

#### **Lucas Family History Part 4- 'going upwards, not downwards, only soaring higher'**

Now that we have discussed three of Richard Lucas and Rachel Jones' children (Susan, Barbara Lillie and Richard) we will move on to discuss Ida Adora, Annabelle, Melvina Julia and Jennette. Ida Adora Lucas (1874-1973) married Albert Britton (1870-1952), the son of S.B. and Lydia Ann Britton, on December 27, 1893 in Camden.

Ida and Albert's children include 1. Bernice Britton (1898-1935) who married Aylmer Charles Timbers (1896-1973) and had a son named Albert Howard Timbers (m. Zella Talbert); 2. Morley Britton; 3. Earl Stanley Britton (1902-1972) who married Charlotte Ilean Boswell and children include Janet Marie Britton (m. Robert Edward Dudley), Roberta Theresa Britton (m. David Fumio Tatsu) and Joyce Ilean Britton (m. Douglas Bernard Simmons); 4. Teresa; 5. Alberta Mary who married Archie Short (1900-1957) and their children include Rowland Aaron Short (m. Lynne Terese Jalosky), Ruby Short Mae (m. James Edward Kemp), Richard Allen Short (m. Emma Jean Dudley); and 6. Dwight Britton who married 1<sup>st</sup> Augusta Van Daele and 2<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne Madeline Seys. Dwight and Augusta had a daughter named Margaret Ida Britton and she married Earl Edward Danz.

Listed among Ida Adora Lucas and Albert Britton's children is Earl Stanley Britton. His obituary from April 10, 1972 says "Earl S. Britton – DRESDEN – Earl Stanley Britton, 69, of 472 Richmond Street, Dresden, died at his residence on Sunday. Born in Chatham Township, he was a son of Mrs. Ida May Britton and the late Albert Britton. He was a member of Queen Street Baptist Church, Dresden. Mr. Britton worked at the Canadian Cannery, Dresden for eight years prior to retiring in 1969. Surviving are his wife, the former Charlotte Ilean Boswell; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Janet) Dudley of Toronto, Mrs. David (Roberta) Tatsu of Chatham and Mrs. Douglas (Joyce) Simmons of London; his mother Mrs. Ida Britton of Thamesville; one

sister, Mrs. Archie (Alberta) Short of Detroit and one brother Dwight Britton of Chatham Township. Six grandchildren also survive, one brother, Morley and two sisters, Bernice and Theresa have predeceased. Resting at the Grass Funeral Home. Dresden, where the service will be held on Wednesday at one p.m. conducted by Rev. Donald Wright assisted by Rev. F. Tatsu. Burial will be in Dresden Cemetery.”

Ida Adora’s sister Annabelle is the next child of Rachel and Richard Lucas. She was born on June 7, 1876 in Chatham. She married twice. Her first marriage was to William Price (1867-1912) and her second marriage was to Charles H. Carroll. Annabelle and William had a daughter named Odessa Maude and she married Dr. Howard B. Shepard and they had a child named Carroll Brent Shepard who married Victor D. Lewis Jr. According to her death record, Annabelle Carrol died at the age of 96 on April 4, 1973 in Chicago, Illinois. Her death record also shares that she was widowed and a housewife.

Annabelle’s sister Melvina Julia (1878-1970) married William Davis who was mentioned above as marrying Barbara Lillie Lucas, the sister of Melvina Julia. Their marriage record reveals that William married Melvina Julia on December 27, 1899, in Dresden, several months after the passing of his first wife Barbara. A family tree located in the Museum’s collection lists the children of Rachael Jones and Richard Lucas including two daughters Barbara Lillie Lucas (1869-1899) and Melvina Julia Lucas (1878-1970) who are both listed as marrying William Davis. No children are listed on the chart for Julia and William.

Next up is Jennettie, the last child of Richard and Rachel Lucas. She was born on November 14, 1887 in Chatham. She married William Travis (1886-1975), the son of James and Anna Travis on April 15, 1908 in Camden, Kent County. Their children include Therman Albert

Travis, Kingsley Travis, Marjorie Travis, Howard Travis, Wilfred William Travis, Ila Anna Travis, Florette Belle Travis, Lloyd Alexander Travis, Leonard Travis and Reta Travis.

