

Descendants of Evan Reese

Generation No. 1

1. EVAN¹ REESE

Notes for EVAN REESE:

Source:

Certified copy of an Entry of Marriage for John Rees and Mary Davies, November 29th, 1840, Parish Church in the Parish of Llangyfelch, County of Glamorgan

Given at the General Register Office, London

Application Number 414614

at Swansea, County Glamorgan, South Wales - 1st December 1987

Evan Rees profession was a Collier

Child of EVAN REESE is:

2. i. JOHN E² REESE, b. June 12, 1818, Carmarthenshire, Wales; d. March 21, 1900, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT.

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2. JOHN E² REESE (EVAN¹)^{1,2} was born June 12, 1818 in Carmarthenshire, Wales^{3,4}, and died March 21, 1900 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co. MT. He married (1) MARY J DAVIES November 29, 1840 in Parish of Llangyfelch, County of Glamorgan, South Wales, daughter of THOMAS DAVIES. She was born April 20, 1811 in Swansea, Wales, and died November 15, 1898 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT (age 87yrs, 6mo, 25days). He married (2) MARY E DAVIES^{5,6} December 15, 1840 in Carmarthenshire, Murrison, Wales^{7,8}. She was born April 20, 1811 in Swansea, Wales^{9,10}, and died November 15, 1898 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT (age 87yrs, 6mo, 25days)^{11,12}.

Notes for *JOHN E REESE*:

PIONEER

John E. Reese

John E. Rees (spelled Reese after coming to the United States) and Mary Davis Rees were both of Welsh nationality. John, born June 12, 1818, married Mary, born April 20, 1811. in Wales in 1840. They accepted membership in the RLDS church there and emigrated to the U. S. in 1856, settling briefly in Pittston, Pennsylvania, with their children John J., Thomas, Evan, and Mary Jane. Another son, Gomer, was born in Pittston.

John, being a mining engineer, journeyed to LaSalle County, Illinois. where the first shaft he sank produced an excellent vein of coal. For this work he received enough money to pay for an outfit of a team of oxen, a wagon, and the other necessities for the trip West. The family crossed the plains in 1860, part of a wagon train to Utah where the people hoped to find church fellowship.

After wintering in a dugout and moving into a cabin built the next spring, the Reese's tried for a time to live in Utah. Unable to accept the differences in church creed that had developed, they were anxious to get away.

When General Conner of Fort Douglas near Salt Lake City offered an escort of soldiers to help a caravan leave the area, the Reese's gladly began part of the group. The cavalry soldiers stayed with the caravan until it crossed the Snake River into the Utah territory.

Hearing of the discovery of gold in Montana Territory, the family made its way to Bannack and later to Virginia City where they spent the winter. Mary and her young daughter, Jane, took in miner's washing and were so successful that when they left Virginia City diggings in the spring, Mary had \$1100 in gold dust in a little leather pouch. They reached the Gallatin Valley soon after.

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John, Mary, their four sons and one daughter settled on the creek, since named Reese Creek for him, While John and the boys built the homestead, Mary bought cows with her gold dust. Young Jane's duty was to milk them and herd them. keeping them off the newly established grain fields. Sturdy log cabin was also built as a house of worship and for other gatherings. More settlers began to move in, and the community, called Courts, was established.

John Harvey Wells, a young caravan freighter from Missouri was a new arrival in the Gallatin Valley. He met Jane Reese at a gathering in the meeting house, and they fell in love. Jane's father, however, forbade Harvey from visiting his daughter. Wells was a hated "Missourian"; hated by John Reese because of the history of religious persecution of early members of John's church by Missouri people. His attitude remained harsh and uncompromising. Elopement for the young people was necessary. On September 16, 1866, eighteen year old Jane helped milk the fourteen cows.

Her mother, completely in sympathy, had left warm milk and toast for her in the milkhouse - - but Jane was to excited to eat. Her nine year old brother, Gomer, had hidden her bundle of clothes and her pony for her. With these, Jane rode away to meet Harvey and some friends and to ride swiftly to Bozeman, where they were married.

When John Reese came in from the fields at noon and discovered his daughter had eloped, he hastily gathered a "posse" of friends and set off in pursuit. On the ride, his friends talked him out of making his daughter a "widow". The group returned home, but John Reese was a very bitter and angry man.

The young couple, after making the necessary purchases in Helena, settled on a homestead ten miles west of her folks. For over a year Jane saw no member of her family. Then there was an astonishing reversal of feeling on the part of her father, the two households were reconciled, and for the first time John and Mary saw their first grandson, Gomer Wells.

In the remaining years of their lives in the Reese Creek community, John and Mary were staunch members of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church in which he served as an Elder. He returned once to Wales in 1871 for a year's missionary effort. His reputation was that of a rancher, a stock man, a prominent pioneer citizen of the Gallatin Valley. Mary died November 15, 1898. John survived her by sixteen months, passing away quite sudden on March 21, 1900. They were buried side by side in the Reese Creek Cemetery.

John J. Reese, son of John E. and Mary Reese was born October 22, 1841. He married Miss Polly Ann Anders of Nauvoo, Illinois on November 19, 1864. They had three children: John, Mary Elmira, married Edward Turner of Springfield, Missouri, and Emma Josepha married Samuel Esgar. Thomas Reese, son of John E. and Mary Reese, was a prominent rancher and farmer in the Gallatin Valley. He lived at 546 Babcock street in Bozeman with his wife, the former Miss Mary Jane Green. She was born in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, June 7, 1852, and came with her parents to Montana, first settling in Alder Gulch then moving to homestead on Willow Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese had six children:

Oliver Lee, born December 3, 1871

Melissa, born April 26, 1873; died June 13, 1877

Joseph Alma, born January 5, 1874

Arthur Quinton, born July 17, 1877

Thomas Lester, born August 28, 1882

Meggie Jane, born July 13, 1888

Mary Jane Reese was born in Owmaman, Wales on May 15, 1848. She married John Harvey Wells, born June 23, 1842, son of Colonel Ramson Wells of Knobnoster, Missouri. They eloped on September 16, 1866, to Bozeman, Montana. Jane Reese Wells died in Bozeman June 2, 1913, and John Harvey Wells died in Bozeman approximately six years later. Their children were:

Gomer Wells, born July 10, 1867

Alice born November 13, 1869; died October 14, 1874.

Perry Wells born September 20, 1871

Reese Wells, born January 11, 1875; married Amy James.

Mary Lena Wells, born July 11, 1878; married Robert Esgar

Chloe Bertha Wells, born July 31, 1882; married Henry Isaac Jacobs

Chloe Bertha Wells, daughter of J. Harvey and Jane Wells was born in Knobnoster, Missouri on July 31, 1882. She was married to Henry Isaac Jacobs on December 2, 1903 with her great uncle, Gomer Reese, officiating as minister.

Their children are:

Alice Erlene, born October 25, 1904; married Dr. Jerome Eli Andes.

Cloe Veda, born April 22, 1916

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Donald Henry, born March 28, 1918

History submitted by:
Erlene Andes
Great-granddaughter
Relationship to Pioneer

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Published 1984

REESE CLAN in VALLEY for SEVEN GENERATIONS (newspaper clipping)
(1964) By Mrs. Joe Turner

John E. Reese (1819-1900) came to the United States from Wales, accompanied by his son, John J. Reese (1842-1921). They first settled in Pennsylvania but later made the trek to Utah. They soon moved to Virginia City and in August of 1863 they came to the Gallatin Valley and settled in the area now known as Reese Creek.

Mary Reese Turner (1872-1903) daughter of John J. was the third generation in the valley. Her son, Joseph E. Turner is currently a resident in the valley. His daughter, Velna Turner McKay, lives at 3205 W. Babcock. Her daughter, Barbara McKay Foreman, and her grandson, Kirk Foreman, reside in Missoula, Montana, but both were born in Bozeman.

Seven generations of this family lived or were born in the valley.

Joseph Turner and Bess Stratton were married in 1914. Her family were also early residents. Her grandfather, John Day came to Bridger Canyon from Wisconsin in 1888. Her mother was Maude Day Stratton (1872-1954). Thus, there are living in the valley a seven and a six generation family line.

Joseph and Bess Turner will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 30.

Copy from Gallatin County Historical Society, Pioneer Museum, Bozeman, MT

REESE FAMILIES TO BE HONORED BY SONS, DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS
Feb. 6, 1972 - Chronicle

A tradition reaching back 79 years will be renewed Saturday, Feb. 19, when the descendents of pioneers who came to the Gallatin Valley area before 1869 have their annual reunion.

It will be at the Cartwheel Inn, west of Bozeman, starting at 11:30 a.m., according to Carl Wall, president of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers of Gallatin County.

Following dinner at 1 p.m., with home-made cakes provided by the members for dessert, there will be entertainment and the annual business meeting.

Traditionally, each year's reunion honors a pioneer family. The honor this year falls on the families of John E. Reese, John J. Reese and Thomas E. Reese, who homesteaded in 1864, and for whom Reese Creek in the north end of the valley is named.

The John J. Reese homestead is owned by a grandson, Tom Esgar, and wife, Oleta. The Thomas E. Reese homestead is still in the family and is now the home of a grandson, Paul Reese, and his wife, Skippy.

The Reese family history will be presented by Dr. Leslie Drew, director of the Museum of the Rockies.

Other entertainment, according to Mrs. Douglas Drysdale, chairman of the entertainment committee, will

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include music by two groups - the Reese Orchard Boys and a fourth grade group from Emerson school.

Wall said that membership in the Pioneers group is open to any descendent of a person who came to this area by Dec. 31, 1868. Information about membership and the reunion may be obtained from any officer of the organization - Wall, Mrs. Arthur L. Koch, vice president, or Mrs. Fred Browning, secretary-treasurer.

Copy from Gallatin County Historical Society, Pioneer Museum Bozeman, MT

The John E. Reese Family and 217 other Saints left Liverpool in November, 1856 on the ship "Columbia" and arrived at Castle Green New York on January 1, 1857

John E. Reese age 38
Mary J. Reese age 43
John J. Reese age 14
Thomas J. Reese age 13
Evan Reese age 10
Mary Jane Reese age 8

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Source: Fred W. Reese

Here is the family motto found below the Reese crest:

REESE FAMILY MOTTO AS FOUND BELOW CREST

This is a Latin sentence, which means "Hope for better days" and similar poetic meanings (such as "Better days to come" and the like).

SPES = noun: hope, expectation, lookout

AEVI = genitive for "aevum", time, days, era, generation, etc.

MELIORIS = genitive for the comparative melior (better), which qualifies "aevi" in this sentence.

Note: SPES is also a Roman goddess -- which the Romans thought to be the sister of the Sleep -- represented by a smiling young woman crowned with flowers.

THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE DISTINGUISHED SURNAME

REESE

Beautiful Wales, mountainous land of the red dragon and Eisteddfods (music festivals) and King Arthur, gives us the distinguished surname of Reese.

The Romans vacated the British Isles at the end of the 4th century. The Welsh or Ancient Britons were left in sole possession of all of England, all the way north to the banks of the Clyde. The Saxons forced them westward into the mountains of what is now Wales, north to Cumberland and southern Scotland, and into Cornwall.

Rhodri Mawr, or Roderick the Great, was the first recorded monarch of all Wales. He died in 893. On his death he gave Wales to his three sons, Anarawd became King of north Wales, Cadwalh became King of south Wales and Mervyn became King of Powys, or mid Wales.

The ancient history of the name Reese also emerges from these same Welsh chronicles. It was first found in Carmarthenshire where they were seated from very early times.

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From some of the many early records researchers examined, manuscripts such as the Doomesday Book, the Pipe Rolls Hearth Rolls, the Black Book of the Exchequer, the Curia Regis Rolls, the family name, Reese, was traced in many different forms. Although the name Reese was mentioned in several different records, it was spelt Rees, Reece, Rhys, Ap-Rhys, and these changes in spelling frequently occurred, even between father and son. It was not uncommon for a person to be born with one spelling, marry with another, and gill have another on the headstone in his or her resting place.

The Norman Conquest of Wales was less than conclusive. A testimony to the Welsh fighting spirit is that there are more castles, or ruins of castles, to the square mile in Wales than anywhere else in the world. The Welsh tactic was to thrust, then retire to their bleak mountain homes to plan their next attack. As peace gradually returned to this picturesque country, the Welsh, attracted by the economic opportunities, moved eastward into the English cities.

This distinguished Welsh family name Reese, emerged in Carmarthen where they were recorded as a family of great antiquity seated as Lords of the manor and estates in that shire. They were descended from Urien-Rheged, Prince of Rheged, who was descended from Coel Codedog, king of the Britons. He built the Castle of Carmarthen. Descended were Sir Elidir Ddu, Phillip his son, Griffydd his son, Owen, Morris, to Rees of Llechdwnny in Kidwelly Land. His son, Rhys, was High Sheriff of Carmarthen in 1615. His son, Morris Rhys is buried at Kidwelly Church. Hector Rees, his grandson, declined the offer of a knighthood. Present family seat is at Killymaenllwyd no Llanelly, prominent amongst the family during the late middle ages was Sir Elidir Ddu.

For the next two or three centuries the surname Reese flourished and played an important role in local county politics and in the affairs of Britain in general.

Religious conflicts followed. The newly found passionate fervor of Cromwellianism found the Roman assessments, titles and demands imposed a heavy burden on rich and poor alike. They looked to the New World for their salvation. Many became pirates who roamed the islands of the West Indies such as Captain Morgan.

