



# Jacob's Family: Westward P9



By Miriam Owen Irwin  
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## Death of John W. Studebaker P97

John W. had married Hannah Ulery, sister to Mary, wife of his brother David, thus making these two families particularly close. John became a "Visiting Brother" in the Church. He continued to buy and sell land after he came to Ohio. His health must not have been good, as he made his will April 23, 1832 and revised it that June when he was only 45 years old. He died the following January, leaving 14 living children, 7 of whom were minors.

Hannah Ulery had her hands full, but with the help of her older children, managed to keep the family together. Both she and her sister were strong characters. I found no record of any of John's children being apprenticed. Perhaps John and Hannah did not approve of how Abraham handled the guardianship of David's offspring.

The two Ulery sisters, now both relatively young widows with large families, had the advantage of being born into two fine, supportive families. They were daughters of Elder Samuel Ulery and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Brumbaugh.

John and Hannah's oldest son, Samuel [+P971] was 25 and married to Elizabeth Minnich when John W. died. As his inheritance, he received a farm called the Knoop place. Later they moved to Clark County, Ohio. We have not been able to follow the genealogy of Samuel's eight children.

Mary Studebaker [+P972] had married Eli Gump before her father died. They sold the land she inherited and moved to Indiana, as they had both Studebaker and Gump cousins encouraging them to move west. Two of their older sons, John Gump, [+P972-1] and, Jacob [+P972-3] lived through the battle of Gettysburg. Jacob was shot but survived. William [+P972-5] was also in the Civil War. The youngest child in this family, Alexander Gump, [P972-7] was an inventor and remained in Miami Co.

Jacob Studebaker [+P973] married Catherine Dietrich and moved to Delaware County, Indiana. They had 13 children, at least two of whom died young, and five of whom we have no record other than name and birth. One boy, also named Jacob, may have run off at the age of 15 to go to the Civil War. He disappeared from the family forever without a word. He is listed by genealogists as "died young," although that is not known for certain.

John Studebaker [+P974] was informally apprenticed to a shoemaker, then while still quite young, to another master to learn carding and fulling. John loved this

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business and when an adult, owned and operated a series of woolen mills in Ohio. He married Nancy Rudy. He also built a woolen mill in Kansas after his Ohio mill was destroyed by fire. There he became an Elder in the church, but later returned to Miami County, Ohio, and rebuilt the mill that had burned. His daughter Fannie Studebaker [+P974-2] married James Quinter and moved to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Quinter became editor in chief of the Church paper, The Gospel Visitor. In 1883, the name was changed to Gospel Messenger. Much family history was recorded in these publications, and it was widely read by the Ohio family. After Quinter's death, John and Nancy moved to Pennsylvania and spent a year with her before returning to Miami County, Ohio.

Rev. David Studebaker [+P976] married Catherine Rhodehamil. He farmed and had part ownership in a sorghum mill. After most of his father's family moved to Indiana, he bought land there on the Mississinewa River and built another mill. He was elected to the ministry in the church in that area, but later returned to be ordained to lead the Hickory Grove congregation in Miami County. His oldest son, Henry Rhodehamil Studebaker [P976-1] was in the Civil War. He asked his father to come to Tennessee and baptize him. He was discharged from the army in Georgia, but disappeared without a trace in the chaos of the times. David died at 49 of lockjaw after his foot was pierced by a nail. He left his widow, another son and a daughter.

**ON TO KANSAS**

In 1807 there were less than 12,000 white men in Indiana, and very few women. That land was still part of the Northwest Territory until Indiana adopted a constitution in 1816.

Kansas was part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. By 1807, the territory of Kansas had only about 700 soldiers, and about that many white civilians, many of whom had been sent out by the government to deal with the Indians, with whom they were constantly negotiating. A few churches had established missions. What was the lure of Kansas? Why did Kansas draw these young Studebaker families into a land totally different than any they had ever known?

The Indians had left Miami County, Ohio by 1830, the date at which Daniel Boone was sent by the Federal government's Agency of the Kansas Indians to teach agriculture to the Indians. There are no family stories of Indian attacks in Indiana by 1850. But in 1850, Kansas and Missouri still were the frontier.

The coming of the canals made a huge impact on Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, as these productive farms could then ship grain economically, and the price of grain went from ten cents to a dollar a bushel.

The railroads made an even greater change. But the promise of a bright future was clouded, as even well before the 1850's; the slavery issue effected the nation many ways. Church of the Brethren history of that time shows many resolutions against slavery, as do the minutes of conferences of other churches. The "slavery issue" was on everyone's mind.

Ohio and Indiana were no longer the frontier. But frontier there was in Kansas and Missouri. The Federal government was racing to be sure that Kansas became a free state, as Missouri had a steady influx of slaveholders taking up land.

In the years before the Civil War, government recruiters constantly traveled Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, speaking at meetings, telling in glowing terms the fine opportunities for young farmers. They wanted rural pioneers from free states to settle Kansas, so that by the time those states were taken into the union, the new states would not become slave-holding states.

