

Descendants of Francis Marion STAHL

Generation 1

1. **Francis Marion STAHL**-1 was born on 23 May 1841 in Adams twp. (Darke), OH^[1]. He died on 04 Mar 1937 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[2]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[3].

Notes for Francis Marion STAHL:

General Notes:

Much of F.M. Stahl's life is recounted in his autobiography, *One Way Ticket to Kansas*, published by University of Kansas Press in 1959 and written by Margaret Whittemore. There are also numerous entries relating to Frank in an earlier publication, *A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans*, by William E. Connelly (1918, Lewis Publishing, Chicago.) Frank evidently was a figure of some notoriety, with the 1976 book, *Witness of the Times: A History of Shawnee County* (Bird and Wallace), referring to him as "the most colorful figure to come out of Auburn Township."

He moved to Kansas from Darke County, Ohio when he was about 15 and got his first job working for Robert Simmerwell at his grist mill in Auburn. In 1860 he participated in a prospecting expedition to Colorado and, in 1861, helped drive a yoke of oxen to New Mexico via the Santa Fe Trail. He served in the 2nd Kansas Cavalry during the Civil War, and was wounded in the arm and side at a skirmish at Dardanelle, Arkansas in 1863. The wound effectively kept him from combat assignments during the rest of the war. The details of his military service as recounted in the books by Connelly and Whittemore are verified by the information found in his military service records and pension records are on file at National Archives. In 1865 he headed a cattle drive on the Santa Fe Trail, from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Union. A diary of that journey is on file at the Kansas State Historical Society and is also available online at <http://www.frankstahlbio.net>. He later served as a second lieutenant in the 18th Kansas Cavalry (1867), a unit formed in response to outbreaks of hostility with various Indian tribes.

In 1892 he was elected to the Kansas state legislature. In 1894 he became treasurer for Shawnee County and, in 1900, chief of police in Topeka. He was well known for some daring raids in search of contraband liquor and, in a paradoxical twist, once arrested the bar-wrecking Carrie Nation for destruction of property, even though he was a staunch supporter of her position on alcohol.

Most of his later years appear to have been spent in Topeka, although his wife continued to oversee the farm south of town. The farm was the scene of an annual temperance picnic up through the mid 1930s. These picnics were gala affairs, as described by one participant:

Mr. Stahl was very much a temperance man and always had a speaker come for the occasion. The platform was decorated around the top and bottom with bunting which I liked. The seats were big boards held up by some kind of keg. There were no backs, of course. After we had sat still a long time mama let us children get up and go a ways from that platform to play with the other boys and girls. We enjoyed this very much. After the speaking was over we had dinner and then we were given a dipper of ice cream on a little wooden dish. We broke off an edge of the dish to eat with. (Bird and Wallace, p. 323)

Jennie (Jane) Isabel DICKSON daughter of Alexander DICKSON and Isabel ANDERSON was born on 05 Jan 1847 in New York^[4]. She died on 13 Sep 1917 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS^[5]. She was buried in Auburn cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[6, 7].

Notes for Jennie (Jane) Isabel DICKSON:

General Notes:

Funeral services in Auburn Presbyterian Church on 16 Sep 1917. Notes from Leon Stahl say that she came with her family from NY to Kansas in 1868 or 1869, settling 2 miles west of Auburn. Notes (taken, I think from an obit) indicate that she was a member of the Presbyterian Congregational Church in Topeka. His notes also add that "at the time of her death she was still a member of the Relief Corps of the G.A.R. and the

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Woman's Temperance Union" and that Rev. C.M. Sheldon of Topeka and Rev. S.A. Alt officiated at her funeral service.

Francis Marion STAHL and Jennie (Jane) Isabel DICKSON were married on 29 Apr 1869 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS.^[8] They had the following children:

2. i. **Alexander Michael STAHL** was born on 04 Jul 1870 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[9, 10, 11]. He married Mattie Campbell BASSETT on 07 Apr 1895 in Shawnee county, KS^[12]. He died on 08 Oct 1959 in Modesto, CA^[13, 14, 15].
3. ii. **Effie May STAHL** was born on 15 May 1872^[16, 17, 18]. She married James Emanuel ELY on 25 Dec 1889 in Shawnee Co., KS^[12, 19]. She died on 22 Dec 1970 in Duncan (Stephens), OK^[20].
- iii. **Edgar Marion STAHL** was born on 22 Dec 1874^[21, 22]. He died on 25 Sep 1955 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS^[23]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[24].
4. iv. **Lloyd Lincoln STAHL** was born on 16 Jun 1876 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[25, 26]. He married Allie Mary BURROUGHS on 15 Dec 1909^[27]. He died on 06 Feb 1962 in Burlingame (Osage), KS^[28, 29].
5. v. **Lewis Garfield STAHL** was born on 16 Jun 1876^[30, 31]. He married Effie M. STOUT on 29 Oct 1902 in Shawnee Co., KS^[12]. He died on 18 Jul 1964 in Topeka, KS^[32].
6. vi. **Clare William STAHL** was born on 31 Jan 1878 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[33]. He married Lois LINDSAY on 05 Dec 1917 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas^[27]. He died on 31 Aug 1958 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas^[34].
7. vii. **Eva Irene STAHL** was born on 31 Mar 1881 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[35]. She married Blanchard Carter MEREDITH on 16 Oct 1907 in Westminster Presb. Church, Topeka, KS^[36, 37]. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Los Angeles (L.A.), CA^[35].
- viii. **Francis Leon STAHL** was born on 31 Jul 1889 in Osage City (Osage), Kansas^[38, 39]. He died on 09 Oct 1975^[40, 41]. He was buried on 13 Oct 1975 in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[42, 43].

Notes for Francis Leon STAHL:

General Notes:

On 2 April 1918 the Eskridge Star announced that "F.L. Stahl who had visited here for a week with his sister, Mrs. Blanch Meredith and husband, returned to his studies as Washburn University the latter part of the week."

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2. **Alexander Michael STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 04 Jul 1870 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[9, 10, 11]. He died on 08 Oct 1959 in Modesto, CA^[13, 14, 15]. He was buried in Turlock Memorial Park, Turlock (Stanislaus), CA^[44].

Notes for Alexander Michael STAHL:

General Notes:

An obituary from the Turlock Journal, 11 Feb 1972, mentions that he was constable and chief of police in Turlock, California, but does not mention dates of service. An obituary in a local Shawnee county paper had the following.

"Aleck M. Stahl, oldest of the eight children of the late Frank M. Stahl and Jennie Dickson, longtime residents

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of the Burlingame community, died Thursday at his home in Modesto, Calif. He left Topeka about 40 years ago and for years operated a motel at Modesto. Two brothers, Edgar Stahl and Dr. Clair W. Stahl, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Stahl, at home; a son, daughter and grandchildren in California; three brothers: Leon Stahl of Auburn, Lloyd Stahl of Burlingame, L. G. Stahl, 814 W. 8th; and two sisters: Mrs. May Ely of Duncan, Okla. and Mrs. Eva Meredith of Auburn. Services will be at Modesto."

Some notes from John A. Meredith, possibly written by Leon Stahl or Nellie Stahl, have the following to say about Alexander's life.

"He worked on his father's place and, while still there, he married Mattie Bassett. After Wilbur Bassett was born, they moved to their own farm in the vicinity and there Nellie was born. Later he moved the family to a homestead near Flathead Lake, Montana. The weather there was too severe so they went to California and settled on a farm near Turlock. Finally gave up farming and moved to Turlock and was elected constable. After a number of years as constable he built a motel on route 99, just outside of Modesto, California. In his younger days he had driven the stage coach at Yellowstone Park (1907) one season and another year had driven the stage at Grand Canyon (1906)."

Mattie Campbell BASSETT was born on 27 Sep 1867 in Illinois^[45]. She died on 12 Jan 1943 in Stanislaus county, CA^[46]. She was buried in Turlock Memorial Park, Turlock (Stanislaus), CA^[47].

Alexander Michael STAHL and Mattie Campbell BASSETT were married on 07 Apr 1895 in Shawnee county, KS^[12]. They had the following children:

- i. **Wilbur Bassett STAHL** was born on 11 Jan 1896^[48, 49]. He married Emma Berry HOFFNER on 04 Jul 1919^[50, 51]. He died on 18 Jan 1972 in Baltimore City, MD^[52, 53]. He was buried in Parkwood Cemetery, Baltimore, MD (Acacia section, lot 81)^[54, 55].

Notes for Wilbur Bassett STAHL:
General Notes:

An obituary from Turlock (California) Journal, 11 Feb 1972 contains the following information:

"Wilbur died in Baltimore, Maryland. He originally came to Turlock with his parents from Montana in 1911 and attended old Youngstown Colony School, Lowell Grammar School, and Turlock High School. Later he joined the U.S. Navy in San Francisco before WWI and became a chief petty officer in the medical corps.