Some were shipped to Ireland where they were known as the Adventurers for Land. Essentially, they contracted to keep the Protestant faith, being granted lands for small sums, previously owned by the Catholic Irish. There is no evidence that the family name migrated to Ireland, but this does not preclude the possibility of their scattered migration to that country.

The New World also held many attractions. They sailed across the stormy Atlantic aboard the tiny sailing ships, built for 100 passengers, but sometimes carrying 400 or 500, ships which were to become known as the "White Sails". The overcrowded ships, sometimes spending two months at sea, were wracked with disease.

Those that survived the elements were often stricken with small pox, dysentery and typhoid, sometimes landing with only 60 to 70% of the original passenger list.

In North America, one of the first migrants which could be considered a kinsman of the Reese family or having a variation of the family surname spelling, was Henry Reece, settled in Nevis in 1663, along with Jane. Richard Reece settled in New England in 1668; Barbara, Jacob, Mathew. Thomas and William Reece all arrived in Philadelphia between 1840 and 1870; Edward Aprees arrived in Delaware in 1682 with his wife and children; Thomas Rees settled in Virginia in 1623; Bartholomew and Bennett Reese arrived in the Barbados in 1680 with their servants; Lawrence Reese arrived in the

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Barbados in 1678.

There are many notable contemporaries of this name, Albert Rees, Australian Scientist; Brian Rees, Charterhouse Headmaster; Carl Rees, Professor of Mathematics; Charles Rees, British Chemist; Elfan Rees, Clergyman; Florence Rees, British Parasitologist; Leslie Rees, Australian Author, Merlin Rees, M.P.; Mina Rees, American Mathematician; Thomas Rees, American Politician; William Rees, Welsh Historian; William Rees, Psychologist; Addison Reese, American Banker; Thomas Reese, American Psychologist; Jean Rhys, Novelist.

Whilst researching the family name Coat of Arms, we traced the most ancient recording and grant of Arms. Those many branch Coat of Arms which were granted down throughout the ages may also be appropriator to the name.

The most ancient grant of a Coat of Arms found was:

Silver with a chevron between three black ravens.

The Crest was:

A black lion

The ancient family Motto for this distinguished name was

"Spes Melioris Aevi"

COAT OF ARMS

Since the early 13th century, Coats of Arms and Heraldry have been a source of great fascination as well as a subject of true historical importance. It is easy to understand why more than half a million Coats of Arms recorded by individuals with their respective family names are still being researched and studied after more than seven centuries.

How the term "Coat of Arms" evolved makes an interesting story. Because wars were almost a continual occurrence during the Middle Ages, more and more armor was added to a knight's battle uniform until the medieval warrior was finally protected from head to toe. The metal suit of armor always included a helmet to protect the head, thus it was virtually impossible to tell one knight from another. In order to prevent any mishaps on the battlefield, such as one friend injuring another, a means of identification was necessary. A colorful solution first came as knights painted patterns on their battle shields. These patterns were eventually woven into cloth surcoats, which were worn over the suit of armor. In fact many a horse was also seen prancing around in a fancy cloth surcoat with its master's Coat of Arms ablaze on the side.

This colorful identification was certainly displayed with great pride. As more designs were created, it became necessary to register or copyright these designs, to prevent two knights from using the same insignia. Records were kept that gave each knight exclusive rights, to his arms. In many cases, records were then compiled listing the family name and an exact description of its Coat of Arms. These are called "armorials" or "blazons". The word "heraldry" is associated with Coats of Arms due to the role of the "herald" in recording the blazons, and comes from a common practice at a medieval sporting event. Tournaments (or jousting contests) were popular during the days of knighthood, and as each soldier was presented at a tournament, a herald sounded the trumpet and then announced the knight's achievements and described his Arms. The heralds would then record the Arms as a way of ensuring that a family maintained its protective rights to have and use its individual Arms.

Source: Certified copy of marriage license

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Source: CENSUS - 1880, 24th day of June - Reese Creek East Gallatin Valley.

David J. Reese - nephew - b. abt. 1850 - Wales

Francis Leemaster - mother-in-law - 54 - b. Tenn

Rettie Cazier - sister-in-law - 18 - b. Utah, mother b. VA, father b. Tenn

Evan Reese - Farmer - 34 yrs - born abt. 1846 Wales

Francis Reese - wife - 20 yrs - born abt. 1860 in Utah, mother b. VA, father b. Tenn

Erma Reese - daughter - 1. 12 April - MT, Wales, Utah

Source: John Graham

It appears that the John E. Reese family, had an Evan Reese traveling with them. He may have been John's brother, the one Gomer named his son after. John and Evan were both born in Carmarthen, Wales. Evan arrived in Montana about a month ahead of John and his family (April 30th 1856) and settled in Beaverhead County, about 100 miles from Reese Creek.

I have no other details of Evan or his family. How about you? So far I cannot come up with any references to the Jenkins. I suspect, however, that the Gen. Soc. in Bozeman can be a big help. Tom Graham

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John Graham JohnG48@AOLCOM

More About JOHN E REESE:

Fact 1: Reese Creek Cemetery, Bozeman, MT^{13,14}

Fact 6: LDS^{15,16}

Notes for MARY J DAVIES:

Funeral card: Aged 87 yrs 7 mths 4 dys (Source: Marian Hill)

Obit: Advant Courier 19 Nov. 1898

DEATH OF MRS. MARY REESE

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Deceased married John E. Reese, Dec. 17, 1840, at Morristown, Wales. Religiously she became connected with the Latter day Saints in 1850, and afterwards came west. In 1863 came to Mont. The following year they settled on what has since been named Reese Creek, where and since when they have lived As pioneers they had many trials and at times were menaced with the Indians.

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Her funeral obsequies were conducted by Elder J. W. Wight, of the Reorganized Latter day Saints, she being a consistent and faithful member of that organization. The services were from the Saints Chapel, Courts, Mont.

A host of relatives and friends being present as a tribute to her memory and good deeds. Her remains were laid to rest in the Reese Creek Cemetery on the p.m. of Thursday, the 17th inst.

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Children of JOHN REESE and MARY DAVIES are:

- i. JOSEPH³ REESE^{21,22}, d. in infancy²².
- ii. MARY ANN REESE^{23,24}, d. in infancy²⁴.
3. iii. JOHN JAMES * REESE, b. October 22, 1841, Morrystown (Marristown) Wales; d. February 14, 1921, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT.
4. iv. THOMAS J REESE, b. September 11, 1843, Cartmathenshire, Wales; d. 1933, Independence, MO.
5. v. GOMER REESE, b. February 18, 1857, Pittston, Luzerne Co, PA; d. December 19, 1930, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana.
6. vi. MARY JANE REESE, b. May 15, 1848, Owmaman, Wales; d. June 02, 1913, at daughter Lena Esgar's home.

Child of JOHN REESE and MARY DAVIES is:

7. vii. EVAN³ REESE, b. 1846, Carmathenshire, Wales.

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3. JOHN JAMES *³ REESE (*JOHN E², EVAN*)^{25,26} was born October 22, 1941 in Morrystown (Marristown) Wales^{27,28}, and died February 14, 1921 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{29,30}. He married POLLY ANN ANDERS^{31,32} November 19, 1864 in Virginia City, MT^{33,34}, daughter of SETH ANDERS. She was born May 13, 1944 in Nauvoo, IL^{35,36}, and died April 27, 1925 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{37,38}.

Notes for JOHN JAMES * REESE:

Bozeman Chronicle

Tuesday Morning, February 15, 1921

JOHN J. REESE DIES MONDAY

An Early Pioneer of Montana and Gallatin Pioneer Farmer is Dead

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John James Reese, an early pioneer of Montana, who for more than half a century has been a farmer of Gallatin Valley, died Monday morning, February 14, at the ranch home where he had lived for nearly 55 years. He had been confined at home for about six months from a general breaking down due to his advanced years. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Reese Creek church.

Deceased was born at Morristown, Wales, October 22, 1841, and he was the son of John E. Reese and Mary E. (Davis) Reese. When he was 15 years old he came to America with his parents and they located in Pennsylvania. A year later John accompanied his father to Illinois and they worked for two years in mines at La Salle, returning to Scranton, PA, for which city they family started in 1860 for Salt Lake City, coming overland with ox teams from Omaha, Nebraska. They reached their destination in October. In the spring of 1863 they left for what is now Montana arriving at Bannack May 26, 1863.

The friends of John Reese have often heard him tell of witnessing the trial of George Ives, as well as the hanging of George Ives, Boone Helm, Club-foot George, and other road agents executed by the Montana vigilantes.

The father, John E. Reese, had gone on from Alder Gulch to the Gallatin Valley and had located a ranch on Reese Creek which was named in his honor. John J. remained at the mining gulch until 1866, when he joined his father and secured a squatter's right, taking the same ranch as a homestead after it was surveyed. He has added other property to this first holdings and had a cozy home where he and his wife have enjoyed the later years of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese were among the first in this part of the valley to start an orchard and for several years their apple crop has been an important part of the products of the farm, not only for home use, but also for market and for gifts to their friends.

John Reese was buried November 19, 1864, to Polly Ann Anders of Nauvoo, Ill., who survives him. Two children survive. John D., living on South Church Avenue in Bozeman, and Mrs. Sam Esgar, who lives on the home ranch of her parents. Another daughter, Mrs. Mary Turner, died in 1903. There are 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Two brothers survive, Thomas Reese of Independence, Mo., formerly of Bozeman and Gomer Reese of Ringling, Mont. The late Mrs. Harvey Weels (Wells) of Bozeman was a sister of the deceased.

Mr. Reese was a member of the Pioneers' Society of Gallatin County. He was a Democrat in politics and had served many years as committee man in his precinct. He was elected five times as justice of the peace, and was postmaster at the town of Courts in his vicinity. He served for a number of years as school trustee and for nine years as clerk of the district.

Speaking of the death of John Reese, Walter Cooper recalled the time subscriptions were being solicited for the Yellowstone Expedition in 1874, when Mr. Reese in making a speech in favor of the movement urged the men to help "Open the front door to civilization."

From the HISTORY OF MONTANA 1739-1885 Pub. 1885

John J. Reese, P.O. Bozeman, was born in Wales October 22, 1841. He is a son of John E. Reese, a farmer, now residing in Gallatin county. John J. is self educated; came to America with his folks in 1856, and in 1863 came to Montana, locating in Bannack, and working at mining. In the fall of 1863 he went to Alder Gulch, and followed mining until 1866, when he moved to the Gallatin valley and located his present home. In the year 1867 he raised his first crop. In 1868 he married Polly Ann Andres, the daughter of Seth Andres, a basket maker in Missouri. Their union was blessed with three children --- John D., Born November 9, 1869; Mary, August 29, 1872; Emma J., February 20, 1875. Mr. Reese owns 240 acres of farming land. He belongs to the Vigilantes, Knights of Honor and Knights of Pythias, and was a Granger.

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More About JOHN JAMES * REESE:

Fact 1: REESE CREEK CEMETERY^{39,40}

Fact 3: February 16, 1921, Buried^{41,42}

Fact 4: 79 years 3 months 22 days^{43,44}

Fact 6: 58 years in US^{45,46}

Notes for POLLY ANN ANDERS:

MRS. J. J. REESE A PIONEER DIES

Early Resident of Reese Creek Passes Away in Bozeman When Nearly Eighty-One Years Old.

Mrs. Polly Ann Reese, an early pioneer, widow of John J. Reese, of Reese Creek, died at 113 Wilson Avenue South, Monday afternoon, April 27, from ulceration of the stomach and bowels, following an attack of intestinal influenza. The body will be taken today to her home on Reese Creek. Arrangements have not been made for the funeral, but burial will be in the Reese Creek cemetery, beside the grave of her husband.

Mrs. Reese was Polly Ann Anders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Anders. She was born in Nauvoo, Ill., May 13, 1844. She was married at Virginia City, Montana, November 19, 1864, to John J. Reese, who had come to Montana in 1863. A few months after their marriage Mrs. Reese went to Lincoln, Nebraska, to visit her mother, Mr. Reese going back for her later bringing her to the Gallatin Valley, where he had located a farm on Reese Creek, named in honor of his father, the late John E. Reese. Here he and his wife continued to make their home and rear their family, and at this home Mr. Reese died February 14, 1921. About two weeks ago, Mrs. Sam Esgar brought her mother to Bozeman for medical care, and here she died on Monday.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reese. John D. Reese, who resides on Church Avenue South, Mrs. Mary Turner, deceased and Mrs. Sam (Emma) Esgar, formerly of Bridger canyon, but who has resided at home with her mother for the past six years. She leaves 13 grandchildren. She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints at Reese Creek.

More About POLLY ANN ANDERS:

Fact 1: REESE CREEK CEMETERY^{47,48}

Fact 6: April 30, 1925, Buried^{49,50}

Children of JOHN REESE and POLLY ANDERS are:

8. i. JOHN DAVID *⁴ REESE, b. November 19, 1869, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, Montana; d. February 21, 1937, Bozeman, Montana - Reese Creek cemetery.
9. ii. MARY ELMIRA REESE, b. August 28, 1872, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT, d. November 18, 1903.
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Source: Larel Bassett - dates

Children of THOMAS REESE and MARY GREEN :

11. i. OLIVER⁴ REESE, b. December 03, 1871, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT; d. November 23, 1955, Bozeman, MT - Reese Creek cemetery.
- ii. MELISSA REESE^{57,58}, b. April 26, 1873, Bozeman, MT, d. June 13, 1877, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT.
- iii. JOSEPH ALMA REESE^{59,60}, b. January 05, 1874, Bozeman, MT^{61,62}, d. January 18, 1942, Bozeman, MT - Buried Reese Creek Cemetery, m. JOHANNAH MAGDELIN SCHEYTT⁶², 1903, Bozeman, MT; b. July 20, 1884, Marshall, IL; d. April 19, 1950, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT - Reese Creek cemetery Age 65 yrs.⁶²

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12. iv. ARTHUR QUINTON REESE, b. July 17, 1877; d. of Independence, MO.
v. THOMAS LESTER REESE^{63,64}, b. August 28, 1882, Bozeman, MT, d. December 2, 1924, Wilsall, MT.