In 1854, several members of the Studebaker family joined the "Ulrich Party" in a covered wagon train going to Chase County, KS. Jacob Ulrich was the, leader of the wagon train. Stephen Studebaker [+P9712] and Susan

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Dietrich brought their young daughter Mary Ann [+P9712-1]. Jacob Ulrich's son, who was also named Jacob Ulrich, came with the group, and he later married Mary Ann. Abraham Studebaker [+P929] and his wife Rachel Jacobs with their children were in the party as well as Elder Daniel Studebaker [+P979] with his wife, Elizabeth Jacobs, whose children were born in Kansas. There are several unresolved date discrepancies in the lives of these family members; for one thing, they may have started in 1854 but may not have arrived until 1855.

Members of this wagon train had to ford rivers and follow trails that not many wagons had traveled before. It was slow going. They also had to deal with the fear of running into Quantrill's Raiders. These bushwackers and thieves were killing settlers from free states along the Missouri-Kansas border and northerners passing through were in grave danger. Fortunately, the Ulrich party didn't meet Quantrill along the way. Quantrill was killed by the Union Army toward the end of the Civil War, but by then, his gang had killed hundreds of innocent people.

Stephen helped organize the first permanent Church of the Brethren in Kansas. He was in established in Douglas County before 1858, when Church meetings were held in his log house.

So fast was the state being populated that by 1859, when drought began with little rain falling for 16 months, there were already 100,000 people in Kansas. Conditions were so bad that 60,000 needed assistance to survive. 30,000 of them left their claims and moved on or moved back home. Churchmen in Kansas appealed to eastern churches for aid, and carloads of grain, potatoes and garden seeds were sent.

The grasshopper plague hit in 1874, coming from the northwest and leaving the earth bare. In 1890, drought came again and lasted five years, primarily hard on the western part of the state. It was not easy living in Kansas. Many of the family survived a winter on a diet of jackrabbit. The railroads were busy shipping cattle east. Settlers had to sell their farm animals or watch them starve, but they held onto their land. They were a determined lot.

David William Studebaker [+P928] moved to Delaware County, Indiana, in 1839. He married

Hannah M. Baisinger in 1845. They had 12 children over the next 25 years. Their first child, Isaac died at age 4. Their second, Rebecca Elizabeth Studebaker [+P928-2] was born in Logansport, in Cass County, Indiana, in 1847.

Their next two sons also died young; Peter [P928-3] at 7 months and Perry [P928-4] at 7 years of age. Thomas Jefferson Studebaker [P928-5], Nathan C. [P929-6] Henry "Hank" Baisinger [+P928-7] were all born while the family was still in Indiana.

In 1860, Kansas was calling David William Studebaker. This was the same year the Pony Express was inaugurated in Kansas. He moved his wife Hannah and surviving children to in Richland Township, Miami County, Kansas. This County, on the dangerous Missouri border, is about half way down the state. The county was formed as Lykins County by the first Legislature of the Territory in 1855, but was renamed Miami in 1868.

David William obtained a 260-acre farm. They arrived during a great drought, when people were abandoning homesteads, or selling if they could. He must have had a choice of land, and he did not forget the lessons he learned about land from his father and uncles in Miami County, Ohio, as choosing land carefully was one of their major concerns. This new land, never before under cultivation, produced remarkable crops-if it wasn't flooded, dried up or consumed by insects. He planted a large orchard, and in later years, marked the fruit trees he wanted for the family's use, then opened the orchard to neighbors to help themselves.

In the 1870 census, Richland Township had only 844 souls and by 1880, the number had grown to 1,436.

After the move to Kansas, Mary Catherine [+P928-8] was born in 1861, the year the Civil War started, the same year Kansas became a state.

Somehow over the years, this family lost its connection to the Church.

Quantrill's Raiders were still active during the Civil War. They attacked Lawrence, Kansas, and killed 150 people. Lawrence was in Douglas County, one of the adjoining counties. David William served in the Kansas militia for 18 months.

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His son, Theodore [P928-9], born 1863 but died the next year, William Grant [P928-10] was born near the end of the War. Harry Halsey Studebaker [+P928-11] was born in 1869. Their last child was Martha Jane [P928-12].

