

Discovering the Lives of Charles Ellis Clifton and Jennie Fite Clifton

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**Charles Ellis Clifton
1890**



**Headstone for Jennie Fite Clifton
Fairview Cemetery, Waterloo IA**

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Introduction

Throughout history, the lives of people who have lived have affected the lives of those who follow. In this document, we focus on the lives of two great people, Charles Ellis Clifton and his wife, Jennie Fite Clifton. They had two sons and no daughters. Their first son, Willie, died at the age of six weeks. The other son, George Frank, died at age 79 and is the sole link for all descendants of Charles and Jennie. It is hoped that by learning more about them, all of us who are their descendants can live better lives ourselves. This is even true of those who are not actual descendants of them, but have been adopted in, such as the in-laws who have married their descendants. In one way or another, using a myriad of names, we are all Cliftons. And as we learn more about them, it is clear that we can be proud of them.

Documentation Notes

Because the construction of this document is no small effort and to explain some of the anomalies in it, this section will explain some of the things that the reader may want to know in order to better understand how to comprehend it.

About those who present this material

This document was “written” by many people over a period of time that covers parts of 3 different centuries. However, those listed on the cover page, Charles Ellis Clifton Jr., Joyce Ray Clifton and Trevor C Clifton, are listed as those who have compiled (or collected) the material, sorted it out, organized it, interpreted it, questioned it, accepted it, commented on it, proofread it and now present it to the world as one collective story about the lives of these great souls. To aid the reader in knowing which of the three of us expressed which thought or comment, the following initials will be used to distinguish material attributed to a single one of us:

- C2: for Charles Ellis Clifton Jr. (aka Chuck, who is the Great Grandson of Charles)
- JRC: for Joyce Ray Clifton (who is married to Charles Ellis Clifton Jr.)
- TCC: for Trevor C Clifton (who is the son of Chuck and Joyce)

If there is content that does not bear any of these initials, it either has another source or is the general consensus of all three of us.

Pronouncing Jennie’s maiden name

Jennie’s maiden name of Fite is probably pronounced with a long “i” because we have entries in the support documents that on occasion, will spell her name as “Fight”. This could easily happen if a census taker or a county clerk were to write the name after hearing it pronounced instead of someone related to the name itself writing it. Other entries in the documents spell it Fete. This could be another pronunciation or a misreading of the cursive “i” for an “e”.

Links to Sources

In the main table below, there are links to a website we have that contains the sources of the documents that we have used in our research. These links are in the form of a magnifying glass. Some documents have more than one link and thus there are multiple magnifying glasses. For those who read this in its

electronic form, please click on these links to see original documents. If you get a security warning after you click on it, you can click OK because they are trusted sites.

Controversies

As in all things, there is always the possibility that one source is wrong and another is correct. There is also the possibility that all sources are wrong. Dates were not as well remembered back then. There are many variations in dates throughout the supporting documentation. This is common when researching family history. We have done our best, but we make no guarantees.

Modifications to newspaper articles

In the table where the newspaper articles are listed in the left column, some minor editing has been done to remove extraneous marks that were probably introduced in the scanning process. These should not be missed by the reader.

Work-in-progress

This document is a work-in-progress. That means that it may be published more than once. We already know of certain information that we are trying to collect to put into this document. We want to publish a list of all of the descendants of Charles & Jennie. We have most of the info but we need help. If the reader can add any info or finds mistakes, please let us know and we will fix them before the next update. Throughout the document we have inserted questions (mainly to ourselves) to remind us of research that we still need to do. If the reader can enlighten us please do so.

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- Vickie & Melanie Baxter – Electronic
- Bob & Kathy Clifton – Electronic
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- Jorge & Christina Clifton – Snail Mail
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Note:

For those who received a Snail Mail copy and would like to receive an electronic copy please let us know and we will send you one. There is a lot of information that is available on the electronic copy by using the magnifying glass links.

Documents and Newspaper Articles Relating to Charles or Jennie

The following table has three columns:

The column on the left contains a link to a digital clipping of the article or document. This is helpful to see where some interpretation is needed to know what the document or article said. Each link is represented by its own magnifying glass icon.

Next the middle column has exact quotes from various documents and newspapers on the dates indicated. The actual reference to the document or newspaper and the date of reference is in the first row. The rest of the block contains the extracted text as shown in the document or newspaper and in some cases, only a part of it is shown. In a couple of places, we have summarized the content in our own words.

The right column contains comments that we have inserted. These consist of research hints, findings, questions, confirmations, explanations and even guesses as to what the document or article is telling us.

Link	Document/Article	Comments
 	1849 Feb 18 – Charles E. Clifton is born in England Northampton is mentioned in Willie Clifton's birth record. Northampton Shire is a county in East Midlands England.	TCC: The death certificate for Charles has this as his birthdate. We have another reference to Nov 1847 in the 1900 Federal Census
 	1850 – Charles immigrates to US from England The 1900 Federal Census states that Charles immigrated 50 years prior. The 1905 Iowa State Census states that Charles was 48 years old at the time of the 1905 census (born 1857) and he had been in the US for 47 years and in Iowa for 28 years (since 1858).	C2: The census takers were trained to write what someone tells them. The years and ages here may not be correct.
	1879 Dec 23 – Charles and Jennie get a marriage license 1879 Dec 25 – Charles and Jennie get married in Waterloo – Marriage Certificate C E Clifton of Clay County, Illinois is at least 28 years of age and M J Fite of Muscatine County, Iowa is at least 18 years of age.	TCC: The marriage certificate says 1880 but it is clearly an oversight as the license on the same page says 1879. Just as Jennie was not

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		born in Muscatine Co, Iowa, Charles was not born in Clay Co, Illinois. This is in reference to their last residence.
	1880 Jan 7 Iowa State Reporter Marriage License issued for December C. E. Clifton and M. J. Fite.	
	1880 Jan 7 Iowa State Reporter Married, CLIFTON-FITE - At the Commercial House in this city, on the 24 th , by Rev. J. T. Crippen, C. E. Clifton of Clay county, Ill., and Miss M. J. Fite of Muscatine county, Iowa	TCC: Their marriage license shows that they were married on December 25 but they have the year as 1879 twice and 1880 twice on signature lines. This newspaper article shows that the year must have been 1879. The marriage license must have been signed after the new year and people put the new year in by mistake. It was probably on the 25 th as the digitization of newspaper aided in the error of the 24 th . Looking at the actual article from the

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		link you can see it was more likely printed as the 25 th in this article.
	1880 US Federal Census Charles E Clifton, 28 years old, laborer, place of birth Illinois, parents born in England Jennie Clifton, 22 years old, housekeeping, place of birth, Ohio, parents born in Ohio	C2: Inconsistent ages.
	1880 US Federal Census William and Margaret Ellet have daughter Mary Fite living with them in Iowa. Mary is listed as widowed and she is a dressmaker.	TCC: Later (1885) we will see that the Ellet's are living with Charles and Jennie (granddaughter)
	1883 Jan 3 Iowa State Reporter Thompson & Bro. to C. E. Clifton, southeast half of lots 1, 4 and 5, block 44, east side, \$600.	Bought land.
	1883 Jan 10 – Waterloo Courier Thompson & Bro. to C. E. Clifton, southeast half of lots 1, 4 and 5, block 44, east side, \$600	Duplicate from another newspaper
	1883 August 2 Iowa State Reporter Mrs. M. E. Fite of Millersburg, Iowa County, Iowa, is visiting in the city with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Clifton.	C2: She probably was in town to help with the birth of Jennie's first baby, Willie E. Clifton, who was born on August 8, 1883.
	1883 Aug 8 – William E Clifton is born in Waterloo The birth certificate for Willie does not yet have a given name listed. First child of mother, Jennie M. Clifton maiden name is Fite and she is American, born in Finley, Ohio. The father is Chas. E. Clifton, English, born in Northampton, England. Chas. is a Foreman in Wholesale.	
	1883 August 16 Iowa State Reporter C. E. Clifton is happy. It's a ten pound boy and arrived at his house last Wednesday.	
 	1883 Sept 30 Iowa State Reporter THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clifton wish to return sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly aided them in their sad hour of bereavement. Willie, an infant child of C. E. Clifton, died yesterday, of cholera infantum. The funeral services occur today, Rev. K. Carton officiating.	JRC: Willie died of Cholera at six weeks of age. Cholera was a dehydration so he probably got some kind of

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		diarrhea that could not be controlled. Today doctors will use IVs to resupply the body with fluids.
	1885 Iowa State Census Charles E Clifton, 38 years old, Laborer, place of birth listed as England 10 St ? Franklin listed as address Jennie Clifton, 26 years old, born in Ohio, Living with them are Jennie's grandparents, the Ellet's: William Ellet, 72 years old, carpenter, born in Ohio Margaret Ellet, 72 years old, born in Ohio,	JRC: The map of 10 Franklin Street is included and recognized as their residence in the 1885 state census.
	1885 July 16 Iowa State Reporter A petition from C. E. Clifton <i>et al.</i> in reference to the filling up of lots 7 and 10, block 45, and on Tenth street in front of said lots, where stagnant water now stands, was referred to the committee on public ground and health of the city.	
	1885 July 29 – Waterloo Courier Committee on public grounds and health of city reported on petition of C. E. Clifton in regard to water holes on east Tenth street, and on lots 7 and 10, block 40, east side, that they found them to be nuisances and recommended that the street commissioner of the east side be instructed to fill in the holes in Tenth street and serve notice on the owners of lots 7 and 10 to do likewise on their premises. Adopted.	C2: He must have had some political clout.
 	1890 Feb 3 – George F. is born in Waterloo Clifton boy is the second child of the mother. Jennie Clifton, maiden name Jennie Fite, is 32 years old. Charles Clifton is a clerk and he is 43 years old.	JRC: This is found in Register of Births, No. 2 of Blackhawk County, Iowa
	1890 Feb 6 Iowa State Reporter Charley Clifton wakes up bright and early Monday morning and reports a ten pound boy at his home; born Sunday night.	C2: Birth of George Frank Clifton on February 3, 1890, which is actually a Monday so he must have been born after midnight Sunday "night".

