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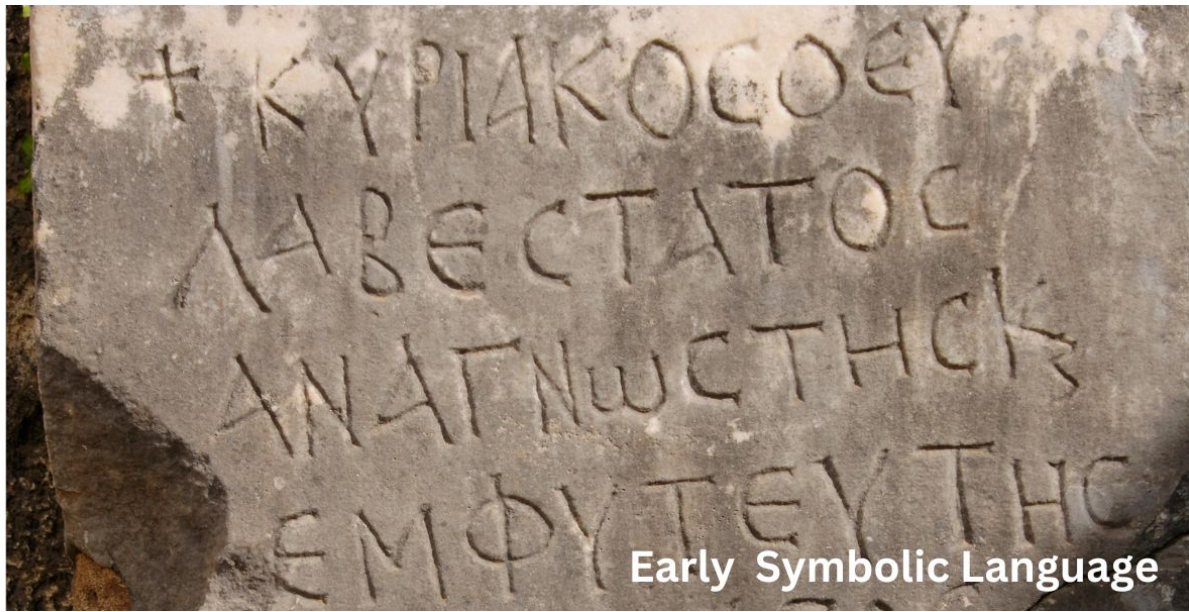
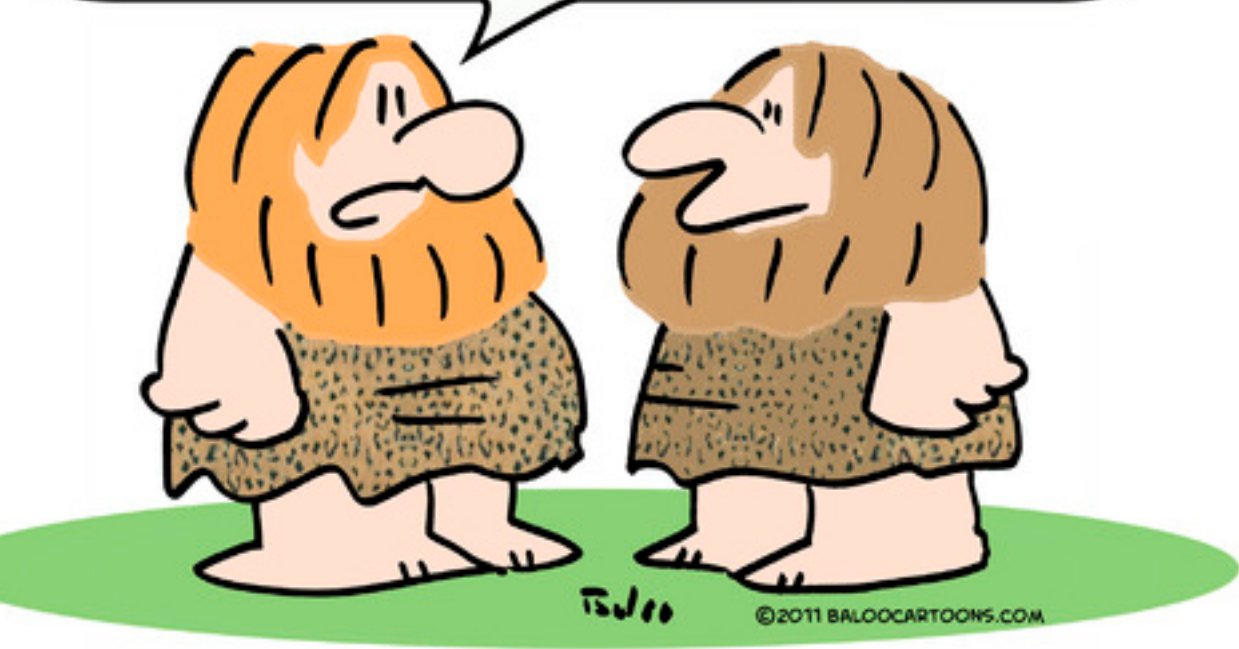
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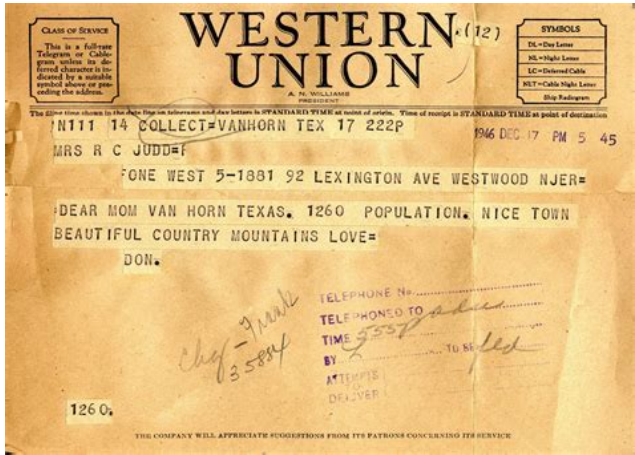
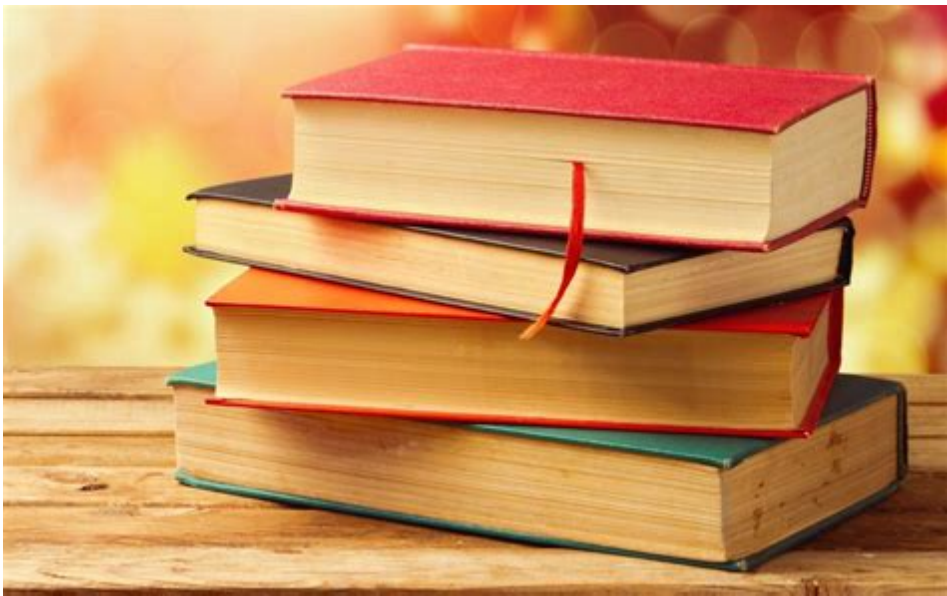
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NOW THAT WE CAN TALK, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE...



