

The Buckner Family History Part 4 – Grand Rapids Connection

Linna's sister Myrtle Craig is next. She married Jas. T. Lasha, the son of Lewis T. and Jane Lasha, on January 25, 1903 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. According to the 1920 Census for Kent, Michigan, James and Myrtle Lasha's children include Shirley, Craig and Lothaire. Also listed are a lodger named William Robinson and Lucy Buckner who, as was mentioned previously, was Daniel Buckner's wife.

James Abner Lasha passed away in 1949 and according to his obituary from August 10, 1949 "LASHA – James Abner Lasha, aged 70 years, of 649 Jackson -st., NW, passed away Wednesday morning at the residence following a long illness. Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Myrtle Lasha; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Loving of Detroit; two sons, Craig J. Lasha of Los Angeles, Calif., Lothair Lasha of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held Saturday 2 p.m. at St. Phillip's Episcopal church. Interment Oak Hill cemetery. The body will repose at the residence from Friday noon until service time. Arrangements by the Brown Funeral Home." The site *Find A Grave* also records that James Lasha was born on December 26, 1879 in Detroit. It also mentions his mother's full name – Jane Ann Hinton. *Find A Grave* also mentions that Myrtle Maude Craig Lasha was born circa 1872 and died on September 10, 1964 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As was mentioned, Myrtle and James Lasha had at least three children, Shirley, Craig and Lothaire. I was able to find a marriage record for Shirley and Craig. Shirley E. Lasha married William Charles Loving, the son of William C. Loving and Eunice A. Reid, on August 7, 1931 in Elkhart, Indiana. Their marriage record also states that Shirley was born on September 4, 1906 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and William was born on May 7, 1906 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Shirley's brother Craig Lasha married Dorothy Hubbard, the daughter of James Hubbard and Lulu Sharp, on September 4, 1934 in Howard, Indiana.

Next is Elsie/Eliza Craig. She married Alphonse Corbin, the son of Thos. F. and Eliza Corbin, on June 28, 1906 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Alphonso Corbin's birth record says that he was born on February 27, 1887 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also listed on the 1900 Census along with his parents Thomas and E. Lisia and siblings James, Gertrude and Mabell.

I think there is a possibility that Elsie and the previously discussed Linna may be the same person because the 1910 Michigan Census for Alfonse and Elsie Corbin lists Elsie's daughter Corinne who was 14 years old at the time. As you may recall, I mentioned that Linna had a daughter named Corinne. At the time of this census, Alfonse and Elsie had only been married for 4 years, so Corinne is from another marriage – possibly Linna's marriage to George Crisup. Several decades later the 1940 Census lists Alphonse and Lina C. and their daughter Nora J. who is listed as 18 years old. This means that either Elsie and Linna are the same person or Alphonse married both sisters.

According to *The Kansas City Times*, Alphonse Corbin passed away in 1967. His obituary from September 8, 1967 says “Alphonse Corbin, 85, of 725 Everett, Kansas City, Kansas, died Wednesday at St. Joseph hospital. He was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and made his home with a sister, Mrs. Mabel Booker, the last year. He was a member of the Episcopal church. Services will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday at the English-Franklin chapel; burial in the Quindaro cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 10 o'clock tonight at the chapel.”

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 for part 5.