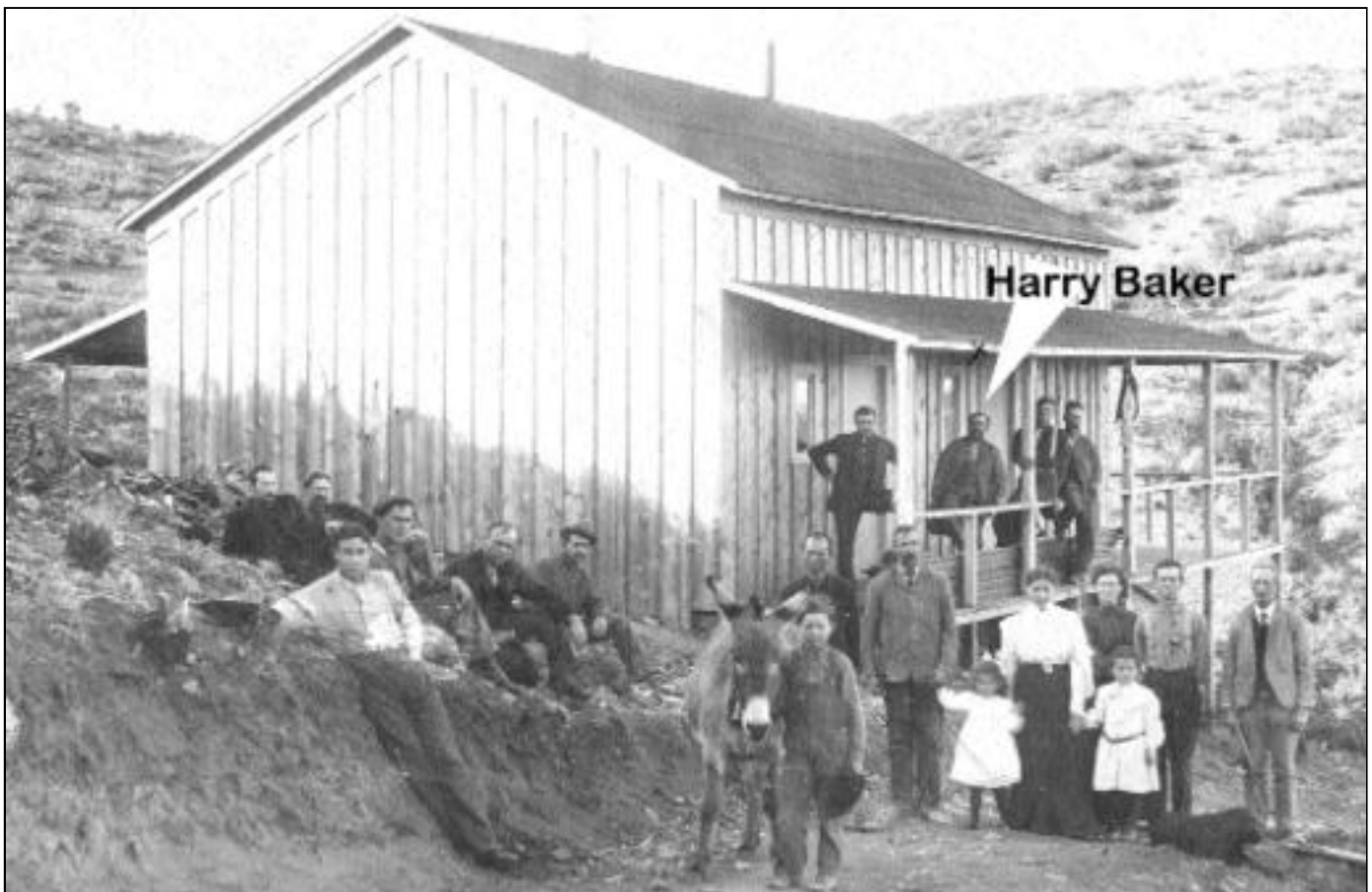
All of this has led to one of the most unusual family stories, the story of Harry Halsey Studebaker [P928-11]. This is also an example of how thoroughly the fifth and sixth generations covered the map. By the turn of the 19th century, everyone wanted to see more of our beautiful country.

Harry, the eleventh child of David William and Hannah Baisinger, was born in Kansas in 1869. Harry quit school at an early age, took a job sweeping up in a machine shop. He had a natural inclination toward invention and mechanics, and soon educated himself in this field. As a young teenager, he gradually withdrew from the family and finally left the area. He next surfaced in Missouri with a wife, Effie Amblina (Tyner)

Copenhauer, whom he married in Kansas in 1890. They had a son, Everett Earle Studebaker Sr. [+P928-111], born in Freemont, Missouri in 1891 and two daughters; Grace [P928-112], born in 1893, and Ethel [P928-113] who was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1895.



*Everett Earle Studebaker Sr.  
+P928-111*



*This is Harry Baker at Kingman, AZ. He helped install the machinery here in 1906.*

Sometime after that, both the wife and Harry went separate ways, presumably after a divorce. The children must have gone with his wife to California.

In the spring of 1903, Harry showed up in a mining camp at Price, Utah, under the name Harry Baker. He was a mining engineer and inventor. There he met and married Sarah Elizabeth Stevens, a devout Mormon. He was much older than his new wife.

The Baker family moved from mining camp to mining camp, living in primitive conditions. Harry installed equipment in mines, sometimes inventing a solution to a problem. If the location of the mine was too wild, Harry would go for a few months by himself. The Baker family has provided wonderful photographs of some of these mines.

They had three daughters: Thelma [+P928-114] born in 1904 in Sunnyside, Utah. The second child of each family of Harry's families was a girl, and strangely enough, both were named Grace Mabel, one a Studebaker and the other, Grace Mabel Baker [+P928-115], born in Grand Junction, Colorado, in 1907. Aletha Elizabeth Baker, [+P928-116] was also born in Grand Junction in 1911.