Notes for THOMAS LESTER REESE:

Source: Larel Bassett

Obit: 3rd December 1924

LESTER REESE WAS INJURED IN RUNAWAY AND DIED AT WILLSALL

Body Will Be Brought to Bozeman and Funeral Arrangements Will Be Announced Later.

Lester Reese, youngest son of Thomas Reese a Gallatin county pioneer, who was injured internally at his ranch near Sedan, Monday afternoon, when he jumped from the wagon when his team was running away, died at the hospital at Wilsall Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. His oldest brother, Oliver L. Reese of Reese Creek, who left Tuesday morning for Wilsall, and reached there a few hours before Lester died will bring the body to Bozeman, but arrangements will not be made for the funeral until the arrival of a brother Arthur from Missouri.

Lester Reese was born at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese on Reese Creek, August 28, 1882. He had spent the greater part of his life in this vicinity, He and his brother Arthur having a ranch near Salesville some time, leaving there about six years ago, when Arthur went to Missouri, and Lester went to the ranch near Sedan, where he has been living alone. He was in Bozeman last week to spend Thanksgiving with his sister Mrs. Allen D. Secor and family on West Babcock Street, and remained until Saturday visiting relatives and friends.

While he was driving home Monday afternoon, his team got frightened and started to run. Noticing that the wagon was about to tip over, Lester jumped and fell to the ground in such a way that he could not get up. Some neighbor passing saw the accident, picked him up and took him to Wilsall, where the doctor found he was injured internally, and with no hope for recovery. Bozeman relatives were notified, and the brother from Reese Creek went over as stated.

Deceased is survived by his father Thomas Reese, now living at Independence, MO., by three brothers, Oliver of Reese Creek, Arthur who is on the way from Missouri and Joseph of Bozeman. He leaves one sister Mrs. Allen D. Secor of Bozeman and a number of other relatives in the valley.

13. vi. MAGGIE JANE REESE, b. July 13, 1888, Bozeman, MT, d. October 11, 1941, Bozeman, MT.

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5. GOMER³ REESE (*JOHN E². EVAN¹*)^{61,66} was born February 18, 1857 in Pittston, Luzerne Co, PA^{67,68}, and died December 19, 1930 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana. He married CHLOE MALINDA MOORE^{69,70} December 19, 1875 in Dry Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana, daughter of AMOS MOORE and CELIA YOUNG. She was born November 09, 1859 in San Jose, CA, and died February 04, 1932 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana.

Notes for GOMER REESE:

MARRIED 20 DEC 1875 - Dry Creek, Gallatin Co, MT

"OLD TOMBSTONE RECORDS, GALLATIN CO, MONTANA" LDS
STONE DATES (1857-1930)

From the HISTORY OF MONTANA 1739-1885 Pub. 1885

Gomer Reese, P. O. Bozeman, was born in Pennsylvania, February 18, 1855. He is a son of John E. Reese, a farmer. Gomer came to Montana with his father in 1863, and was educated in the public schools of Gallatin valley. In 1875 he married Miss C. M. Moore, daughter of A. B. Moore, a stock raiser in Gallatin valley. Their children are: Mary, Evan, Autie, Ambro and Zitte. Mr. Reese follows stock-raising and farming.

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Scarlet Fever

We learn that scarlet fever has prevailed in East Gallatin to a considerable extent during the past winter, and that it has not yet abated. Among the recent victims to this dreaded scourge were two children of Mr. Gomer Reese - a daughter and a son, aged one and three years respectively. The bereaved parents have our sincere sympathy in this great affliction.

GOMER REESE

Gomer Reese has been a resident of Montana since his boyhood, and can well recall the scenes and incidents which characterized life on the Montana frontier in the early 'sixties. His father was a pioneer and early settler of influence in Gallatin county, where he engaged in farming and stock growing, Reese Creek named in his honor. Gomer Reese was born in Pittston, PA., February 18, 1857, the son of John E. and Mary Davis Reese. John E. Reese, was born in Wales, in June, 1819, and immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1856. In 1869 he started west making the trip and coming to Montana by the way of Utah, arriving in Bannack, Mont., in the year 1863 accompanied by his family. That year he located in Alder Gulch, the present site of Virginia City, then one of the greatest mining camps in the world, remaining until the following fall, when he located a farm on what is now Reese Creek, fifteen miles north of the present city of Bozeman. He devoted his attention to general farming and stockraising until his death which occurred March 21, 1900, having attained the patriarchal age of eighty-two years. He was a stationary engineer by profession, and to that and to coal mining he devoted his attention until locating his farm in Gallatin county. His wife was born in Wales April 20, 1811, and her death occurred at the old homestead in Gallatin county, November 15, 1898. They were both of sterling character and kindly nature, and none were held in deeper affection and esteem.

Gomer Reese was educated in private schools in Bozeman, and continued his studies until reaching the age of

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seventeen but continuing to assist in the work of the parental homestead until twenty-one. In 1878 he took up a claim of 160 acres located on Reese Creek, two miles distant from his father's ranch. He proved up on this property, sold the same in 1882 and went to South Dakota, where he purchased and operated a wheat farm until 1885, when he sold out and returned to Gallatin county. He then purchased a track of 320 acres, on Reese Creek, about 15 miles north of Bozeman, his present postoffice address. Here Mr. Reese has one of the finest farms to be found in this beautiful, fertile and prolific valley, improvements being among the best of this section. His crops are chiefly wheat and hay, for which there is always a ready market, and the yield of wheat often reaches an average of fifty-eight bushels to the acre. He also raises livestock, but not extensively. Mr. Reese is thoroughly public-spirited, and ever ready to lend his influence to any undertaking or legitimate project which will further the material prosperity and advancement of section, His political support is given to the Republican party, in whose cause he is an active worker. Fraternally he holds membership in the Woodmen of the World, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and Bozeman Castle of the Order of American Yeomen.

On December 20, 1875, Mr. Reese was united in marriage in Gallatin county, to Miss Chloe M Moore, who was born in Payson, Utah, November 9, 1859, the daughter of Amos B. Moore, at one time an extensive farmer and stockman of Gallatin county and a member of the territorial legislature of Montana, in 1875, as a representative of the Democracy. He is now a resident of Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Reese are the parents of six children: Evan W., born December 26, 1879; Clara V., January 4, 1881; Pleasant, April 29, 1884; Percival E., October 10, 1887 and Vernie B. July 5, 1896.

Source: Progressive Men State of Montana.

REESE CREEK BRANCH

Gallatin county was first explored by the Verendryes party, referred to in general history, early in the eighteenth century, again by Lewis and Clark at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and by Father DeSmet and his conferees between 1840 and 1858. In 1862 the first settlements were established in the county, and from the fall of that year, the history of the county's progress dates.

The RLDS Church was one of the earliest established in the Gallatin Valley of Montana. John E. Reese came here in 1863, a year before Montana was made a territory and two years before Gallatin county was created by an act of the legislative assembly at Bannack, on February 2, 1865. The Reese family came from Wales to Pennsylvania in 1857, then to Virginia City, Montana Territory, and finally settled approximately sixteen miles from the present town of Bozeman. John Reese, his four sons and one daughter --- Evan, John J., Tom, Gomer, and Jane - - helped build the community which came to be known as Reese Creek.

Burlingame refers to this early settlement as "A small number of Mormons --- Josephites they were called locally --- who came in 1863, including the Reese, Warwood, and Ross families. A church and a school has held this Reese Creek community together for many years."

John E. Reese wrote from Montana, August 4, 1868, that a RLDS Church branch had been organized the fall before. The first services of the Reese Creek Branch were held in a log house which had a dirt floor and dirt roof. In 1884 the church building was completed. In "54 Years Ago" in the Bozeman newspaper was an article: "Thomas Reese has been circulating a subscription list for some time past looking toward erection of a church edifice for the society of the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints on Reese Creek. Mr. Reese met with heavy responses on every hand, the amount already subscribed being over \$800." The lumber for the church was to come from George Flanders Lumber Mill. The church was built by Bill Shepherd.

In 1888 the Montana District (of the church) was organized. Gomer Reese was chosen president of the district. Also during the General Church Conference of April 6, 1888, Gomer Reese received a missionary appointment. He was ordained an elder August 1, 1888, and a seventy June 2, 1897. It appears that this man was most instrumental in holding the church together at Reese Creek.

A fire at the Gomer Reese farm near Maudlow, in the early 1920's, destroyed many church books and perhaps the records of the Reese Creek Branch. This branch was disbanded in 1928 and the members were transferred to the Bozeman Branch. The church building was sold to Andrew Dale for \$ 150.

More About GOMER REESE:

Fact 1: B. REESE CREEK CEMETERY^{71,72}

Fact 3: February 1857, 1900 Census - 43 yrs old^{73,74}

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Fact 4: 9 children - 6 living in 1900^{75,76}

Fact 5: married 25 yrs - 1900^{77,78}

Fact 6: December 23, 1875, m. Dry Creek, MT^{79,80}

Notes for CHLOE MALINDA MOORE:

Obit: The Bozeman Daily Chronicle - Saturday, February 6, 1932

MRS. G. REESE PASSES AWAY

Widow of Early Gallatin Pioneer, Burial Will Be in Reese Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Chloe M. Reese, 72, widow of an early Gallatin pioneer, Gomer Reese, passed away at her home on North Seventh Friday morning. She had a stroke of paralysis a week ago, and never fully rallied from that, being in a critical condition since that time. Funeral services will be held at eleven o'clock, and burial will be in the family plot beside the grave of her husband, in the Reese Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Reese was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos B. Moore. She was born in San Jose, California, November 9, 1859. She came with her parents to the Gallatin valley in 1870, and they lived on a farm in the Dry Creek district, where she was married December 23, 1875, to Gomer Reese. They made their home for a few years on a homestead in the Reese Creek district, then sold the ranch and went to South Dakota, where they purchased and operated a wheat farm for a few years. They sold this farm and returned to Gallatin valley, purchasing a ranch near their former home in the Reese Creek District. Mr. Reese raised wheat and hay and some livestock.

Mr. Reese purchased a home in Bozeman, where he and his family lived for a time in order to send the children to school. For a few years, he engaged in farming in the Potter Basin, then he and his wife went to California, where they spent five years, then returned to Bozeman where they made their home at 23 North Seventh. There Mr. Reese died in December 1930. Mrs. Reese was a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints from early childhood.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reese, four having preceded the parents in death. Those surviving are: Evan Reese of Didsbury, Canada; Mrs. R. A. (Zetta) Young of Bozeman; Mrs. A. B. (Velma) Warren of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. William (Pleasant) Newton, formerly of Wilmington, California, who has been here for a few months caring for her mother; and Percy Reese of Denton, Montana, who came to Bozeman Monday and was here when his mother passed away. There are ten grandchildren.

Three brothers and three sisters survive Mrs. Reese. A. J. Moore of Bozeman; Mrs. Dave (Dora) Williams of Long Beach, California; Mrs. John (Ida) Davis of Springfield, MO.; Mrs. William (Rebecca) Hawes of Spray, Oregon; Frank Moore of Condon, Oregon, and E. J. Moore of Alberta, Canada.

(Payson City, Utah Territory (Pondtown, Utah)?)

More About CHLOE MALINDA MOORE:

Fact 1: November 1859, 1900 Census - 40 yrs old^{81,82,83}

Children of GOMER REESE and CHLOE MOORE are:

i. MARY JANE^{84,83} REESE^{84,83}, b. December 03, 1876, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{86,87}, d. February 16, 1879, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana.

Notes for MARY JANE REESE:

Obit:

Reese - At Reese Creek, Gallatin county, Montana, of scarlet fever, after an illness of three days, Mary Jane Reese, aged 3 years, 2 months and 13 days.

The deceased was the daughter of Gomer and Chloe M Reese. Funeral sermon to be preached by Elder E. C. Brand, March 7th.

Our little one has gone to rest,
And with the dead is numbered;
But soon again we know she'll rise,
When the trump of God is sounded.

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Now she rests an Jesus' bosom,
Free from every pain and care;
Though we weep when her tomb we gaze on,
But the spirit whispers, "she's not there."

O, may we live that we may meet her,
When this earth is free from sin,
Then with joy and peace we'll greet her,
At the marriage supper enter in. G. R. (Gomer Reese)

More About MARY JANE REESE:

Fact 1: December 03, 1876, Born - Source: Seattle Gen. Soc.^{88,89,90}

Fact 6: February 16, 1879, Died - Source: Seattle Gen. Soc.^{91,92,93}

14. ii. EVAN WALTER REESE, b. December 26, 1877, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana; d. May 27, 1967, Innisfail, Alberta, Canada.
iii. AUTIE LESTER REESE^{94,95}, b. October 31, 1878, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{96,97}; d. February 28, 1879, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana⁹⁸.