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	1890 April 3 Iowa State Reporter Births: Chas. Clifton, Waterloo, boy.	C2: News report of birth of George F. Clifton.
	1890 April 3 Iowa State Reporter C. E. Clifton and wife to Jos. Burd, southeast one-half lots 1,4 and 5, block 44, east side, \$800.	C2: Charles & Jennie sold land at a profit of \$200 over 7 years & 3 months. This represents 4.5% per annum profit.
	1890 April 3 Iowa State Reporter Christina Harmsley to Jennie E. Clifton, lots 3, 4 and east half lot 5, block 4, Day's addition, \$1,000.	Land sale to Jennie.
	1890 April 9 – Waterloo Courier Births Reported Chas. Clifton, Waterloo, boy.	Duplicate from other newspaper.
	1890 April 16 – Waterloo Courier C. E. Clifton and wife to Jos. Burd, southeast one-half lots 1, 4 and 5, block 44, eastside, \$800. Christina Harmsley to Jennie E. Clifton, lots 3, 4 and east half lot 5, block 4, Day's addition, \$1,000.	Duplicate from other newspaper.
	1890 August 7 Iowa State Reporter Anne Lewis Beeson to C. E. Clifton, west one-half lot 5, block 4, Day's addition, \$40.	Bought land.
	1890 Dec 22 – Waterloo Daily Courier Highway Robbery. As Mrs. C. E. Clifton and Mrs. I. D. Philley were returning home Saturday night about 10 o'clock, they were overtaken at the corner of 8th and Mulberry streets by a stranger who seized Mrs. Clifton's hand satchel and fled with it. The robber approached them from behind and as it was bright moonlight they were not alarmed until he crowded himself between them, at the same time seizing Mrs. Clifton's hand satchel which hung to her arm by a small chain, and contained several parcels and a little money. The ladies both screamed lustily which attracted the attention of Capt. Anthony and Frank Fisher, who made immediate search for the thief but were unable to find him. The ladies describe the man as short, heavy set and well dressed, and think they would be able to identify him.	JRC: The map of 8 th and Mulberry shows where Jennie had her purse snatched at 10:00 at night.
	1890 Dec 24 –Waterloo Courier Highway Robbery. As Mrs. C. E. Clifton and Mrs. I. D. Philley were returning home Saturday night about 10 o'clock, they were overtaken at the corner of 8th and Mulberry streets by a stranger who seized Mrs. Clifton's hand satchel and fled with it. The robber approached them from behind and as it was bright moonlight they were not alarmed	Duplicated from 2 days earlier.

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	1891 August 20 Iowa State Reporter C. E. Clifton has purchased of H. B. Nirison, of Chicago, lots 0 and 7, block 4, Day's addition, for \$650.	Bought land. What is a Day's addition?
	1891 Sept 3 Iowa State Reporter Herman H. Nirison and wife to C. E. Clifton, lots 6 and 7, block 4, Day's addition. \$650.	Duplicate.
	1891 Sept 4 – Waterloo Daily Courier Herman B. Nirison and wife to C. E. Clifton, lots 6 and 7, block 4, Day's addition, \$650.	Duplicate.
	1891 Sept 9 – Waterloo Daily Courier Herman B. Nirison and wife to C. E. Clifton, lots 6 and 7, block 4, Day's addition. \$650.	Duplicate.
	1895 Iowa State Census Chas. E age 46 and Jennie E. age 36 are listed in Waterloo with George F. age 4. It says Charles is from Illinois, Jennie is from Ohio and George is from Iowa. All three are listed as Methodist. Charles is entitled to vote in general elections. Charles is a Grocery Clerk and Jennie is a Housekeeper.	TCC: Does this mean that Charles is naturalized at this point since he is now entitled to vote? Previously on Willie's birth certificate Charles is listed as English – English men do not vote in general US elections. C2: On 1-29-2014, I called Blackhawk County to see if

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		an Oath of Allegiance was ever issued to Charles. We did see that in one census, he said that he was a registered voter. He must have been a citizen by then, whenever that was. The county has given their records to the University of Northern Iowa. I called them at 319-273-6307 and spoke with Jerry Peterson. He said that the Naturalization records were piled up 3 feet from his right hand but that they were in microfilm format. He said that some Genealogy group from Northern Iowa has transcribed them. He said he will check and get back to me within a

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	1900 US Federal Census Charles Clifton, 52 years old born Nov 1847 in England, parents born in England, year of immigration 1850, number of years in US is 50. Jennie E or F Clifton born August 1857, 42 years old, born in Ohio, parents both born in Ohio. Jennie is the mother of 2 children born to her but only 1 is listed as living. George F Clifton is son, born Feb 1890, 10 years old, born in Iowa Marriage listed as 20 years (1880)	C2: This has the wrong age and birth year for both. We need his birth certificate to know for sure.
	1900 July 9 – Waterloo Daily Courier Charles Clifton of the Fowler company and Nick Webber of the Waterloo Manufacturing company, have in partnership purchased the Scroggy grocery store on Sycamore street and will in the near future take charge of it. They will continue the good business that the store now enjoys and will give sixteen ounces for a pound of as good grocery stuffs as can be found in the city. The purchasers of the store are first-class business men and success is predicted for them by their friends.	JRC: The Clifton & Webber grocery store is located on 729 Sycamore as posted on the map. C2: We need to learn more about the Fowler Co. C2: Charles is well respected in town.
	1901 – US Cities Directories Waterloo Charles E, wf Jennie E (Clifton & Webber), r 729½ Sycamore. CLIFTON & WEBBER (C E Clifton, N Webber), grocers, 729 Sycamore	JRC: Map of location of 729 Sycamore in Waterloo of Clifton & Webber grocery store is included and according to this directory Charles and Jennie's residence is 729 ½ Sycamore. They must have lived in a connected apartment to the grocery store.

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	1902 Feb 4 - Semi Weekly Iowa State Reporter Charles E. Clifton and E. S. Cobb have returned from Milwaukee where they have been attending the annual convention of the National Grocers' association. They state that the convention was a great success, delegates from 29 states being present. The principal topic discussed was the pure food matter and stringent resolutions in favor of, it were adopted. With the exception of the presidency to which Mr. Williams of Indiana was elected, all the old officers of the association were elected. The next convention will be held at Kansas City in January of 1903. Mr. Clifton states that Milwaukee is by no means a dry town, 1,700 licensed saloons and five large breweries being located there. Every grocery store also keeps wines, liquors and beer which it supplies its trade in packages but does not retail it out in the store, as do saloons.	
	1902 Feb. 28 – Daily Waterloo Courier Music, Recitations, Toasts and Good Cheer Prevail. The present and ex-members of the Waterloo Retail Grocers' association together with their families, their clerks and bookkeepers, enjoyed a signally successful social event in G. A. R. hall last night, the occasion being the first annual social of the association. In spite of the rain and the Egyptian darkness there was a large attendance. Between 150 and 175 people made up the gay throng, and once in the comfortable hall the dismal, drizzling, sloppy night was forgotten, each one being intent on getting the maximum enjoyment out of the occasion. The music was cheery, the recitations were humorous; the supper was choice and dainty, the toasts were felicitous breathing the spirit of good cheer and brotherly love and the social hours were calculated to strengthen the ties of friendship between the merchants and their clerks. While the guests were gathering the Myers family orchestra played a number of selections, after which, the following program was given: Recitation—Miss Wild. Recitation—Miss Alpha Cobb. Reading—Miss Etta Bankson Each one of the young ladies highly entertained the audience and Miss Bankson told the telephone story so humorously that she was obliged to respond to a hearty encore. At this point supper was served. The candles were the choicest that the grocery stores afforded and the meat market could supply. As the large company was lingering over the last sips of coffee E. S. Cobb, president of the association, called the assembly to order in the capacity of toastmaster and after a few appropriate introductory remarks-which told what they were there for, he introduced George K. Huber, who responded to the first toast, "Our Wives." The importance of the grocery men's better halves was not only exploited in glowing terms by Mr. Huber, who has been long enough married to understand something of the subject, but was noted by having the place of honor among the toasts. Edward Morgan, secretary of the association, next responded to the subject. "The Ladies Who Visit Our Stores." Mr. Morgan was especially felicitous in his remarks and could all the ladies of Waterloo have heard the compliments he bestowed upon them the probability is that all of them would want to trade at Mr. Morgan's store. There was not a minor chord in his remarks, everything being optimistic, cheerful and	

