

Klinkerman Family Trace

My interest in the Klinkerman family was the William Klinkerman branch that came to Lafayette Co. and, in particular, William's son Albert whose family had ties to the Riesterer/Kappelman/Frerking/Klingenberg families in the Concordia area. Two of the descendants, Kenneth Klinkerman and Helen Ruth Klinkerman Rabius were my cousins via their foster parents John and Mollie (Frerking) Klingenberg, as well as second cousins via the family of John Henry Kappelmann.

William Klinkerman appears to have had a case of “itchy feet”, moving a number of times as can be seen in the following trace of him and his family. The migration of the William Klinkerman family can be traced in the census and other records posted on-line. Unfortunately, because of the lost 1890 census records, a significant gap exists between his youth in Indiana and most of his life in Missouri. The following is a list of that trace by decade.

Pre 1900 –

The trace of William Klinkerman begins in Dearborn County, Indiana in the southwest corner of the state next to the Ohio River. This area was inhabited by a number of German immigrants who stopped there as they moved west or north on the Ohio River from their port of arrival. Some of those immigrants included Klinkermans from the Kingdom of Hanover.

William was born 21 Jan 1863 in Dearborn County, Indiana. He was the third of four children born to William Herman Frederick (a.k.a. Herman Fred William) Klinkerman (1835-1865) and Henriette Marie (nee Siekerman) Klinkerman (1838-1875). His father had immigrated to Indiana from Sankt Hülfe, Amt Diepholtz, Hannover (west of the city of Hannover) as a youngster with his parents Bernhard Friedrich Klinkerman (1805 – 1876) and Margaret Elizabeth Bunge (1798 – 1869). His mother had immigrated there with her family from the Westphalian part of Prussia. His siblings were Clara Elizabeth (1860-1926), Anna Kathrina Sophia (1861-1947), and Henry George (1865-1961). After William's father died on 11 Sep 1865, his mother married George F. W. Kessler (1839-1910) on 20 Sep 1866. The family lived in a small community known as Farmers Retreat in the southwest part of Dearborn Co (Caesar Creek Township). The tombstones of William's parents and grandparents can all be found in St. John Lutheran Cemetery there.

It is not known why young William decided to leave Indiana or why he chose to come to Lafayette Co., MO. However, his father died when he was two years old and his mother died ten years later. So William was an orphan by the age of 12. In the 1880 census, he and his younger brother can be found working on their step-father's farm, but when he became an adult he probably wanted to strike out on his own. Why he chose Missouri is not clear. There were no known Klinkermans living in Lafayette Co. before the mid 1880s. But there may have been friends or relatives with another surname there.

William came to Lafayette Co., MO by 1887. His marriage license indicates that he was living in Corder when he was married to Catharine Marie Fricke on 07 Jul 1887 by Rev. Rohlring of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alma. So he and Catherine apparently were members of the church in Alma.

Catherine was born 15 Sep 1868 in Beardstown, Illinois, daughter of Herman Fricke (1840-1909) and Louisa (nee Oetgen) Fricke (1845-1910). The Fricke family had moved to Lafayette Co., MO between 1872 and 1876. They appear in the 1880 Dover Township, MO census with Catherine, 8 year old daughter Hannah born in Illinois and 4 year old son George born in Missouri.

1900s –

In the 1900 Saline County (Clay Township), MO census records, one finds the Klinkerman family listed as follows:

Klinkerman	Wm	b. Jan 1863 in Indiana
	Katie	b. Sep 1868 in Illinois
	Albert	b. Sep 1888 in Missouri
	Theresa	b. Oct 1890 in Missouri
	Alexander	b. Dec 1892 in Missouri (1891 in draft records)
	Etta	b. Mar 1894 in Missouri
	Robert	b. Mar 1896 in Missouri (1895 in death certificate)
	Lawrence	b. Mar 1898 in Missouri (1897 in other records)
	Oscar	b. Jan 1899 in Missouri (1898 in death certificate)
	Walter	b. Jan 1899 in Missouri (1898 in death certificate)

Various records indicate that Albert, Theresa, Alexander and Robert were born in Corder, MO. Etta presumably was also born in Corder. Lorenz and Walter's death certificates state that they were born in Alma, MO. Walter's twin brother Oscar would also have been born in Alma. The Klinkerman farm could not be found in the 1897 Lafayette County plat book anywhere around Corder or Alma. [Because the 1890 census records are missing, one cannot use them to check where the family was living in that year.]