More About AUTIE LESTER REESE:

Fact 1: February 28, 1879, Feb 29, 1979 was not a leap year^{98,99,100}

15. iv. VELMA CLARA REESE, b. January 04, 1882, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana; d. August 25, 1944, San Bernardino, CA - Buried Stockton, CA.
v. OLIVE BLANCH REESE^{101,102}, b. January 16, 1883, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{103,104}; d. March 14, 1883, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana¹⁰⁵.
vi. PLEASANT LOVINA REESE^{105,106}, b. April 29, 1884, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana, d. October 03, 1958, San Luis Obispo, CA^{107,108,109}; m. (1) WILLIAM A "BILLY" NEWTON^{110,111}, May 22, 1904, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{112,113}; d. 1951, San Luis Obispo, CA¹¹³; m. (2) W. O. NEWTON^{114,115}, May 22, 1904, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{116,117}, d. , CA¹¹⁸.

Notes for PLEASANT LOVINA REESE:

Source: Larel Bassett

Buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, San Luis Obispo, CA

Obit:

Pleasant Newton Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Pleasant Newton, 74, native of Montana and resident of San Luis Obispo for the past 20 years, died Friday afternoon in a local hospital after a long illness.

She was born on April 29, 1884, in Reese Creek, Mont., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Reese, Montana territory pioneers.

Mrs. Newton and her husband, W. A. "Billy" Newton, who died in 1951, made their home in Long Beach for 18 years until they came to San Luis Obispo in 1938.

Mrs. Newton is survived by a brother, Evan W. Reese of Caroline, Alberta, Canada; a sister, Mrs. Ida Young of Bozeman, Mont.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Palmer - Waters chapel here with a Christian Science reader officiating. Burial will be in the family plot of the IOOF cemetery.

Pallbearers were Elmer Faucett, E. A. Woodford, Ira A. Halford, Morris Smith, Ross Wallin, William T. Miller.

More About PLEASANT LOVINA REESE:

Fact 1: 1885, 1900 Census - 15 Yrs old^{119,120,121}

16. vii. PERCIVAL EVERTON REESE, b. October 10, 1887, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana, d. October 03, 1956, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana.
17. viii. IDA AMBROZETTE REESE, b. December 08, 1880, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana, d. June 08, 1980, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana.
ix. CLARA VELINA REESE^{122,123}, b. January 04, 1881, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{124,125}; d. August 25, 1944, San Bernardino, CA^{126,127}; m. ALBERT WARREN^{128,129,130}, June 04, 1905, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{131,132}; d. Abt. 1938.

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More About CLARA VELINA REESE:

Fact 1: 1891, 1900 Census - 19 yrs old^{133,134}

x. VERN BLAIR REESE^{135,136}, July 05, 1896, Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{137,138}. d. March 02, 1913, Ringling, Meagher Co, Montana - Reese Creek cemetery^{139,140,141}.

Notes for VERN BLAIR REESE

Obit: March 4, 1913

Blair Reese Dies at Ringling

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He is survived by his parents and by two brothers and three sisters: Percy Reese of Ringling, Evan Reese of High River, Alberta; Mrs. Albert Warren of Kingsburg, California, Mrs. Wm. Newton of Ringling, and Mrs. R. A. Young of Bozeman. He leaves also a number of other relatives and friends in Gallatin valley.

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More About VERN BLAIR REESE:

Fact 1: 1896, 1900 Census MT - 3 yrs old^{142,143,144}.

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Notes for MARY JANE REESE:

Obit: June 4, 1913

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Notes for JOHN HARVEY WELLS:

PIONEER

John Harvey Wells and Jane Reese Wells

John Harvey (Harve) Wells was born in Saline County, Missouri, June 23, 1842, the son of Colonel Ransom Wells and Adeline Wells. Jane Reese Wells was born in Wales, May 15, 1848, and came with her parents and brothers, crossing the plains and reaching the Gallatin Valley in the spring of 1864.

Harve Wells after fighting as a boy of seventeen in the Civil War Battle of Wilson's Creek in southern Missouri and having to fight without adequate arms, left to go West with several comrades. He became a caravan freighter on the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails and eventually came north to settle in the Gallatin Valley at Reese Creek in the fall of 1864.

Children born to Harve and Jane while in Montana were Gomer, 1867; Alice 1869 (died as a child); Perry, 1861; and Reese, 1875. The family moved to Knob Noster, Missouri in 1877 where Lena was born in 1878 and Chloe in 1882.

For about sixteen years while they lived there, Harve was a successful business man in dry goods and groceries and in buying western cattle and selling them in Chicago.

They returned to live in Montana at Reese Creek and later in Bozeman where Harve built and sold several houses in Bozeman and Belgrade. He owned a flour mill in partnership with the Aldrit and also served a time on the Bozeman police force.

Jane died at the home of her daughter Lena Esgar on June 2, 1913; Harve passed away at the home of daughter Chloe Jacobs a few years later. They are buried in the Masonic section of the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman.

Descendents of Harvey and Jane Wells:

Gomer -- married Adelaide Pascoe of Australia

Children: Lena, Edward, Reese, Melvin, Mavis, Milbert

Perry -- married Allie

One son, Russell

Reese -- married Amy James

One son, Thomas Halcom

Lena -- married Robert Esgar

Children: R. Rea, Kenneth, Maxine

Chloe -- married Henry Jacobs

Children: Erlene, Veda, Don

History submitted by:

Erlene Andes

Granddaughter

Relationship to pioneer

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Children of MARY REESE and JOHN WELLS are:

18. i. GOMER R⁴ WELLS, b. July 10, 1867; d. of Lamoni, Iowa (1913).
19. ii. CHLOE BERTHA WELLS, b. July 31, 1882, Knobnoster, Saline, MO; d. Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana.
 - iii. CLARINDA ALICE WELLS^{149,150}, b. November 13, 1869^{151,152}; d. October 14, 1874, age 4 years, 1 month, 8 days^{153,154}.
20. iv. MARY LENA WELLS, b. July 11, 1878, Knobnoster, Saline county, MO.
21. v. PERRY WELLS, b. September 20, 1871.
22. vi. REESE WELLS, b. January 11, 1875; d. of Kansas City, MO.

7. EVAN³ REESE (*JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{155,156} was born 1846 in Carmathenshire, Wales. He married FRANCIS. She was born 1860 in Utah.

Notes for EVAN REESE:

4 March 1913 - Stated in Blair Reese's obit - High River, Alberta

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Source: Larel Bassett - dates

Child of EVAN REESE and FRANCIS is:

- i. ERMA⁴ REESE, b. 1880, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT

Generation No. 4

8. JOHN DAVID *⁴ REESE (*JOHN JAMES*³, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{157,158} was born November 19, 1869 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, Montana^{159,160}, and died February 21, 1937 in Bozeman, Montana - Reese Creek cemetery^{161,162}. He married MELVA ANNA* JENKINS^{163,164} January 16, 1895 in Bozeman, MT, daughter of JOHN JENKINS and MATILDA GRAHAM. She was born September 05, 1877 in Spirit Lake, Dickinson Co, IA^{165,166}, and died March 04, 1959 in Long Beach, CA^{167,168}.

Notes for JOHN DAVID * REESE:

Obit: The Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Bozeman, Montana, Tuesday 23 February 1937

JOHN D. REESE, PIONEER, DIES

Was Born at Reese Creek, Nov. 19, 1869. Funeral Services to be Held Wednesday.

John D. Reese age 67, a pioneer of Gallatin county, died at the county farm Sunday morning from infirmities of his age.

Reese, son of pioneers John J. and Polly Ann Reese, was born at Reese Creek, Nov. 19, 1869, and had lived all his life in Montana. His father "came to Montana in 1863, locating in Bannack. and working at mining," according to an early "History of Montana." The history in further telling of the parent said: "In the fall of 1863 he went to Alder Gulch, and followed mining until 1866, when he moved to the Gallatin valley and located his present home. In the year 1867 he raised his first crop." The father was a vigilante.

John D. Reese was married to Melva K Jenkins, Jan. 16, 1895.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Melva Reese; five children, Mrs. T. B. Pollard, Ira J. Reese and Mrs. W. D. Pasha of Bozeman, Howard R. Reese of Missoula and Earl L. Reese of California; six grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Ella Esgar of California.

Funeral services are to be conducted in the chapel of the Dokken Funeral home at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. H. A. Browning, Burial is to be in the Reese Creek cemetery.

More About JOHN DAVID * REESE:

Fact 1: February 24, 1937, Buried Reese Creek Cemetery^{169,170}

Reese Descendants

Fact 6: 67 years 3 months 2 days^{171,172}

Notes for MELVA ANNA* JENKINS :

Melva's house is still standing. Go up Church Street it turns into Sourdough Creek Road, the house sits by Bozeman creek on the right. Bozeman, MT

Children of JOHN REESE and MELVA JENKINS are:

- i. MARGUERITE L⁵ REESE^{173,174}, b. November 12, 1896^{175,176}; d. Auburn, King Co, WA^{177,178}; m. THOMAS B POLLARD SR^{179,180}, February 23, 1942, Seattle, King Co, WA^{181,182}; b. February 22^{183,184}
- ii. IRA JOHN * REESE^{185,186}, b. October 21, 1901, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{187,188,189}, d. February 15, 1961, Tacoma, Pierce Co, WA^{190,191,192}; m. BERNICE FRANCIS GERRITZ^{193,194}, September 07, 1927, White Sulphur Springs, MT; b. May 08, 1908, Tacoma, Pierce Co, WA^{195,196}, d. May 08, 1999, Tacoma, Pierce Co, WA.

Notes for IRA JOHN * REESE:

M. BERNICE FRANCIS GERRITZ - FRANCIS BERNICE GERRITZ

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Birth date. Oct 21, 1901

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Individual: Reese, Ira

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State of issue: MT

Burial Feb 19, 1961 Woodbine Cemetery, Puyallup, WA [Reesef~1.FTW]

Reese Descendants

Obit: The Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington, Feb 16, 1961
Ira J. Reese

Ira J. Reese, 59, of Rt. 3, Box 167, Tacoma died in a local hospital Wednesday. Born in Montana, he lived here 19 years.

Mr. Reese was an employee of the Brown & Haley Candy Co.

Surviving are his widow, Bernice F., and a son, John K., both of Tacoma; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Norma) Sabalaska of Tacoma and Mrs. Robert (Sandra) LaGrange of New Jersey, two brothers, Howard of Costa Mesa, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Pollard of Algona and Mrs. William Pasha of Bozeman, Mont., and eight grandchildren.

Services will be announced by Wrigley-Clements Funeral Home in Puyallup.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Reese,
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Sunday, June fifteenth
Nineteen hundred and fifty-two
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More About IRA JOHN* REESE:
Fact 1: Social Security 516-09-6988^{197,198,199}
Fact 3: State of issue: MT^{200,201,202}

Notes for BERNICE FRANCIS GERRITZ:

Obit:
Bernice Reese

Home Child care provider

Bernice (Gerritz) Reese, 91, died May 8 in Tacoma.

She was born in Pierce County and lived in the Tacoma area most of her life.

She met and married her husband, Ira Reese in Montana in 1927 and was widowed in 1961.

She loved children and devoted her life to raising her own family then spent the rest of her life caring for the children of others as a baby-sister for 44 years.

She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her son, Jack and his wife, Clara, daughters Norma Hansen and her husband Bill, and Sandra La Grange and her husband, Bob; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great grandson; brother, Robert Gerritz and his wife, Diane; sisters, Goldene Robinson and her husband, Otto, and Georgene Lenz; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., May 14 at Woodbine Cemetery in Puyallup.

iii. BRYDEEN MATILDA REESE^{203,204}, b. February 24, 1908, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{205,206}, d. June 26, 1983, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{207,208}; m. WILLIAM DONALD PASHA^{209,210}, February 07, 1929, Bozeman, MT; b. December 29, 1905, Bozeman, MT; d. January 06, 1994, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT, Sunset Hills Cemetery²¹⁰.

Notes for WILLIAM DONALD PASHA:

Services from Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel

Bozeman, MT

Monday January 10, 1994 10:30 AM

Officiants

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Marie Harper

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Musical Selections

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Bill Bellows Norman Bellows

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Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery

Bozeman, Montana

WILLIAM D. PASHA

William Donald Pasha Sr., 98, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Bozeman Care Center.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1905, in Bozeman to Ronald J. and Emma Stucky Pasha. He grew up and attended Middle Creek School and the Bozeman public schools. He worked on the family farm and on Feb. 7, 1929, married Byrdeen Reese in Bozeman. The couple farmed in the valley until retirement in 1989. His wife preceded him in death in 1983. He has been a resident of the Bozeman Care Center Since 1989. He was a member of Bozeman Lodge No. 18 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies of Livingston, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple of Billings, Bozeman Elks Lodge No. 463, Bozeman Eagles Lodge Aerie no. 326 mid was a charter member of the Gallatin County Sheriffs' Posse. Memorials in his name may be made to the Shriners

Reese Descendants

Hospital for Crippled Children, P. O. Box 2472, Spokane, Wash., 99210-2472.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, William Donald Jr. and Betty Pasha of Bozeman; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura Mae and Robert Bellows of Miles City, one sister Edith Hughes of Fairfield, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Byrdeen in 1983 and by one sister, Louise March and three brothers, Clifford, John and Ronald.

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WILLIAM D. PASHA SR., 88

Funeral services for William D. Pasha Sr., were held Mon., Jan. 10 at the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel, with burial at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Mr. Pasha died Thurs., Jan. 6 at the Bozeman Care Center at the age 88.

He was born Dec. 29, 1905 in Bozeman to Ronald J. and Emma Stucky Pasha. He grew up and attended Middle Creek School and the Bozeman public schools. He worked on the family farm, on Feb. 7, 1929 married Byrdeen Reese in Bozeman.