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	complimentary. Charles E. Clifton toasted "Our Clerks and Bookkeepers." He treated each class of employees with due consideration and paid them a full meed of praise for their faithfulness and honor. The clerks and bookkeepers present seemingly increased in stature and sat straighter after Mr. Clifton had finished. The last toast was by S. H. Pinkerton, his subject being, "Our Association." He mentioned the benefit derived from a unity of interests and complimented the members that so friendly a spirit pervaded their ranks. During the enactment of the program there was a sort of grand march around the hall to the music furnished by the orchestra. Mr. Morgan – very nicely officiated as leader of the column. The Myers orchestra, whose, members are fast becoming popular with the people of Waterloo, received many compliments for the musical program which they furnished. The program comprised classical selections and the latest medley overtures. The cornet solo, "My Old Kentucky Home" with variations, was charmingly rendered by Milton Myers. The committee providing the entertainment does not hesitate in pronouncing this orchestra one of the very best of its size in the state. The program last night and the enjoyable time resulting from the comingling of the grocerymen, their families and employees will undoubtedly result in making these social an annual event. For the past two years the association has held mid-summer picnics at favorable out of town points and these now have come to be recognized almost universally as business holidays. Last summer the grocerymen and their families went by special trains to Des Moines. In honor of the occasion most other business houses were closed.	
	1903 Sept 16 – Waterloo Daily Courier Charles E. Clifton has sold his interest in the Clifton & Webber grocery to his partner Nick Webber and the formal transfer will be made next Monday. Mr. Clifton sets in-order, to be foot-free so that he may go with his family to Colorado in the interest of his wife's health. He has been in the grocery business for the past two and a half years, but previous to that was for 21 years in the employ of the Fowler Co. Mr. Clifton is a very popular Businessman and one who has succeeded because of his genial nature and his close attention to his duties. The removal of the family from the city will be generally regretted.	
	1904, Jan 11 – Waterloo Daily Courier HARVEST OF GRIM REAPER Mrs. C. E, Clifton Expires Yesterday of Typhoid. With the passing of Mrs. Charles E. Clifton yesterday afternoon, the last representative of her family goes to her reward. The father was killed by a horse while Mrs. Clifton was a child, and her mother passed away about eight years ago and was buried in Fairview. She was an only child, and thus her death removes the last of her immediate family. Decedent passed away at her home, 829 Walnut Street, 3: 30 yesterday afternoon, after a sickness of ten days, of typhoid and pneumonia, aged about 41 years. On New Year's day the lady got the holiday dinner and was feeling quite well and. strong, but in the evening she was taken with severe chills, which were the forerunner of an attack of pneumonia and; typhoid fever. Her previously weakened condition rendered recovery impossible and she passed peacefully away to join the loved ones who had preceded her into the spirit world.	C2: This is a different account of the same event by a different newspaper. There are some different details. C2: Was Jennie born in 1863 or 1853? The photo of her gravestone

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	The maiden name of decedent was Miss Jennie E. Fite. She was born in 1863 at Finley, Ohio, and her parents moved to Iowa 36 years ago, settling in Iowa county. When her father met his tragic death the mother went to live with her daughter. She was married to C. E. Clifton December 24, 1878 and the couple have ever since resided in Waterloo. Besides the husband a son, George F. Clifton, fourteen years old, is left to mourn the death of a devoted wife and loving mother. One child died in 1883 and is buried in Fairview. The funeral will be held from the home, 829 Walnut street at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. Bissell and burial will be in Fairview. Mr. Clifton was in the grocery business a number of years, but sold out not long ago for the purpose of taking his wife to Colorado for her health. When her mother died the daughter was worn out because of the unremitting attention paid the mother for the three years that she was an invalid. The mother suffered with cancer, and the daughter sacrificed her strength and ultimately her life because of the unceasing devotion which she gave to the invalid. The physician had recommended a change of climate and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton went south in the fall where they spent several weeks and where Mrs. Clifton received much help, gaining six pound in weight in a month's time. When they returned to Waterloo later the weather here was so much colder that the change had a deleterious affect. It was the original expectation of Mr. Clifton to take his wife to Colorado about December 1st, but the trip was postponed, owing to Mrs. Clifton's frail health. She was a member of the Grace M. E. Church, very active in Christian work and beloved by her neighbors and friends.	looks like 1853. Her obituaries all say 1863. She was married in December of 1879 so that would make her 16 when she got married. JRC: Map of the location of where they lived when Jennie died is included, 829 Walnut Street.
	1904 Jan 11 – Waterloo Daily Reporter Death Claims Lady Sunday Mrs. C. E. Clifton Dead Succumbed After Ten Days Illness of Typhoid-Pneumonia Lived in Waterloo for a quarter of a Century Funeral Wednesday. Mrs. Jennie Clifton, wife of Chas E. Clifton, passed away at her home 829 Walnut street, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a ten day illness of typhoid-pneumonia. Mrs. Clifton has been in ill health for several years. It is thought that her constitution was weakened when she assisted in the care of her mother, who was an invalid for a period of three years. Much had been done for her health, she having returned but recently from a month's stay at New Orleans. A trip to Colorado was planned and the start was to have been made the first of December, but her condition at that time would not permit of the move. Her husband formerly conducted a grocery store on Sycamore street in connection with Nick Webber, and only recently disposed of his interest in order to look after the needs of his wife. Mrs. Jennie Fite-Clifton was born at Finley, Ohio, in 1863, where she resided for a period of four years. In 1867 her father was killed by the kick of a horse. Shortly afterwards she removed with her mother and grandparents to Sigourney, Ia., and later to Millersburg. There she met C. E. Clifton, who led her to the marriage altar on Dec. 24, 1878. They removed immediately to Waterloo and have made their home here continuously for twenty-five years. Eleven years ago her mother was rendered an invalid, and it is thought the daughter impaired her health while caring for the	JRC: This says that Jennie was born in Finley, Ohio, August 17, of 1863, the year is probably wrong as the gravestone shows 1853. Jennie's father, John Fite, died when she was 4 years old. Jennie and her mother, Mary Ellet Fite, moved in with Mary's parents, William and Margaret Ellet, in Sigourney, Ia., and later the four of

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	mother who died eight years ago. The husband and one son, George, aged 14 years, survive. Another son, William, died in infancy twenty years ago. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Bissell of Grace church. The services will be held at the house, 829 Walnut street. Interment will be made in Fairview cemetery. Carriages will be furnished all who desire to attend the ceremonies at the grave.	them moved to Millersburg, IA. That is where she met Charles E. Clifton. For 25 years they lived in Waterloo, Iowa.
	1904 Jan 12 – Waterloo Semi Weekly Courier Mrs, C. E. Clifton Expires Yesterday of Typhoid. With the passing of Mrs. Charles E Clifton yesterday afternoon, the last representative of her family goes to her reward. The father was killed by a horse while Mrs. Clifton was a child and her mother passed away about eight years ago and was buried in Fairview. She was an only child and thus her death removes the last of her immediate family, Descendent passed away at her home 829 Walnut street, 3:30 yesterday afternoon, after a sickness of ten days of typhoid and pneumonia aged about 41 years. On New Year's day the lady got the holiday dinner and was feeling quite well and strong, but in the evening she was taken with severe chills, which were the forerunner of an attack of pneumonia and typhoid fever Her previously weakened condition rendered recovery impossible and she passed peacefully away to join the loved ones who had preceded her into the spirit world. The maiden name of decedent was Miss Jennie E. Fate. She was born in 1863 at Finley, Ohio, and her parents moved to Iowa 36 years ago, settling in Iowa county. When, her father met his tragic death the mother went to live with her daughter. She was married to C. E. Clifton December 24, 1878, and the couple have ever since resided in Waterloo. Besides the husband, a son, George F. Clifton, fourteen years old, is left to mourn the death of a devoted wife and loving mother. One child died in infancy and is buried in Fairview. The funeral will be held from the same, 829 Walnut street at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. Bissell and burial will be in Fairview. Mr. Clifton was in the grocery business a number of years, but sold out not long ago for the purpose of taking his wife to Colorado for her health. When her mother died, the daughter was worn out, because of the unremitting attention paid, the mother for the three years that she was an invalid. The mother suffered with cancer and the daughter sacrificed her strength and ultimately her life because of the unceasing devotion which she gave to the invalid. The physician had recommended a change of climate and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton went south in the fall where they spent several weeks and where Mrs. Clifton received much help, gaining six pounds in weight in a month's time. When they returned to Waterloo later the weather here was so much colder that the change had deleterious affect. It was the original expectation of Mr. Clifton to take his wife to Colorado about December 1st, but the trip was postponed owing to Mrs. Clifton's frail health. She was a member of the Grace M. E. church, very active in Christian work and beloved by her neighbors and friends.	C2: This is a different account of the same event by a different newspaper. There are some different details. The word "Yesterday" in the title of this article is wrong. It was probably copied from an article that ran the day before. C2: "She was a member of the Grace M. E. church, very active in Christian work and beloved by her neighbors and friends." What a beautiful summary of her life. I should be so fortunate to have this said about me. C2: One church in existence at

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		this time was the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. This may be the same one listed here.
	1904 Jan 14 - Waterloo Courier CARD OF THANKS. We desire to sincerely thank the many kind friends who so untiringly aided us during the recent illness and death of our wife and mother and trust that a kind providence may amply reward you all. C. E. CLIFTON. GEO. F. CLIFTON	C2: This was probably written by Charles, but is of the same quality as the writings of Thomas Jefferson or John Adams.
	1904 US City Directories Waterloo CLIFTON CHARLES E, vpres and treas Black-Hawk Cigar & Tobacco Co, r 411 Lane. Clifton George, r 411 Lane.	JRC: By August Charles and George had moved from Walnut Street to 411 Lane and the new Black-Hawk Cigar & Tobacco Co. was located on Lafayette Street of Waterloo.
	1904 Aug 6 – Waterloo Daily Reporter Articles for a new corporation will be filed the fore part of next week to be known as the Blackhawk Tobacco and Cigar company. The concern will occupy the building on LaFayette street which, until a few weeks ago, was under the management of L. C. Stifler. Since the closing of the doors of the Stifler factory members of the board of trade have been active in an endeavor to effect a reopening of the place. In this the board was successful, as sufficient interest in the project has been awakened to insure the organization of a stock company, which has already been perfected and articles of incorporation will be drafted immediately. L. C. Stifler, formerly proprietor, will be placed in charge of the mechanical department of the new concern, and Charles E. Clifton made manager of the offices and city trade as well as the traveling forces. Mr. Stifler is a thoroughly competent manufacturer and prospects for the company's success with strong financial backing are brilliant. The company will be incorporated with a capitalization of \$10,000. The board of trade is to be commended for the prompt and effective interest taken upon the closing of	C2: Charles helps start a new business.

