

The William Rufus and Minnie Ella Kiefer Todd Family

**William Rufus Todd KP3L-HVD
(28 August 1871-6 June 1955)
and
Minnie Ella Kiefer 273F-91D
(11 October 1874-16 November 1937)**

William KP3L-HVD was born on 28 August 1871 in Liberty Township, Crawford County, Ohio, the 3rd child of George Todd (1844-1924) and Mary Matilda Underwood (1843-1903), who were married in Crawford County in 1864. William appeared in the 1880 U. S. Census for Liberty, Crawford, Ohio. George (35), Mary (37), Elizabeth (14), James H. (12), William R. (9), Jay H. (7), Nettie (5) and George S. (3).

George Todd moved his entire family to Monroe County, Michigan sometime after he sold his 40 acre farm in Crawford County, Ohio on 1 January 1885 when William was 14 years old. Five of George's brothers also moved from Crawford County, Ohio to Michigan at some point in time. Smith, James, William and John Todd settled in Ida Township, Monroe County and brother Archibald ended up in Osceola County. So William had many extended Todd relatives living in Michigan throughout his life there.

William was most likely working on the family farm when he married Minnie Ella Kiefer 273F-91D on 26 November 1891 when he was 20 years old. On their marriage license it lists the marriage as taking place in Morocco, Monroe, Michigan. Minnie, the daughter of Joseph E. Kiefer (1835-1905) and Rebecca Snyder (1845-1924), was born on 11 October 1874 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. Both of her parents were born in Pennsylvania and it is unknown when their family came to Michigan.

On the U. S. Census of 25 June 1900 for Ida, Monroe, Michigan William states that he owns a mortgaged farm and has been married 8 years. They now have a family including 4 children. William (28) (born August 1871), Minnie (25) (October 1874), Ella (7) (June 1893), Florence (6) (May 1894), George (4) (January 1896) and Raymond (2) (December 1897). Their oldest

daughter was given her mother's middle name. Son George William may have been named after William's brother who was by then deceased, or William's father George. His middle name is obviously after own his father.

The 21 April 1910 U. S. Census for Ida, Monroe, Michigan lists William as now renting a farm. William (39), Minnie (35), George (14), Raymond (12), Lawrence (7) and Merile (5). On the 1920 census the family was living on Lulu Road, William (49), Minnie (45) and Merle (15).

Sometime after 1920 William and Minnie moved. On the 7 April 1930 U. S. Census for Toledo, Lucas, Ohio they are living at 839 West Central Avenue, renting a home for \$60.00 a month. William still lists his occupation as a farmer and there are four boarders living with them, William (59) and Minnie (55). Their son George (34) is also in the household and lists his occupation as a carpenter in the building industry and states he is married. (He later divorced in September 1932)

They may have returned to Monroe County sometime after 1930 as Minnie died there on 16 November 1937 and was buried in Lulu Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#28890927) William (69) can be found on the 1940 census living in Ida, Monroe, Michigan in rented property identified in value as a shack. He states he is unable to work and completed a 6th grade education. It is assumed that William lived out his days in Monroe County where he died on 6 June 1955 and was buried next to Minnie. (FAG ID#28890961)

On thing to bear in mind when researching William and Minnie. During this same time frame there was another William and Minnie Todd living in the Toledo area, as well as another William R. Todd, so careful examination of records and documents is necessary.

William and Minnie's children

Ella Urania Todd

Ella LY7N-Z6P was born in Ida, Monroe, Michigan on 24 June 1892. She married Jesse Lou Vibber Wertenberger LKCL-D7R on 17 September 1908 in Monroe, Michigan. Jesse, the son of Leander Vibber Wertenberger

(1856-1925) and Alveretti Susan Jourdian (1861-1933), was born on 13 December 1889 in Junction City, Geary, Kansas. They lived their entire lives in Ida, Monroe County, Michigan. Jesse died on 18 March 1957 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan and was buried there in Lulu Cemetery. (FAG ID#28914686) Ella died on 27 February 1978 in Monroe County and was buried next to Jesse. (FAG ID#28914657)