By 1900, William appears to have had the urge to move. Note that the 1900 census lists him as the owner of the farm in Clay township of Saline County. Clay township is east of Marshall, MO, a considerable distance from Alma and Corder. Records that might indicate the place where daughter Hannah was born were not found, but presumably it was in Saline County, MO. On the other hand, records indicate that son Harvey Bernhard Karl ("Butch") was born May 22, 1902 in Little Rock Landing, Ste. Genevieve County, MO [on the Mississippi River south of St. Louis]. However, daughter Laura is listed as being born 15 Mar 1904 in Slater, MO in her death certificate (informant - sister Henrietta). [Slater is on the north edge of Clay Township. Did William move back to Clay Township or were they still living there when Butch was born?] Daughter Lena was born 09 Feb 1906 in Missouri according to later census records.

Cemetery records in Clara, Texas indicate that William and Catherine had a daughter Esther Wilhelmine Emma born 22 Apr 1908 and died 17 Sep 1908 in Texas. So the family had moved from Missouri between 1906 and 1908.

1910s –

In the 1910 Wichita County, TX census records, the family is listed as follows:

Klinkerman	Wm H	age 47, married 22 years
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Catherine	age 42	“	12 of 13 children living
Albert	age 21		
Alexander	age 17		
“Eppe”	age 16		
Robert	age 15		
Lawrence	age 13		
Oscar	age 11 \		
Walter	age 11 / twins		
Hannah	age 9	b. in Missouri	
Bernard	age 7	b. in Missouri	
Laura	age 6	b. in Missouri	
Lena	age 4	b. in Missouri	

Theresa was married in Texas early in 1910. She shows up on a nearby farm with her husband P. William Detmer, married for three months.

The last child born to William and Catherine was named William Henry Paul (or William, Jr.). He was born on 11 Apr 1911 in Electra, Texas.

An obituary in the 31 Oct 1911 issue of the Wichita Daily Times (Wichita Falls, TX) notes that Catherine Marie Klinkerman, wife of William H. Klinkerman, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack at their home on 29 Oct, 1911. The Find A Grave posting of her gravesite lists her birth as 15 Sep 1868 and maiden name as Fricke. Although a death certificate for Catherine was not found, death certificates for several of the children list their mother as Katherine Fricke. Catherine's youngest son William Paul Henry (“Willie”) was only 6 months old at the time she died. After her death, he was taken to Kingman Co., Kansas to live with William's sister Clara, her husband John Windler, and their 3 older children.

Texas marriage records show that Wm H. Klinkerman married Susana Katherine Kuhn (1865-1954) on 27 Dec 1913. [Her maiden name was Susanna Katharina Grass, born in Stahl am Tarlyk (Stepnoje), Kukkus, Samara, Russia and her year of birth is based on her tombstone inscription.] Her first husband, Peter Kuhn, was also born in Russia. They were married in Russia, immigrated to the U.S. in 1904, migrated to Wisconsin (possibly Nebraska first according to some decendants), and finally to Wichita Co., TX by 1910. Peter had died sometime after 1911 when Peter and Katherine's last son Rudolph was born. Seven of her eleven children from her first marriage were still living at that time.

According to St. Paul's Church (Concordia) records, Albert returned to Missouri to marry Emma Riesterer on 21 Jun 1914. However, they went back to Texas after they were married.