After the war he became manager of a travel bureau in New York City and, later, owned one in Baltimore. He subsequently bought the H.B. Chapman Coal and Oil company in Baltimore sometime during WWII. He retired in 1971. He was a member of Masonic Lodge in Baltimore."

The obituary gives the name of his wife at the time as Betty Stahl, Baltimore and mentions two daughters, "Mrs. Joy Robbins of Baltimore and Mrs Arden Stewart of Annapolis."

Notes from John A. Meredith that were probably written by Leon or Nellie Stahl add the following.

"He was born at Auburn Kansas, January 11, 1896. Went to school in Turlock, California. He did not like helping his father on the farm, so he enlisted in the Navy, March 23, 1915. Was assigned to the naval hospital at Puget Sound, Washington. Then to the U.S.S. New Orleans, and then to Norfolk, Virginia, and finally to the destroyer Ward , #139, on which he did convoy duty during the first world war. His rating on discharge was Chief Pharmacist's Mate. Discharged in New York City, he met and married Emma Berry Hoffner. While in New York he worked for Bennett's Travel Bureau, Fifth Ave. and 42nd Street. In 1923 he moved to Baltimore and opened his own business and devoted all of his time to the retail coal and oil business."

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The 1928 city directory for Baltimore lists Wilbur and Emma as living at 3806 Fernhill Avenue. His business was located at 815 W. North Street. His WWII draft registration card from 1942 shows him still living on Fernhill Avenue.

- ii. **Nellie Elizabeth STAHL** was born on 26 Jul 1900^[56]. She died on 31 Jan 1976 in Turlock, CA^[57, 58]. She was buried in Turlock Memorial Park, Turlock (Stanislaus), CA^[59].

Notes for Nellie Elizabeth STAHL:

General Notes:

The obituary for Wilbur Stahl in 1972 in the Turlock Journal refers to Nellie as living in Turlock at that time.

Jean was born on 23 Feb 1891 in Sweden^[60]. She died on 15 Jan 1966 in Stanislaus county, CA^[61]. She was buried in Turlock Memorial Park, Turlock (Stanislaus), CA^[62].

Alexander Michael STAHL and Jean married. They had no children.

- 3. **Effie May STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 15 May 1872^[16, 17, 18]. She died on 22 Dec 1970 in Duncan (Stephens), OK^[20].

James Emanuel ELY was born in Sep 1867 in Ohio^[63, 64]. He died in 1959^[65].

Notes for James Emanuel ELY:

General Notes:

Background information can be found in an article in the Duncan (Oklahoma) Banner, 10 May 1970.

James Emanuel ELY and Effie May STAHL were married on 25 Dec 1889 in Shawnee Co., KS^[12, 19]. They had the following children:

- i. **Francis ELY** was born in Nov 1890^[66].
- ii. **Nellie M. ELY** was born in Sep 1892^[67, 68].
- iii. **Esther ELY** was born in Sep 1894^[69].
- iv. **Susan E. ELY** was born about 1895^[70].
- v. **Wheeler ELY** was born about 1899^[71].
- vi. **Charles C. ELY** was born about 1906^[72].
- vii. **Marion S. ELY** was born about 1908^[73].
- viii. **Addison VAN ELY** was born about 1910^[74, 75].
- ix. **Eugene F. ELY** was born about 1914^[76].

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4. **Lloyd Lincoln STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 16 Jun 1876 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[25, 26]. He died on 06 Feb 1962 in Burlingame (Osage), KS^[28, 29]. He was buried on 09 Feb 1962 in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[77, 78].

Notes for Lloyd Lincoln STAHL:

General Notes:

Lloyd served in the Spanish American War, from 21 June 1898 to 3 November 1898, as part of Company H, 22nd Kansas Infantry.

Allie Mary BURROUGHS was born on 30 Sep 1884 in Bradford, KS^[74, 79, 80]. She died on 01 Apr 1982 in Burlingame (Osage), KS^[74, 81, 82].

Lloyd Lincoln STAHL and Allie Mary BURROUGHS were married on 15 Dec 1909^[27]. They had the following children:

- i. **Lillabelle STAHL** was born on 07 Jan 1914 in Auburn (Shawnee), Kansas^[74, 83]. She married Roy BAER on 23 May 1940^[84]. She died on 31 Dec 2006 in Osage City (Osage), Kansas^[85]. She was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[86].