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*Harry Halsey Studebaker AKA Harry Baker ca. 1915 with his second wife Sarah and daughters (L-R) Grace Mabel, Thelma, and Aletha.*



*Mining town at Kingman, Arizona. 1906. Harry Baker was installing equipment in the mines then. The stack of sawed logs at the center of the picture was to be a house built especially for Harry's family. The company kept promising but didn't produce. After six months of living in a tent with his wife and two-year-old daughter, Thelma, he quit.*



*This is the entrance of the mine at Sunny Side, UT. Harry worked as an Electrical Engineer in the Power House (the neatest and cleanest place in town). He never worked in the mines. Harry & Sarah Elizabeth moved here January 1, 1902. He had been getting \$80 per month (12-hour day). His wages were raised to \$90 per month for eight-hour days. This was a big advancement in those days. Harry & Sarah left in April, 1905.*

Harry Baker had always been evasive with his second wife when the subject of family history came up. As she was a Mormon, this was deeply disturbing to her. In 1925, back in Utah, as Harry was dying he received a letter signed, "Your Friend and Brother, H. B. Studebaker", but he was no longer able to communicate. After the funeral, his daughter, Grace Mabel Baker Hill [+P928-115], answered the letter, telling of her father's death. H. B. Studebaker was Hank Baisinger Studebaker, [+P928-7] Harry's brother. Grace sent a photo, and Hank confirmed Harry's identity.

His second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Baker was devastated by the news, but the girls were excited to learn they had a brother and more sisters. When they were adults, the children of the two families met and corresponded until their correspondents died.

*Miriam would like to hear from any member of the families mentioned in this article. Write to her at SFNA or email [mirwin@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mirwin@cinci.rr.com).*

Now it's your turn!  
We know there are many interesting family stories out there just waiting to be shared with readers of "The Studebaker Family".

So, start gathering photos and writing your stories, then send all to:

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# KANSAS SOURCES ON THE WEB

Courtesy of Miriam Owen Irwin

Timeline: This will add to your understanding of the history.

<http://www.ukans.edu/heritage/owk/128/lineoftime.html>

**William C. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas**, first published in 1883 by A. T. Andreas, Chicago, IL. Almost anything you want to know about the "old days" in Kansas. I loved it. I used it.

<http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/kancoll/books/cutler/>

**Kansas Map c. 1910:**

<http://www.ku.edu/carrie/kancoll/graphics/maps/bigks.htm>



*Harry Baker worker as a "car whacker", repairing cars and engines in the round-house here at Thistle Junction, UT. At one time he went up to work at Soldier Summit with nothing on but a denim jacket. His father-in-law said he would freeze to death as it was 42 degrees below zero and it was impossible for a man to work there and not freeze to death. But, Harry was a car-whacker and had to go and do repairs and get the train back onto the tracks and running again.*



*SFNA President Heather Bailey, September 2002, in the high mountains of the Kingdom of Bhutan, celebrating her 40th birthday.*

## The President's Corner

In just no time at all the Board of Trustees will be gathered around the giant oak conference table in the Studebaker Homestead's Trading Post for the annual meeting. Lots of good ideas get hatched at these events. In the last thirty-some-odd years that the meetings have been going on, ideas have been generated for:

- Beginning the original genealogical research that ultimately led to the publication of "The Studebaker Family In America: Volume I, II and III"; *10 years of research was put into the first publication.*

- Inviting the whole clan for a national reunion; *This tradition has continued on a five-year basis for decades.*

- Seeking (and reaching) financial independence through member support after our benefactor passed away

- Returning to Germany and the ancestral hometown of Solingen on a tour; *Two tours have been led for cousins who were interested in seeing this northern German city.*

- Computerizing the membership and implementing a life membership program; *Now custom-built software drives the annual membership campaign.*

- Archival preservation of the memorabilia and written artifacts contained in the library in the Trading Post; *Every week volunteers come to work on this fragile preservation and to maintain this growing library.*

- Computerizing the genealogical databases; *Volunteers have been working nationally for more than two years to tend to the task of painstakingly enter the information contained in our published volumes.*

Do you think I'm just a little bit proud of this crazy bunch of volunteers that we like to call a Board? You're darn right I am! They continually turn out the ingenuity that this family is famous for. You should all be proud of your aunts, cousins, dads and sisters who do this job year after year. I know that I sure am.







*Heather*


***"Give more than you promise."***


**John Studebaker**


**1799-1877**

# MILESTONES


 Births  
  Marriages  
  Graduations  
 Deaths  
  Anniversaries  
  Engagements


 **Robert Chapin** and **Jerilyn Brassfield** were married March 15, 2002 in Idaho. Jerilyn is the daughter of Jolynn H364-141-14 and Jerry Brassfield.

 **James C. Wick** H232-253-1, 78, of West Sunbury, PA died October 2, 2002. He retired after selling his business, Suburban Refuse Co. He previously had worked at Olson and Country Belle dairies for 33 years. Mr. Wick, who was active in politics, ran for county commissioner several years ago and served as mayor of West Sunbury for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge 272, New Castle Scottish Rite, Syria Shrine Temple and Butler Caravan 14 and the American Legion. During World War II, he served in the Army. He is survived by sisters Ora Shea, Harriet Staley and Helen Burke; daughters Gay Travaglio and Kathy Ferdinandsen; sons James A. Wick and C. Douglas Wick; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His wife, Doris Young Wick, died Nov. 11, 2001. A son, Robert Young Wick; sisters Mattie Parker, Marian Ripper and Olive Trout; and brothers Victor, Robert and Arthur Wick also preceded him in death.