The older Klinkerman boys show up in the 1918 draft registration. Albert, born 15 Sep 1888 in Corder, MO, is a self-employed farmer living in Iowa Park, TX. Alex, born 19 Dec 1891 in Corder, MO, is also a farmer living in Iowa Park, TX. Lawrence (or Lorenz), born 18 Mar 1897 in Alma, MO, father born in Farmers Retreat, IN, is working on the farm of his brother-in-law P. W. Detmer in Electra. Oscar, born 06 Jan 1899, is working on his father's farm in Electra, TX. Walter, born 06 Jan 1899, is working as a laborer at Magnolia Petrol in Electra. [Different forms were used over time so the same information is not available in every one.] John was in the Navy Reserve and does not appear in these records.

The Texas records show that Henrietta Ella Sophia Klinkerman married Wm. Carl Kuddes on 6 Aug 1916 in Wichita County. Note that William was from Corder, MO where Etta was born. After they were married, they returned to Corder, MO. During the 1918 flu epidemic, Etta and William were in Texas with their young son Marvin. The Texas death records show that two month old Marvin died of the flu in Electra, TX on 9 Oct 1918 and William died of the flu there six days later. They were both buried in Zion Cemetery, Corder, MO. Etta returned to the Kuddes farm in the Corder area, where she lived with her Kuddes in-laws.

Brother Alex was a private in the infantry and Robert was an RM3 (radioman) in the Naval Reserve during the First World War. One of them may have brought the flu virus back with him when he returned to Texas.

1920s –

Sometime between Etta’s wedding in 1916 and 1920 (possibly after the flu epidemic), William H. had moved again with his new wife and five of his younger children and three of her children, this time to California. The family shows up in the 1920 Fresno, CA census records in a house they owned on C Street of Fresno (among a settlement of Russian immigrants).

Klinkerman	Wm H	Head	age 57	b. in Indiana, occupation - none
	Cathrine	Wife	age 54	b. in Russia, immigrated 1904
	“Osker”	Son	age 21	b. in Missouri, occupation - laborer
	Hanna	Daughter	age 18	b. in Missouri
	“Leana“	Daughter	age 14	b. in Missouri
Kuhn	Pauline	Step Dtr	age 14	b. in Wisconsin
	Victor	Step Dtr?	age 12	b. in Wisconsin
	“Rodilph”	Step Son	age 9	b. in Texas
		[Rudolph]		

and several houses farther:

Klinkerman	Bernard	Head	age 18	b. in Missouri, occupation not listed
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15 year old daughter Laura was working as a maid for another family in Fresno.

The youngest son 9 year old William Henry can be found in the 1920 Liberty Township, Kingman Co., Kansas census records living in the John and Clara Windler family listed as “Willie”.

Father Wm. H. died later that year on Nov. 1, 1920. He is buried in Clara, Texas. Most likely he died in Fresno and the body was shipped back to Texas to be buried in the family plot in Clara along with his first wife Catherine.

After William died, his second wife Kathrine married Johann Georg Scheidt who was also from her home village in Stahl am Tarlyk (Stepnoje), Kukkus, Samara, Russia. Katie died in Fresno on 04 Jul 1954 and is buried there.

At some point after their father died, the younger Klinkerman children decided to return back to their earlier roots, the boys to Texas where their brothers lived and the girls to Missouri where their sister Etta lived.

Oscar returned to Texas by 1922 because the Wichita County records show that he married Lydia Holtzen on 15 Oct 1922 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara.

Hannah moved back to Missouri and, by the 1930 census, she was living in a boarding house on South Street in Lexington, MO working as a bookkeeper in a variety store.

Bernard (“Butch”) had returned to Texas by 1927 (possibly earlier) because the Wichita County records show that he married Esther Anna Muller on 08 May 1927 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara.

Laura sometime before 1930 had moved in with her older sister Etta, who was living in Higginsville, MO. She appears in the same household with Etta in the 1930 and 1940 censuses, although she was married in between those two enumerations.

Magdalena (“Lena”) appears to have returned to Missouri to live with sister Etta. On 29 Aug 1926 in Higginsville, MO, Lena married Walter Frederick Kellerman, who was born 23 Sep 1902 in Alma, MO. According to his obituary in *The Lutheran Witness*, Walter became a Lutheran pastor in 1926 and served in various parishes in Idaho and Washington. [He died in Kennewick, WA on 07 Jan 1980.]