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writing
communicating: speaking, displaying, typing

your family
ancestors. present family. descendants



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your family

ancestors, present family, descendants

history

past, 'present;' family; events

purpose

Share our genealogy

Encourage someone to carry on

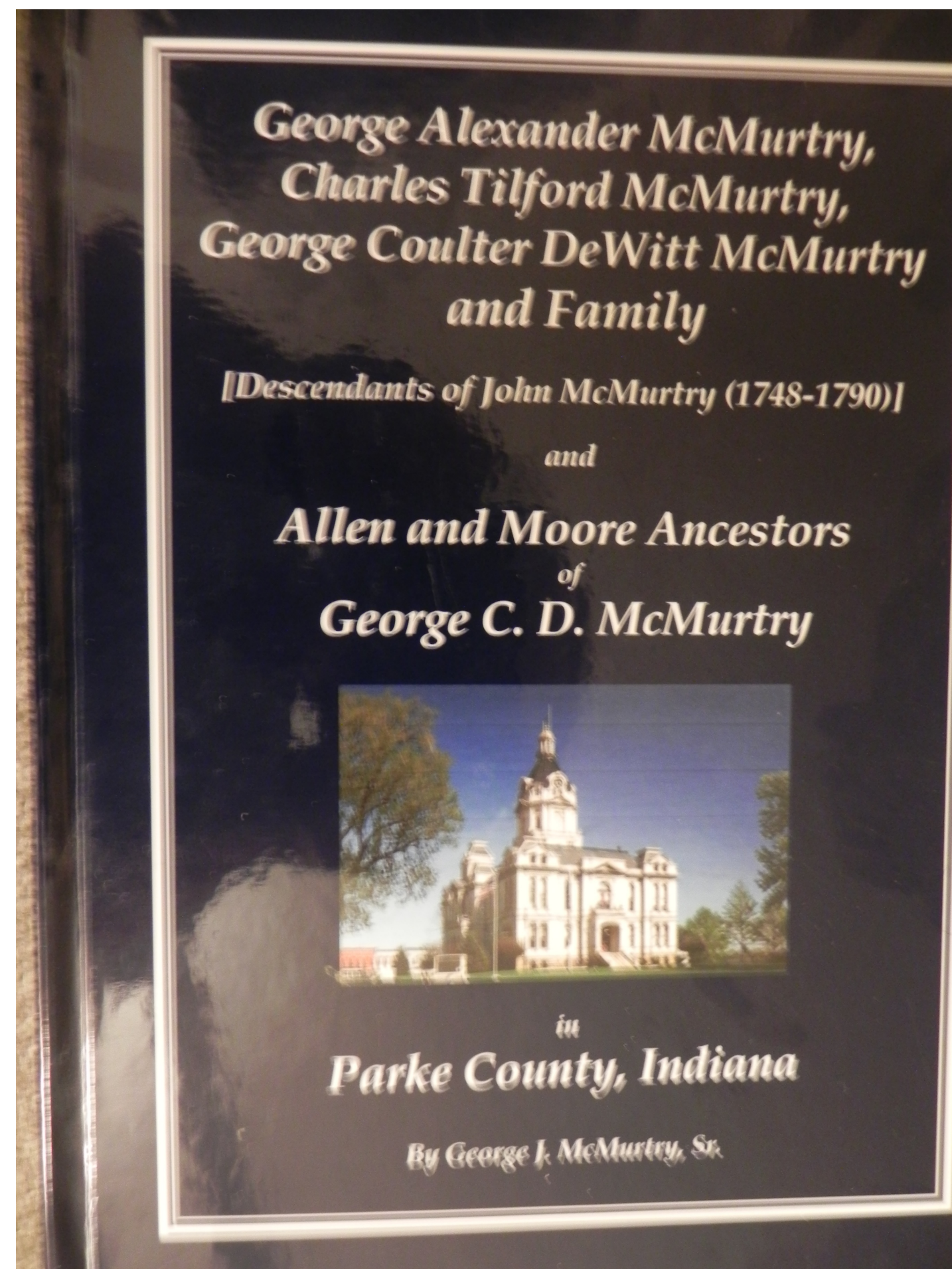
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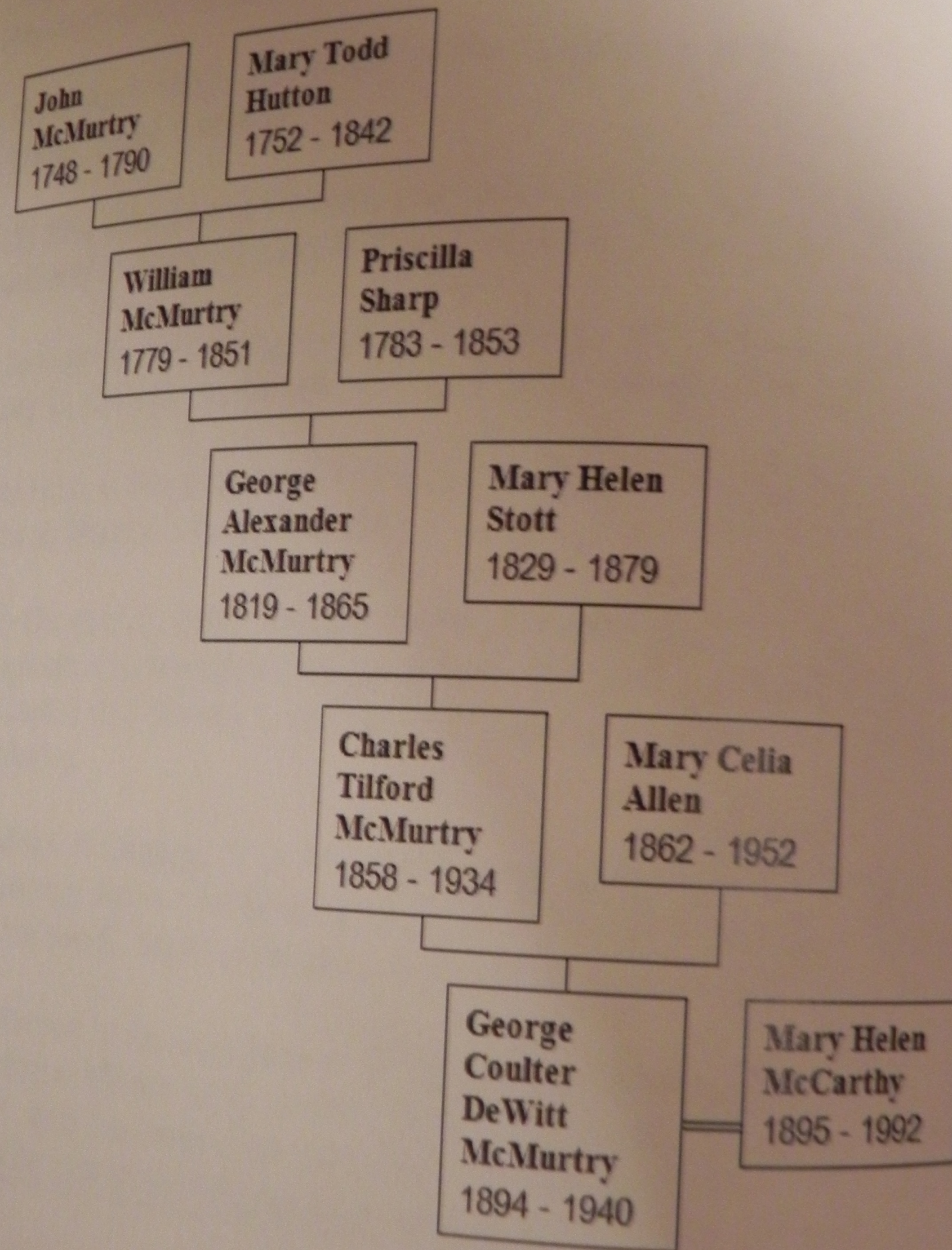
Be interesting