 **Jesse R. Moore** H228-741, 81, of Volant, PA died August 23, 2002. He was self-employed as a farmer. Mr. Moore was a member of Rich Hill Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, the New Castle Moose Club and the American Jersey Cattle Club. Surviving is his wife, Katherine Pisor Moore; daughters Janet and Diann Moore; son William Moore; brother A. LaVerne Moore; sisters Ellen Barkley and Maudress Lawrence; and three grandchildren. Two brothers preceded him in death.



 **Jennifer Lynn Granstrom** C343-722-221 graduated Cum Laude from Berkley High School in Berkley, Michigan. As Senior Drum Major during her final year at Berkley, Jennifer had the honor of conducting the school symphonic band during commencement exercises on June 6, 2002. The recipient of numerous scholarships and grants, Jennifer has enrolled at University of Detroit Mercy to pursue a four-year degree in mechanical engineering. She is the daughter of Curtis Cryderman and the granddaughter of SFNA Board member Sandra Studebaker.

 **Steven Daniel Pisor**, 24, of Butler, PA died May 3, 2002. He was the son of Floyd David Pisor Sr. H226-545 Lillian Louise (Scott) Ealy with whom he made his home. He is survived by his mother; stepfather, Merle Ealy of Butler; sons Dominic Pisor and Alec Miller; sister Barbara Pisor of Butler; and brothers Eric Pisor, Floyd D. Pisor Jr. and Merle Ealy of Mercer.

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## MILESTONES *continued*

† **Norma A. Stover Master** H241-117, 96, of Zelienople, PA died June 3, 2002. Mrs. Master was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing. She was also the tax assessor for Richland Township for years and drove a school bus for the Allegheny-Clarion Valley School District for 15 years. During WWII, she was a Gray Lady at Deshon Hospital, now the Butler Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She was a lathe operator at CPT in Franklin, where she made airplane parts and worked as a laborer on the B&O Railroad. She was an active member of St. Petersburg United Methodist Church and belonged to the Golden Rule Club of Alum Rock. Surviving are daughters Beatrice Kelly, Barbara McMaster and Linda Allen; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. Her husband, Francis "Pete" Master, died May, 1992. Two brothers; five sisters; and a granddaughter also preceded her in death.



† **Richard Lee Allison** H229-111-6, 69, of Slippery Rock Township, PA died May 6, 2002. He was a member of the Slippery Rock United Methodist Church. Mr. Allison was a truck driver, backhoe and heavy equipment operator at Cooper Brothers of Slippery Rock, retiring after more than 40 years. He was an Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Mae Ellen Grossman Allison, whom he married June 16, 1954; two daughters Cinda Taggart and Brenda E. Shilling; son Rick L. Allison; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Verna Allen and Doris Dull; and brothers, Dale, Harry and Red Allison. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

👶 New Grandma **Barbara (Tamuty) Jones** H364-141-11 announces the birth of **Naomi Kathleen Tamuty** on July 20, 2002. The proud parents are **Darlene Hampton** and **Paul Tamuty, Jr.**

💍 The marriage of **April Ivy Peters** and **Jonathan Michael Spreng** took place on June 8, 2002 at the Bible Baptist Church in

Hillsboro, OH. April is the daughter of Bruce and Marynona Peters of Hillsboro.

Studebaker relatives provided music for the ceremony. **Lana Studebaker** of Union, OH, violist, was joined by granddaughter **Olivia Bowman**, violin, in duets. Ten-year-old **Alexandra Bowman** sang *Amazing Grace* a cappella. **Dr. John Studebaker** of New Madison, OH sang accompanied by **Mary Ann Studebaker Mishler** of Troy, OH. Olivia and Alexandra are the daughters of **Susan Studebaker Bowman** of Union, OH.

The happy couple met while students at The Ohio State University pursuing degrees in agriculture. They are living in Loudonville, OH where he works in chemical agriculture in spray application.

† **Milo Henry Stiver** died September 13, 2001 in Connersville, IN.

† **Jonathan Peter Studebaker**, 36, died April 3, 2001 in Chico, CA. He was born with a rare genetic disease called ontogenesis imperfecta (OI), brittle bone disease. With years of treatment at Shriner's Hospitals in Honolulu, San Francisco and Chicago he was able to attend high school and college and eventually make a successful career for himself. He served as the honorary coach of the East-West Shrine Game for several years during the 1980's. He wrote articles about school sports for the local newspapers and was active in his church youth group. He received his B.A. in Information and Communication from Chico (CA) State University in 1987. He was an avid sports fan, working with the CSU football team, serving as their kicking coach. After graduation, CSU he stayed on in Chico where he established Project Speak Out, giving motivational talks and educating people about the challenges of living with a disability. Shortly before his death he created a website to share his story with the Internet community. According to newspaper accounts, Jonathan will long be remembered in Chico for the "Studebaker Strips" he demanded be built in the town that touts brick-like roads. The smooth strips were built into the intersections to help those with mobility problems negotiate the bumpy roads. A memorial service was conducted April 21, 2001 in the Chico State University Stadium. He is survived by parents A. Henry and Cynthia Ann Elster Studebaker; sisters Rebecca Downing and Amy Dennison; brother Alden; and seven nieces and nephews.