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	the factory. A large number of men and women were employed In the place, and all were reluctant to leave Waterloo. Today the machinery, etc., is being overhauled and inspected preparatory to the reopening.	
	1904 Aug 9 Semi Weekly Iowa State Reporter (From Saturday's Daily): Articles for a new corporation Will be filed the fore part of next, week to be known as the Blackhawk Tobacco and Cigar company. The concern will occupy the building on LaFayette street which, until a few weeks ago, was under the management of L. C. Stifler. Since the closing of the doors of the Stifler factory members of the board of trade have been active in an endeavor to effect a reopening of the place. In this the board was successful, as sufficient interest in the project has been awakened to ensure the organization of a stock company, which has already been perfected and articles of incorporation will be drafted immediately. L. C. Stifler, formerly proprietor, will be placed in charge of the mechanical department of the new concern, and Charles E. Clifton made manager of the offices and city trade as well as the traveling forces. Mr. Stifler is a thoroughly competent manufacturer and prospects for the company's success with strong financial backing are brilliant. The company will be incorporated with a capitalization of \$10,000. The board of trade is to be commended for the prompt and effective interest taken upon the closing of the factory. A large number of men and women were employed in the place, and all were reluctant to leave Waterloo. Today the machinery, etc., is being overhauled and inspected preparatory to the reopening.	Duplicate
	1904 Aug 11 – Waterloo Daily Reporter OFFICIAL PUBLICATION Incorporation Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That there has been organized and incorporated, under the laws of the state of Iowa, a corporation for pecuniary profit, the name of which corporation is "Blackhawk Cigar and Tobacco Company, and its principal place of business is in the city of Waterloo, Blackhawk county, Iowa. The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be the purchase, manufacture and sale at wholesale and retail, cigars, tobaccos and all kind of tobacco manufactures, and the transacting of any business incident, convenient or necessary thereto. The amount of authorized capital stock is the sum of \$10,000.00. Forty per cent there of shall be paid in upon <i>the</i> completion of said organization; the remaining sixty per cent thereof shall be paid in at such times and in such manner as the board of directors of said corporation shall from time to time direct. The time of commencement of said corporation was the 10th day of August, A. D. 1904, and the time of termination thereof shall be the 9th day of August, A. D. 1924. The affairs of said corporation are to be conducted by a board of directors to consist of not less than two or more than five persons, as the holders of the shares of capital stock of said corporation may at their annual meetings determine and elect, and by a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Said directors shall be elected by the holders of the shares of said capital stock from their own number at their annual meetings, which are to be held on the second Wednesday in August in each year after the year A. D, 1904. Within a reasonable time after their election, said board of	C2: These articles of incorporation were also published on August 25 and perhaps at other times. Only this date's entry will be shown in this document.

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	directors shall elect from their own number a president and vice president and shall elect from any of said shareholder a secretary and treasurer of said corporation. All of which officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be elected. Until the annual, meeting of said shareholders to be held in the year 1904, the affairs of said corporation are to be conducted by the following named officers: Directors - T. Burkett and C. E. Clifton , President and secretary - J. T. Burkett. Vice president and' treasurer—C. E. Clifton. Which officers are to hold said respective offices until the election of their successors. The highest amount of indebtedness to which said corporation, is at any one time to subject itself, shall not exceed two-thirds of the amount of the paid in capital stock, and when the full amount of said capital stock shall have been paid in, said indebtedness shall not exceed the sum of Six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$6,666.66). The private property of the holders of the shares of said capital stock shall be exempt from all debts of said corporation. Made at Waterloo, Iowa, this 10th day of August, A. D. 1904. BLACKHAWK CIGAR & TOBACCO COMPANY by J. T. BURKETT, President and Secretary. C. E. CLIFTON, Vice President and Treasurer 8:11-18-25-9:1.	
	1905 Iowa State Census (Charles) Black Hawk County, Waterloo, Iowa population schedule 1905 Chas Clifton, 411 Lane St, age 48. Birthplace – England If you were foreign born, are you naturalized? (Yes.) Years in U.S.: 47 Years in Iowa: 28 Widowed Occupation: Merchant No military involvement listed.	JRC: Charles and George are living at 411 Lane Street in Waterloo, Iowa. C2: It shows he was naturalized. We need to find that record and maybe his parents' information.
	1905 Iowa State Census (George F) Black Hawk County, Waterloo, Iowa population schedule 1905 George F Clifton, 411 Lane St, age 15 Birthplace – Iowa Birthplace of Father – England Birthplace of Mother - Ohio Attended 9 months of school in 1904 Occupation: at School	

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	1905 Jan 2 – Waterloo Daily Courier Jan. 10. — Mrs. C. E. Clifton dies	Every January the newspapers list all the deaths of the prior year, 1904.
	1905-Feb 27 – Waterloo Daily Courier A pitiful accident happened to one of Clifton & Webber's delivery horses this morning on East First street, between LaFayette and Mulberry. The delivery boy had left them standing while he ran away on an errand and during his absence the horses playfully nagged each other, and it is supposed that, one kicked the other on the hind leg, breaking the bone squarely off between the hock and the foot. The condition of the suffering animal elicited the sympathy of those who witnessed the accident. The animal was shot to put it out of its misery. This is one of a team of small horses which James Scroggy formerly owned and drove.	Charles isn't involved in this business any longer, but his name still appears throughout the papers in association with the grocery store.
	1905 March 7 – Waterloo Daily Courier FOURTH WARD. Registration board—Frank Shoemaker, I. Van Metre. Judges—,). R. Rector, S.'L. Vale, J. G. Schmidt. Clerks—C. W. Stilson, J. F. Simpson. Police— Phil. Cave, C. E. Clifton. On motion, council adjourned. L. 11. STEVENS, City Clerk.	JRC: C. E. Clifton was elected as a police officer in the 4 th Ward (a designated section of Waterloo) and his pay would be \$2.
	1905-Mar 31 Waterloo Times Tribune Police of Election— John Williams, \$2.00; M. Hileman, \$2.00; Milt Baird, \$2.00; John Eicher, \$2.00; John Hubbard,\$2.00; Goo. C. O'Keefe, \$2.00; Phil Cave, \$2.00; C. E. Clifton, \$2.00. F. R. Fisher, rent of room, \$1.00. Passed March 28, 1905.	
	1905 April 21 – Waterloo Daily Reporter ROYAL HOTEL RE-OPENED C. E. Clifton has Succeeded Spain & Smith in Management of Place. The Royal hotel, closed last week, has been re-opened under the management of Chas. E. Clifton. The former managers closed the business to resume work on the road as traveling salesmen, and Mr. Clifton took over their lease. He will conduct the	

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	place on the European plan. Mr. Clifton was formerly in the grocery business with Nick Weber.	
	1905 July 14 – Waterloo Daily Reporter Mr. C. H. O'Hara had had a paralyzed arm for two years. Its use was restored to him after two applications; Mr. Clifton, the proprietor of the Royal hotel, a man who had been deaf for twenty years, was made to hear distinctly by two applications. Mr. Clifton has been partially deaf for over twenty years and also was troubled a great deal with noises in the head Mr. Leyh applied the Plant Juice Liniment to the deaf man's ear for about a minute. He then held his watch two inches distant from the deaf man's ear and Mr. Clifton said he could hear it tick distinctly Mr. Leyh then retreated about a distance of fifty feet and inquired "Do you hear me?" A smile immediately illuminated Mr. Clifton's face and he instantly replied, "Yes, I hear you plainly" He also states he has used the medicine with wonderful results in the cure of pains in the breast caused from cold and neuralgia. A rather laughable occurrence took place during Col Dillingham's advertising campaign a Mr. A. L. Kean had had a paralyzed arm for a number of months. He came to the platform and told Mr. Leyh, Col. Dillingham's representative that he did not think he could benefit him. Mr. Leyh smiled, and announced to the audience what had been said and then, after having the sleeve rolled up, and exposing <i>the</i> useless member started his treatment The arm had been hanging limply at his side of little use to its owner when he came to the platform, and in about three minutes Mr. Leyh stepped back and requested Mr. Kean to rise from his seat. He did so, and Mr. Leyh said, "Let's see you hit me." The instructions were followed so literally that Mr. Leyh received a blow which staggered him. A smile of intense surprise and delight overspread the face of the man who, but a moment before could hardly have raised the arm with which he dealt the blow, and the audience was carried off its feet with enthusiasm and cheered Mr. Leyh again and again. Mr. Kean insisted upon shaking hands.	JRC: Charles E. Clifton was hard of hearing and had had the condition for 20 years. C2: This is an amazing demonstration. One health issue that I have always had is the buildup of wax in my ears. I get them cleaned out about once a year. Maybe I received that from Charles' genes and his only hearing problem might have been wax in the ears.
	1905 June 29 – Waterloo Daily Courier HOTEL MERGE The Royal Hotel Absorbs the Windsor July 1. In order to accommodate the increased business, the proprietor the Royal hotel on Sycamore street have made arrangements with the owners of the Windsor for the latter to lease or rather agree to turn over their rooms to the Royal hotel It is the aim of C. E. Clifton, landlord at the Royal, to make his hostelry one of the most up-to-date in the city. This addition will increase the number of rooms to sixty-two where there were forty-one. All rooms are within easy access of fire escapes, and all are steam 'heated, electric and gas lighted Every room has an outside window and the building' is especially constructed to invite a draught. The hotel is run on both American and European plan and since the present management have secured control, has enjoyed a good business. The present proprietor of the Windsor, Mr. Kingsbury, is undecided as to his, future pursuit.	
	1905 Aug 30 – Daily Waterloo Courier C. E. Clifton reported the loss of \$45 to the police yesterday afternoon. The money was contained in a small book having on the cover the name of Smith, Lichty &	JRC: George was going to visit relatives in