The older children had remained in Texas. In the 1920 Wichita County, TX census records, Albert appears with his 27 year old wife Emma (Riesterer), 5 year old son Arnold, 2 year old daughter Vera and his brother Walter. The second household after them in the census records was the family of P. R. William and Theresa Detmar and two Klinkerman brothers, Lawrence and Robert.

Alexander could not be found in the 1920 census records (was he still in the army?), but the Texas marriage records list him marrying Emma Schroeder on 20 Mar 1921 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara so he must have stayed in Texas. (Note. Emma died in 1931 and Alexander later married Ollie Opal Zeck (1896-) by 1939. Alex and Ollie’s infant son Oliver was born and died in 1939. Ollie appears to have been the widow of Homer Melvin Myers.)

All of the male children other than Albert and William, Jr. were married in Wichita County. In addition to the three noted above, Lorenz married Lydia Lalk on 14 Jan 1923 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara. Robert married Lydia Engelman on 30 Jan 1928 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara. Walter married Bertha Helena Elise Engelmänn on 23 Mar 1924 at Trinity Lutheran Church-Clara.

Texas death records list the death of Albert’s wife Emma on 11 July 1925. Most of his young children do not show up in Texas records after that. Other census records for 1930 indicate what happened with the Albert Klinkerman family. After Emma’s death, Albert had to decide how to care for his large young family. Many widowers or widows would remarry soon after losing a spouse. Instead, Albert chose to have relatives care for his younger children. He kept the two oldest boys Arnold and Delmer with him to help on the farm. The three youngest (Helen Ruth, Kenneth, and Emmett) were sent to live with his sister Henrietta in Corder, MO (who had lost

her husband and only child). Vera was sent to live with his wife's sister Eleanora (or Nora) nee Riesterer and her husband Rev. Arthur Kuecker who had been living in the Morgan Co., MO area but soon transferred to Pocahontas, MO (in the area of Cape Girardeau). Henrietta struggled to care for the three children she brought back to Missouri. So she soon sent the two older children (Helen Ruth and Kenneth) to live as foster children with Emma's cousin, Mollie (Frerking) and her husband John Klingenberg who were childless. Emmett continued to live with Aunt Etta.

1930s –

The 1930 Wichita County, TX census records show Albert living there with only his two oldest sons, 14 year old Arnold and 10 year old Delmer.

The 1930 Cape Girardeau County, MO census records show 12 year old Vera living with Rev. Arthur Kuecker and his wife Nora (Eleanora Riesterer) in Pocahontas, MO. Nora was the sister of Albert's wife Emma.

The 1930 Lafayette County, MO (Davis Township) records show 8 year old Helen Ruth and 7 year old Kenneth living with John and Mollie Klingenberg. Amalia Frerking Klingenberg was Emma's cousin by way of the Kappelman family. The family was living on a farm north of Concordia and the children attended St. Paul's School in Concordia. When John and Mollie moved to another farm on Highway 13, just south of the junction with Highway 40 (Higginsville Junction), Helen Ruth and Kenneth lived with an aunt and uncle Edna (Frerking) and William Klingenberg until they were confirmed in the latter 1930's.

Other Lafayette County census records for Higginsville show 4 year old Emmett (who was a baby when Emma died) living with widow Henrietta Kuddes, Albert's younger sister. Henrietta had moved to Higginsville was keeping house on Lipper Ave. Their sister Laura was also living with Etta at that time, working as a bookkeeper in an auto dealership.

Laura married Herbert Pieper on 25 Feb 1934 in Lexington, MO. Missouri death records show that Herbert was electrocuted on his farm on 19 Jul 1935. Laura and her young daughter Catherine then moved back into sister Etta's home.

1940s –

One can continue to follow the family in the 1940 census records.