Jesse and Ella's children

Perl Cleo Vibber Wertenberger LR4K-RF5 was born on 14 March 1909 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. He married Erma Carrie Korn LY4K-5DG on 7 November 1928 in Monroe, Michigan. Erma, the daughter of Frank Korn (1888-1965) and Mina R. Snyder (1888-1961), was born on 31 October 1910 in Moline, Lake Township, Wood, Ohio. Perl died on 11 September 1983 in Frederic, Crawford, Michigan and was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#33326696) Erma died on 25 November 2000 in Seffner, Hillsborough, Florida and was buried next to Perl. (FAG ID#33326697)

Melvin Jesse Vibber Wertenberger Sr. LK37-NCW was born on 24 October 1911 in Blissfield, Lenawee, Michigan. He married Ruth Lucille Ellis LK37-W1B on 24 October 1929 in Samaria, Monroe, Michigan. Ruth, the daughter of William C. Ellis (1878-1967) and Theodosha M. Merryfield (1972-1951), was born on 29 August 1913 in Lulu, Monroe, Michigan. Melvin died on 24 October 1973 in Grayling, Crawford, Michigan and was buried in Lulu Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#28914764) Ruth died on 22 March 1991 in Monroe, Monroe, Michigan and was buried next to Melvin. (FAG ID#28914790)

Stanley Alvin Vibber Wertenberger LBZS-J9F was born on 28 March 1914 in Monroe, Michigan. He married Mabel Alvina Bastian LBZS-RMQ on 13 June 1934 in Monroe, Monroe, Michigan. Less than seven months later Stanley's sister Mildred married Mabel's brother Lester. Mabel, the daughter of August Carl Holtz Bastian (1979-1962) and Fredericka Johanna Frank (1889-1953), was born on 4 September 1909 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. Stanley died on 25 June 1990 and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#171565642) Mabel died on 14 May 2001 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio and was buried next to Stanley. (FAG ID#171565646)

Mildred Ella Vibber Wertenberger LY4P-D8M was born on 10 March 1916 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. She married Lester Winfield Bastian GSTC-RTL on 23 January 1935 in Blissfield, Lenawee, Michigan. Lester's sister Mabel had married Mildred's brother Stanley the year before. (See parents above) Lester was born on 23 December 1912 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. Mildred died on 16 July 1999 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan and was buried there in Lulu Cemetery. (FAG ID#28717619) Lester died on 16 November 2000 and was buried next to Mildred. (FAG ID#28717583)

Richard Raymond Vibber Wertenberger LY4P-CH8 was born on 23 May 1918 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. He married Violet H. Breitner GQY4-4KT on 28 October 1940 in Hillsdale, Michigan. Violet, the daughter of William M. Breitner (1893-1964) and Emma A. Knabusch/Kneebush (1892-1985), was born on 9 October 1921 in Michigan. Richard died on 29 September 2008 in Osseo, Hillsdale, Michigan and was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Hillsdale, Michigan. (FAG ID#198908230) Violet died in 2019 and was buried next to Richard. (FAG ID#198908350)

William and Minnie's children

Florence Blanche Todd

Florence LH84-DFW was born in Ida, Monroe, Michigan on 2 May 1894. She married Arthur Harry Gensler LH84-DC1 on 9 April 1912 in Samaria, Monroe, Michigan. Arthur, the son of Louis Gensler (1858-1937) and Emma C. Lennard (1864-1931), was born on 9 November 1894 in Lulu, Ida, Monroe, Michigan. It appears they lived their entire lives in Monroe County. Arthur died in Petersburg, Monroe, Michigan on 1 March 1977 and was buried in Lulu Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#28739283). Florence died in Monroe County on 30 May 1979 and was buried next to Arthur. (FAG ID#28739304)

Arthur and Florence's children

Genevieve Mae Gensler LH84-DJH was born on 17 August 1914 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. She first married Frank Edward Bean L2J4-BV3 on 5 December 1928 in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan. Frank, the son of William

Herbert Bean (1881-1953) and Kathleen Clark Hall (1886-1948), was born on 5 November 1908 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They divorced about 1945. Frank remarried Theda B. Ready in Lucas County, Ohio on 16 April 1952 and later moved to Missouri where he died on 26 March 1982 and was buried in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Springfield, Greene, Missouri. (FAG ID#28680182)

Genevieve's second marriage was to Verl Lavern Hole GQYY-6YD, exact date unknown. Verl died on 3 November 1983 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio and he was buried in Lulu Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#28770414) Genevieve died on 5 April 1988 in Toledo and was buried next to Verl. (FAG ID#28770384)