Therman Albert Travis married Mildred Lavest (1914-1962) and their children include Thelma Mae Travis (1938-1974 and married Varghese Anthony Palathingal), William Sherman Travis (1939-1968), and Dorothy Ilean Travis (married Frederic Willem Mohlmann).

Therman's brother Kingsley Travis married Irene Highgate and their children include Emily Travis (m. William Robinson), Cecil Travis (m. Doreen Franklin), Floyd Travis, Marvin George Travis (Mary Marie Taylor), Heddie Elain Travis (m. Clifford Allen Solomon), Robert Travis, Richard Travis (m. Irene Chandler), and Keith Travis.

Kingsley's sister Marjorie Travis married George Mooney and their children include Catherine Mooney (m. Roy George Williams and children include Laurie Kim, Cheryl Lynne, Clark, and Angela Mae), Donna Jean Mooney, and Flora Belle Mooney (m. Alvin Percy Talbot and their children were John David and Betty Ann), Thomas Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Mark Mooney, Frank Mooney (m. Lena Gulis and had a son named Mark), Horace Mooney (m. Brenda Gallion and had a son named David), Paul Winston Mooney (m. Luella Diann Davis and children were Polly-Anna, Bonnie Lee, and Kyle Winston), Joy Mooney (m. Terrance Handsor and had a son named Allen David), and Sandra Mooney.

Marjorie's brother Howard Travis married Helen Thompson and their children include Shirley Ann Travis (m. Marvyn Taylor), Larry Howard Travis (m. Laura Florence Gore), and Kenneth Allen Travis (m. Ledonia Troutman).

Howard's brother Wilfred William Travis married Velma Ileen Chandler. They had five children including Melvin Douglas Travis, Jeffrey Wilfred Travis (m. Patricia Lambkin and their

children were Sheila Melanie, Sherry Lynn, and Jerry Scott), John William Travis (m. Constance Michelle Robbins and had a daughter named Tanya Arlie Michelle Travis), Glenn Edward Travis, and Eileen May Travis. A 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Announcement shared further details about the couple and said “Velma and Wilfred Travis (right), celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Union Baptist Church, Saturday. The late Rev. J.C. Browning married the couple on January 15, 1938. On Saturday, Wilfred commented, ‘it (the marriage) has been going upwards, not downwards, only soaring higher.’ Both born on the 11<sup>th</sup> Concession, they now live in Dresden on Davies Street. They raised five children, Melvin, Jerry, John, Glenn and Eileen, and have nine grandchild and three great grandchildren. Wilfred worked for many years as a carpenter. Roy and Ila Brown (left) stood up with the couple at their marriage.”

Wilfred’s sister Ila Anna Travis married Robert Roy Brown and their children include Robert Roy Brown (m. Eleanor Rose Cook), Judith Ann Brown (m. Alfred Dalton), and Peggy Ila Brown.

Ila Anna’s sister Floretta Belle Travis married Carl Williams Robbins. Their children include Marlyn Carol Robbins (m. Delmer Brown), Michael William Robbins (m. Delmer Brown), Michael William Robbins (m. Dolores Elaine Price), Deborah Floretta Frances Robbins, and Faye Elizabeth Robbins.

Next is Floretta’s brother Lloyd Alexander Travis who married Dorothy May Robbins and their children include Linda Darlene Travis (m. William Dildy and their children include Tonya Nicole Dildy and Tiffany Michelle Dildy), Louise Jannette Travis (m. Raymond Johnson and children include Antone Ray Johnson, Tonya Dionne Johnson), Dennis Lloyd Travis (m. Dawna May Patterson and had a daughter named Nicole Renee Travis), Stephen Verne Travis, Arthur Alexander Travis, Stewart Allen Travis, and Tammy Deneen Travis.

The last two children of Jennettie Lucas and William Travis are Leonard Travis who married Cynthia Legge and had two sons named Dale and Gary. Leonard's sister Reta is the last child of Jennettie and William, but no information was found for her.

**What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week where we will celebrate another amazing family.**