Arnold and Delmer are living with their father Albert on a farm in Bexar County, Texas, having moved there after 1935. Later in 1940, Delmer joined the U. S. Navy and served as a radioman in the Pacific during WWII. After the war, he moved to Dallas where he met and married Helen Elizabeth Dunn. Arnold served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. On return from the war, he married Margaret Goetz on Dec 1945.

In the 1940 Wichita County, TX census records, Vera is now living with Herman Urban and Augusta Mengwasser (originally from Frankenstein, MO). She is listed as a 22 year old bookkeeper in a department store. She also declared that she was living in Wichita County five years earlier (but not in the same household). It is not known if she was related to the Mengwassers or just boarding there when she got a job as a bookkeeper. The Mengwassers had

a 21 year old daughter Katherine, who may have been a friend of Vera. So Vera probably must have returned to Texas to live with her father and brothers sometime between 1930 and 1935. However, her death certificate shows that she was a 23 year stenographer living in Pocahontas, MO in 1941 when she died of pneumonia as a result of tuberculosis. So she returned to Missouri for the last year of her life. She was buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pocahontas, MO by her uncle Rev. Kuecker. It is interesting that she was buried there rather than in the family plot back in Clara, Texas.

1940 Lafayette County records show that 18 year old Helen Ruth and 17 year old Kenneth are still living with John and Mollie Klingenberg. 14 year old Emmett is still living with his Aunt Etta, along with Etta's younger sisters Hanna and Laura (who was by then widow Pieper) and Laura's daughter Catherine Louise Pieper. Hannah is listed as single and owning a beauty shop in Higginsville. Laura was listed as a public school teacher.

William Henry, Jr. shows up in the 1940 census for Nashville, Liberty Township, Kingman, Kansas with wife Ruby B. and daughters Bernita and Lawanna.

Post 1940s –

William's sons continued to live in Texas except for the youngest, William Jr., who remained in Kansas where he went after his mother's death. They can be traced in the Social Security records and cemetery listings. Their vital statistics are listed in the summary below. Most of them are buried in a family plot in the Clara Cemetery, Wichita Co., TX. Theresa and her family also remained in the area and she is buried in the same cemetery.

Henrietta became the focal point for the other daughters who returned to Missouri, as well as for her nieces and nephews (to whom she was always known as "Aunt Etta"). However, Magdalena moved to the Northwest with her husband Rev. Walter Kellerman as he served various parishes in Idaho and Washington. After still living with Etta in the early 40s, Hannah met Hugh Allen Truesdale (1896-1992) and they were married in Higginsville, MO on 31 Dec 1943 (or 1944). [No marriage certificate was found. Various family trees list the marriage in 1943, while others list it in 1944. (One of them is an apparent typographical error that got propagated when copied into other trees.) I distrust the 1943 date only because the location is misspelled in those entries.] Hannah died on 16 Mar 1992 in Warrensburg, MO. Her dates of birth and death are listed in her Social Security records but no tombstone listing was found for her or her husband. They are presumed to be buried in Warrensburg.

Laura married Richard Newton Via (1894-1962) on 07 Aug 1943 in Kansas City, MO. They lived in Kansas City where Richard worked as an accountant and Laura continued to teach. The death certificates for both Richard and Laura can be found in the Missouri death records. Richard died on 12 Jun 1962 so Laura again became a widow until she died the following year on 06 Feb 1963. They are buried in Floral Hills Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

Etta later married Theodore Johann Gottlieb Lohofener (1890-1957) in Kansas City, MO on 09 Dec 1951 but when she died back in Higginsville on 17 Mar 1995, she was buried with her first husband and child in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Corder.

A little more can be added about Albert's children that were sent to Missouri. As noted above, Vera was the least known of the group and had already died in 1941. When she came to visit Lafayette County, the other children did not even know that she was their sister. Father Albert came to Lafayette Co. periodically to visit the three remaining children in the area.