Calvin Arthur Gensler LH84-DVB was born on 4 July 1916 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. His first wife was Anna Kathryn Wolf KNQ4-KCL and they married on 27 December 1935 in Monroe, Michigan. Kathryn, the daughter of William Ralph Wolf (1887-1961) and Mabel Bessie Alcock (1886-1959), was born on 28 June 1917 in Monroe, Michigan. They divorced in 1940. She remarried Bartam "Bertie" Raymond McClish GMVJ-MYR on 5 January 1942 in Wood, Ohio. Bertie, the son of William Lee McClish (1868-1938) and Elma Florence Canady (1869-1930), was born on 16 September 1893 in Indiana. Kathryn died on 4 December 1973 in Monroe, Michigan and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery in Petersburg, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#47849279) Bertie died on 24 December 1981 in Ida Township and was buried next to Kathryn. (FAG ID#47849279)

Calvin married his second wife, Mae Belle Gartee LD8H-RFK, on 4 July 1940 in Deerfield, Lenawee, Michigan. Mae Belle, the daughter of Walter R. Gartee (1894-1952) and Bertha Yape (1898-1927), was born on 2 January 1918 in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan. They divorced on 17 July 1947. Mae Belle remarried divorcee Leslie Stanley Bauschka LJLY-QQT on 11 May 1948 in Lenawee, Michigan. Leslie was born on 17 September 1922 in Adrian, Lenawee, Michigan and died on 3 October 1988 in Ann Arbor, Wastenaw, Michigan and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian, Lenawee, Michigan. (FAG ID#44288424) Mae Belle died on 13 February 1991 in Adrian, Lenawee, Michigan and was buried next to Leslie. (FAG ID#78837017)

Calvin's third marriage was sometime after his divorce in 1947 (exact date unknown) to Lola May Jobson LVPJ-Q9R. Lola, the daughter of Edward J. Jobson (1869-1934) and Emma Schuler (1875-1929), was born on 12 June 1908 in Tuscola, Michigan. She first married Wallace C. McCormick LY8H-64K on 26 May 1928 in Tuscola, Michigan. Wallace, the son of John H. McCormick (1872-1948) and Agnes E. Davison (1873-1949), was born on 11 April 1904 in Tuscola, Michigan. They later divorced. Wallace was buried in Smith Hill Cemetery in Otisville, Genesee, Michigan. (FAG ID#150427511)

Calvin died on 8 July 1891 in Maumee, Lucas, Ohio and was buried in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Ottawa Hills, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#208541001) Lola died on 29 July 1982 in Maumee, Lucas, Ohio and was buried next to Calvin. (FAG ID#208541101)

Marvilla E. Gensler L2JH-93G was born on 29 November 1918 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. She married Raymond Alfred Sivets KH12-49T on 12 August 1939 in Toledo, Ohio. Raymond, the son of William David Sivets (1885-1955) and Clara Pearl Yockey (1885-1969), was born in Shelby, Richland, Ohio. Raymond died on 23 July 2000 in Jefferson, Ohio and was buried in Berholz Cemetery in Berholz, Jefferson, Ohio. (FAG ID#131174920) Marvilla died on 9 March 2013 in Carrollton, Carroll, Ohio and was buried next to Raymond. (FAG ID#131174942)

Ivadell Delores Gensler GSBX-VFK was born on 3 January 1921 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. She first married Clarence William Edwards GQYY-B1V on 9 November 1940 in Lucas, Ohio. The marriage was very short. Ivadell married a second time to Richard Raymond Roscoe LHYJ-DF8 on 18 January 1942 in Henry, Ohio. Richard, the son of Harry L. Roscoe (1897-1984) and Sadie E. Mead (1901-1969), was born on 1 June 1922 in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan. Ivadell died on 26 February 2004 in Petersburg, Monroe, Michigan, burial location unknown. (FAG ID#137334238) Richard died on 3 October 2010 in Washtenaw, Michigan, his burial unknown. (FAG ID#147084158)

Eileen Amelda Gensler L2JH-3MW was born on 6 June 1922 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. She married Herman Richard Hatfield L2JH-3VS on 9 March 1940 in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan. Herman, the son of Mark Audley Hatfield (1896-?) and Inez Marie Wolf (1901-1962), was born on 18 February 1918 in Connersville, Fayette, Indiana. Herman died on 4