The couple farmed in the valley until retirement in 1989. His wife preceded him in death in 1983.

iv. HOWARD RUBBLE REESE^{211,212}, b. September 15, 1910, Moore, Gallatin Co, MT^{213,214,215}; d. July 25, 1976, Pomona, CA - Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, CA^{216,217,218}; m. MARIAN ADELAIDE HART^{219,220,221}, December 25, 1929, Seattle, King Co, WA^{222,223}; b. September 1907, Denver, CO^{224,225,226}; d. April 14, 1980, Anaheim, CA - Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, CA^{227,228,229}.

Reese Descendants

Notes for HOWARD RUBLE REESE:

Individual: Reese, Howard
Birth date: Sep 15, 1910
Death date: Jul 1976
Social Security #: 517-03-1215
Last residence. CA 92806
State Of Issue: MT

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Howard was robbed, kidnapped, and murdered on July 25, 1976 - His body was found July 27, 1976 - Buried July 31, 1976

More About HOWARD RUBLE REESE:

Fact 1: July 31, 1976, Social Security #: 517-03-1215^{230,231,232}

Fact 3: State of issue: MT^{233,234,235}

Fact 6: Last residence: CA 92806^{236,237,238}

v. EARL LE ROY REESE^{239,240}, b. January 11, 1913, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{241,242}; d. October 1999, Miles City, MT; m. (1) HELEN²⁴², 1944²⁴², m. (2) HELEN HOFMANN²⁴³, October 19, 1948, Las Vegas, NV²⁴³; b. March 19, 1918, Greenfield, IA; d. April 25, 1984, Greenfield, IA.

Notes for EARL LE ROY REESE:

Earl Reese
621 N. Montana Ave.
Miles City, MT 59301-2530
(406) 232-6015

CHILD: DENNIS LE ROY REESE B 6 SEP, DIED AT BIRTH

9. MARY ELMIRA⁴ REESE (*JOHN JAMES*^{*3}, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{244,245} was born August 28, 1872 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT^{246,247}, and died November 18, 1903^{248,249}. She married EDWARD A TURNER^{250,251}.

Children of MARY REESE and EDWARD TURNER are:

i. JOSEPH EDWARD⁵ TURNER^{252,253}, b. September 11, 1891, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana, Reese Creek^{254,255}, d. August 17, 1972, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{256,257}; m. BESS STRATTON^{258,259}, September 09, 1914, Bridger canyon - 1964 Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniv.²⁶⁰.

Notes for JOSEPH EDWARD TURNER:

Obit: 24 August 1972

Joseph Edward Turner

Funeral services for Joseph Edward Turner, 80 of 1609 Hillside Lane, were conducted Monday at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. He died Aug. 17 at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

He was a lifetime resident of Bozeman following his birth at Reese Creek to Edward and Mary Reese Turner on Sept. 11, 1891.

Turner worked as a carpenter and for the past eight years had been employed at the hospital as custodian.

He was married to Bessie Stratton on Sept. 9, 1914, in Bridger Canyon.

Turner was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Turner, and a daughter, Mrs. Velna McKay, of Bozeman; two sons, Victor Turner of Bountiful, Utah, and Vincent Turner of Lima, Ohio; two brothers, Elvin of Los Angeles and Tom Esgar of Belgrade; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Warwood of Bozeman

ii. ELVIN TURNER^{260,261}, d. of Los Angeles, CA^{262,263}.

iii. TOM ESGAR TURNER^{264,265}, d. of Belgrade, MT^{266,267}.

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iv. CLARA TURNER^{268,269}, d. Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{270,271}; m. MR. WARWOOD.

10. EMMA JOSEPHIA⁴ REESE (*JOHN JAMES*^{*3}, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{272,273} was born February 20, 1875 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., MT^{274,275}. She married SAMUEL GRANT ESGAR^{276,277,278} March 25, 1894 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., MT^{279,280}.

Notes for SAMUEL GRANT ESGAR:

Obit: April 14, 1927

GALLATIN FARMER DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Sam G. Esgar of Reese Creek Dies at Hollywood. Where He and His Wife Were Visiting.

Sam G. Esgar of Reese Creek, a well known Gallatin farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack W. Guiger in Hollywood, California, Thursday morning at 11:30, according to word received by Bozeman relatives. Arrangements have not been made for the funeral.

Mr. Esgar and his wife had gone to California to spend the winter with their son Reese Esgar and their daughter Mrs. Guiger and their families. Mr. Esgar had not been well and hoped that the change to a lower attitude would benefit his health. He and his wife had been with the son at Modesto, until about ten days ago, when he went to Hollywood to visit the daughter.

He is survived by two sons and one daughter and by several grandchildren. Besides the son and daughter mentioned in California. His son Tom Esgar is managing the ranch at Reese Creek. Four brothers and one sister survive Mr. Esgar. They are Charles, Robert M., and John Esgar and Mrs. John Rabe or Bozeman, and Frank Esgar of Independence, Missouri.

Children of EMMA REESE and SAMUEL ESGAR:

- i. REESE⁵ ESGAR, d. of Modesto, CA.
- ii. TOM ESGAR, d. of Bozeman, MT.
- iii. DAUGHTER ESGAR, d. of Hollywood. CA; m. JACK W. GUIGER; d. of Hollywood. CA.

11. OLIVER LEE⁴ REESE (*JOHN JAMES*^{*3}, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{281,282} was born December 03, 1871 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., MT^{283,284}, and died November 23, 1935 in Bozeman. MT - Reese Creek cemetery. He married VHILENA CHARLOTTE SACHS^{285,286} November 12, 1901 in Terre Haute, IN, daughter of JACOB SACHS and JOHANNAH SCHEYTT. She was born March 26, 1876 in Terre Haute. IN, and died June 30, 1930 in Bozeman, MT.

Notes for OLIVER LEE REESE:

1900 Reese Creek, MT census
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Notes for VHILENA CHARLOTTE SACHS:

VHILENA C. SACHS REESE

Marriage brought Vhilena Sachs to Reese Creek from Terra Haute, Indiana. While visiting her sister, Nettie Baguhn Herrin, at Reese Creek, Vhilena met Oliver L. Reese. They married in 1901 and lived at the farm where the Reese family had homesteaded in 1863.

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In addition to raising six children of her own, Vhilena cared for three others. According to her daughter-in-law, Elouise (Skippy) Reese:

"Besides all of her many household tasks, she and her family grew large gardens, pieced quilts and made their own clothes . . . She sold eggs and chickens, baked all of her own bread, made her own soap, helped with all the butchering, churned her own butter, and canned hundreds of jars of fruit, jams and preserves . . . She was a great reader and a fine piano player."

Copy from Gallatin County Historical Society, Pioneer Museum, Bozeman, MT

July 1, 1930 MRS. OLIVER L. REESE DIES MONDAY EVENING

Had Lived Nearly 30 Years in the Reese Creek District. Funeral Awaits Sons Arrival.

Mrs. Vhilena Charlotte Reese, wife of Oliver L. Reese, of Reese-Creek, aged 54, passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. O. H. Fuller at 614 Black Avenue North, Monday morning, after an illness of a few months. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, waiting for the arrival of her son Franklin Reese from Long Beach, California. Services will be held at the reorganized church of Latter Day Saints on Seventh Avenue North, and burial will be in the Reese Creek cemetery.

The body is at the Hagaman funeral home.

She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, March 26, 1876, her maiden name being Vhilena C. Sachs. She was married in Terre Haute, November 12, 1901, to Oliver L. Reese of the Gallatin Valley, a son of early pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese. They came west soon after the wedding, and settled on a ranch in the Reese creek district north of Bozeman, where they have continued to reside.

Mrs. Reese is survived by her husband and by five children; Franklin and Olive Reese of Long Beach, the latter having come during her mother's illness; Mildred, Paul and Donna all at the ranch home. She is also survived by her mother Mrs. Elizabeth Sachs and by a brother Frank Sachs at Terre Haute, Indiana. She was a member of Eastern Star in Terre Haute, but had never affiliated with any chapter here. [Reesef~1.FTW]

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Children of OLIVER REESE and VHIENA SACHS are:

i. ESTHER MARY⁵ REESE^{287,288}, b. November 09, 1902, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT; d. March 15, 1919, Bozeman, MT.

Notes for ESTHER MARY REESE:

Buried Reese Creek Cemetery

ii. FRANKLIN ARTHUR REESE^{289,290}, b. February 22, 1904, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT²⁹⁰; d. March 09, 1985, Long Beach, CA - Buried LaVerne, CA; m. (1) KATHERINE UNKNOWN²⁹⁰; m. (2) HELEN KATHRYN REXROAD, September 02, 1933, Long Beach, CA; b. October 24, 1910, Anaheim, CA; d. May 08, 1987, Long Beach, CA - Buried La Verne, CA.

Notes for FRANKLIN ARTHUR REESE:

Obit: Bozeman Daily Chronicle - March 10, 1985

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In 1929, he began work for the U. S. Postal Service and retired after 42 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine; one son, Franklin Jr.; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters, Olive Reese of Long Beach and Mrs. Elard (Mildred) Bassett of Bozeman. Six nephews also survive.

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Notes for HELEN KATHRYN REXROAD:

Source: Larel Bassett

iii. THOMAS JACOB REESE²⁹⁰, b. March 09, 1906, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana; d. April 26, 1906, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT - Reese Creek cemetery²⁹⁰.

Notes for THOMAS JACOB REESE:

Source:

Avant Courier - 27 April 1906 - P 1 C 6

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iv. ELIZABETH OLIVE REESE, b. April 08, 1907, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT; d. of Long Beach, CA.

v. MILDRED IRENE REESE^{291,292}, b. January 03, 1911, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT; d. April 30, 1992, Bozeman, MT; m. ELARD RAYMOND BASSETT^{293,294}, June 20, 1935, Big Timber, MT; b. January 06, 1911, Livingston, MT^{295,296} d. January 10, 1991, Bozeman, MT.

Notes for MILDRED IRENE REESE:

Obit: April 30, 1992

MILDRED IRENE BASSETT, 81

Mildred Irene Reese Bassett died Thurs., April 30 at the Bozeman Care Center after a short illness. She was 81.

She was born Jan. 3, 1911 at Reese Creek, north of Bozeman, to Oliver I. Reese and Whilena C. Sachs Reese. She attended Reese Creek School through the eighth grade and graduated from Gallatin County High School. She raised a younger brother and sister after her mother's death in 1930.

She married Elard R. Bassett June 10, 1935 in Big Timber. They lived in Bozeman until 1942 when they moved to California where Elard worked in the shipyards. In 1945 they moved back to Bozeman, then back to California in 1956. They returned to Livingston in 1962 and back to Bozeman in 1967.

Her husband preceded her in death in January 1991.

Mrs. Bassett was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 40 years. She enjoyed gardening and her greenhouse.

Survivors include two sons, Reese of Bozeman and Laurel of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Elizabeth Olive Reese, Long Beach, Calif.; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and committal services will be held at Reese Creek Cemetery at a date to be announced later. Dahl Funeral Chapel is assisting with arrangements. [Reesef~1.FTW]

Notes for ELARD RAYMOND BASSETT:
Obit: January 13, 1991

ELARD BASSETT

Elard Bassett, 80, died at his home Jan. 11 of cancer.

He was born Jan. 6, 1911, in Livingston, to Lester and Emma Bassett. He attended schools in Manhattan.

On June 10, 1935, he married Mildren R. Reese in Big Timber.

During World War II he worked in the shipyards on the West Coast. Most of his working life he was a painter and worked for North American Aviation for many years.

The Bassett family lived in many Montana towns including Livingston and Bozeman. He was a member of Bozeman Lodge no. 18 AF & AM. During the early 1930s he was a member of the Montana National Guard.

Bassett is survived by his wife; two sons, Reese of Bozeman, and Larel of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Mrs. F. J. (Verna) Ryhneer of Absarokee; a brother, Robert Bassett of Bozeman; and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His parents, a brother and a son preceded him in death.

The body has been cremated and graveside memorial services will be held at a later date. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He became a lifetime member of the Summit Valley Masonic Lodge 123 while in Butte. He was a member of the Shrine-Algeria Temple, a 50-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and lifetime member Of the Bozeman Elks Lodge 463.

For many years he operated Walter Ericson Distribution Co. He drove trucks for 43 years without an accident. The Montana School Bus Drivers Association gave him a 10-year Safe Driving Award.

Survivors include his widow, Jean; a son, Harold of Deer Lodge; three grandchildren; one great granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Funeral services will be at 11: a.m. Monday at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Sunset Hills; Cemetery. Lunch will follow at the First Presbyterian Church. [Reesef~1.FTW]

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vi. PAUL FOLEY REESE^{297,298}, b. September 16, 1912, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT; d. March 16, 1979, Bozeman, MT^{299,300}; m. (1) ELOISE 'SKIPPY' UNKNOWN³⁰¹; d. , Salinas, CA³⁰¹; m. (2) ELOUISE 'SKIPPY' PANSY WILLIT³⁰², January 03, 1936, Bozeman, MT; b. July 06, 1911, Antwerp, OH; d. , of Salinas, CA³⁰².

Notes for PAUL FOLEY REESE:

KARVEL K. REESE B 15 NOV 1940 -D 2 SEP 1961
KARL

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SON: KARVEL K. REESE B 15 NOV 1940 -D 2 SEP 1961
KARL

vii. DONNA RUTH REESE^{303,304}, b. October 16, 1915, Reese Creek, Gallatin Valley, MT; d. January 23, 1979, Fort Wayne, IN - buried Fort Wayne, IN; m. LEON ARTHUR OSMUN, January 03, 1936, Bozeman, MT; b. October 12, 1914, Mark Center, OR

Notes for LEON ARTHUR OSMUN:

Source: Larel Bassett

viii. OLIVE REESE^{305,306}, b. April 08, 1909^{307,308} d. of Long Beach, CA³⁰⁸.