Leave a legacy

BOUND BOOK

The Holy Grail





- ## Outline Descendant Report
- 1 Father of Margaret Streeter b:, d:
..... + Mother of Margaret (Streeter) b:, d:
..... 2 Margaret F. Streeter b: 18 Feb 1849 in Virginia, d: 04 Feb 1910
..... + Robert Severn Laylor b: 02 Mar 1847 in Portsmouth, VA, m: 10 Sep 1867, d: 23 Mar 1897
 - 3 Blanche Laylor b: 1882, d: May 1945 in Norfolk, Va.
..... + William Clark Barrett Sr. b: 1869 in Rochester, NY, d: 1936 in Norfolk, VA
 - 4 William Clark Barrett Jr. b: 12 Sep 1906 in Norfolk, Va., d: 01 May 1997 in North Andover, MA
..... + Amy Marie Gibbs b: 06 May 1898 in Blandford, MA, d: 04 Aug 1999 in North Andover, MA
 - 5 William Clark Barrett III b:, d:
..... + Carolyn b:, m: 31 May 1969, d:
..... 4 Robert Severn Barrett b: 12 Sep 1908 in Norfolk, Va., d: 24 Sep 1946 in Bluefield, WV
..... + Dominica Kathryn Lotito b: 02 Jan 1913 in Pocahonatas, VA, m: 29 Aug 1936 in Norfolk, VA - Rectory of Sacred Heart Church, d: 18 Nov 2010 in Columbia, PA, St. Anne's Retirement Community
 - 5 Margaret Marie Barrett b: 11 May 1937 in Norfolk, VA, d:
..... + George James McMurry Sr. b: 19 Jul 1932 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, m: 26 Dec 1961 in Blessed Sacrament Church, Norfolk, VA, d:
 - 3 Daughter Laylor b:, d:
..... + Edward Schmus b:, d:
 - 3 Edna Laylor b:, d:
..... + Edward B. Schmus b:, d:
 - 4 Edmund B. Schmus Jr. b: Abt. 1903, d: 17 Jun 1917
 - 4 Henry Schmus b:, d:
 - 4 James Streeter Schmus b:, d:
 - 3 Frances Laylor b:, d:
..... + John T. Godfrey b: Norfolk, Va. (?), d:
 - 3 Son Laylor b:, d:
 - 2 Brother Streeter b:, d:
 - 2 Alice Streeter b: Abt. 1850 in Virginia, d: 11 Mar 1917 in Virginia
..... + John L. Mitchell b:, d:
 - 3 Margaret Mitchell b:, d:
 - 3 Lina Mitchell b:, d:
 - 3 Nancy Mitchell b:, d:
..... + William Coleman b:, d:
 - 4 Alice Coleman b: Norfolk, Va. (?), d: Abt. 1945
..... + Steve Kane b:, d: Abt. 1943
 - 5 Joseph Thomas Kane b: Aug 1929, d:
..... + Nancy Bellows b:, d:
 - 6 Stephen Kane b:, d:
 - 6 Paul Kane b:, d:
 - 6 Thomas Kane b:, d:
 - 6 William Kane b:, d:
 - 5 William S. Kane b: 30 May 1934, d: 19 Nov 2007 in Gastonia, NC
..... + Charlotte Burns b: 20 Oct 1935, m: 19 Sep 1959, d:
 - 6 William S. Kane Jr. b: 20 Oct 1961, d:
..... + Tammy Michelle Howells b: Apr 1959, m: Apr 1988, d:
 - 7 Samantha Michelle Kane b: 02 Nov 1995, d:
 - 6 Alice Lynette Kane b: 20 Jul 1965, d:
..... + Michael Weise b: Abt. 1965, m: Apr 2001, d:
 - 7 Steele Weiss Weise b:, d:
 - 6 Kenneth William Kane b:, d:
 - 6 Kevin Stephen Kane b:, d:
 - 4 Mary Coleman b: Norfolk, Va (?), d: Bet. 1953-1954

The Lotito Family

This is a brief genealogy report on the ancestors of Dominica Kathryn Lotito Barrett, mother of Margaret Marie Barrett McMurtry. Most of the information contained in the report was provided to the author by Kathryn and her sister, Josephine Lotito Wise, daughters of Stefan ("Steve") Lotito. A more complete history of the Lotito family is contained in *"Lotito Family History - Descendants of Stefano ("Steve") Lotito and Maria Gargaro in the United States"*, 2002.

