

Stokes Family Part 5 – Randolph's Line

Now that we have shared the history of Peter Stokes' family line, we'll move on to discuss his brother Randolph's line. The 1871 Census lists Randolph, a farmer, and his wife Lucinda (Robinson) with their children Sarah and Alexander. The following Census from 1881 lists a third child, Susan. The 1891 Census lists Lucinda as a widow and the head of the house, along with her children Alexander, a house carpenter, and Susan, a seamstress. No further information was found for Susan Stokes, but there was information for Sarah Francis and Alexander Grafton. Sarah Francis sadly passed away at the age of 19 on March 4, 1882.

Sarah Francis' brother Alexander married Erskine Bruce, the daughter of Alex and Nancy Bruce, on July 21, 1891 in Detroit. At the time, Alexander was a carpenter. He passed away in February 1932 in Detroit. Alexander and Erskine, also known as Caroline E. or Lena, had at least 11 children: Harold, May, Clarence, Percy, Ethel, Alexander G., Hazel, Ester, Gerald, Florence, Viola, and Elsie. A birth record was found for Thomas A. Stokes, listed as the son of Alexander G. and Lena Stokes, born on May 1, 1900 in Detroit, but there was also no further information for this child, nor for May, Esther, Gerald, Florence, Viola or Elsie.

Harold Stokes, the son of Alexander and Lena Stokes, married Mable Robinson, the daughter of Walter and Martha Robinson, on December 2, 1912 in Detroit. Records from his military service also reveal that he registered on November 1, 1917 at Camp Custer, Michigan, Co. 4 160th Depot Brigade. He is listed as a Private. Harold also has a draft registration card from 1942. Ten years later, Harold passed away on March 10, 1952 in Detroit.

Harold's brother Clarence married Theresa Ball on December 21, 1919 in Detroit. Theresa was the daughter of Payton Ball. Theresa's mother's last name is listed as Graham, but

no first name is shown. Military Service Records also appear for Clarence who is listed as being in CO C803 Pioneer Infantry as a Private and the first date of service is July 31, 1918 at Camp Custer, Michigan. His military record shows that his date of birth was February 5, 1894 in Windsor, along with his wife's birthday as July 6, 1900 in Alabama. Clarence's draft registration for WWII lists the event date as 1942 in Detroit. Further military records show that Clarence passed away on November 11, 1952. Also available is information for Clarence and Theresa's children. A death record for Lillian Alberta Stokes states that she was born on April 28, 1920 in Detroit and passed away the following year on February 24, 1921, also in Detroit. Another child, James, was born on January 25, 1924 in Hamtramck, but he also sadly passed away shortly after birth, on February 14, 1924. The 1920 Census also shows Clarence and Theresa and their child Clarence, along with a Pauline Maybury and Clarence's brother Harold and his wife Bell living in the same household.

Clarence and Harold's brother Percy also served in the military. According to his military service record, Percy's date of entrance was July 25, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri. At the time, his residence was Detroit, he was a carpenter and his birthday was May 9, 1895 in Windsor.

The next child of Alexander and Lena Stokes is Ethel. She married William J. Wright, the son of Jack and Mary Wright. The couple was married on August 17, 1915 in Detroit. This record also indicates that William was born in Missouri. They had at least one daughter, Ethel Lena Wright, whose death record reveals that she passed on February 7, 1952 in Detroit, was 34 years old, single and born on June 5, 1917.

The only information available for Ethel's brother Alexander G. is that he was born on May 9, 1895 in Sandwich. This record lists Alexander's father by his middle name of Grafton,

rather than Alexander and he worked as a carpenter. Alexander's sister Hazel was born on May 5, 1903 in Detroit.

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.