her family had moved three months previously) 17 Jun 1895 by Rev John Paul Shelley; three children. She had attended Grove City College, Mercer Co PA.

William died 4 Dec 1935, age 66, in an accident while starting a gasoline engine. We don't know when Margaret was born; she died 27 Mar 1953.

– See page 20-4 for some information about the McCLENAHAN family –

The first two years after they were married, William and Margaret lived on the Shelley farm at Wesley, Verango Co PA. He carried the Wesley mail to Franklin, and hired a man to do the farm work.

In Mar 1897 they moved to Bullion, Verango Co, and purchased the Lily Sutton general store. After the second oil excitement in Bullion, the store more than doubled in size. Then it could provide the farmer completely, with post office, lumberyard, blacksmith shop, feed, hardware, groceries and dry goods.

In 1903 the store and the adjoining house were being remodeled, papered and painted. After completing this work, William planned to change to a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, but it didn't take effect until other policies ran out. On Monday 23 Nov 1903, two days after the insurance ran out, fire caught in the chimney, and the store burned to the ground.

During that winter, the coldest in years, the family lived in a one room building which was intended for a blacksmith shop. In the spring the site of the store was sold to Bert DeWoody and a lot was purchased from Thomas McElree, on which a four room bungalow was erected (later a third bedroom and kitchen were added). William worked in Ernest Freck's hardware store in Bullion, and hired a man to do teaming.

Margaret went to Grove City and purchased a lot on Bessemer Ave for \$350.00. The new house was completed in the fall of 1907 and the family moved on election day, 2 Nov. They lived there only nine months, when the house was sold to pay off their indebtedness. During this period William leased oil, bought and sold leases, and worked for Mr Freck.

A few years later William went to Edinburg to pump for Mr Copp, on the Eleanor, Kelso, Lucy Magrow, and Reed farms, which he had formerly leased and drilled. While doing this work William was only with his family every other weekend, until 1920 when he bought a model T Ford, and made the trip every week. In 1919 the family moved to West Main Street and then built on East Pine and moved in Nov 1921.

1. Leonard³ **Shelley** was born 14 May 1896 Shelley farm at Wesley. In 1918 he enlisted in the Navy and received his training at Cape May. The Armistice being signed in Nov 1918 made it possible for him to complete his college course in June of the next year. He purchased a quarter interest of the Hofmeister Furniture Store and Funeral Establishment in 1920.

He married Marian Eliza “Ann” **Moore** Aug 1925 Mercer Methodist Church. She was born 4 Jul 1899. We haven’t identified her parents.

In the fall of 1925 the Shelley Bros Store burned. The site was then purchased by the firm and a new and more spacious building erected.

Two children: Robert Curtis (1927) and Seaton (1930).

2. Martha Rose³ **Shelley** was born 2 Oct 1900 Bullion, Venango Co PA. She graduated from college in the spring of 1920. She married Cedric Willits **Wood** of Buffalo NY 27 Oct 1934.

One child: David Charles (1936).

3. David Arthur³ **Shelley** was born 12 Nov 1905 Bullion, Venango Co PA. During the later part of his high school life and the first two years of his college work, he was so engrossed in the store that he quit school and became a business partner of his brother.

David married Alice Lucille **Gilmore** 28 Oct 1932 Sandy Lake Methodist Church, Mercer Co PA; one child. Alice was born 4 Jun 1911.

David died Aug 1975 Grove City, Mercer Co, age 69.

ALICE LUCILLE GILMORE’S MOTHER was Mabel McClure. Born 1879, she married William John Gilmore about 1901. Born 1876, he died 1955, age about 79.

Mabel’s parents, who married 1878, were Samuel A McClure and Penina Jane Sutton (1859-1908). Mrs Byerly has names of several generations of Samuel’s and Penina’s families, with a few dates, but they are without sources, so we aren’t including them here. A future researcher could surely find more.

a. Jane⁴ **Shelley**, born 1934, married LeRoy James Byerly

– see page 20-5.

– **Some information about the McCLENAHAN family** –
referenced on page 20-2

Readers will note that birth, marriage, and death dates are missing for the people shown below. We may have made errors in reading the material Mrs Byerly provided. We hope future researchers will resolve the uncertainties.