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	Hillman company, and was in bills of the following, denomination: One twenty, one ten and, three fives. Mr. Clifton went to the Rock Island depot yesterday afternoon, with his son who was going to Linn county to visit relatives. Somehow in buying the ticket the book was misplaced and could not be found. The book held besides the greenbacks, a number of receipts containing Mr. Clifton's name. He will give a liberal reward to anyone who will return the money to him.	Linn County, just southeast of Blackhawk County when Charles put him on that train.
	1905 Aug 30 – Waterloo Daily Report Charles E. Clifton lost a pocketbook last night containing \$45 in cash, at the C. R. I. & P. depot. He went with his son to the train which goes south at 4:40, pulled the book from his pocket and taking \$10 from it gave it to the boy who took the train south. Mr. Clifton supposed that he placed the purse back in his pocket, but when crossing the bridge a short time afterward discovered the book and its contents were missing. He says the book is one containing a Smith, Lichty & Hillman ad., and the cash contained in it consisted of a \$20 bill, a \$10 bill and three fives. The matter was reported to the police.	Duplicate.
	1905 Aug 31- Waterloo Daily Reporter Thomas Reynolds, the baseball player, yesterday assumed management of the Royal hotel. The plans of Charles Clifton, the former landlord, have not been learned.	C2: Charles ran the hotel for 4 months and 10 days.
	1905 October 14 – Waterloo Times Tribune C. E. Clifton, late manager of the Royal hotel, has just returned from a long and extremely pleasant trip through the east. Mr. Clifton visited in New York City. Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Much of his time was spent wading in the surf of the Atlantic and more time of a pleasant nature on the shores of Coney Island and other points of interest. Mr. Clifton has relatives in the east and same to Iowa originally from the "cultured" portion of the United States. However, Mr. Clifton was glad to get back to Town, feeling that there is no place like the west for a home.	C2: We need to find his relatives in the east.
	1905 October 20- Waterloo Times Tribune MR. BIRDSALL MAKES A CORRECTION. Is Not Acting as Manager of Royal— Simply as Attorney. The statement in yesterday's paper that W. N. Birdsall had engaged in the hotel business by assuming the active management, of the Hotel Royal was incorrect and made through a misapprehension of the facts. Since the retirement of Mr. Clifton in August Mr. Birdsall has controlled the property under a power of attorney from H. E. Weitnauer lessee of a portion of the building and owner of the remainder. Neither has the hotel been closed as might be understood from the article. The cafe in the building has been closed but it will probably be reopened soon as several parties are figuring on leasing it and it will again be operated in connection with the hotel.	
	1905 Dec 5 –Daily Waterloo Reporter For Charter Members. A reception and banquet will be tendered the charter members of the Degree of Honor at a meeting to be held this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. The lodge was organized in Waterloo (in 1894 with the following members:	

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	J. W. Wilby, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bishop, Mrs. Florence Dunkelberg, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. W. O. Guy, Mrs, John Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Simmons, Al. Dunham, C. E. Clifton and C. W. Guy. The order now has 120 members in Waterloo.	
	1905 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6. The Daily Times Tribune At their hall last evening the Degree of Honor held their annual meeting and elected officers . After the business, meeting a banquet was tendered to the charter members. . . At the conclusion of the banquet dancing and various games were indulged in by those present until a late hour. The Degree of Honor lodge was first organized in Waterloo in the year 1894, with the following members, who were guests of last evening's affair, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. V. L.-Simmons, Mrs. Florence E. Dunkilberg, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. W. O. Guy, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Shillings, Al. Dunham, C. E. Clifton, J. W. Wilby and C. W. Guy.	JRC: Degree of Honor organization is a state run order that assesses the insurance of business in each community throughout the state and the fees connected to each business according to Google.
	1905 Dec 30 – Waterloo Daily Reporter C. E. Clifton opened the Royal Hotel	Duplicate.
	1905 Dec 30 Waterloo Daily Reporter April 21 C. E. Clifton opens Royal Hotel	JRC: This is only a notification of what happened during the previous year, 1905, noting the event of opening the hotel on April 21
	1906 Jan 9 - THE DAILY TIMES-TRIBUNE, TUESDAY Suites Filed Yesterday Clifton & Webber vs. Goo H. Kahler at al, 54.45 .transcript Clifton & Webber vs. George M. Jilanine et al, \$76.65 transcript.	JRC: Charles no longer had interest in the Clifton & Webber Store but there was some kind of law suit drawn up.
	1906 Feb 28 – Waterloo Daily Courier Advertised List of letters advertised at Waterloo, 1 of 150 Iowa, Feb. 27, 1906 Clifton, Chas. E.	JRC: According to Google, Advertised letters were unclaimed letters – Charles

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		must have left for Los Angeles with George in early 1906 after the Degree of Honor banquet because he was not in Waterloo to claim his letter as of Feb. 28.
	1906 Nov 2 – Waterloo Semi Weekly Courier About 150 Advertised Letters. Allen, L. & Sou. Atkinson, R. T. Baltie, R. B. Barylak, Stephen. Brown, James. Cash, George. Clifton, Chas. E. Etc.	C2: Similar to another paper.
	1906 Nov 6 – Waterloo Daily Courier Jennie E. Clifton to Burnbad Rubse, lot in east. Waterloo, \$2,300.	JRC: This transaction took place after her death by almost 3 years. Was Charles liquidating Jennie's assets in Waterloo? He was living in Los Angeles at the time.
	1907 US City Directories for Las Angeles Clifton, C E residence 802 S Los Angeles Clifton, Geo residence 802 S Los Angeles	
	1908 July 25 – California State Death Records 1908 July 25 – Charles E. Clifton dies in Los Angeles Death Certificate Charles E. Clifton Length of residence at place of death: 3 months Length of residence in California: 2 years 6 months Date of birth: 18 Feb 1849 Age: 59 years, 5 months, 7 days	JRC: Charles E. Clifton Death Certificate Age 59 Died in LA County Death date 7-25-1908 Is this death

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	Widowed, birthplace Illinois, occupation grocer Name of Father: Unknown Birthplace of Father: Unknown Name of Mother: Unknown Birthplace of Mother: Unknown Informant: George F. Clifton Cause of Death: Rupture of aneurism of aorta into the left bronchus. Contributory: Aneurism of arch of aorta. Duration: 2 years. Place of burial: Rosedale, Vault Date of burial: 28 July 1908 Undertaker: Bresce Bros. Co.Clifton, Charles E.	what we call a heart attack? JRC: George Frank Clifton was only 18 years old and both parents had died. He was living in L.A.
	1908 July 30, THURSDAY - LOS ANGELES HERALD DEATHS CLIFTON—Charles E. Clifton, 59 years, native of Illinois, 760 Wall; rupture.	
	April 23, 1909 According to the records of Angelus Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, Charles' remains were removed by Bresee Bros. Mortuary and they were supposed to ship him to Waterloo IA.	TCC: I talked with Sameerah at this cemetery. She was kind and helpful. She looked in a second place after searching her records. When I read to her that Rosedale Vault was on the Death Certificate, she found more info on Charles as follows: Charles was "Removed" by the Undertaker = Shipped to Waterloo. C2: On January

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		29, 2014 (the day after Trevor called Rosedale), I called them and spoke with Sameerah and she told me that the date Charles was removed from Rosedale was April 23, 1909. I asked her if he could have been cremated and she said that it said “remains” not “ashes” so it was his body. Now we wonder if this event is connected with George’s visit to Waterloo in May of 1909.
	1909 May 25 – Waterloo Semi Weekly Courier George Clifton of Los Angeles is visiting with Ray Baumgartner.	JRC: According to the 1905 and 1910 census Ray Baumgartner was a resident of Waterloo, living with his parents, William and Sarah Baumgartner and 3 other

