

## VIII. WILLIAM CLARK CAVERLY 1863 - 1925

(Redford, Charles H., Philip Jr., Philip Sr., John Sr., Peter I, Peter Gerardus, Jean)

William's son Alton Ernest was born Mar. 29, 1888. He married Blanche Andrews Sept. 9, 1909 per Marriage Record Book B, Page 235 for Alpena Co., MI. At the time he listed his occupation as blacksmith. He was working as a grinder and a machinist in the 1916 and 1917 Flint, MI city directories. As mentioned above, he and his family moved to Minnesota in 1918 but by 1924 he shows up again in the Flint, MI city directory working as a grinder. He died at Pontiac General Hospital of congenital bladder, neck obstruction with infected hydro utero nephrosis per the Oakland Co., MI death record of April 14, 1940. She died April 18, 1980 at the age of 91.

He and Blanche had five children: Verla, 1910-1993; Ruth, 1913-1995; Russell Dana, 1915-1993; Clifford (Kip) 1917-1995; and Gordon, 1919-1995. Gordon and Ruth are pictured to the right around 1994.



William's son Manson was born Jan. 1, 1891. He married Inez Bates in Alpena, MI around 1912. Per the Alpena Co., MI death records in Book C, page 12, they lost an infant at birth on July 25, 1914. He, Inez, and a son moved to Minnesota between 1914 and 1917. The 1920 U.S. Census for Shovel Lake, Aitkin Co., MN, Vol. 1, Ed. 13, Sht. 20, shows that Inez had died and Manson is listed with son Joseph, aged 7, born in Michigan and son (Floyd) Meryl, aged 3, born in Minnesota. Around 1921 Manson married Ruby Depue and had a daughter Vivian and a son Donald by her.



Manson and Ruby

Manson did not return to Michigan as his brothers did because by the mid 1920s he already had a very successful machine shop. He not only worked on cars, but anything mechanical including machinery that was used for logging. He also was a blacksmith and had a good trade shoeing horses for farmers. When the depression hit in 1929, he had problems getting iron and coal that he needed to run his business.

In 1930 he traded a Model T truck for "squatters interest" in 120 acres of farm land and paid approximately \$1,200 in default taxes to get the land that he farmed until he died on June 15, 1966.

William Clark Caverly's fourth son William Hector was born March 29, 1894 in Alpena, MI. He also returned to Michigan with his brothers and shows up as an autoworker in the 1924 Flint city directory. He married Margaret Emmaline Killinger, daughter of William and Cora Killinger, on Aug. 20, 1925 in Flint, MI. They disappear from the Flint city directory after 1926 but a Margaret Caverly shows up in the 1947 Pontiac city directory as a clerk at the Hotel Roosevelt.

He and Margaret had 6 children: Phyllis Orlene, Merle Lee, Richard Wayne 1930-1994, Clarence Hector, Alton Elwyn 1940-1940, and Margaret Ann. Around 1943 William Hector and family moved to Hillman, MI where he was employed by the State Highway Department, retiring in 1959. He was also a blacksmith for the Conservation Dept. (DNR). He died June 28, 1969 and is buried at the Hillman Cemetery. Margaret died Dec. 16, 2003 in Hillman, MI.

Richard W. Caverly, pictured to the right, spent a good portion of his U.S. Navy career on the U.S.S. Essex, U.S.S. Lake Champlain, and the U.S.S. Salem. He received several metals including the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Cuba), the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal (European Clasp). In his later years he enjoyed bowling and loved to drive long-distances.