12. ARTHUR QUINTON⁴ REESE (*THOMAS J³, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{309,310} was born July 17, 1877^{311,312}, and died in of Independence, MO³¹². He married JOSEPHINE BECK. She died in Independence, MO.

Notes for ARTHUR QUINTON REESE:

Source: Larel Bassett

"I'm working with Vaughny Reese and Arthur Burnham to finish Arthur Quinton Reese's sheets"

Notes for JOSEPHINE BECK:

Source: Larel Bassett

Children of ARTHUR REESE and JOSEPHINE BECK are:

i. VAUGHNY CORNELIA⁵ REESE, b. January 21, 1912, Deer Lodge, MT; m. CHESTER HARRISON BURNHAM.

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Notes for VAUGHNY CORNELIA REESE:
Source: Larel Bassett

Notes for CHESTER HARRISON BURNHAM
Source: Larel Bassett

ii. DUANE REESE, b. February 27, 1916, Bozeman, MT; d. Independence, MO; m. LAURA.

13. MAGGIE JANE⁴ REESE (*THOMAS J³, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{313,314} was born July 13, 1988 in Bozeman, MT, and died October 11, 1941 in Bozeman, MT. She married ALLEN D SECOR.

Notes for ALLEN D SECOR
Source: Larel Bassett

"I'm working with Walter A. Secor to finish Maggie Jane Reese's sheets."

Child of MAGGIE REESE and ALLEN SECOR is:
i. WALTER A⁵ SECOR

14. EVAN WALTER⁴ REESE (*GOMER³, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{315,316} was born December 26, 1877 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co. Montana^{317,318}, and died May 27, 1967 in Innisfail, Alberta, Canada³¹⁹. He married EMMA CROUSE^{319,320,321} January 22, 1905 in Springhill^{323,324,325}, daughter of WILLIAM CROUSE and SARAH APPELEGATE. She was born 1882 in Spring Hill, Gallatin Valley, MT^{325,326,327}, and died 1954^{328,329,330}.

Notes for EVAN WALTER REESE:
REESE-CROUSE WEDDING AT SPRINGHILL
SUNDAY LAST (Wednesday January 31, 1906, Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

At high noon last Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Truman of Springhill, the wedding of Mr. Evan Walter Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Reese of Reese Creek, and Miss Emma Crouse, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Truman, took place, the Rev. Davis Willson officiating.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a company mostly composed of relatives of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony. Fred Crouse acted as best man and Zetta Reese as bridesmaid, while Miss Pearl Dickson presided at the organ. At the appointed hour, the wedding party marched into the parlor to the music of the wedding march and took their places under an arch of evergreens and flowers. The soft strains of the organ continued during the marriage service, adding solemnity to the ceremony. The bride's gown was of light blue figured silk eolienne over taffeta silk and the bride carried a large bunch of roses.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests present, to the number of 26, sat down to a sumptuous wedding lunch in the spacious dining room, where the tables were handsomely decorated.

The presents were numerous and costing that they had been rehydrated by a host of friends. A reception was held from two to four in the afternoon, at which refreshments were served and all the people of that vicinity came in to wish the young couple many happy days. Mr. and Mrs. Reese will reside at Belgrade, where Mr. Reese has for some time been with the Belgrade store. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reese are natives of Gallatin county and have many friends, with whom the Chronicle joins in wishing them all happiness.

Evan was in Caroline, Alberta, Canada in October of 1958. Source: Obit of sister.
Common laborer

Great to get your email today. It's always great to hear from another branch of the family. John E. is my gr gr grandfather. As you may know, our line is through Gomer-Evan-Anita. My grandfather Evan, came to Southern Alberta in 1907. He was the only one of his family to do so. Since my Dad was also the only one of his family to come to Alberta, that makes most of my cousins, etc. etc. all in the US.

We have made a few trips to Bozeman in the last ten years to try and get more information. Evan's wife Emma

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was also from Bozeman (Springhill) Her maiden name was Crouse. Her father was William and not Henry. Most of the Crouses in the area are related to Henry who happens to be Williams older brother. I have John E. and Mary's marriage certificate. I'll send you a copy if you like. Also have passenger lists for their trip from Wales as well as their ox train to Utah. I welcome being able to share. You may already have some of that. You mention Laura Mae Bellows - is she in the Reese line.

It's interesting that your husband also has Grahams in his family. My Dad's stepfather was William Frank Graham. He was from Cass Co. Iowa but moved around that area a lot. I haven't done much on that line since he was my stepgrandfather. My grandmother had my Dad "out of wedlock". It happened then too!!! I do know William's father was Christopher, and his mother Elizabeth Thomas. I believe they were in Ohio before Iowa. William and his wife Nettie Landon Graham ended up in Dunseith N.D. where they are buried. I have the names of all of William's brothers and sisters if that would be of interest. Who knows there may be a connection.

Send my email to my home address which is gray_mills@bc.sympatico.ca. The other is my work address and I will be retiring in a couple of weeks. I've reached that magic age! Hope to hear from you soon, maybe we can get all the Reese info that is out there. What a job that would be, the Reese name in Wales is as common as Smith.

Lula Mills

Source: Larel Bassett

The Evan Reese Family by Wallace Reese

(sent by Lula Mills Feb. 99)

Evan Walter Reese was born at Reese Creek, Montana in 1877. He grew up near Bozeman. Mont. In Jan. 1906 he married Emma Crouse, and in October he purchased section 22, about 8 miles west of High River on the Highwood. He farmed here for ten years, moving to Longview in April 1917 where he farmed for twenty years. (pg 215)

The Reese children were, Earl W., known as Wallace, born in Montana in 1906; Anita born at High River, 1908 and Merle born at Didsbury in 1920. Anita was married in 1933 to Ivan Graham at Didsbury. Wallace started school at Highwood in 1913 with sister Anita; Charlie McKenzie was one of the teachers, who also taught them at Big Hill, and, in their own words "they sure learned a lot from this teacher."

In 1931 Wallace purchased land in the Caroline area which he farmed along with other land for fourteen years. In 1945 he married Bessie E. Rhodes; they disposed of their farm and equipment in 1948 and moved into the Village of Caroline where he has been employed as Rural Mail Carrier for twenty years. He is a charter member of the Elks Lodge and Lions Club, and has been a member of the Village Council for several years.

William Crouse, Mrs. Reese's brother came with them to Alberta in 1907 and lived on a portion of Section 22 for a few years. He moved to Aldersyde in 1912 where he farmed until 1919 - selling out and moving to Didsbury. He was married in 1930 and had one son. In 1942 he sold and moved to Calgary where he was employed by the C.P.R. He and his wife passed away within a week of one another in May 1971. (pg 216)

Evan W. Reese: by Merle Reese

In the spring of 1938 my father purchased the S.W.Q. 15-35-5-5 from the C.P.R., better known to the people of that day as the Pitts place, who were the first settlers on the land. We fenced and put some buildings on it. After we had put the crop in at Didsbury, Dad and I gathered all the tools and equipment we would need to start our land breaking program at Crammond. We left Mother behind to milk the cows and do the chores while we were working on the new farm. We were joined by my brother, Wallace, who had first set foot in the district in 1931. It was no easy task to round up ten or twelve head of horses early every morning, to groom them well and harness. Wallace was the chief skinner. He could handle eight head very nicely on a Vanslack breaking plow while Dad and I worked at grubbing trees; clearing land for some years. By the first week of July we had approximately fifty acres broken.

Early in 1939, Dad and Wallace started to enlarge the house that was on the farm, in preparation for making the final move from the Didsbury district. I lost count of the trips we made with team and wagon over what we

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called the Sundre hills. It was a total distance of thirty-two miles a big, long day both for horses and man. By the middle of the summer the last trip was completed.

The winter of 1939-40 Dad and I joined George McClarty as he had a considerable amount of logging to do. The job of hauling the logs to Burt Rhodes' sawmill and helping with the sawing was a new experience. By financial necessity we were forced to go out to Section 37 muskeg to cut tamarack posts and fence rails. (pg 60)

In May, 1941, I left home to join the Air Force and was discharged in 1945. Anita Rhodes and I were married on June 8, 1944, at Raven Union Church. Anita is the daughter of Roy and Bessie Rhodes. The Rhodes family was among the early pioneers of the Crammond district.

In the summer of 1946 I opened a hardware store in Caroline. In February, 1947, my parents sold their farm and moved to Caroline, and Dad joined me in the hardware business. On July 24, 1947, our daughter Marilyn, was born. Later I sold my interest in the hardware to my dad.

In the spring of 1930 we moved to Bowden, where I worked for Walter Sick for some years. For the last twenty-two years we have made our home in Calgary. On September 15, 1972, Marilyn was married to Bryan Taylor. They have two children and make their home in Calgary.

In tribute to my parents who came to Alberta in 1907, from the state of Montana and settled at High River as a pioneer family; they suffered their share of hardships and discouragements, but were able to provide a good home for their three children, of whom they were very proud. Mother's death was on November 16, 1954. Dad made his home, some of the time, with us, until his death on May 26, 1967.

More About EVAN WALTER REESE:

Fact 1: 1877, 1900 Census - 22 yrs old^{331,332,333}

Fact 6: 1900, Listed as Common Laborer - Census^{334,335,336}

More About EMMA CROUSE:

Fact 1: Crouse - Source Seattle Gen. Soc.^{337,338,339}

Children of EVAN REESE and EMMA CROUSE are:

- i. EARL WALLACE⁵ REESE^{340,341}, b. October 25, 1900, Montana¹⁴²; d. November 29, 1981, Caroline, Alberta, Canada; m. BESSIE EDITH ENNIS RHODES, June 27, 1945, Kevisville Church, Alberta, Canada; b. September 1900; d. 1979, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Notes for EARL WALLACE REESE:

Obit:

Deaths

Reese - November 29th, 1981 Mr. Wallace, Reese aged 73 years of Caroline. He is survived by 2 sons, Bill Rhodes, Delta, B. C., and Harry Rhodes, Lillooet, B. C., 1 daughter Mrs. Merle (Anita) Reese, Calgary, 1 brother Merle, Calgary, 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife Bessie in 1979 and by 1 sister Mrs. Anita Graham. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 3 from the Caroline Church of the Nazarene at 1: p.m. Interment, Caroline Cemetery. Those wishing may make donations to the charity of their choice. Metcalf Funeral Chapel, Innisfail entrusted with arrangements.

Wallace Reese

I was born near Bozeman, Montana, on October 25, 1900. I was the oldest child of Evan and Emma Reese, who were both born and raised in Montana.

In April, 1907, my father and mother moved to High River, Alberta, where my father had purchased land on the Highwood River (known as section 22) in the fall of 1906. He brought with him two carloads of settler effects, horses, machinery, household goods and furniture. On November 29, 1908, my sister, Anita was born. I spent many hours as a child fishing in a creek on my parents place and also fished in the Highwood river. When I was eight years old I started school at the old Highwood School which was located four and a half miles from home. The first year my parents drove me to school. The next year I was able to ride a horse but had several gates to open and close on the way. Sometimes my saddle pony would refuse to go any further than the second gate and turn around and go home. I had a holiday from school on those days. In

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April, 1917, my parents moved to where Fast Longview is now, where my sister and I attended Big Hill School. We only lived a mile and a quarter from school, so we were able to walk. After my parents had moved to Longview and my sister and I were attending school at Big Hill, a teacher, by the name of Charles McKenzie, came to the school. He had previously been teaching at the Highwood School when we were there. We sure learned a lot from him. Unfortunately we only attended school for six months while he was teaching there.

In 1919 my father purchased a quarter section of land, twelve miles west of Didsbury, and after school was finished in June of that year, we moved onto the farm. We were two and one half miles from school. My sister and I rode to school. On October 31, 1920, my brother, Merle, was born. I finished school in June of 1921 and worked and farmed in the Didsbury area, until 1931, when I purchased land from the Hudson Bay Company in the Caroline area known as the N. E. Q. 8-36-5-5. During the summer of 1932 and 1933 I broke up sixty acres on this land and fenced it, also built a house and barn on it. I farmed this and other land, until 1941, when I went to Didsbury to work for a year. During this time my brother had joined the Air Force and I came home in 1942 to help my father with the farm work. On June 27, 1945, Bessie Rhodes and I were married in the Kevisville Church. We lived on a farm in the Crammond area for three years. In 1948 we had an auction sale of the cattle, horses and machinery and moved to Caroline. In June of 1948 I started carrying the mail from Caroline to Dickson. This route was changed several times, becoming a daily mail in 1959. I retired from this work on June 30, 1977, with a total of twenty-nine years service in the Public Service of Canada.

We started to build our present home in Caroline in 1948 and have lived here for thirty years. We've seen Caroline grow from a small hamlet, with a two room school, to a village of four hundred people, with a large school and a staff of twenty-six teachers. During 1961 my wife purchased a General Insurance Agency which we operated until June, 1975, when it was sold to Harry McDonald of Innisfail. I served on the council of the Village of Caroline from February 1956, until October, 1971. In October, 1977, I was again elected to council and have been serving as Mayor since that time. I have been on the Board of Directors of Westview Lodge, Rocky Mountain Foundation, since it was opened in September, 1960. My wife and I are now retired and enjoy attending meetings of the Golden Age Club in Caroline. We have a large garden each year, which I get enjoyment working in, and it helps keep us busy.