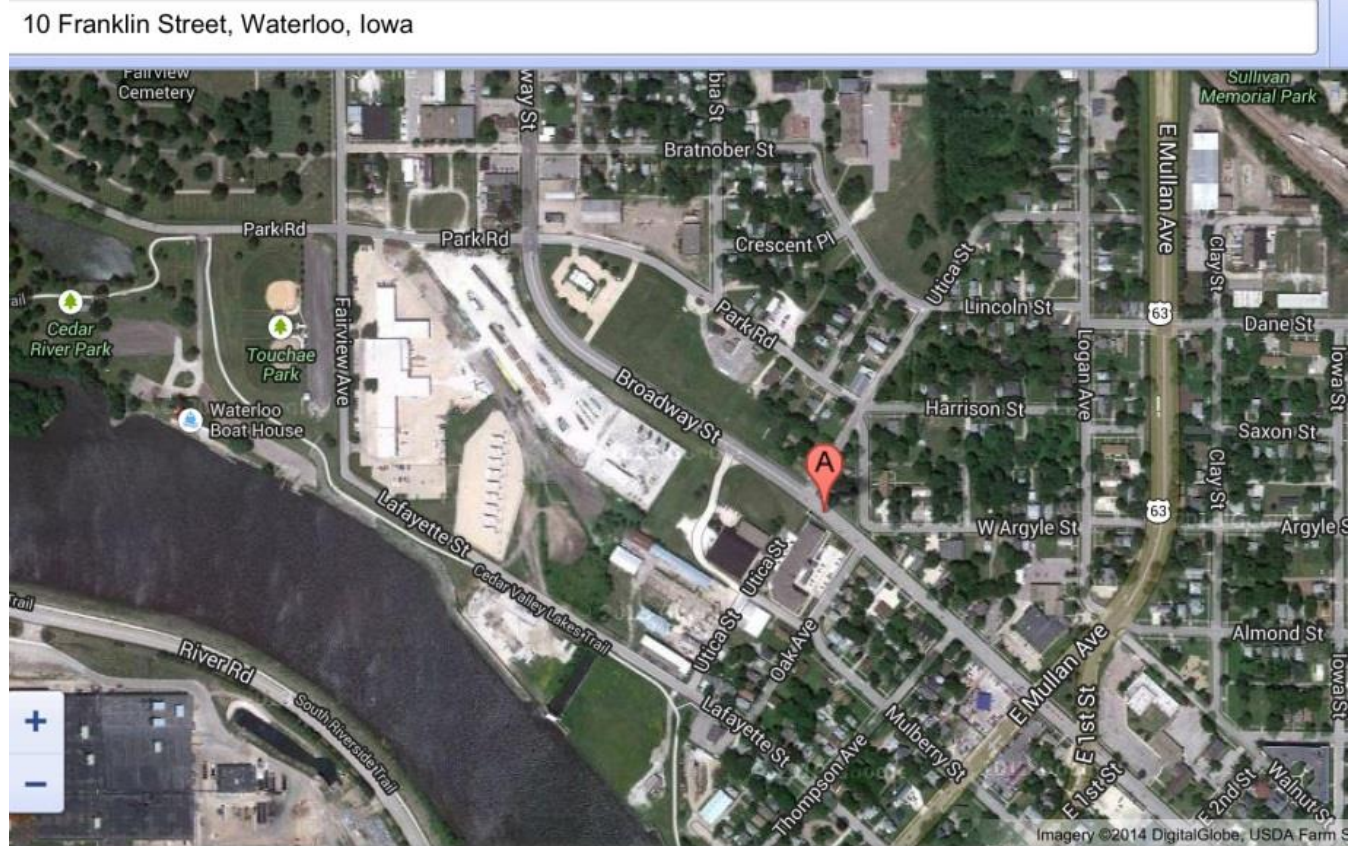
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		siblings. He was the same age as George. George is now referred to as a resident from Los Angeles. Possibly George was returning to also claim the monies from the sale of Jennie's land sale of Nov. 6, 1906. Money transactions were in "hard copy" format in those days and didn't get transferred from one bank or state to another without hand carrying.
	1910 US Federal Census George is 20 years old and single. He is lodging in Los Angeles CA, born in Iowa, working as a clerk in the grocery business.	
	Draft Registration Card - June 5, 1918 George filled out his Draft Registration Card at age 27 while living in Los Angeles. George is medium height, medium build with brown hair and brown eyes – he is not balding. He was an automobile mechanic at the time and married with no kids born yet. To answer the question "Do you claim exemption from the draft?" he answered "Only to support wife".	TCC: Elsie is actually expecting George F Jr. at this time. C2: On the date shown, he would have been 28, not 27 as indicated.
	1920 US Federal Census George F (29), Elsie M (23), George F jr (2 9/12) were all living in Jefferson Township, Greene County, Iowa. George is listed as a machinist working in a Garage as a wage worker.	
	1930 US Federal Census George F (40), Elsie M (33), George F jr (12), Mary J (8), and Charles E (6) are listed in	

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	this census as living in Santa Barbara, California. George is a foreman in a garage. Their home's value is \$6000 which they own and they own a radio set in the home. George lists his father Charles as being born in England and his mother Jennie as being born in Ohio.	
9999	The graves of Mary Fite (Jennie's mother), Willie Clifton and Jennie Clifton are shown in the photos shown and referenced here. 	C2: They are buried in Fairview Cemetery in Waterloo IA. If you look close at the photos, you can see 3 grave markers. The one on the right is Jennie's. The second from the left is Willie's and the leftmost one is Mary's. We assume that the space between Willie and Jennie was reserved for Charles. We have not discovered if he is buried there or not. We think that he must have been the one to purchase the headstones because if he is buried there and someone added headstones after he died, why wouldn't they have added his too?
9	The Holy Bible dated and inscribed by Charles as follows: Charles E Clifton Waterloo Iowa August 15, 1884	TCC: The date on this Bible is a

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	This is a well-studied Bible with many notes and passages marked. We filmed many of the pages but not all. If you would like to see the notations on a particular page or verse of scripture, please request it and we will photograph that and include it with the other images.	little over a year after Willie died. C2: We think that when George died, the Bible fell into the hands of Chuck & Dot Clifton (Chuck's parents) and Dot gave it to Chuck Jr. & Joyce. The link here shows several photos of some of the pages of this Bible. It shows that Charles was a student of the Bible and he was not ashamed of it.
	7th Grade Report Card for George Frank Clifton	C2: For many years one of our only leads was this copy of George's 7th Grade Report Card. If the date is correct, it does cover the time when his mother was sick and when she passed away. It also brings up another question: Who signed twice for Jennie? The period that it