November 1989 in Monroe, Monroe, Michigan and was buried in Roselawn Memorial Park in LaSalle, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#63649255) Eileen died on 29 December 2010 in Dundee, Monroe, Michigan and was buried next to Herman. (FAG ID#63649052)

Virgil L. Gensler LRNS-3G1 was born on 9 December 1932 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. He married Judith Fay Emerick GQYY-FGX on 1 December 1953 in Lucas, Ohio. Judith, the daughter of Frederick J. Emerick (1908-2001) and Lucille G. Elder (1908-1980), was born on 6 April 1932 in Michigan. Virgil died on 20 February 2011 in Brodhead, Rockcastle, Kentucky and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#66005978) Judith died on 28 December 2018 while in care in Ohio and was cremated, burial unknown.

William and Minnie's children

George William Todd

George K834-MHT was born on 1 January 1896 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. He married Kathryn Orcilla Taylor L2DV-HGN on 29 November 1919 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Michigan. Kathryn, the daughter of Loring Frederick Taylor (1870-1935) and Magdalena Fisher (1876-1910), was born on 9 August 1901 in Arcadia, Hancock, Ohio. They divorced in September 1932. George never remarried but Kathryn did on 17 June 1948 in Allen County, Indiana to Mark Charles Stebbins L616-M7F. Mark's first wife Petra died in May of 1947.

George died on 16 June 1951 in Monroe, Michigan and was buried there in Lulu Cemetery. (FAG ID#28890796) Kathryn died on 29 September 1985 in Farmington Hills, Wayne, Michigan and was buried in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Wayne, Michigan. (FAG ID#205949881) Please see my complete narrative on the George William and Kathryn Orcilla (Taylor) Todd Family.

Raymond J. Todd

Raymond KZSG-NWH was born on 1 December 1897 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. On his WW II draft registration card it specified that his middle

initial J. was his legal middle name. He married his first wife Magdalene Barkenquest L2SW-H4M on 6 October 1923 in Lucas County, Ohio. Magdalene, the daughter of Louis Jacob Barkenquest (1865-1922) and Maria Catharina Dorthea Droegemueller (1868-1921), was born on 29 December 1902 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. Magdalene died on 2 July 1949 and was buried in Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#206029872)

Raymond's second wife was Hazel Henrietta (Hehl) Andree L26H-8BW. They were married on 6 March 1953 In Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. Hazel, the daughter of Edward J. Hehl (1888-1936) and Cora Louise Schmidt (1886-1932), was born on 5 August 1906 in Ohio. Her first husband was Otto E. Andree and they were married on 9 December 1923 in Detroit, Wayne, Michigan. Otto LR2X-41V, the son of Adam Andrew (1868-1948) and Amelia Marie Koester (1868-1934), was born on 5 August 1903 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. He was only 40 years old when died on 9 December 1943 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio and was buried in Forest Cemetery in Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#126508878)

Ray, as he often went by, and Hazel resided in Lucas County where he died on 29 January 1964. He was buried next to Magdalene in Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#13344440) Hazel died on 28 September 1982 in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio and was buried next to her first husband Otto in Forest Cemetery in Lucas County. (FAG ID#126509297)

Raymond and Magdalene's children

Marilyn Ruth Todd L26H-XML was born on 24 May 1925 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. She married William Melvin Petree GMMC-NSD on 28 April 1951 in Lucas, Ohio. William, the son of Thomas Petree (1892-?) and Bernice Adell White (1900-1992), was born on 15 August 1926 in Toledo. Marilyn died on 9 January 1995 in Toledo and was buried in Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#208394410) William died on 1 October 2010 in Sylvania, Ohio and was buried next to Marilyn. (FAG ID#84365126)

Norbert Wendell Todd G9CR-FCH was born on 8 March 1928 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. There is confusion over his marriage to Edna Lucille Wickham

G9CR-VF2. Edna, the daughter of William James Wickham (1892-1962) and Ona Mildred Baker (1897-1976), was born on 15 August 1929 in Kirksville, Adair, Missouri. There is an application for a marriage license for them in Indiana on 2 January 1951. They may have wed then. There is an Ohio marriage license for them on 21 November 1959 in Logan County, Ohio, where they were living at that time. They may have divorced in the interim. However, on the Ohio license it also lists a minor child with Lucille having custody and, to muddy the waters further, they were wed by Rev. J. L. Barkenquest of Toledo, Ohio. This is most likely Norbert's maternal grandfather.