Notes for BESSIE EDITH ENNIS RHODES:

Earl Wallace Reese married Bessie Rhodes who was the widowed mother of Merle's wife

ii. ANITA MARIE REESE^{343,344,345}. b. November 29, 1908, High River, Alberta, Canada³⁴⁶ d. August 25, 1975, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada^{346,347}; m. IVAN DURELL GRAHAM^{348,349,350}, February 24, 1932, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada; b. 1898^{351,352}; d. 1984^{353,354}.

Notes for IVAN DURELL GRAHAM:

Source: Tom Graham <arrgh@arrgh.com>

Source: Lula Mills

Ivan Graham

I was born in Adair County, Iowa, on February 5, 1898, the second son of a family consisting of five boys and three girls. In 1905 I started school. The following year my family moved by covered wagon to Jefferson, Minnesota. We had to walk five miles to attend school. The first year in Minnesota was spent just surviving, as early frost had destroyed the crop. We burnt corn cobs for fuel and ate shorts (cleanings from flour).

About 1913 our family moved to Radison, Wisconsin. The school wasn't built until two years after we arrived but when it was built, we had to row across the river to reach it.

I hopped a train pulling immigration cars when I was seventeen. I traveled to Drake, North Dakota, as my older brother was there and I was going to work with him. The journey took five days. I hid amongst the machinery the whole time and got off the train unnoticed. My family followed me to Drake several months later.

In 1917 I worked for the railroad as a section hand. After leaving the railroad, I worked as a carpenter. My family moved by covered wagon to Dunseith, North Dakota, the following year. I worked for farmers, stocking and threshing their crops. Two years later, my brother, Wilbur, Len Gilbert and his wife and myself, each of us driving a covered wagon, struck off for Canada. We crossed the border on June 2, 1920. We traveled as far as Bassano, Alberta, then stopped to find work. I worked for A. N. Maurer until fall, when Wilbur went to Washington. Then I took, the train to Innisfail. From there I walked to Len Gilbert's home (where Fred McLean lives now) and looked at homesteads nearby. On my way back to Innisfail I had supper and rested for an hour at a stopping house on Medicine River. Coyotes followed me

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the rest of the way back but I was too tired to run from them. I arrived in Innisfail about midnight and got on the train. In Calgary I filed on my homestead, S. E. Q. 34-35-5, and then went back to Bassano.

On November 2, 1920, I arrived at Len Gilbert's with my team and wagon, ready to homestead. On November 22, I moved into my homestead shack. I worked that winter cleaning brush for George (Mac) McClarity and Mr. McCarthy.

In the fall of 1921, I went back to Bassano to sell my brother's team. I helped A. N. Maurer move to Winnipeg where I worked until the Christmas of 1922, when I went home to Dunseith. I returned to the homestead later.

To earn enough money to keep up my homestead, I threshed each fall for three years for farmers around Acme. I rode one horse there, and led the other. Since I had no money, I slept beside the road.

In 1923 I broke up some of the homestead with a walking plow. In 1924 I broke horses for Robert Miller just for the use of them. One horse would strike out or kick, you whenever it could. In the same year, I bought my first car, a 1923 Star.

George McClarity and I broke some of the Schrader flats for \$2.50 an acre. We also put the crop in for two years.

In the fall of 1923 or 1924, Pinky Pitts (who had homesteaded in 1921) and I went to Rocky to cut wood with a hand-made swede saw. We slept in the wagon box the first night and started a cabin the following morning. The cabin had no door or windows and the roof was just poles and moss. Carl Lamb joined us about a week later.

About 1926 I went to Olds to work for a fellow named Hunter. He lived where the hospital is now. I fed his 500 head of cattle and 350 head of hogs.

I rented a quarter section of land one mile south and one mile east of Olds for three years. In 1928 I rented a half section near Didsbury and farmed both places. My first second-hand tractor which I purchased gave me so much trouble that I soon traded it in on a new Hart Paar. It cost me \$1800.00.

In the late 1920's Art Lamb asked, on behalf of the school board, if my second homestead shack could be used as a school. It was used until 1928 when a new school was built. From that time, until the Crammond school was closed in 1956, it was used as a teacherage.

In 1929 I bought a half section in Didsbury. It was all willow so I broke eighty acres the first year. I bought a new binder that year to take my crop off. It started hailing as I made my first round of the field. I was hailed out for four consecutive years. Finally, I gave back the half section as I couldn't pay for it. I rented another place for a year and was living there when I married Anita Reese on February 24, 1932. She was born at High River in 1908. About 1915 she started school at Highwood School near High River. Her family moved to Longview in March of 1917. She walked one and a quarter miles to school. In 1919 her family moved to Didsbury and she attended Zella School until 1924.

Our first daughter, Lula, was born at Didsbury in November of 1933. Ruth was born at Didsbury November of 1936, Viola in Olds of 1942 and Earl in Olds in May of 1950.

In 1933 we bought the Cook place, the quarter directly south of the homestead, and built a house so we could move the following year. I broke thirty-five acres with six horses that first summer. That same summer I moved thirty head out to the homestead for the summer and moved them back to Didsbury in the fall. When I drove them back I walked behind them a day and all night, covering fifty-five miles back to Didsbury.

In the spring of 1934, when we moved, we brought all the cattle out with us and lost forty-four head. They had been fed on oat straw and just went down and couldn't get up. I killed seven yearlings at one time with an axe.

To help pay taxes on the land, one year I cleared the road allowance from the Cook place to Biggarts and used my tractor to pull a grader.

From 1935 to 1940 I was trustee on the school board.

Lula started school in 1940. She had to ride three and a half miles to school so we decided to buy the Wren place, the northeast quarter and south half of 33-35-5. Since we had Art Lamb's quarter already rented, I had between four and five hundred acres to seed. About this time we bought a W30 tractor. The first two crops yielded well and this helped pay for the land. We sold the Cook quarter to Ken Eggen in 1945.

The few roads that existed during those years were always in poor condition. We had a high wheeled IHC truck that came into use many times as ambulance and hearse. Mrs. Neal was ill once and it took five hours to go the twenty miles to Sundre and then we had to go another twenty miles to Olds to the doctor. Another time, after a rainy spell, an old fellow passed away. Since the roads were nearly impassable, Pinky Pitts and I volunteered to make a coffin, which was really a pine box. We wrapped the body in blankets and laid him in the coffin. We loaded it in the truck. Herman Nass solved the problem of keep-ing it there by straddling the coffin and saying, "Give'er hell, Ivan, I'll hold it." We took off down the road. The hearse and a Model T were the only ones that made it to the funeral. Everyone else was stuck.

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I was councilman for the Municipality of Waterloo for ten or twelve years. The James River Bridge was built while I was a councilman. When the Garrington Bridge was opened, I drove the first car across with Pioneers Claude Peterson and Willard Axtell.

Because help for threshing got so hard to get, in 1947 I bought my first combine, an IHC 82.

In 1948 we bought the Pioneer Store from Harris and Barby. Merle Reese managed it for a year until we moved to Caroline, when I ran it. In 1949 I moved the Mitten and Cross store across the street to its pre-sent location. We sold the store to Vance Braucht in 1952. We bought the school section the same year.

While we lived in Caroline we rented the farm to Cecil Wales for two years and then we hired Lawrence Bjur to work it. I also had a family from Holland staying on the farm, but they left after a few months.

After we sold the store I managed the Wigglesworth Pole Yard for three years. There was a peeling and treating yard, a sawmill and a camp in the bush where the logs were cut. These enterprises employed up to seventy men. In 1955 we moved back to the farm and sawed lumber from the school section for a house.

I served on the Advisory Board in 1956 for the Local Improvement District number Ten with Fred Pekse and George Penney and was also on the board for the Rocky Senior Citizen's Home. For three years, I served on the first council in Caroline with Mayor Shorty Carter and George McLean.

In 1964 I sold the farm, which consisted of seven quarters with eight hundred acres broke. I kept twenty acres on the north east quarter of the school section, where we built a new house. I still own a quarter northeast of Caroline that I bought in 1968. I pastured cattle there during the summer and fed them on the twenty acres in the winter. In 1971 had a heart attack and had to sell my cattle.

We purchased the Pioneer Store back from Vance Braucht that same year. Earl kept the hardware and grocery and Vern Larsen took over the Imperial Bulk Agency.

Lula married Constable R. G. Mills in September, 1959. He is now Stall Sergeant in St. Paul where they reside with their two boys and one girl, and they farm northwest of Caroline. Viola married Vern Larsen in September, 1960. They live on a farm northeast of Caroline and have two boys and one girl. Earl married Joy Tait in March, 1972.

Earl and Joy moved into our house in 1973 and we moved into his trailer in Caroline. My wife passed away on August 21, 1975. I am eighty years old now and still live in Caroline and work at the store every day.

iii. MERLE EVAN REESE, b. October 31, 1920, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada; d. March 21, 1994, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (73 yrs); m. ANITA LEONA RHODES, June 08, 1944, Raven, Alberta, Canada; b. July 30, 1922, Innisfail, Alberta, Canada.

Notes for MERLE EVAN REESE: Obit:

Reese - Mr. Merle Evan Reese, beloved husband of Mrs. Anita Reese of Calgary, went to be with his Lord on March 21, 1994 at the age of 73 years. Besides his loving wife, Merle is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Bryan Taylor of Calgary, three grandchildren, Colleen, Michael and Christopher. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Evan and Emma, brother Wallace Reese and sister Anita Graham. Merle was employed by the United Food and Commercial Workers until his retirement. During his retirement years he was involved with the "Quality of Life" campaign and was actively involved with his church. Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S "Crowfoot chapel", (82 Crowfoot Circle N. W.), on Thursday, March 24, 1994 from 7: p.m. to 9: p.m. Funeral services will be held at Cambrian Heights Baptist Church, (240 Cardiff Drive N. W.), on Friday, March 25, 1994 at 11: a.m. with Pastor Lewis Markwood officiating. Graveside Service will be held at the Raven Union Cemetery on Friday, March 25, 1994 at 3: p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary, 1920 - 11 Street S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2G 3G2 or the Southern Baptist Seminary, P.O. Box 512, Cochrane, Alberta, TOL OWO. Arrangements in care of McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES "Crowfoot Chapel", 82 CROWFOOT CIRCLE N.W. Telephone: 403-241-0044.

Notes for ANITA LEONA RHODES:

Source: Lula Mills.

15. VELMA CLARA⁴ REESE (*GOMER*³, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹) was born January 04, 1882 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana, and died August 25, 1944 in San Bernardino, CA - Buried Stockton, CA^{355,356}. She married ALBERT WARREN^{357,358,359} June 04, 1905 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana³⁶⁰. He died Abt. 1938.

Notes for VELMA CLARA REESE:

Source: Larel Bassett

Reese Descendants

Obit: Bozeman Courier, Bozeman, MT.
Mrs. Albert Warren Dies in California

Mrs. Albert (Velma) Warren died suddenly last Friday, August 25, at the home of her son, Roy R. Warren, in San Bernardino, Calif. Mrs. Warren was born, grew up and attended grade and high schools in Gallatin county,. She was the daughter of pioneer Gallatin residents, Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Reese, and left Bozeman 37 years ago to live in California. Mrs. R. A. Young, 419 South Third avenue, Bozeman is a sister of the deceased.

Mrs. Warren is survived by her son, and by a daughter, Mrs. E. Magard of Los Angeles, Calif. with whom she had been making her home; by two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Newton of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Mrs. Young of Bozeman; and by two brothers, E. W. Reese of Didsbury, Alberta, Canada and Percy E. Reese of Denton, Mont. Four grandchildren also survive her. There are numerous other relatives, many here in the Gallatin; and a large circle of friends, both in California and Montana, that mourn her passing. Her husband preceded her in death about six years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at Stockton, Calif., Monday of this week and she was buried there beside her husband.

More About VELMA CLARA REESE:
Fact 1: 1881, 1900 Census - 19 yrs old^{360,361}

Children of VELMA REESE and ALBERT WARREN are:
i. ROY R⁵ WARREN.
ii. ?WARREN, m. E E MAGARD.

16. PERCIVAL EVERTON⁴ REESE (*GOMER*³, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{362,363} was born October 10, 1887 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{364,365}, and died October 03, 1956 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana. He married CARRIE M MORGAN^{366,367} May 01, 1911 in Bozeman, Montana^{368,369}, daughter of JOSIAH MORGAN. She was born February 19, 1866 in Meagher county, and died August 10 in Denver, CO.

Notes for PERCIVAL EVERTON REESE:

PERCY E. REESE
DIES FRIDAY;
SERVICE PENDING
August 5, 1956

Percy E. Reese, of Belgrade, son of a Montana pioneer and life-long Gallatin Valley resident, died Friday at the Bozeman Deaconess hospital. He was 68.

He was born Oct. 10, 1887, at Reese Creek, the son of Chloe M. Moore and Gomer Reese. He attended Reese Creek grade school graduated from Gallatin County High School and attended Montana State College.

Reese was married to Carrie Morgan in Bozeman on May 1, 1911. After his marriage he ranched near Ringling for several years then came to Bozeman and was employed at the Montana Flour Mills company. In 1924-29 he bought and sold grain at Anceny for the Montana Elevator company. In 1929 the company sent Reese to Denton where he operated a grain elevator until 1949. For the past seven years he has run the Springhill elevator for the same company.

He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was affiliated with the Belgrade Masonic Blue Lodge, Livingston Scottish Rite, Algeria Shrine of Helena and Order of Eastern Star at Belgrade.