Helen Ruth lived with her foster parents John and Mollie Klingenberg on their farm south of Higginsville. After high school she went to work in Kansas City (Sinclar Refinery and a clothing store) until she became reacquainted with a former classmate Temple W. ("T. W") Rabius from the Mayview, MO area. She married T.W. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia on Sep 1949. T. W. died on 28 Jul 1978 and Helen retired from their farm to live in Higginsville, MO. She died there on 17 Apr 2002. They are buried in the Higginsville City Cemetery, Higginsville, MO,

Kenneth also continued to live and farm with his foster parents until he served with the military police in Korea. On return, he worked in the Lake City Arsenal, Lake City, MO until he retired in Higginsville, MO. He married Arline Marie Loges on 08 Feb 1959. Kenneth died on 05 Jan 2013 in Higginsville. He and Arline are buried in the Higginsville City Cemetery.

Emmett is the last surviving child of Albert Klinkerman. After living with Aunt Etta, Emmett got a degree from the University of Missouri and was living in Dallas, TX when he married Stella Mae Perkins on 03 Jul 1948 in Kansas City, MO. They lived in Dallas for a while where his son Mark was born in 1949. He later moved to Columbia, MO where he was employed by the University of Missouri, Columbia as business operations officer in the 1970s. He later moved to Springfield, MO where he continues to live.

To summarize: In spite of all of the moves noted above, William's descendents remained a close-knit and God-fearing family and they continued to maintain contact with each other through the years.

Summary of William H. Klinkerman family –

Husband - William Herman: b. 21 Jan 1863 Indiana, d. 01 Nov 1920 Calif., buried in Clara, Texas

Wife 1 - Catherine Marie (Fricke): b. 15 Sep 1868 Illinois, m. 07 Jul 1887 Missouri, d. 29 Oct 1911 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas

Child 1 - Albert Herman Henry: b. 16 Sep 1888 Missouri, m. Emma Riesterer (1892-1925) 21 Jun 1914 Missouri, d. 05 Aug 1975 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas

Child 2 - Theresa Flora Helena: b. 27 Mar 1890 Missouri, m. Paul William Detmer (1882-1936) 05 Jan 1910 Texas, d. 20 Jan 1925 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas

- Child 3 - Elmer Lorenz "Alexander": b. 19 Dec 1891 Missouri, m. Emma K. Schroeder (1901-1931) 20 Mar 1921 Texas, m. Ollie Zeck (1896-) Texas, d. 31 Dec 1951 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas
- Child 4 - Henrietta ("Etta") Ella Sophia: b. 11 Oct 1893 Missouri, m. Wm. Carl Kuddes (1893-1918) 06 Aug 1916 Texas, m. Theodore Lohofener (1890-1957) 09 Dec 1951 Missouri, d. 17 Mar 1995 Missouri, buried in Corder, Missouri
- Child 5 - Robert Johann Friedrich: b. 03 Mar 1895 Missouri, m. Lydia H. Engelman (1900-1961) 30 Jan 1928 Texas, d. 13 Oct 1957 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas
- Child 6 - Lorenz Herman August: b. 18 Mar 1897 Missouri, m. Lydia Marie Lalk (1899-1994) 14 Jan 1923 Texas, d. 05 Feb 1971 Texas, buried in Electra, Texas
- Child 7 - Oscar Emil Johann: b. 06 Jan 1899 Missouri, m. Lydia M. Holtzen (1902-1980) 15 Oct 1922 Texas, d. 30 Aug 1974 Texas, buried in Burkburnett, Texas
- Child 8 - Walter Herman Wilhelm: b. 06 Jan 1899 Missouri, m. Bertha Helene Elise Englemann (1902-1989) 23 Mar 1924 Texas, d. 17 Dec 1972 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas
- Child 9 - Hannah Elisa Lydia: b. 13 Feb 1901 Missouri, m. Hugh Allen Truesdale (1896-1994) 31 Dec 1944 Missouri, d. 16 Mar 1992 Missouri, buried in Warrensburg, Missouri
- Child 10 - Harvey Bernard Karl ("Butch"): b. 22 May 1902 Missouri, m. Esther Anna Muller (1906-1996) 08 May 1927 Texas, d. 01 Oct 1980 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas
- Child 11 - Laura Louise Maria: b. 15 Mar 1904 Missouri, m. Herbert Pieper (1907-1935) 25 Feb 1934 Missouri, m. Richard N. Via (1894-1962) 07 Aug 1943 Missouri, d. 06 Feb 1963, Missouri, buried in Kansas City, Missouri
- Child 12 - Adele Anna Magdalena ("Lena"): b. 09 Feb 1906 Missouri, m. Walter F. Kellerman (1902-1980) 29 Aug 1926 Missouri, d. 03 Mar 2007, buried in Emmett, Idaho
- Child 13 - Esther Wilhelmine Emma: b. 22 Apr 1908 Texas, d. 17 Sep 1908 Texas, buried in Clara, Texas
- Child 14 - William Henry Paul: b. 11 Apr 1911 Texas, m. Rubie Bertha Weber (1914-1989) 23 Dec 1933(4?) Kansas, d. 06 Jun 1974 Kansas, buried in Nashville, Kansas
- Wife 2 – Susanna Katharina "Katy" (Grass/Kuhn/Klinkerman/Scheidt): b. 1865 Russia, m. (to William) 27 Dec 1913 Texas, d. 04 Jul 1954 Calif., buried in Calif.