Notes for Lillabelle STAHL:

General Notes:

In a January 1997 letter to John D. Meredith, Lillabelle recounts her career as follows: "I worked for 50 years for the Menninger Clinic and Foundation in Topeka, Ks. Among my other jobs I was personal secretary for 12 years to Dr. Karl Menninger, world-famous psychiatrist in his time. I was Menninger Corporate Secretary during my last years of employment, retiring in 1991."

In the same letter she also mentions that she and her husband had no children, but that she has "a step-daughter and a step-son; 3 step-grandchildren, and 6 great-step-grandchildren. One grandson, with his wife and two children, lives near me and makes it possible for me to continue living on the home farm alone."

Her obituary from 3 January 2007 in the Topeka Capital-Journal follows.

"Lillabelle Stahl, 92, Burlingame, died Sunday, December 31, 2006, at the Osage Nursing Center, Osage City, KS. She was born January 7, 1914, in Auburn, Kansas, the daughter of Lloyd and Allie Burroughs Stall. She attended Burlingame High School and graduated from Topeka High School in 1929. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1933. Lillabelle retired after 48 years of service from the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, where she retired as corporate secretary. Lillabelle was a member of the Topeka Friends of the Library, the Topeka Jazz Workshop, Kansas Wild Flower Society, Menninger Hill Toppers, Burlingame Friends of the Library, Burlingame Saturday Afternoon club and the Kansas State Grange. She married Roy E. Baer, May 23, 1940. He preceded her in death, November 1, 1995. She also was preceded in death by her brother, John B. Stahl, whom was missing in action during WW II, a stepson, Charles R. Baer, who died in 1989 and a stepdaughter, Betty Baer Hepp, who died in 2004. Survivors include step grandchildren, James Baer, Burlingame, KS, Margaret Davis and Kevin Hepp, Topeka, KS, and six step-great grandchildren. Lillabelle donated her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center for research. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Inurnment will be in Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, Burlingame Community Library or the Burlingame High School Library, and sent % Carey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 196, Burlingame, KS 66413."

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- ii. **John Burroughs STAHL** was born on 28 Oct 1917^[87, 88, 89]. He died on 14 Nov 1944^[90, 91]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[92].

Notes for John Burroughs STAHL:
General Notes:

Many details about John's life can be found in his military service record, on file at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. He enlisted in the Naval Reserves on 24 January 1940, service number 84334. He accepted an appointment as an aviation cadet in July, 1940 and was designated a Naval Aviator in May, 1941. He was promoted to lieutenant in July, 1942, after seeing active duty in Pensacola and Corpus Christi. In 1943 he was ordered to the Atlantic Fleet for active flying service. In 1944 he was transferred to Bombing Squadron 81 for service in the Pacific, then moved to Fighting Squadron 81 which served on the U.S.S. Wasp. On 14 November 1944 he was missing in action after being hit by anti-aircraft fire during an attack on Nichols Field, south of Manila, in the Philippines and presumed dead. His military awards included the American Defense Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Area Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the Purple Heart.

In his application for military service he provided the following short summary of his life to that point:

"I was born on a farm and worked with my father until I finished high school. Since then I have worked for the railroad, laying track and resurfacing, and on a pipeline. During the two winters I did not go to school I worked in the coal mines. Two years ago I started working my way through college. I received a scholarship from high school to Washburn College. I worked on the college campus and helped fire the college furnaces for funds. The coach gave me a job in the field house after I had made the football team. I have had no military or naval training."

He attended Washburn University for two years (1937-1939), then transferred to the University of Kansas.

His beneficiary slip from 5 August 1941 states that he is unmarried, but on 22 September 1942 he lists Dorothy as his wife and beneficiary, so they were probably married sometime in between those two dates. He was on official leave in November, 1941 and June, 1942, so the marriage may have taken place at either of those times.

5. **Lewis Garfield STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 16 Jun 1876^[30, 31]. He died on 18 Jul 1964 in Topeka, KS^[32]. He was buried in Shawnee Center cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[93, 94].

Notes for Lewis Garfield STAHL:
General Notes:
Obituary, Topeka State Journal, 19 July 1964

"Lewis Stahl is Dead at 88

Services will be at 2 P.M. in Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary for Lewis G. Stahl, 88, 814 W. 8th, who died Saturday in a Topeka hospital. Burial will be in Shawnee Cemetery near Wakarusa.