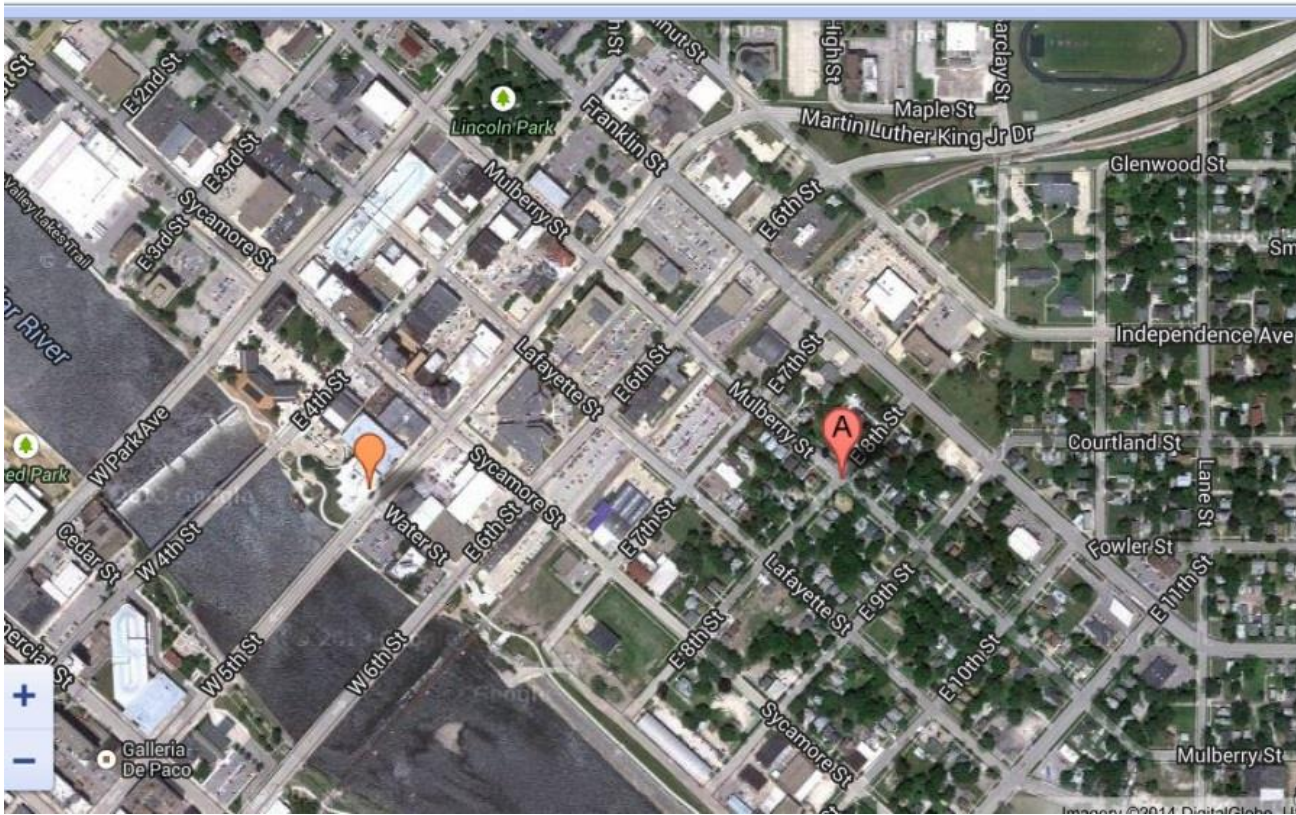
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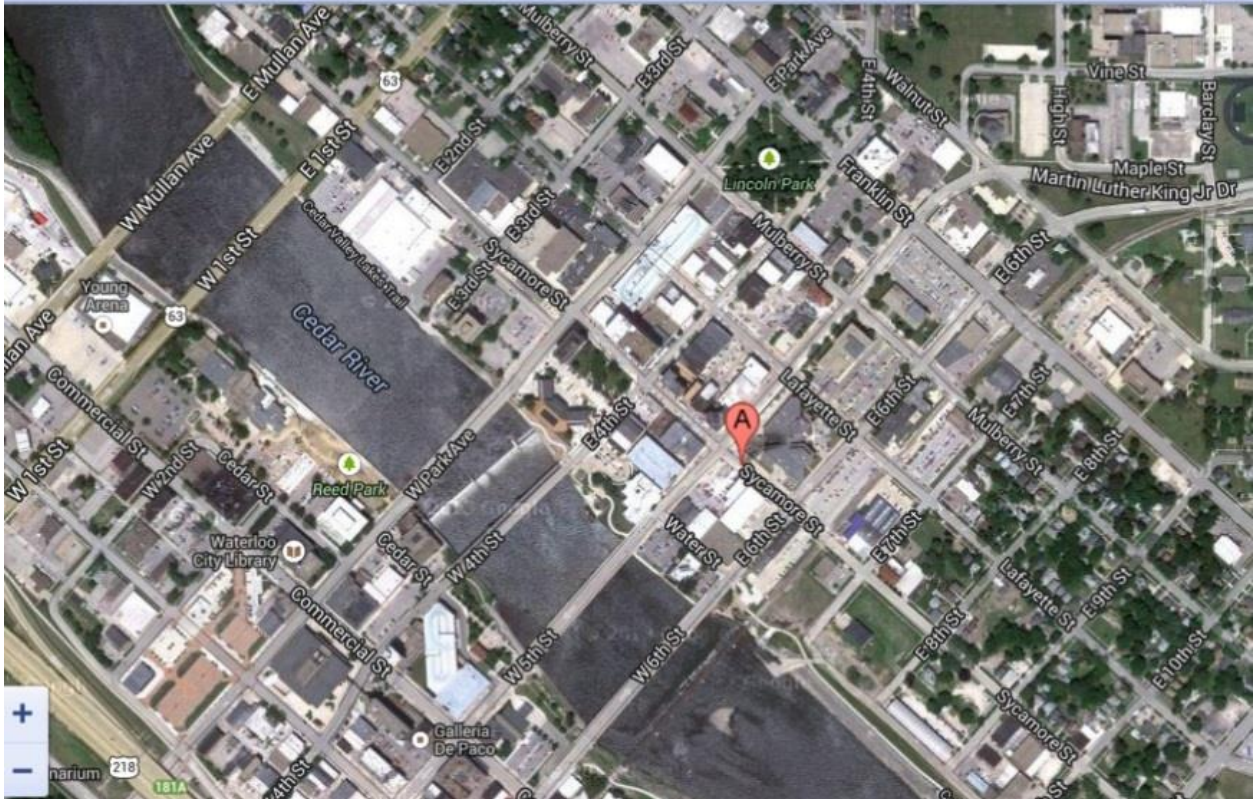
**Map 1: Charles and Jennie lived at 10 Franklin Street in the 1885 state census.
Jennie's grandparents were living with them.**

8th and Mulberry Street, Waterloo, Iowa



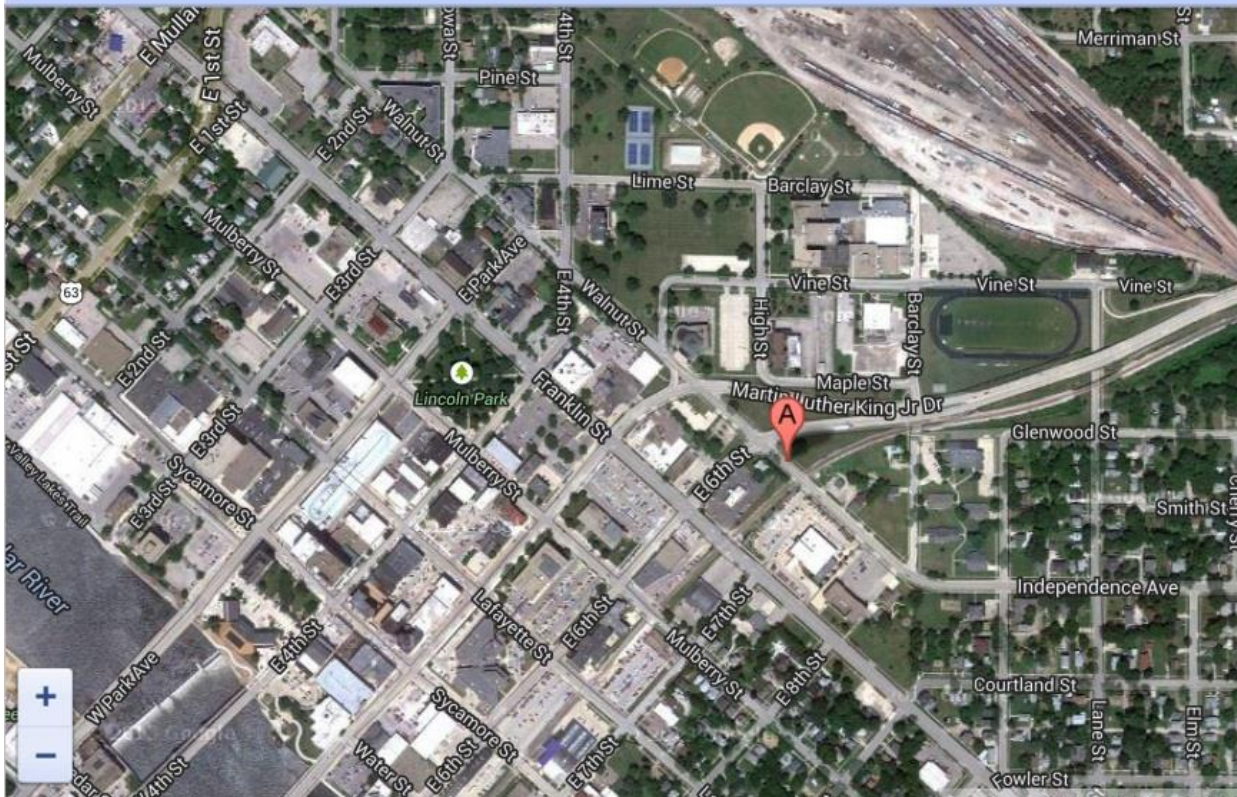
Map 2: Dec. 1890 Jennie was walking with a friend at 10 p.m. when her purse was snatched from her arm.

729 Sycamore Street, Waterloo, Iowa



Map 3: C. Clifton with N. Webber opened the Clifton & Webber grocery store located at 729 Sycamore Street, Waterloo. The Cliftons lived in a home just off the store with the address of 729 ½ Sycamore Street.

829 Walnut Street, Waterloo, Iowa



Map 4: Charles and Jennie were living here with their 14 year old son, George, when Jennie died on January 10, 1904

Miracles

We have no doubt that we have done this work with help from those who have passed on before. There have been instances when Divine Intervention was asked in prayer and received. These are special to us and where possible, we have tried to note those experiences. It is very evident that Charles and Jennie are supportive in helping us learn who they were and the lives they led. It was by no small chance that we were able to come across this information. To the world, these experiences may be labelled as “coincidences”. To us they are miracles.

Here are some of the special experiences that are worthy of note:

- In the fall of 2013, Trevor and his siblings prepared a special Christmas present for Chuck and Joyce consisting of a significant amount of research into the lives of Charles & Jennie Clifton. This was summarized into a time line that was presented to us for our present. We had been in the dark about them for decades and now they had some more information. This lit a fire that still rages within us to find out more about these people.
- Trevor invited our family to all have a day of fasting and prayer wherein we would give up two meals that day and have special prayers asking for Divine Intervention in helping us to find Charles and Jennie. That day was January 5, 2014 and we feel that we have been showered with breakthroughs since then.
- Trent and his family were visiting our home over the holidays and Trent and his kids volunteered to clean out our attic for us. It is a big attic with lots of boxes. When the dust settled, we had a box full of family history letters and one special book. That book was the Bible that was owned by Charles Ellis Clifton. What a discovery!
- We have searched for years to find info on when Charles died and under what circumstances. On January 8, 2014, Chuck was looking at some newspapers that Trevor had found online. They were from Iowa and he had some links to other sites that had papers from all over the country. All of a sudden, Chuck was inspired to look in the newspapers from Los Angeles for 1905 to 1915 because we knew that George had been there at some point. Although the newspapers for Los Angeles were not as available or complete as those of Waterloo, as he did this, Chuck was taken directly to one day's newspaper from 1908 that had the word “Clifton” in it. He found it and it was a death announcement for Charles Clifton who lived in town with his son George. Charles had died in Los Angeles on July 25, 1908. This was a big break-through and Chuck immediately called the info to Trevor. At the time, Trevor was standing inside the largest Genealogy Library in the world in Salt Lake City. Within minutes, with the help of a worker, Trevor was holding a copy of the death certificate for Charles Clifton. That was nothing short of a miracle. We know that in this life, Gary Baxter (Vickie's late husband) had researched this info along with us. He passed away a couple of years ago and we think that, from beyond the grave, he was helping us find this document. Thanks Gary.
- On January 17, 2014, Chuck called Mary Jane Clifton King. She is the only surviving child of George Frank Clifton. She reported that she was in good health. Chuck wished her an early birthday greeting for her upcoming 92nd birthday (in March). Chuck told her of this project and some of the

stories that we have uncovered, including the fact that Charles had died in LA. She was not aware of much about him as she said that her dad never spoke of his parents. Chuck told her that he would soon be sending this document.