I. James¹ McClenahan Sr lived in Ireland between Dungiven and Newton Limavady on the Roe River in the County of Londonderry. Two generations of McClenahans had been born there before James.

He was an Orangeman and an Elder in the Covenanter Church. He married (–?–) **Dean**.

Six children: Elizabeth (married Robert Dean); Mary Ann (married Thomas **Swan**); Robert (below); James; Rebecca; and Margaret. James, Rebecca and Margaret didn't marry.

C. Robert² McClenahan Sr married Mary **Irwin [King]**, widow of John King; nine children. Her parents were Harry Irwin and Elizabeth **McClelland**.

In 1850 Robert and Mary immigrated to America with their two oldest children. He bought a 365 acre farm one mile south of Pulaski, Lawrence Co OH, and operated a successful stock farm.

He died of pleurisy, age 71. She died Feb 1904, about 10 years after Robert (for five of those years she was confined to bed with a broken hip).

The McClenahans' immigration voyage was “a most trying one” as it was made in a small sailing vessel with less than one hundred passengers aboard. Six weeks of very stormy sailing weather were required to reach the American shore. The mother and two small children (James, age 2½, and David, only 1½) were sick most of the time.

From New York, the family journeyed on to Philadelphia and, after a short stay there, they travelled by stagecoach and packet to Youngstown OH. Railroads were yet to be developed in that part of the country.

i. James³ McClenahan farmed near New Wilmington PA, three children.

ii. David³ McClenahan farmed near New Bedford PA, eight children.

iii. Henry³ McClenahan operated a grocery store Sharon PA, five children.

iv. Mary Ann³ McClenahan married Thomas **Stitt**, lived Cleveland and Youngstown OH, and San Diego CA; six children.

v. Charles³ McClenahan died in infancy.

vi. Elizabeth Virginia³ McClenahan died when a young woman.

vii. Martha³ “Mattie” McClenahan married Charles **Lockhart**, daughter Mary.

viii. Robert³ McClenahan married Viola **McFarland**.

ix. Margretta Annetta³ “Maggie” McClenahan.

F. Margaret² McClenahan married William Domer Shelley 17 Jun 1895 – see page 20-2.

Although we show Margaret as if she were a daughter of James Sr and a younger sister of Robert Sr, we're very doubtful that it's correct – Robert Sr must have married about 1846, almost fifty years before Margaret married. We don't know who her parents were – she may have been a granddaughter, or even a great-granddaughter, of James Sr. We suggest further research would be helpful here.

**JAMES JOSEPH BYERLY (b 1907) and MARGARET ALICE SCHOFFSTALL (b 1906)
and their descendants**

from page 20-1

James Joseph's parents were John A Byerly and Margaret Cecilia Higgins

Margaret's father was William Higgins

2. James Joseph³ Byerly, born 15 Sep 1907, was a town sheriff. He married Margaret Alice Schoffstall 1928; one child. Born about 1906, she died about 1936, age about 30. He married Thelma M Underkoffler about 1953; no children known to us. He died Feb 1983 Williamstown, Dauphin Co PA, age about 75. Born 22 Sep 1920, she died about 2005, age about 85.

a. LeRoy James⁴ Byerly, born 1931, married Jane Shelley 1956; one child. Her parents were David Arthur Shelley and Alice Lucille Gilmore, page 20-3.

a. William⁵ "Bill" Byerly, born 31 Mar 1960, married Heidi Hope Wald 22 Nov 1986 Haddonfield, Camden Co NJ; one child. Her parents are Bruce Wald and Elizabeth Savilla Edler.

With the marriage of **William Byerly** and **Heidi Hope Wald**
our **BYERLY** lineage is joined by our **WALD** lineage
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– Some possible earlier generations of the BYERLY family –

Note: We have not verified this information. Please read it for interest only.

Johann Georg Byerly married Anna Maria Sennheim Sennheim, Palatine, near Baden Baden

John Jacob Byerly (1701-1766) emigrated 1732, married Maria [Byerly].

Johann Ludwig Byerly (1735-1778) married Anna Maria Jeder (1735-1784) 1755.

John Daniel Byerly (1760-) married Anna Maria Jeder 1783.

John Byerly (1823-1880) married Catherine Kaufman.

William Henry Byerly (1853-1906) married Anne Warlow, page 20-1.