Steve was born in Bari, Italy, in 1874 and first came to America in 1900 to search for his brother, Christopher ("Zeke"). After locating him in Ohio, the brothers came to Pocahontas, Virginia. Steve returned briefly to Italy and married Maria Gargaro. Although Maria was expecting their first child, Steve returned to Pocahontas alone, to be joined two years later by Maria and their son, Antonio ("Tony"), and Steve's mother Anna.

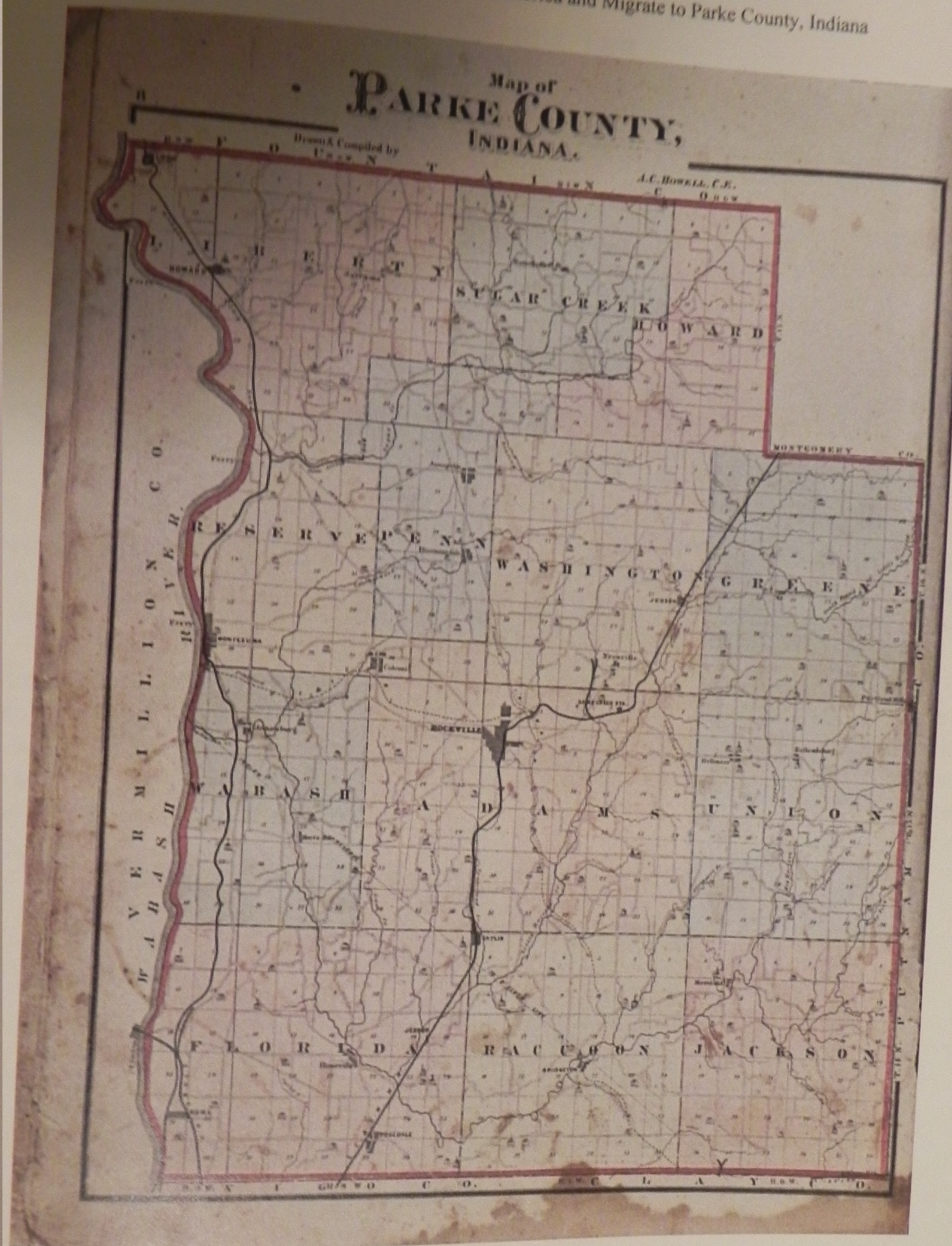
Steve first worked as a blacksmith for the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Later, he fit the railroad and opened an Italian restaurant and grocery. After losing his business during the Great Depression, Steve worked as the head of the machine shop for the Pocahontas Fuel company.

Steve and Maria had 13 children, including two sets of twins who died at birth or shortly after. Maria died shortly after the birth of their youngest child, Nick. Nine of the children, six boys and three girls, lived to adulthood. Five of the boys served in the military service during the Second World War.

The information presented includes, first, a pedigree chart showing the Lotito and Garo ancestors of Kathryn, the fifth child and second daughter of Steve and Maria.. Second, the Outline Descendant Report shows a list of the descendants of Dominic Lotito, Steve's father and the grandfather of Kathryn.

This report was written as a supplement to the book, "George Alexander McMurtry, Les Tilford McMurtry, George Coulter DeWitt McMurtry, and Family - and Descendants of McMurtry (1748-1790) in Parke County, Indiana."

Chapter One - McMurtry's Come to America and Migrate to Parke County, Indiana



Map of Parke County from 1874 Atlas of Parke County

McCarthy-Kenny Family (McM)



Anna McCarthy (Front) with Children:
(L-R) Kevin, Thomas, Josephine, Kenny, and James L., Jr.



R) Tommy McMurtry, George McMurtry (Back), Ann Chadwick (Front), Joe Chadwick

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FIANNA'S STORY



NANCY L. BIEBER

FROM ARMY REGULATIONS TO NOVELS

A WRITER'S JOURNEY



DON HELIN

memoir

I'm in Stitches



The funny lookin' guy with the saddle shoes and tie is yours truly, in my 2nd grade class from Halstead Avenue School, Harrison, NY, which I attended from K-3rd grade. but what's that thing over my left eye?

A short time before this picture was taken, some family friends visited with us. As they were leaving and chatting on the front steps, I was putting a golf ball around the front yard with an old golf club, bestowed on me by my Uncle Albert. One of the boys in the family asked if he could try. He then took a swing. Unbeknownst to him I was coming to take it, when he drew the club back, and struck me just over the eye! My parents drove me right to the doctor for three stitches and that bandage. Another quarter inch, the doctor said, and it would have taken my eye! God certainly was watching over me.