He was born Jun 6, 1876 near Auburn and lived in Topeka since 1916. He was the son of Frank M. Stahl, former Topeka police chief. Lewis Stahl was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

His first wife, Mrs. Effie M. Stahl, died in 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mildred Stahl, of the home; a foster daughter, Leola Stahl, Washington, D.C.; four stepsons: Montie Bayless, Wakarusa, Robert Bayless, 1509 Van Buren, Jay Bayless, 3865 Seward, and Fred Bayless, 110 Clay; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Ely, Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. Eve Meredith, Auburn, and a brother, Leon Stahl, Auburn."

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Effie M. STOUT was born in 1878^[95]. She died on 25 Feb 1951 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS^[95]. She was buried in Shawnee Center cemetery, Shawnee county, KS.

Notes for Effie M. STOUT:
General Notes:
The Topeka Daily Capital
Monday
February 26, 1951

Mrs. Effie M. STAHL.

Mrs. Effie M. , 73, wife of L.G. STAHL, died Sunday at her home, 814 West Eighth. She was a lifelong resident of Shawnee County. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and was a past matron of the Wakarusa Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Miss Leola M. STAHL, Washington, D.C.; a sisters, Mrs. Mabel S. DICKSON, Topeka, and two nieces and a nephew.

Lewis Garfield STAHL and Effie M. STOUT were married on 29 Oct 1902 in Shawnee Co., KS^[12]. They had the following children:

- i. **Leola STAHL** was born on 02 Sep 1909^[52]. She died on 02 Jul 1995 in Council Bluffs (Pottawattamie), IA^[52].

Notes for Leola STAHL:
General Notes:

Leola appears in the 1930 census living in Washington D.C. and working as a government clerk. A letter from Lillabelle Stahl written in the 1990s mentions that Leola was an adopted daughter of Lewis but provides no further information.

Mildred ?? was born on Unknown. She died on Unknown.

Lewis Garfield STAHL and Mildred ?? were married on Unknown. They had no children.

6. **Clare William STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 31 Jan 1878 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[33]. He died on 31 Aug 1958 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas^[34]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[96].

Notes for Clare William STAHL:
General Notes:

Clare served in Company H, 22nd Kansas Infantry, during the Spanish American War. He enlisted on 13 May 1898 and was honorably discharged on 3 November 1898. His pension files are under the name of Clarence Stahl.

Lois LINDSAY was born on 29 Dec 1890^[97]. She died on 22 Sep 1960^[98].

Clare William STAHL and Lois LINDSAY were married on 05 Dec 1917 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas^[27]. They had the following children:

- i. **Sandy STAHL.**

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Ella Nora Leona LYONS was born in 1884^[99]. She died in 1948^[100]. She was buried in Burlingame city cemetery (Osage), KS^[101].

Clare William STAHL and Ella Nora Leona LYONS were married on 18 Nov 1905 in Shawnee Co., KS^[12, 102]. They had the following children:

- i. **Mildred STAHL** was born on 09 Dec 1906^[28]. She died on 06 Mar 1997 in Houston, TX^[103].

Notes for Mildred STAHL:

General Notes:

In a January 1997 letter to John D. Meredith, Lillabelle Stahl Baer says that Mildred never married and that she was a nurse. A letter (11 March 1970) to Nellie Stahl from Leon Stahl refers to her being in charge of nurses in an "80 room joint" in Wharton, TX, although the letter makes no reference to dates.

7. **Eva Irene STAHL-2** (Francis Marion-1) was born on 31 Mar 1881 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[35]. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Los Angeles (L.A.), CA^[35]. She was buried in Auburn cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[104].

Notes for Eva Irene STAHL:

General Notes:

Eva graduated from Topeka High School in 1901. Her obituary mentions that Blanchard was a ranch foreman at the time of their marriage.

Blanchard Carter MEREDITH was born on 29 Mar 1878 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[105]. He died on 05 Jun 1965 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[106, 107]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[108].

Notes for Blanchard Carter MEREDITH:

General Notes:

The Eskridge Star announced in its 6 March 1902 issue that Blanch had been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Eskridge to Chalk, "commencing July 1st. He is to receive \$595 a year and the route is made a free delivery one."

On 13 March 1913 the paper reported that Blanchard had recently held a public sale to dispose of his livestock, "preparatory to quitting farming" and that he was moving back into his mother's house.