- A couple of years ago, Chuck made contact with his cousin, Jorge Clifton, who lives in Houston and also has a residence in Mexico. This instilled a desire in both of us to get to know each other and our families better. He wants to know more about our Clifton ancestors. We hope to meet up with Jorge and his family soon. He will be getting a copy of this document.
- Chuck's mother gave Joyce a photo of Charles and it has been in our home for decades. Now it will be put to good use in helping all of us remember him.
- We gained a lot of information from the newspapers in the Waterloo area. As we have searched other parts of the country for similar coverage, we have not been so successful. It is nothing short of a miracle that not only were all those newspapers diligent in recording what happened, but also that they have been digitized to make searching them so fast, easy and inexpensive.
- Early in the research of Charles E. Clifton and Jennie Fite Clifton, we were uncertain of many things as information and documents didn't always align to guarantee us that we were finding data on the same people. A neighbor volunteered to help Trevor search. The neighbor had access to some family history web search tools. After a brief search, the photo of three grave stones was produced as the marker for Jennie matched close to the information we had at the time. The marker helped confirm a death date for Jennie and helped guide our search to look for more details of the Clifton family living in Waterloo prior to Jennie's death. The interesting thing about the photo is that the gravestone of an unknown Clifton boy named Willie E. Clifton was pictured, buried near Jennie. What a miracle it was for us to realize that the "Unknown" Clifton listed in the family tree now had a name, a matching birth date and a death date listed on the grave stone. Still uneasy about accepting all of this information without more confirming details, Trevor looked closer at the photo and saw that Mary E. Fite was buried right near Jennie and Willie. This was the final point in our triangulation to confirm that these grave stones were indeed matches to the people in our family tree. Mary is Jennie's mother! What a thrill it was to have so much proof in one single photo that answered many questions about three members in our family tree. We were blessed to have been guided to the grave photo and to be able to glean the information that was waiting for us there.
- After searching further for Charles and where he might be buried, we had thought many times that the photo of the 3 grave markers might also include the plot where Charles was buried. As seen in the photo, there is an unmarked spot where someone was saving a place. Our search led us to find Charles in Los Angeles when he died so we were hopeful to finally find a grave for him in Los Angeles. The miracle of it all is that after 4 separate phone calls to the Rosedale Cemetery listed on his death certificate, we finally found the answer to more of our questions. Charles was buried in Rosedale on July 30, 1908 and removed on April 23, 1909 and shipped back to Waterloo. Logic would imply that he was removed by request of George for the purpose of burying him next to his wife and son in Fairview Cemetery in Waterloo IA. We thus speculate that Charles' grave is also pictured in the same photo that we had been staring at for weeks, lying next to Jennie and

Willie. Both Trevor and Chuck have called and emailed the Fairview Cemetery with no reply yet. This is amazing that we now will turn our focus back to Waterloo for info on the burial of Charles.

Support Data

The following documents and newspapers were used in the research of this document:

- Waterloo Semi Weekly Courier
- Waterloo Daily Courier
- Waterloo Courier
- Waterloo Times Tribune
- Iowa State Reporter
- Semi Weekly Iowa State Reporter
- Los Angeles Herald
- Iowa State Census
- US Federal Census
- Black Hawk County, Iowa records
- Los Angeles, California records

Descendants of Charles Clifton and Jennie Fite Clifton

If anyone would like to submit the names of descendants of Charles & Jennie that we have not shown, we would love to add them to this list. This includes all who have been born or adopted into the family as a child or as a spouse. Please let us know of any corrections needed.

1-Charles Ellis Clifton (18 Feb 1849-25 Jul 1908)
+Jennie M. Fite (17 Aug 1857-10 Jan 1904)
.... 2-William E Clifton (8 Aug 1883-18 Sep 1883)
.... 2-George Frank Clifton (3 Feb 1890-26 Jul 1969)
.... +Elsie Marie Gonzales (12 Sep 1895-12 Sep 1967)
..... 3-George Frank Clifton ;Jr. (5 Nov 1917-29 Jun 1968)
..... +Inez De Correa (-)
..... 4-Jorge Francisco Clifton (-)
..... +Christina (-)
..... 3-Mary Jane Clifton (5 Mar 1922-)
..... +Wayne Alexander King (-)
..... 4-Wayne Alexander King Jr. (-)
..... 4-Susan King (-)
..... 3-Charles Ellis Clifton (12 Aug 1923-15 Feb 2001)
..... +Dorotha Lynn Gooch (1 Feb 1923-24 May 2002)
..... 4-Vickie Lee Clifton (16 Nov 1947-)
..... +Gary Malon Baxter (12 May 1945-30 Oct 2011)
..... 5-Melanie Baxter (13 Sep 1979-)
..... +Alfred Barriente (25 Aug 1964-)
..... 6-Mary Jane Barriente (1 Dec 2008-)
..... 6-Rosemarie Theresa Barriente (24 May 2012-)
..... 4-Charles Ellis Clifton Jr (12 Aug 1949-)
..... +Joyce Ray (7 Jan 1949-)
..... 5-Dionne Clifton (4 Jul 1974-)
..... +Matthew Ballard Squires (-)
..... 6-Connor Matthew Squires (1999-)
..... 6-Spencer Tate Squires (14 Dec 2000-)
..... 6-Trey Bryant Squires (7 Nov 2002-)
..... 6-Drew Adams Squires (18 Aug 2005-)
..... 6-Cade Andersen Squires (24 May 2007-)
..... 6-Paige Elise Squires (30 Jun 2010-)
..... 6-Thayne Penn Squires (2 Aug 2013-)
..... 5-Trevor C Clifton (7 Nov 1975-)
..... +Amy Jean Baker (21 Jun 1974-)
..... 6-Ethan Trevor Clifton (16 Nov 2000-)
..... 6-Gavin Walker Clifton (30 Jun 2002-)
..... 6-Carter Ellis Clifton (2 Aug 2004-)
..... 6-Talia Jean Clifton (3 Feb 2007-)
..... 6-Avery Lynn Clifton (5 Jan 2009-)
..... 6-Brynn Elizabeth Clifton (29 Dec 2011-)
..... 5-Carmin Clifton (26 Apr 1977-)
..... +Sam Kekoaokalani Sponseller (7 Jun 1980-)
..... 6-David Samuel Sponseller (26 Jan 2009-)
..... 6-Alina Mae Sponseller (9 Sep 2013-)

..... 5-Monica Clifton (11 Apr 1978-)
 +Matthew John Harmon (11 Sep 1976-)
 6-Oakley Matthew Harmon (19 Nov 2007-)
 6-Andrew John Harmon (13 Dec 2009-13 Dec 2009)
 6-Peyton McKay Harmon (20 Dec 2010-)
 6-Brigham Andersen Harmon (14 Nov 2013-)
 5-Tanya Clifton (17 Jan 1980-)
 +Logan Cal Bingham (17 Jan 1977-)
 6-Mackenzie Angel Bingham (22 May 2000-22 May 2000)
 6-Janessa Rae Bingham (15 May 2001-)
 6-Breklyn Mikel Bingham (11 Feb 2003-)
 6-Kambria Kalea Bingham (7 Dec 2005-)
 6-Cayson Logan Bingham (14 Jun 2008-)
 5-Blake C Clifton (2 Mar 1982-)
 +Camille Annette Brown (4 Oct 1982-)
 6-Kelsey Marie Clifton (24 Feb 2005-)
 6-Mylee Mae Clifton (25 Sep 2007-)
 6-Lanaea Joy Clifton (3 Jan 2010-)
 6-Kayden Charles Clifton (14 Jun 2008-)
 5-Trent C Clifton (22 Sep 1984-)
 +Emily Joy Clayton (27 Jun 1982-)
 6-Heidi Marie Clifton (13 Mar 2007-)
 6-Nathan Trent Clifton (28 Feb 2009-)
 6-Matthew Charles Clifton (21 Feb 2013-)
 5-Dacia Clifton (12 Sep 1988-)
 5-Capri Clifton (4 Oct 1990-)
 5-Shayla Clifton (15 Sep 1994-)
 4-George William Clifton (20 May 1952-)
 4-Robert Alan Clifton (1 Oct 1954-)
 +Kathleen Sue (23 May-)
 5-Jessica Clifton (13 Jun 1983-)
 5-Douglas Clifton (29 Mar 1986-)
 +Angie (-)
 5-Stephanie Brianne Clifton (5 Apr 1988-)
 4-John Jay Clifton (22 May 1961-27 May 1984)
 4-Cathy Lynn Clifton (18 May 1966-)