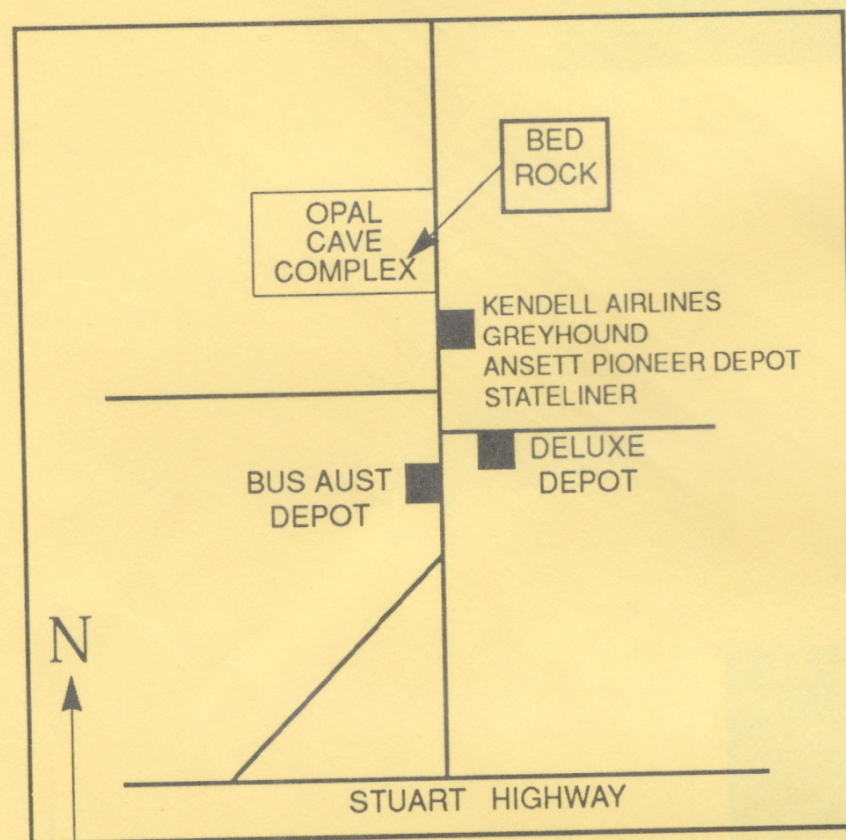
Over time, that scar has healed so well, that there's no visual marking, so I've long wondered which eye was struck. This photo answered that. But another question remained: Who was it who hit me?

As a genealogist and nostalgist, I'm interested in finding people, including friends from "the good old" days. In 2013, while searching for one of my Harrison friends, Richard Woehr, I ran across his brother Robert. When I contacted him about Richard, he responded "So, how's your eye?" Whaaat? it was he who had borrowed the club that day!

Mystery solved! In case you're wondering: I have no hard feelings; it was an accident. I was just curious as to who it was....

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Anna Hagedorn
January 27, 1911 - May 22, 2003



