

Looking to the Future – Kersey Family – Part 5

At the beginning of the Kersey family history it was mentioned that Alexander and Amanda Kersey had four children: William Sr., Mary, Rebekah and Isaiah. So far, we have only discussed William Sr. and his descendants. William Sr.'s sister Mary is up next. Mary married William McCurdy and they had several children: Bertie, Corah Lee, Wiley, Clarence Evert, Luella M. and Bernice. Bertie was born on March 25, 1882, but there is no available information that goes further than that. Corah Lee was born on May 17, 1880 in Colchester. On December 31, 1919 she married Earl Ward who was a Railroad Porter and the son of James and Elizabeth Ward. On her marriage record, Corah Lee is listed as a waitress, but she has two listings on the record: one for Corah Terry and one for Corah McCurdy, meaning that she was previously married. Interesting, after the entry for Corah McCurdy it says, "In War Service Against Germany Bay County, Michigan." Bay County, Michigan is the couple's listed place of residence, but there is no further explanation. It seems as though Corah has some connection to the war, most likely through her husband. Corah's brother Wiley was born on July 26, 1878 in Colchester North, while Clarence was born circa 1882. At the time of his passing, on August 26, 1904 in Saginaw, Michigan, he is listed as single. Luella, just like her sister Corah, was married twice. Her first marriage was to Daniel W. Meriday, on June 2, 1903 in Detroit, Michigan. Daniel was a foreman and the son of George Meriday and Julia Dalton. Luella's second husband was Porter Greene who was a waiter born circa 1881: Luella was born in roughly 1885. Porter Greene was born in Kentucky and was the son of George Greene and Jane Clark. Luella and Porter married on February 19, 1919 in Detroit. Finally, Mary's last child Bernice McCurdy was born circa 1899 and later married William A. Woodson on May 16, 1916 in Saginaw, Michigan.

He was born in Connecticut around 1893 and was the son of Cyrus Woodson and Della Kennedy.

Now that we have talked about two of Alexander and Amanda Kersey's children, Mary and William Sr., it is now time to move onto Rebekah. She married Theopolis Crosby and the couple had at least five children: Cyril, Warren, Eva Elizabeth, Mary Vera and James D. Cyril Lagrant Crosby was born in roughly 1901 and he later married Cordelia Juanita Long on October 14, 1924 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Cordelia was born circa 1906 in Ypsilanti and was the daughter of William Long and Anna Jones. Cyril was a labourer, while Cordelia is listed as a "domestic." Rebekah's second son, Warren E. Crosby was born in roughly 1882 and at the time of his passing on August 21, 1902, he was listed as single. Rebekah's first daughter Eva Elizabeth was born circa 1878 in Canada and is interestingly listed as a labourer. Sadly, she passed away at the age of 20 on December 6, 1898. Rebekah's next daughter, Mary Vera (Hodge) was born on October 15, 1886 while the 1900 Census lists a one-year old son, James, living with his family in Michigan.

Rebekah's brother, Isaiah Kersey, is the last child of Alexander and Amanda Kersey. He was born circa 1857 and later married Amelia Umstead of Anderdon on December 4, 1888, at the residence of Mrs. Umstead. Amelia was born in Covington, Kentucky and the daughter of Miles Hearnly and Pinkie Hearnly. When Isaiah married Amelia he was a widower and age 31. Interestingly, Amelia was 53. **Thanks for joining us for this month's family history series. See you next month when we will discuss another amazing family.**