The family, both in the medical profession, later moved to Texas where they were divorced on 5 April 1978 in Harris, Texas. Norbert is later found in public records in California. Death and burials for both are unknown.

William and Minnie's children

Lawrence A. Todd

Lawrence KHRT-7VM was born on 23 April 1902 in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. At age 16 he contracted pneumonia and died there on 12 December 1918 and was buried in Lulu Cemetery in Ida, Monroe, Michigan. (FAG ID#28890894)

Merle Joseph Todd

Merle MWWZ-M9Y was born on 28 May 1904 in Morocco, Monroe, Michigan. He married Lois Laurie Seems LTCH-HMJ on 26 November 1928 in Wood, Ohio. Lois, the daughter of Samuel Henry Seems (1870-1962) and Minnie Eva Darrow (1875-1933), was born 6 January 1909 in Pemberville, Wood, Ohio. Records indicate they later divorced. Merle remarried Helen E. Unknown, born in 1911, at some point. Merle died of drowning in Wheaton Lake on 10 August 1963 in Wheaton, Lenawee, Michigan. He was buried in Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#206009558) Helen died on 2 January 1966 and was buried next to Merle. (FAG ID#156593694) Lois died on 27 January 1970 in Toledo and was buried in Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#172253124)

Merle and Lois' children

Marion Lorraine Todd LT87-ZHX was born on 14 October 1929 in Bedford, Monroe, Michigan. She married Billy H. Billheimer LT87-NR4 on 29 July 1950 in Steuben County, Indiana. Billy, the son of Harold O. Billheimer (1906-1987) and Doris Alegra Crum (1909-2000), was born on 13 December 1928 in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio. Billy died on 16 April 1998 in Toledo, Ohio and was buried in Ottawa Hills Cemetery in Lucas, Ohio. (FAG ID#155517757) Marion died on 17 March 2016 and was buried next to Billy. (FAG ID#159801548)

Joan R. Todd GQBW-CKL was born on 19 February 1931 in Monroe, Michigan. She married Paul E. Kimball L1GY-L2D on 4 November 1950 in Steuben County, Indiana, the same county her sister Marion was married in 4 months earlier. Paul, the son of Edward Frederick Kimball (1907-1984) and Marie Humberger (1912-1948), was born on 31 July 1930 in Elmore, Ottawa, Ohio. Their marriage did not last long as Paul would remarry in 1952 and little is known of Joan after this time. Her death may have occurred on 12 November 2011. Exact death and burial unknown.

Paul remarried Alice J. Decker LK9Y-TZB on 30 September 1952, location unknown. Alice, the daughter of Adam Decker (1898-1959) and Dora Eva Hutton (1902-1999), was born on 18 November 1932 in Elmore, Ottawa, Ohio. Alice died on 6 July 2005 and was buried in Harris-Elmore Union Cemetery in Elmore, Ohio. (FAG ID#74019841) Paul died on 29 August 2019 and was buried next to Alice. (FAG ID#202805071)

Herbert G. Todd GQBW-MRM was born on 31 July 1933 in Bedford, Monroe, Michigan. He was married and divorced three times. This is indicated on his marriage license to Barbara Ann (Lindsay) Wierman GQB7-TPB on 25 June 1973 in Lucas County, Ohio. Barbara, the daughter of John Joseph Lindsay (1916-1962) and Mildred Helena Loomis (1920-1980), was born on 24 July 1938 in Bowling Green, Wood, Ohio. Few other records are available.

Her first marriage was to Terry Lee Wierman GQB7-297 on 14 January 1961 in Franklin, Pennsylvania. Terry, the son of Leroy Albert Wierman

(1912-1955) and Pauline Agnes (Funk) Wasowicz (1913-2007), was born on 27 September 1940 in Waynesboro, Franklin, Pennsylvania. He later married Elaine M. (Smith) Brown. He died on 30 September 2010 in Gettysburg, Adams, Pennsylvania and was buried in Biglerville Cemetery in Biglerville, Adams, Pennsylvania. (FAG ID#59496983)

Herbert and Barbara divorced on 14 January 1987 in Lucas, Ohio. She died on 2 June 2004 and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green, Ohio. (FAG ID#111889805) Her parents are buried there.

Herbert, an Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, died on 20 April 2006 in Toledo, Ohio and was buried in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Medina, Ohio. (FAG ID#14076694)

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