

Looking to the Future – Kersey Family – Part 3

William Sr. had six children: William, Robert, Ada, Hazel, Carrol and Adolphus. His son William Jr. was born in roughly 1879 and later married Bertha Johnson (born c. 1885) on March 3, 1902 in Colchester South. Bertha was the daughter of George Johnson and Francis A. Pines. Bertha and William were even able to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, 50 years of marriage, in 1952. William was employed by F.H. Ferriss and Sons Grocery for 32 years and was a “faithful and honest employee but has reach the age where he now feels a job of this type is more suitable for a younger man.” Both William Jr. and Bertha were active and valued members of the Central Grove AME Church, where William Jr. held several positions including trustee, steward, treasurer and supervisor of the Central Grove Cemetery.

William Jr. and Bertha had at least four children: Grace May, Harold, Ethel Luella and Adam. On June 7, 1924, in Harrow, Grace married Charles Cherry, a farmer from Colchester and the son of William and Annie Cherry. At their wedding, Grace was dressed in silk crepe with a hat and veil to match. Following the ceremony, a “dainty” lunch was served, consisting of cake and “other good things.” Grace’s brother Harold worked at Ford Motor Company, while Ethel Luella Kersey married Allen Thompson and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Although the obituaries for William, Bertha and their children make no mention of an Adam Kersey, his birth certificate does list his parents as William Kersey and Bertha Johnson. It is certainly possible that Adam passed away at a young age, particularly because the only other information available for him was his date and location of his birth: February 13, 1906 in Colchester South. **There’s still more to come next week!**