Anna and Children
75th Birthday Celebration



Anna and Fred Hagedorn
Wedding Photograph



Anna and Grandchildren
90th Birthday Celebration



Hagedorn's Bakery
Hollis, NY

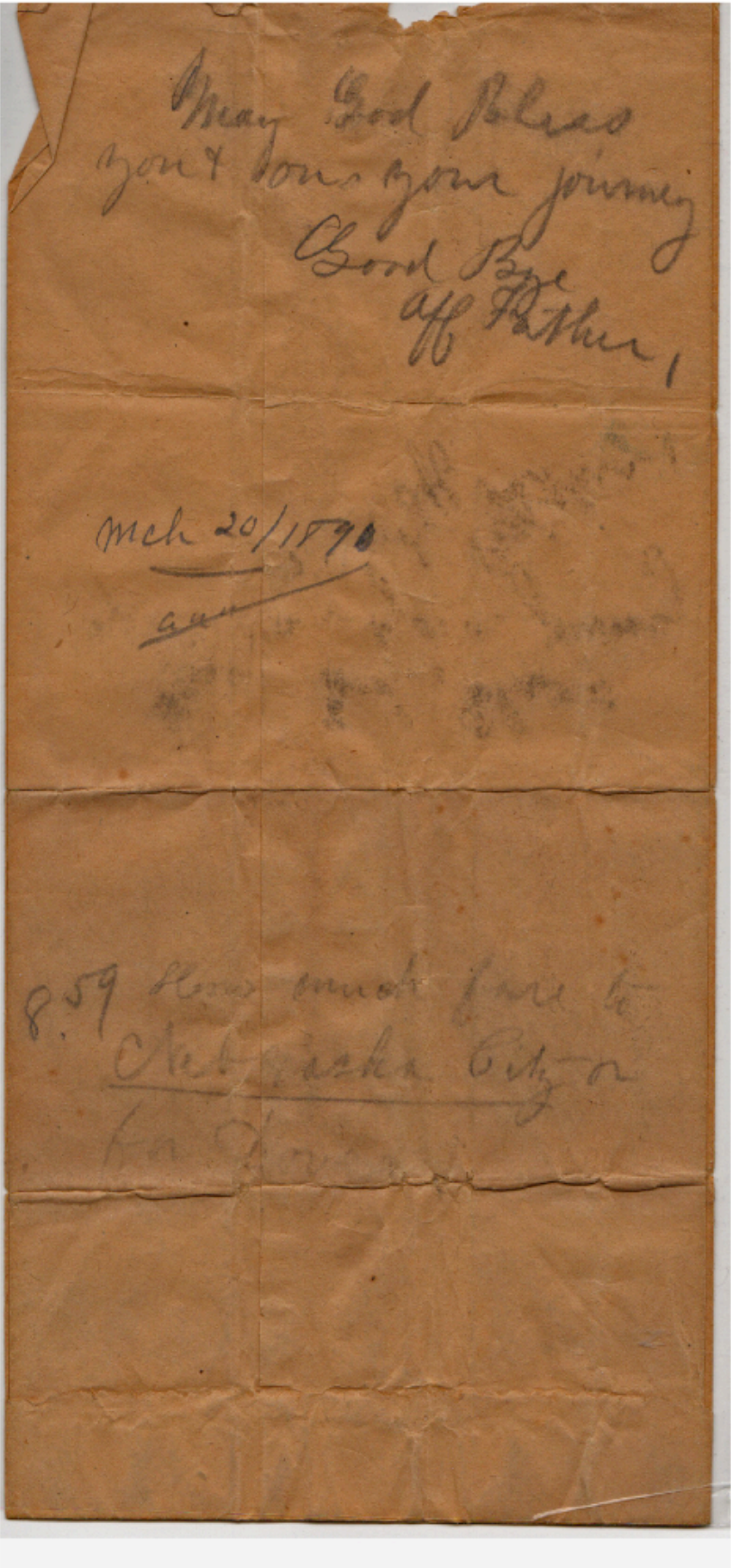
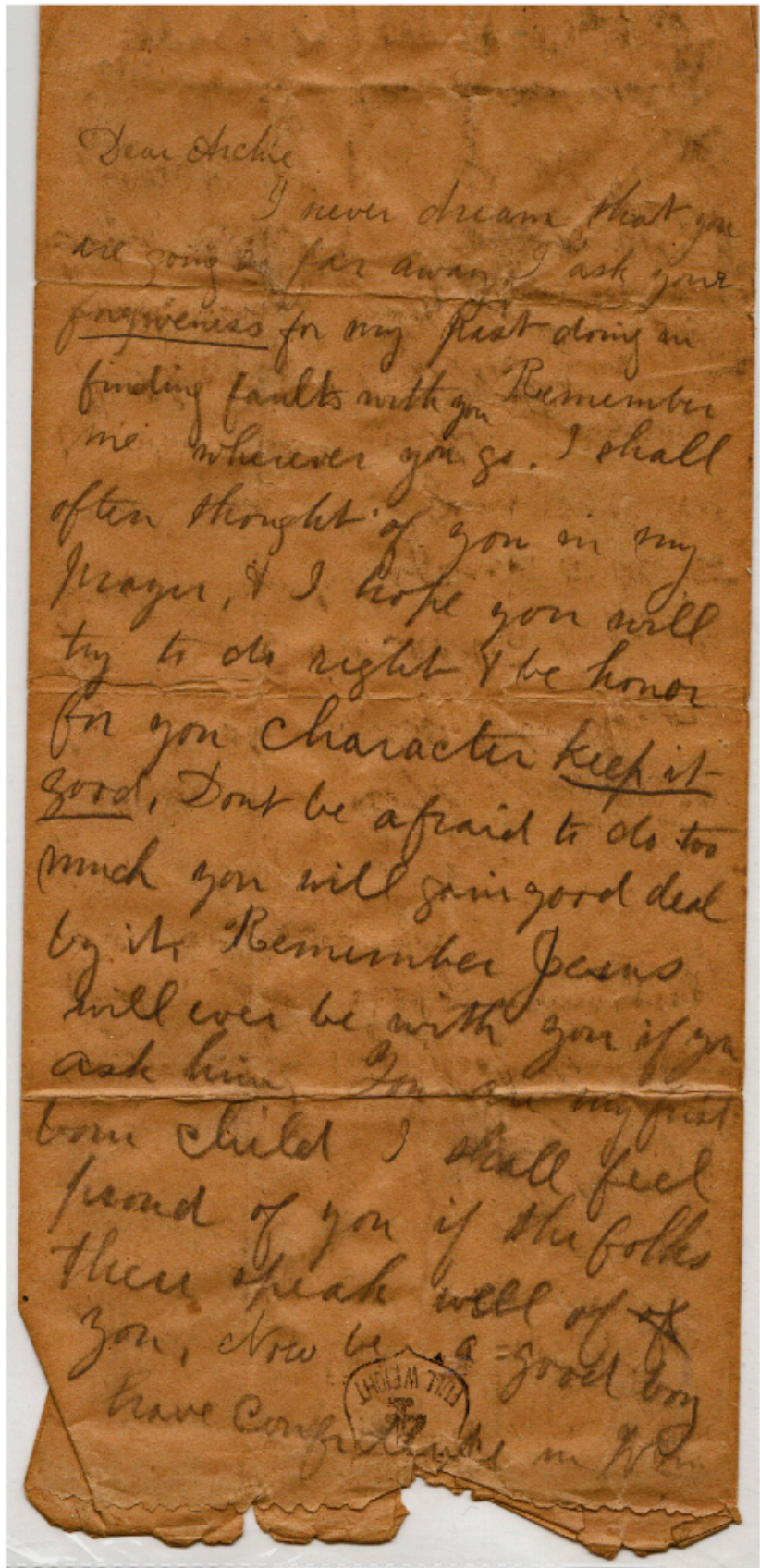


Hagedorn Family



Anna "Ready to Roll"

Brown paper bag note



Asahel to son, Archie

Dear Archie
I never dream that you are going ? far away. I ask your forgiveness for my past doing an finding faults with you. Remember me wherever you go. I shall often thought of you in my prayer, & I hope you will try to do right & be honor for you character keep it-good. Don't be afraid to do too much you will gain good deal by it. Remember Jesus will ever be with you if you ask him. You are my first born child I shall feel proud of you if the folks there speak well of you. Now be a good boy, have confidence in Wm. [Asahel's older brother] May God bless you & on your journey.

Good Bye
aff Father
Mrch 20, 1890

8.59 How/Here's much/
bunch fare to Nebraska
City or for Wm [?]

EMIGRATION TO THE WEST.

We are often tauntingly asked, "If you are so fond of farming and country life, why don't you try them?" Our answer is short and simple: We do. Every one of us who can afford it has his home in the country, and spends there all the time that he can snatch from pressing duties, and hopes for the day when he can enjoy there more and more hours of each week, and ultimately all of them. At present, the oldest of our writers is wintering on his own place in Florida, as he has done for several past Winters; the rest of us would gladly do likewise if we might. But Work has claims to which Comfort must defer.

Mr. Nathan C. Meeker—for many years connected with THE TRIBUNE, as he expects to be for many more—proposes to plant a colony in an admirable location discovered by him during his recent trip to the Rocky Mountains. It combines remarkable healthfulness with decided fertility and facility of cultivation, an abundance of serviceable timber with water in plenty for irrigation as well as power, beauty of landscape and scenery with exemption from disagreeable neighbors; and a railroad will soon bring it within three days of St. Louis and five from New-York. Knowing Mr. Meeker (who is a practical farmer) to be eminently qualified for leading and founding a colony, we advise temperate, moral, industrious, intelligent men who would like to make homes in the Far West to read his letter herewith published, and, should his plan suit them, write to him (not us) on the subject.

Union Colony No. 1.
Tribune Office,
New York, 1870.

DEAR SIR:

It is important to know the occupations of all the members, and what business they will be likely to follow at the West. Members proposing to erect factories, brick kilns, saw mills, and the like, will be supplied with building sites, providing they have sufficient capital to carry on the enterprise. We hire no one, nor do we furnish funds, but shall endeavor to assist the members by limiting the number of persons who may engage in any particular occupation or pursuit. For instance, thirty members desiring to put up saw mills would create dissension. We wish to secure harmony and promote the best interests of those who have embarked in this enterprise, and who are now about to begin a journey of more than two thousand miles.