† **Aletha E. Studebaker Gilbert** P928-116 died September 30, 2002. She is survived by daughters Donna Lee Whipple, Geneal Spencer and Veoma Slater; son Melvin J. Winn; step-children Jim Gilbert and Evelyn Ziomke; 17 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Sisters Grace Bates Hill and Thelma Gurr preceded her in death.

*Read about Aletha's family in [Westward P9](#).*



♥ **Aaron Kalmerton** and **Talia Ren Binkley** P984-1068-32 were married August 3, 2002 at Donnels Creek Church of the Brethren, North Hampton, OH. Talia was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather Don Studebaker P984-1068.

† **Merle G. Leedy** A225-1145-4, 78, of Danville, OH died October 2, 2002. A US Army veteran, he was a life member of VFW Post #3494, Mansfield; member of Irvin Hiskey Post #535 American Legion, Bellville; AMVETS Post #87, Mansfield; and the National Rifle Association. He retired from the Tappan Company in Mansfield, where he worked nearly forty years in production and as a truck driver. He is survived by his daughter Debra K. Irish; brothers Eugene R. and Robert E. Leedy; half-brother George Johnson; half-sisters Georgianna May, Elizabeth Waldeck, Cindy Martin, Jean Alman, and Jane Hunkler; step-brothers James D. Johnson and Michael A. Johnson; sister-in-law Faye Leedy; and numerous nieces and nephews. Irvin Hiskey Post #535 American Legion provided military honors.

**Don't forget those  
great family pictures  
when you send in your  
Milestones!**

**p.s. Those Studebaker numbers  
are a big help, too!**

## Heard On The Studebaker Wire

Hi, cousins!

On a recent visit to Norwich, NY I stayed at the Howard Johnson Motel. I was surprised to find that the restaurant was called the Studebaker Grill & Pub. The waitress told me that the Manager was a Studebaker buff and was looking for more Studebaker articles to decorate the rooms. Perhaps traveling Studebakers might like to stop by and say hello to him!

Howard Johnson Norwich  
75 N. Broad St.  
Norwich, NY 13815

*Warren W. Wirebach  
Middletown, PA*

*✍️ Yes, we really do read your letters. Please keep in touch!*

I hope some day to return to a reunion. I've made it twice and enjoyed it so much.

*Vivian Studebaker  
Sand Springs, OK*

Cousins,

Here is a picture (*below*) of a Studebaker wagon in Halsey, Oregon. I took it recently while visiting my 7 children and 16 grandchildren in the Portland area.

The area where the wagon is situated at is now a big truck stop. It use to be a small cafe and service station.

Shalom,  
*James Randolph Snelling VII  
Torrance, Ca*



# Genealogy Computerization Project Update

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**C343-722-2**

**Project Manager**



*Project volunteer Brenda Studebaker and husband Stanley on their Indiana farm. Thanks for the great work, Brenda!*

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

A volunteer in the SFNA Genealogy Computerization Project for two years, Brenda Studebaker embraces two environments. One is agricultural, the second computers. Brenda, an Indiana native, and husband Stanley C125-532-22 own a 1300-acre farm in South Whitley, Indiana where he raises Holstein steers and grows corn and beans.

In addition to reading, genealogy, and their 19-month-old grandson, Brenda confesses to a special interest in anything involving computers--including a scanner and digital camera. Brenda says she does data entry for the Studebaker genealogy project mornings, when the house is quiet, before going off to work in the kitchen at Columbia City

Hospital. What a woman! By incorporating work on the project into her daily routine, this industrious lady has quietly, and accurately, completed data entry assignments for an impressive number of 444 family groups to date.

## **Help Needed - Inquire Within**

It's due to the ongoing efforts of Brenda, and other cousins like her, that the Project is able to move forward to its eventual completion. We are currently working on the 8th, and largest, generation of the Clement line, as published, with a goal of completing the 8th generation by year's end. But, as with any volunteer effort, the Project could use more dedicated volunteers so we can begin work on the Peter and Heinrich lines from the 3-volume Studebaker Family in America. If you, like Brenda, have an aptitude for, and experience with, genealogy and computers and can incorporate data entry into your daily routine--WE WANT YOU!! The pay's not great, but the rewards are. Please contact the Project Manager via e-mail at:

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by voice or Fax at: (586) 293-0162



## THE EDITOR'S IN!

I can't believe it's October already! Summer just zoomed by and we're well into the swing of things at school. With over 150 beginning band members (almost 100 of them are my students directly!) there's never a dull moment in the music area of our intermediate building. There are some v-e-r-y interesting sounds emanating from those rooms!

Thanks to Miriam Owen Irwin for her hard work researching the "Westward P9" article. I hope it inspires some of you out there to send in some of your own family tales to share with your cousins.


Calling cousins who are also members of the Studebaker Drivers Club!!! We're looking for some "double-duty" members interested in helping SFNA make a connection with the SDC. Please contact me if you're willing to help.

Studebaker sighting! Check out the November/December issue of *Midwest Living* magazine. On page 128 there's a mention of the holidays at Tippecanoe Place in South Bend, Indiana, built by the Studebaker family. For more information Tippecanoe Place, go to [www.tippe.com](http://www.tippe.com).

## THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

We've been fortunate so far to have plenty of items to be included in the newsletter, but believe it or not the cupboard is getting bare! Put on your thinking caps and start putting those old family stories on paper! Keep your eyes open as you go through your local paper and note items that mention the name Studebaker. We'd like to hear about "Studebaker Happenings" all over the country!

Check through the past several issues and see if you get some ideas from past articles. The holidays are coming up and families will be gathering -- keep your ears open for those stories that people tell about "the time that Grandpa....." or "Remember when Uncle John told us about....." Go through old photo albums -- if you find an interesting photo (especially if it has a story behind it!) then please share it! Start digging through those boxes of photos and memorabilia and see if it stirs up some memories.

 **EDITOR'S NOTE:** As more people have access to improved technology, I'd like to share some information with you with improved newsletter quality in mind:

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# Happenings In Studebaker Country



Nine-year-old Jennifer Irwin P984-611-111 received a number of 4-H awards this summer. She participated in the horse, cat and rocket programs. This is her second year in 4-H, but she has been riding four years.

At the Hamilton County Fair in Cincinnati, OH, she won first place in trail riding with her horse, Miracle. She also won Junior Reserve Champion for horses. This award means that she came in second place overall for her age category based on the following four areas: her written and oral project judging, knowledge of the parts of the horse, a written test and the results of the five classes that she participated in at the horse show.

For her cat project she won a county award. However, in the 4-H rocket category her county display went on to the Ohio State Fair. At the state fair the participants each present their project to a judge and are given an oral exam. At this level there is an overall winner for the state; the top 20% are awarded a ribbon. Jen finished in the top 20% and received a beautiful purple ribbon.

Jen has been an enthusiastic 4-H participant. She says she especially loved the adventure of spending the night at the county fairgrounds with other club members.

## STUDEBAKER IN A STUDEBAKER

This is a picture of Waunita Studebaker Kolling sitting in a 1910 Doctor's buggy formerly owned by her brother, the late Carroll Studebaker. Waunita was 98 years old on August 14, 2002. Her parents were W. O. Studebaker and Myrtle of Lewisburg, OH. Her brother Dewitt is still living; brothers Guy Carroll, Roscoe and sister Catherine are deceased.

Waunita has two children, Clarence, Jr. of Brookville, OH and Onilee Izor of Eaton, OH; six grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She now resides in Harborside Nursing Home in New Lebanon, OH after a fall at her apartment in March, 2002. Until that time she lived alone although she is blind.



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## PENNSYLVANIA COUSIN SELECTED FOR REGIONAL AWARD



Christopher Wayne Miller, PhD P973-414-42, founder of Innovation Focus, has been selected as the recipient of the 2002 Entrepreneur of the Year award for Services in Central Pennsylvania, and is therefore a finalist for the national award. The selection was made after a rigorous review of Innovation Focus history and business practice including service to customers, relationship with employees, service to the community and financial performance. The award is sponsored by Ernst and Young and co-sponsored by USA Today, CNN, Nasdaq and the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

In 1987 Chris and his young wife, Cindy Daub of Lancaster, PA, were an energetic couple just starting their family in a new home in Massachusetts. As Chris drove to his job with Phillips in Boston each day, he dreamed of starting his own consulting business in which he would help customers solve business problems with their own creativity- work that he had started while a doctoral student at Case Western Reserve University. For two years the couple carefully saved enough money for Chris to quit his job and begin developing his dream. While Cindy continued her Masters of Social Work program at Boston University, Chris cleared a space in the corner of their basement, set up his office and began to grow a new business. However, two businesses failed before success arrived in the form of Innovation Focus. In 1992 the family moved to Lancaster, PA, where Cindy has a large extended family. Near the Conestoga River, the couple built a lovely home large enough to encompass the needs of a growing family and business with grounds extensive enough to satisfy Chris' love of gardening.

Today, just 15 years after its humble beginnings, the business has 22 employees working together in a beautiful, old building which Chris and Cindy purchased in 1999, located in the heart of historic Lancaster. With clients such as Hershey Foods, Kraft, Sprint, AT&T, Hewlett Packard, Binney & Smith, Sunbeam, IBM, and a great many more, Chris and his team have unique ways of creating and developing programs for companies that are

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## Cousin's Book To Be Released in November

"Ohio is My Dwelling Place" is a book by Sue Studebaker of Dayton, OH being released in November. Published by the Ohio University Press, it is dedicated in honor of the 200th anniversary of Ohio Statehood in 2003.

The book documents over 290 schoolgirl embroideries stitched in the State of Ohio between the years 1800 and 1850. These works of textile art are called samplers and include alphabets, houses, birds, flowers, people, etc. All of the samplers give the stitcher's name and almost always their age, usually between the ages of six and 14. Many give the towns, counties or townships in Ohio where they resided. Included are samplers from 55 of Ohio's 88 counties.

It has taken Sue over a decade of research and travel to accomplish this difficult, never before attempted. Her husband Richard P984-1054 did a large part of her photography. Her comprehensive 320-page book pictures 216 samplers, 120 in color. The book tells the stories of the girls who stitched them and of their pioneer families.