Albert Klinkerman family –

Wife - Emma Catharina Riesterer, b. 15 Oct 1892 Missouri, m. 21 Jun 1914 Missouri, d. 11 Jul 1925 Texas, buried in Texas

Child 1 - Arnold W., b. 13 Nov 1915 Texas, m. Margaret Goetz Dec 1945 Texas, d. 03 Feb 2008 Texas. buried in San Antonio, Texas

Child 2 - Vera K., b. 03 Jan 1918 Texas, d. 26 Feb 1941 Missouri, buried in Pocahontas, Missouri

Child 3 - Delmer, b. 15 Feb 1920 Texas. m. Helen Elizabeth Dunn, d. 14 Nov 2006 Texas, buried in Dallas, Texas

Child 4 - Helen Ruth, b. 03 Sep 1921 Texas, m. Temple W. Rabius (1922-1978) 04 Sep 1949 Missouri, d. 17 Apr 2002 Missouri, buried in Higginsville, Missouri

Child 5 - Kenneth R., b. 13 Feb 1923 Texas, m. Arline Marie Loges (1925-2013) 08 Feb 1959 Missouri, d. 05 Jan 2013 Missouri, buried in Higginsville, Missouri

Child 6 - Emmett Albert, b. 11 Jul 1925 Texas, m. Stella Mae Perkins 03 Jul 1948 Missouri

Footnote –

I cannot guarantee that all of the information in this trace is 100% accurate. As in any genealogical search, one sometimes uses plausible information from others rather than relying solely on primary sources, such as birth and death certificates or church and marriage records. Occasionally, I have speculated about some of the reasons for an ancestor's actions. However, I have tried to validate the vital data from as many sources as possible (avoiding posted family trees that are unsourced or obviously copied from other trees. While a number of sources were used in this trace, they are not footnoted with the various vitals to avoid making it too lengthy).

A surprising amount of data can be derived from on-line tombstone postings. In this case, almost all of the individuals researched can be found on the Find A Grave website. All of the tombstones for Wm. H. Klinkerman, his first wife, and five of his eight sons along with most of their spouses and some grandchildren can be found in the Clara Cemetery, Clara, Wichita County, TX. Information and photos are posted on-line at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=53367324> and <http://www.cemeteries-of-tx.com/Wtx/Wichita/cemetery/Clara.html>. Another listing of the cemetery with the names grouped by tombstone numbers (indicating family relationships) can be found at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/tx/wichita/cemetery/clara123.txt> . These links contain more detail about various members of the family.

I encourage anyone who has reliable information about their own relatives to post data with photos of the tombstones on Find A Grave or ensure that what is already posted is accurate.

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