Please fill out the following blank, and write plainly:

Give the numbers on your receipts.

Name, C. L. Nettleton, Age 35

Post Office address in full, P. O. Sublette, De Co. Illinois.

County, De, State, Illinois

Married, Yes Single

Number of family, 5 Wife, self, boy, girl children and a brother, ages 14, 12, 10, 8

Number going this Spring, One, I may have others above alluded to

Number going next Fall, Probably we will remain now, & will go in the summer, July

Present occupation, I am a teacher, my bro. a farmer.

Occupation intended at the West, I want a farm & shall probably be farmer.

Amount of Cash on hand, \$30. I don't know what I can get for it.

Amount invested, \$1000. Cost of my Present means, \$1000. I don't understand personal property, not sold, should bring several hundred dollars. Address immediately, School closed in June. I am intent to sell for what it will bring.

RALPH MEEKER, Secretary, Tribune Office, New York City.

Asahel comes to Union Colony (Greeley)

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PABOR W. E. real estate agent and colony sec. r. Maple Palmer S. A. Paine J. H. r. Spruce Patterson J. ranchman Parker G. E. contractor and builder, r. Maple Parker L. M.	

BROTHER C L'S REQUEST FOR PROPERTY. NOTE "BROTHER"—THAT'D BE ASAHEL

1871 GREELEY DIRECTORY

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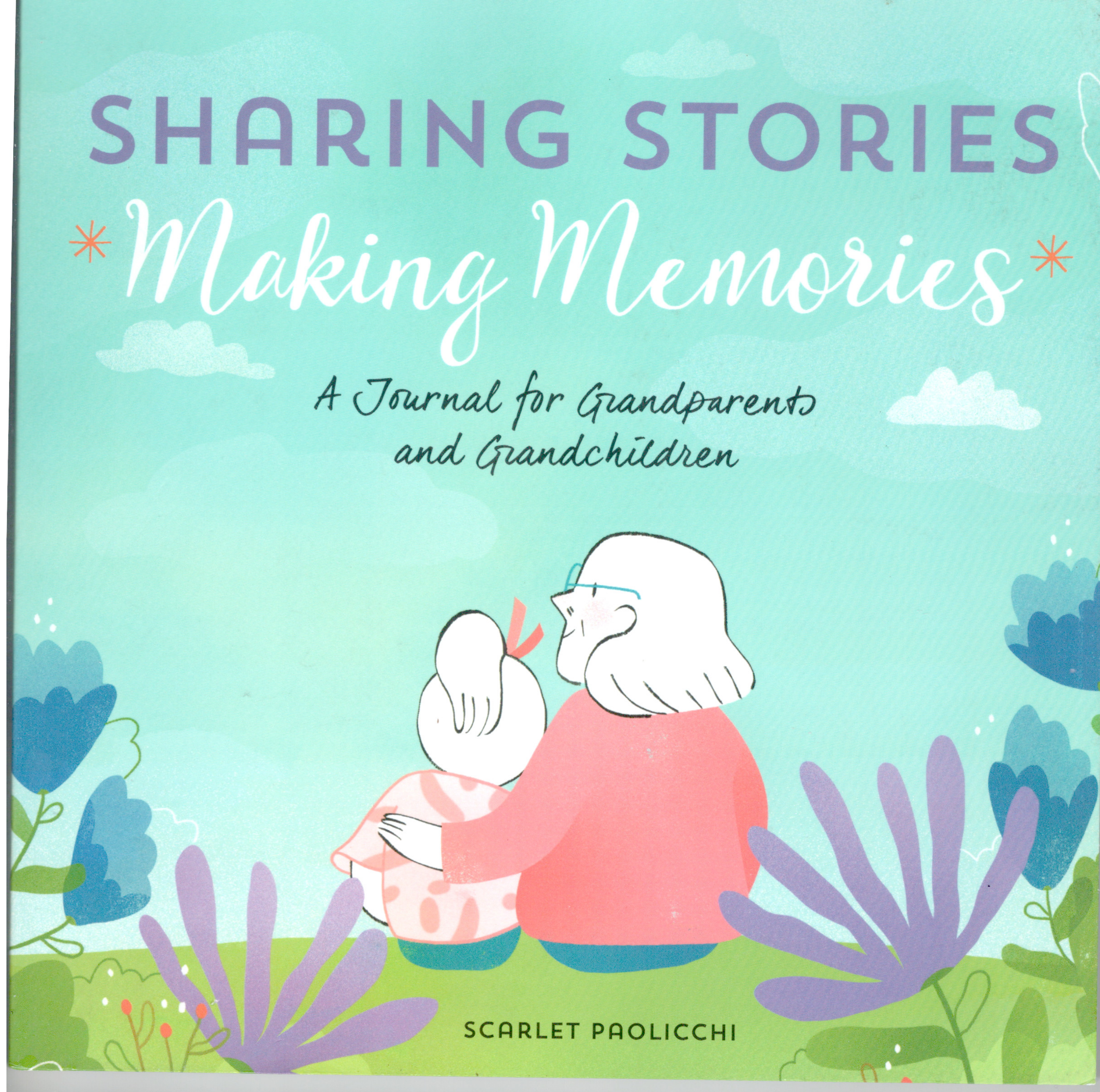
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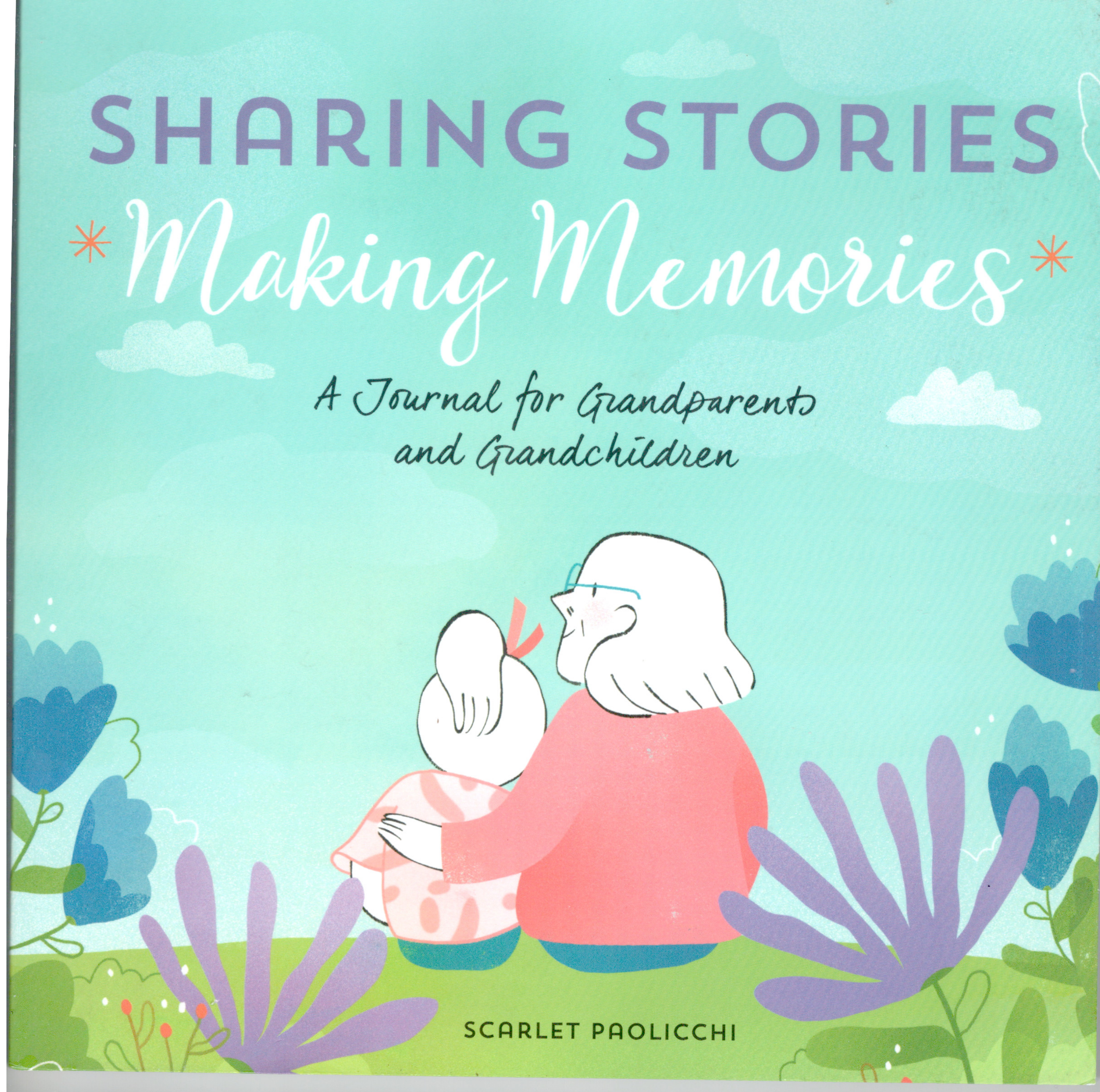
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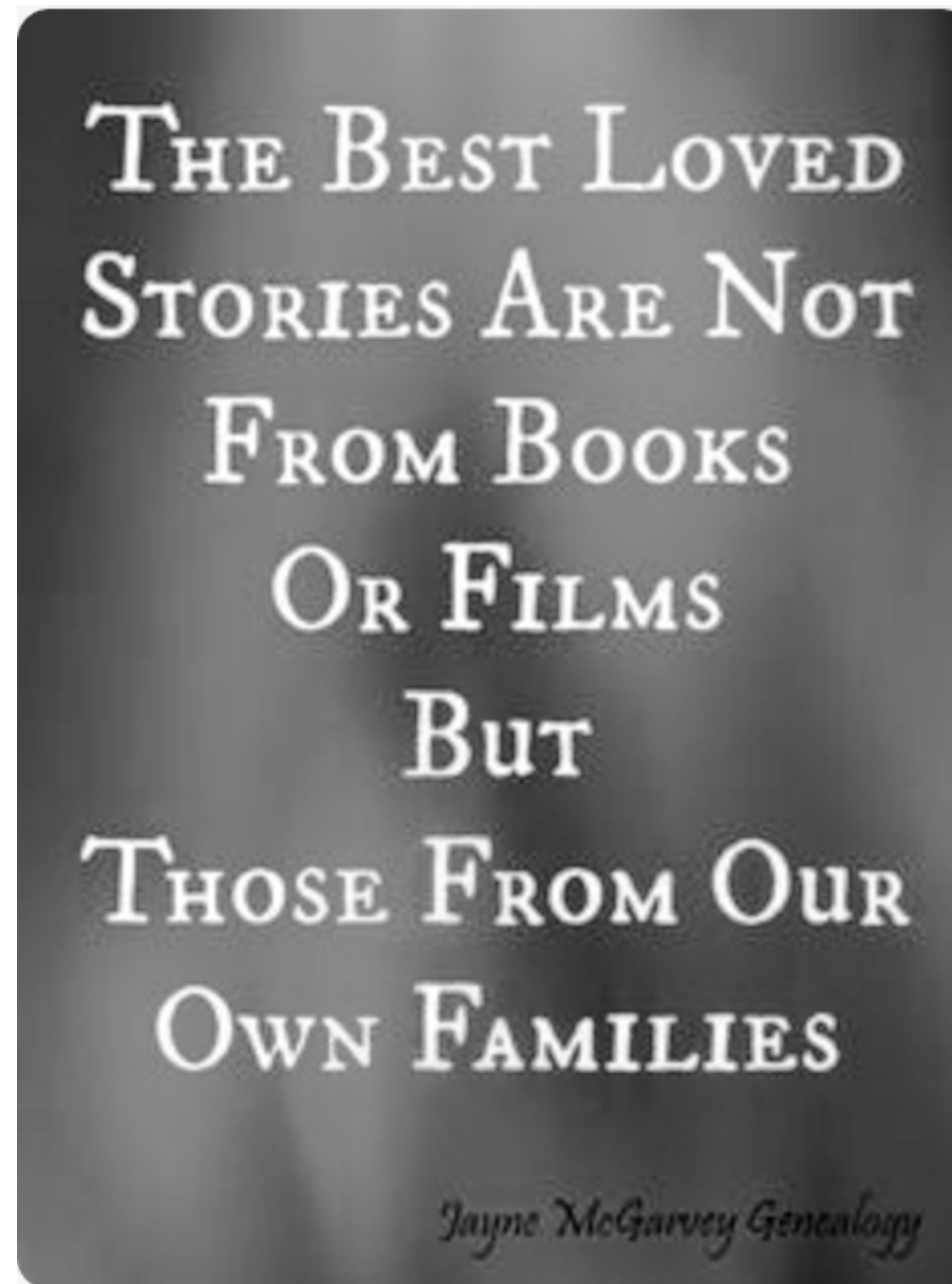
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