About 12 years ago Sue sent an inquiry through this newsletter asking for information on any sampler by a little Studebaker girl. She received a reply from Maryland that yes, indeed their family was still in possession of a very treasured one from the 18th century.

These samplers bring big prices on the antiques market today.

If you would like your own autographed copy of this cousin's work, you can place your order online at [www.ohiosamplers.com](http://www.ohiosamplers.com) or call Sue at 937/434-3347. *Photo courtesy Hoover Photography*



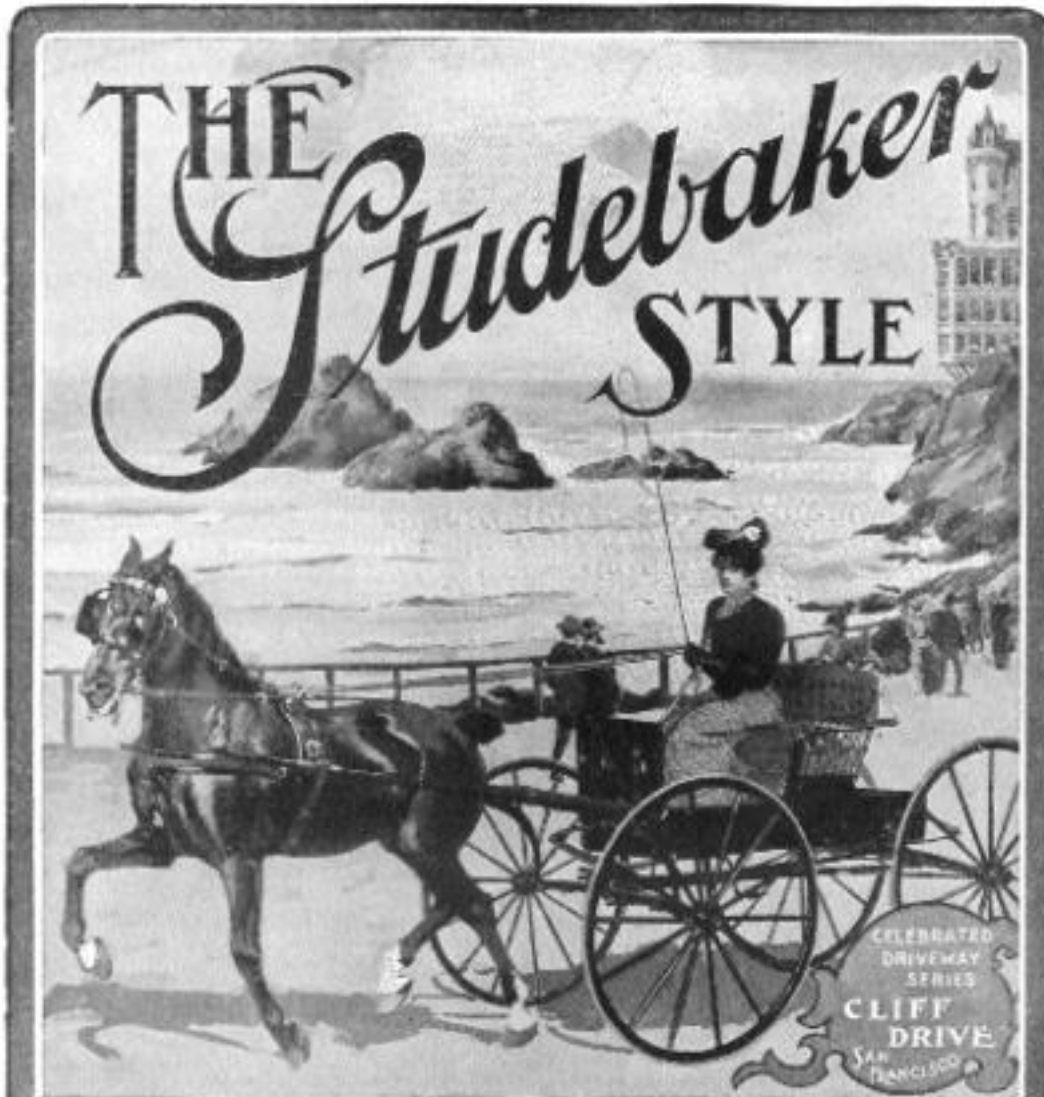
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willing to try innovation - whether they are wanting to find new business opportunities, hoping to create a new cutting-edge product or interested in extensive consumer research. Cindy is also deeply involved in the business as Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Facilitator while at the same time running a successful Marriage and Family Counseling practice in her own corner of the building. Sons Joshua and Noah, both of whom have been featured in articles in the SFNA newsletters in the past, occasionally become involved in the business when a focus group needs the viewpoint of children or young people. The company's chief artist and a senior Facilitator is Chris' brother, Kevin Miller - P973-414-41.

Says Chris of the award, "Our goal has been to help bring technology into the service of humanity. At Innovation Focus we believe deeply that business can be a powerful force for good. We are grateful that nearly a third of the Fortune 500 have agreed with us and allowed us to join them in their search for better ways to serve their customers. If we have been successful, it is because our customers have been successful with us."

# Judy Holland of Mendota, IL sent this page from a 1902 Parson's magazine.

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