Blanchard Carter MEREDITH and Eva Irene STAHL were married on 16 Oct 1907 in Westminster Presb. Church, Topeka, KS^[36, 37]. They had the following children:

- i. **Marian Frances MEREDITH** was born on 04 Jun 1908 in Auburn, (Shawnee), KS^[109, 110]. She died on 17 May 1965 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[111]. She was buried in Auburn cemetery, Shawnee county, KS^[112].

Notes for Marian Frances MEREDITH:

General Notes:

The Eskridge Star noted Marian's birth on 4 June 1908 by announcing that "Mr. and Mrs. Blanch Meredith are the happiest people in town this morning on account of the arrival of a daughter at their home last night. Dr. Walker was in attendance."

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- ii. **John Alden MEREDITH** was born on 26 Jul 1910 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS^[113]. He married Mae Dee JELINEK on 01 Sep 1940 in Munden (Republic), KS^[114, 115]. He died on 06 Mar 1993 in Mesa (Maricopa), AZ^[116]. He was buried in New Tabor cemetery, Republic county, Kansas^[117].

Notes for John Alden MEREDITH:

General Notes:

A delayed birth certificate # 99-258 lists his birth date as 26 July, 1910. The certificate was filed about 1 March 1915 (?) when John A. was already 4 years old. John A. attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas for his engineering degree. According to his own account, he later met Mae Dee Jelinek when he was working for the state highway department. They were married in the living room of Mae Dee's parents' house in Munden, KS on 1 September 1940. After their marriage, they moved to Manitou Springs, Colo. From there they went to Lakewood, Colorado where he worked with the Bureau of Reclamation. Most of their time in the Denver area was spent at 3920 Hoyt in Wheat Ridge, where they lived from about 1954 through the early 1970s. They sold that house and moved to 652 So. Xenon Ct. in Lakewood after their children were married.

In the mid 1950s he started his own drilling company--Meredith Drilling--located at 945 S. Huron in Denver. This became a very successful enterprise. The company drilled the foundations for Denver's first skyscraper, portions of interstate 70, and also drilled missile silos in the northern plains states. John A. retired in the late 1970s and sold the company to a Canadian firm.

John A. was forever thinking up new gadgets. When John Dee was a baby, John A. invented the John Dee Baby Bottle Holder, designed to hold the bottle over the crib with elastic straps so that the infant could feed on demand. Later ideas were PUMS (for "Protect Your Money"), T-shirts with pockets sewn in, blue salt (so you could see how much you were putting on your food), and a universally-flexible visor extender for cars. He had a particular kind of creativity and was always at work mentally on some project.

He stayed in Denver briefly after Mae Dee died in 1987, but ultimately ended up moving to Munden, Kansas. He stayed there for a few years, wintering in Phoenix. Late in 1992 he moved to Phoenix. His health deteriorated quickly, however, and he was briefly hospitalized. He died of congestive heart failure in his sleep.

- iii. **Glenn Blanchard MEREDITH** was born on 24 Feb 1913 in Auburn, KS^[118]. He died on 23 May 1979 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS^[119]. He was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[120].

Notes for Glenn Blanchard MEREDITH:

General Notes:

The Eskridge Tribune Star noted Glenn's birth (although with a different date) as follows. "A fine baby boy arrived February 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.C Meredith, and this paper failed to announce the fact. We ask the young man's pardon."

Memorial services were held on Monday, May 29, 1979 at Newcomer-Diffenderfer Chapel, Topeka. Officiant was Rev. Jerry Pence of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Junction City, KS.

- iv. **Lois Isabel MEREDITH** was born on 23 Dec 1917 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS. She died on 14 Nov 1921 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS^[121]. She was buried in Auburn cemetery, (Shawnee), KS^[122].
- v. **Margaret Louise MEREDITH** was born on 23 Dec 1919 in Auburn, KS^[123]. She married William H. SAYRE on 18 Aug 1941^[124].

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- 1 Death certificate filed with military pension records; Frank's account of his life in his autobiography.
- 2 Death certificate filed with military pension records
- 3 Tombstone, Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS.
- 4 Notes on family probably written by her son, Leon. In possession of John D. Meredith.
- 5 Kansas state death certificate, 16 Sept. 1917.
- 6 Kansas state death certificate, 16 Sept. 1917.
- 7 Tombstone, Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS.
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- 9 Civil War pension record for Francis Marion Stahl, application #109450, certificate #70600, National Archives, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
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- 30 Kansas state death certificate.
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