Reese Descendants

Survivors besides the widow include, a son, Morgan C. Reese, Cut Bank; a daughter, Mrs. Elmer (Donna V.) Denson, Denver, Colo; two sisters, Mrs. R. A. (Zetta) Young, Bozeman; Mrs. Pleasant Newton, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; a brother, Evan Reese, Caroline, Alberta, Canada; and six grandchildren. Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are pending, Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

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More About PERCIVAL EVERTON REESE:
Fact 1: 1887, 1900 Census - 12 yrs old^{370,371,372}

Notes for CARRIE M MORGAN:

Perry Reese of Dorsey, was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Morgan of Belgrade, at eight o'clock last (Monday) evening at the home of Mr. Young on West Lamme Street. Rev. I. S. Ware performed the ceremony. It was a quiet wedding, only the immediate relatives of the couple being present. The couple will reside at Dorsey, where the groom is established in business.

Obit:

Mrs. Percy Reese Died in Denver

Mrs. Percy (Carrie M.) Reese, 36 West Main, died in Denver on August 10 while visiting her daughter, Mrs.

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Elmer Denson.

Mrs. Reese came from pioneer parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Morgan, and was born in Meagher county Feb 19, 1886.

The family went back to the middle west when she was a girl and she attended schools in Kansas and Oklahoma, coming back to the Gallatin in 1903. She married Percy M. Reese on May 1, 1911 and ranched with him near Ringling, coming back to Bozeman in 1920. In 1929 they moved to Denton where they lived until 1949 when they returned here to live near Springhill. Reese died there in 1954.

Survivors include a son, Morgan C. Reese of Cut Bank, a daughter, Mrs. M. E. Denson of Denver; three sisters, Mrs. Delphia Patterson, Mrs. Anna Seifert and Mrs. Floyd E. Butler, all of Bozeman, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 14 at the Dokken - Nelson Sunset chapel with Frank Church officiating, Clare Cousins, accompanied by Ernest Neath, was vocalist. Pall bearers were Stanley Huffine, Maurice Frank, Fred E. Kessler, Willis B. Jones, Loren Winks and Mitchell McVey. Belgrade Order of Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Reese was a long time member, conducted graveside services. Internment was in Sunset Hills.

Children of PERCIVAL REESE and CARRIE MORGAN are:

i. MORGAN C⁵ REESE^{373,374}, b. 1914; d. 1991, of Cut Bank³⁷⁵.

Notes for MORGAN C REESE:

Source: Lula Mills

ii. DONNA VEE REESE³⁷⁵, b. 1923; d. of Denver, CO; m. (1) MAYETTE ELMER DENSON JR³⁷⁵; d. , of Denver, CO³⁷⁵; m. (2) JAMES BLISS ASHCRAFT; b. 1923.

17. IDA AMBROZETTE⁴ REESE (*GOMER³, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{376,377} was born December 08, 1880 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{378,379,380}, and died June 08, 1980 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana³⁸¹. She married REUBEN A YOUNG^{382,383,384} June 10, 1908 in Reese Creek, Gallatin Co, Montana^{385,386,387}, son of JOHN A YOUNG. He was born July 13, 1882 in Waukeshia, WI^{388,389}, and died December 1970 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{390,391}.

Notes for IDA AMBROZETTE REESE:

Obit:

Young - Funeral services for Ida A. Young will be held on Monday at 11: a. m. at the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Interment will be at the Sunset Hills Cemetery. 6/8/1980

More About IDA AMBROZETTE REESE:

Fact 1: 1879, Census 1900 - 20 yrs old^{392,393,394}

Notes for REUBEN A YOUNG:

Obit:

Reuben A. Young

Reuben A. Young, 88, of 419 South Third, well-known Bozemanite, died Tuesday at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

He was born July 13, 1882, at Waukeshia, Wis. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Young. (Dec. 1970)

He came to Bozeman in 1907 and homesteaded at Ringling until 1912 when he returned to Bozeman. In 1919 he entered the carpentry business and was later employed by the Lovelace Grocery company for a few years.

For 20 years he was foreman at the Physical Plant at Montana State College. After his retirement he has made his home here in Bozeman.

He married Ida A. Reese on June 10, 1908.

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Survivors include the widow; two sons, Merle B. Young, Salinas, Calif., Forrest A. Young, Bozeman; a daughter, Mrs. Ferne Kerr, Missoula; a brother, Dr. Merle Young, Wichita, Kan.; two sisters Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Dora Crosby, New Berlin, Wis., four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints and the Carpenter's Union.

Funeral services will be 2: p.m. Friday at the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Children of IDA REESE and REUBEN YOUNG are:

- i. MERLE BLAIR⁵ YOUNG³⁹⁴, b. 1909, Bozeman, Gallatin, MT; d. August 12, 1987, Salinas, CA³⁹⁴; m. MARCELLA AGNES RAWSON, June 20, 1937, Sigma Alpha Epsilon House, Montana State College.

Notes for MERLE BLAIR YOUNG:

Bozeman Daily Chronicle - August 1987

Merle "Red" Young

Bozeman native Merle "Red" Young, 78, of Salinas, Calif., died Aug. 12 at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Notes for MARCELLA AGNES RAWSON:

Source: Lula Mills

- ii. FORREST ALBERT YOUNG (TWIN)^{394,395}, b. August 08, 1911, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{396,397}; d. February 01, 1993, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{398,399}; m. (1) CARMEN HEWITT; m. (2) NORMA FAY OMA⁴⁰⁰, August 31, 1946, Missoula, MT⁴⁰⁰; b. 1923; m. (3) NORMA OMA⁴⁰¹, August 31, 1946, Missoula, MT⁴⁰².

Notes for FORREST ALBERT YOUNG (TWIN):

Obit: February 1, 1983

Forrest A. Young, 71

Bozeman resident Forrest A. "Torchy" Young 71, died Feb. 1 at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Funeral services were held at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Chapel.

He was born Aug 8, 1911 to Rueben A. and Ida A. Young, who were Gallatin Valley pioneers. After attending Bozeman Schools, he served in World War II and later married Norma Oma on Aug. 31, 1946 in Missoula.

For 38 years he was employed as a wholesale grocery salesman for Gamble-Robinson and Litles.

Survivors include: his wife, Norma, Bozeman; one daughter, Sandra L. Merdinger, Helena; one son, Ronald A. Young, Bozeman; a twin sister, Fern A. Kerr, Missoula; one brother, Merle B. Young, Salinas, Calif.; and two granddaughters.

Notes- for CARMEN HEWITT:

Source: Lula Mills

- iii. FERN AMBROZETTA YOUNG (TWIN)^{403,404}, b. August 08, 1911; d. of Missoula, MT^{405,406}, m. (1) RUSSELL D KERR⁴⁰⁷; m. (2) MR. KERR⁴⁰⁸.

18. GOMER R⁴ WELLS (*MARY JANE*³, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{408,409} was born July 10, 1867^{410,411}, and died in of Lamoni, Iowa (1913)^{412,413}. He married ADELAIDE PASCO^{413,414}. She was born in of Australia^{415,416}.

Notes for GOMER R⁴ WELLS:

Gomer R. Wells of Lamoni, Iowa, a minister of the Re-organized Church of Latter Day Saints.

Children of GOMER WELLS and ADELAIDE PASCO are:

- i. EDWARD⁵ WELLS^{417,418}.

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- ii. LENA WELLS^{419,420}.
- iii. MAVIS WELLS^{421,422}.
- iv. MELVIN WELLS^{423,424}.
- vi. MILBERT WELLS^{425,426}.
- vii. REESE WELLS^{427,428}.

19. CHLOE BERTHA⁴ WELLS(*MARY JANE*³, *JOHN E.*², *EVAN*¹)^{429,430} was born July 31, 1882 in Knobnoster, Saline, MO⁴³¹, and died in Bozeman, Gallatin CO, Montana^{431,432}. She Married HENRY ISAAC JACOBS^{433,434} December 02, 1903^{435,436}.

Notes for CHLOE BERTHA WELLS:

Married with her great uncle, Gomer Reese, officiating as minister.

Children of CHLOE WELLS and HENRY JACOBS are:

- i. ALICE ERLENE⁵ JACOBS^{437,438}, b. October 25, 1904, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana^{439,440}; d. December 21, 1991, Ridgecrest, CA - Reese Creek cemetery^{441,442}; m. DOCTOR JEROME ELI ANDES^{443,444}, September 15, 1929, Montana^{445,446}; b. March 18, 1904, Andes, Montana^{447,448}, d. April 29, 1988, Bozeman, Gallatin Co, MT - Reese Creek cemetery^{449,450}.

Notes for ALICE ERLENE JACOBS:

History submitted by:

Erlene Andes

Great-granddaughter of John E. Reese

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Obit: January 2, 1992

ALICE ERLENE ANDES, 87

Alice Erlene Andes, 87, died Dec. 21 at the home of her daughter Charlotte Gamel in Ridgecrest, Calif.

She was born Oct. 25, 1904, in Bozeman. She was a great-granddaughter of Montana pioneer John E. Reese.

In 1922, she graduated from Gallatin County High School, a classmate of Gary Cooper. She earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in nutrition from Montana State University. She married Dr. Jerome E. Andes on Sept. 15, 1929. They were married 58 years before he died in 1988.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of which she was a worthy matron and a deputy grand worthy matron in Needles, Calif.

She is survived by a son, Dr. David Kenneth Andes and a daughter, Mary Charlotte Gamel, both of Ridgecrest, Calif.; a sister, Veda Jacobs of Great Falls; a brother, Don Jacobs of Pacoima, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were Dec. 28 with interment in the Reese, Creek Cemetery north of Bozeman.

History submitted by

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Notes for DOCTOR JEROME ANDES:

Obit: May 8, 1988

JEROME E. ANDES

Montana State College graduate Dr. Jerome E. Andes, 84, died April 29 in California, after a long illness.

He was born in 1904, the first son of a blacksmith, and raised in a sod house on the plains of eastern Montana. He grew up with nine brothers and sisters in the town of Andes, Mont., which was first settled by his father.

He put himself through college at Montana State College in Bozeman and earned the Phi Beta Kappa Key. He went on to obtain a master's degree in chemistry at Iowa State University and a doctorate in bio-physical chemistry from Western Reserve University.

He was a professor of bio-chemistry at Louisiana State University and while there earned his medical degree. He was a founding faculty member of the medical school at the University of West Virginia, where he authored a textbook on pathological chemistry, and was elected a member of the American College of Physicians.

During World War II he joined the Army Medical Corp, which he left with the rank of major. After the war, he went into private practice of medicine, specializing in internal medicine and surgery. He was the division surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad in Needles, Calif., from 1951 to 1966.

He was member of the Free and Accepted Masons and a past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons. He loved trains and railroads, and was a nationally recognized builder of O-gauge model trains.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Alice E. Andes, his children, David Andes and Charlotte Gamel, and five grandchildren, all of Ridgecrest, Calif.; three brothers, Ammon, Ralph and Wilmer, all of Missouri; and three sisters, Martha Van Spyk, Mabel Lois Yorks and Elsie Townsend.

Memorial services were held Saturday in Ridgecrest, Calif. The remains will be interred in Reese Creek Cemetery near Bozeman.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association., 70 E. Lake St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL, 60601.

ii. CLOE VEDA JACOBS^{451,452}, b. April 22, 1916^{453,454}; d. of Great Falls, MT^{455,456}.

Notes for CLOE VEDA JACOBS:
Grt. Granddaughter of John E. Reese

iii. DONALD HENRY JACOBS^{457,458}, b. March 28, 1918^{459,460}; d. of Pacoima, CA^{461,462}.

Notes for DONALD HENRY JACOBS:
Grt. Grandson of John E. Reese.

20. MARY LENA⁴ WELLS(*MARY JANE³ REESE, JOHN E², EVAN¹*)^{463,464} was born July 11, 1878 in Knobnoster, Saline county, MO⁴⁶⁵. She married ROBERT ESGAR^{465,466}. He was born June 16, 1841 in Wales^{467,468}, and died January 10, 1898 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana, Reese Creek Cemetery^{469,470}.

Notes for ROBERT ESGAR:
Obit:
Avant Courier - 22 January 1898

A GOOD CITIZEN GONE TO REST

After an illness of several months, Robert Esgar Sr. of Bridger, passed peacefully away to the land of the leal, Jan. 10th, 1898. Deceased was born in Wales, the 16th of June 1841. He came to America with his folks when a child and settled in Pennsylvania, from thence he removed to Montana in the year 1888, settling in Bridger Canyon, where he resided until his death. He was a prominent and worthy member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, an exemplary and devout Christian. He leaves a devoted wife, five sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Gomer Reese. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Reese Creek. He died as he had lived, enshrined in the love and affections of his family and friends. Peace to his ashes.

Children of MARY WELLS and ROBERT ESGAR are:

- i. R REA⁵ ESGAR^{471,472}.
- ii. KENNETH ESGAR^{473,474}.
- iii. MAXINE ESGAR^{475,476}.

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- iv. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁷.
- v. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁷.
- vi. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁷.
- vii. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁸.
- viii. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁸.
- ix. UNKNOWN ESGAR⁴⁷⁸.

21. PERRY⁴ WELLS(*MARY JANE*³ *REESE*, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{479,480} was born September 20, 1871^{481,482}. He married ALLIE^{483,484}.

Child of PERRY WELLS and ALLIE is:

- i. RUSSELL WELLS^{485,486}.

22. REESE⁴ WELLS(*MARY JANE*³ *REESE*, *JOHN E*², *EVAN*¹)^{487,488} was born January 11, 1875^{489,490}, and died in of Kansas City, MO^{491,492}. He married AMY JAMES^{493,494}.

Child of REESE WELLS and AMY JAMES is:

- i. THOMAS HALCOM⁵ WELLS^{495,496}.