

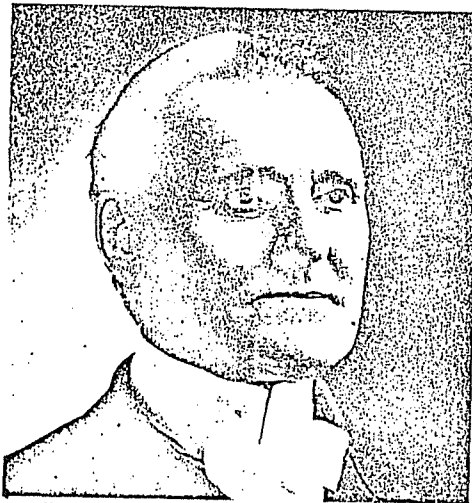
FOLKS WE KNEW WHILE IN THE K. U.

Names and Items of Interest
remembered by
the Four Surviving McCreadys
and Vesta Newcomb,
the Last of the Original Members at Estero
(Designated L, E, W, M, and V)

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*In the name of humanity,
C. Korsh, V.
(Cyrus P. Teed.)*

MEMBERS

ACKERS

Flora, m.
Mary
Newell

Flora, after many years in the Unity, left with "The Gay Group." Although Mary visited with her baby daughter; sometimes, I do not believe that she ever lived there. Newell, unmarried, did.

ACUFF

William, f.
Mollie, m.
Maude
Elbert
Clara
Roy
Rupert
Eustice
Arthur

The Acuffs came from Texas shortly before the birth of Arthur, who was born in the thatched cottage on the river bank. Mollie, who had apparently been something of a beauty in her younger days, abandoned the family, including Arthur, and left before long. Maude was one of those who died during the typhoid epidemic.

ALLISON

Mr. and Mrs.
Louise
Gertrude

Louise, a daughter of Mrs. Allison by her first marriage, to a Bryant, and Gertrude, adopted by the Allisons (V). Probably there before the second contingent arrived from Chicago as we knew only Gertrude, then working at the Hill House, a home style hotel in Fort Myers. Later, when she became ill Mrs. Hill sent her to the Unity for awhile.

ANDREWS

Dr. _____, f.
Virginia, m.
Dudley
Annie Ray
Allen

Dr. Andrews, a physician and surgeon from New York state, and Virginia of southern birth, were among the first converts. Virginia, with her white hair and soft voice, was the typical "southern lady" type. Dudley later lived in Philadelphia. Allen was editor of the American Eagle at Estero and author of "A Yank Pioneer in Florida." Annie Ray's hair turned white while she was still young, which, with her black brows and lashes gave her a distinctive appearance.

APPEL

William

A German whose red cheeks always made me think of an apple so I thought well named. A Doctor Appel of Lancaster, Pa., was recently president of the AMA.

ARENT

Mack

Editor of the Flaming Sword at one time; married Genevieve Bisbee (V).

ARMOUR

Letitia, m.
Mary (?)
James
Samuel
George
Bella

Vesta contributed names of Letitia and Mary, whom we did not know. Samuel was our first school-teacher in Estero and later bought a sawmill near Brownsville, Fla. George later lived in Tampa and we saw him sometimes. Vesta says that Annie (following) was not related, but Bella cared for her during her illness and was her chief mourner.

ARMOUR

Annie

Died of typhoid during the epidemic; always good-natured and laughed more than most.

BALDWIN
Hattie

Have often wondered if h e r parents were not of the Baldwins of western Pa. and eastern Ohio as Hattie was a name used among them.

BARCLAY
Hoy

A man around 55 or 60. Worked in the sawmill and the children thought he had the patience of Job so did things to try him; all of which he took in good humor until one of them stuck chewing gum in his hair and then he "hit the ceiling." (W)

BARTSCH
Walter

His blonde hair and little moustache always seemed to fit his name. He was slide trombonist in the orchestra.

BEDAM
Thomas

A generally quiet Englishman, but with a whimsical sense of humor. We knew him first at Beth Ophrah where Lovelle and I helped him hang up the clothes on washdays. The long unionsuits often froze stiff by the time they were on the line and he always named them for their owners (if men's). (L-M)

BELLINGHAM
Martha, m.
Harold
Norman
A daughter

The Bellinghams came from Bellingham, Washington. Mrs. Bellingham was in Washington, D. C. when I joined Lovelle there, but not the children.

BEST
Edna, m.

(R) No information.

BLEM
Peter

A young Dane who came direct from Denmark, where his brother was a doctor and his sister a nurse. I knew him on my visits back. When I tried to help with the chores by sweeping around the tables, he would always take the broom from me and finish the job. I liked him so much that I was especially distressed when I learned that he had died of cancer, which his brother and sister wrote he knew he had before leaving Denmark but would have nothing done about it.

BLUE
Henrietta

"Blue by name and blue by nature," so said all of the grownups. (R)

BOOMER
Bertha, m.
Lucius
Harrison
Bertha
Ruth

Louie, a violinist, and Harry, a coronetist, were both talented musicians. Louie became owner of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York and wealthy; died in Norway, the home country of his wife. He built a home for his mother across the river from the Unity. Bertie lived with her and afterward in Fort Myers. She was killed on Fort Myers Beach by an automobile driven by Carlton Case. Harry served in the Spanish American War and died in an Army hospital in Texas. Ruth married a Philadelphia architect and they were the parents of one son.

Members - 3.

BORDEN

Lucie Page, m.
Marguerite

Lucie was of French descent and taught that language in Wellesley College, Pa., and later gave us lessons in it at Chicago. Marguerite married Robert Head and they had four children; now deceased.

BOSENQUET

Stewart

A tall Englishman, we always understood, in spite of his French name.

BOTZERMANY

Phonetic spelling of a Hungarian name (W).

BRADFORD

Lucile

A fussy little woman, but I always liked her. She had as her room the curtained off back part of the third floor hallway when I last knew her, during my visits.

BRECKENRIDGE

m.

Norman
Harold

Came in through the Beaver Falls meetings which she attended at the same time we did, but entered later on. I remember her principally as an incessant talker.

BROWN

"Auntie"

A little old lady who was matron of the cottage on the farm place at Chicago which later became the children's cottage.

BUBBETT

James, f.
Evelyn, m.
Roy
Imogene
Laurie

James directed the mechanical phases of the printing and publishing operations. At the death of Dr. Teed, he became president of the K. U. until his death in 1924. Evelyn was manager of publications and treasurer of the organization. Roy lived outside. Imogene married Claude Rahn, but died and he remarried. Laurie played first violin in the orchestra while I was there; was president of the K. U. at the time of his death.

BURROWS

Charles, f.
Alice, m.
"Gus"
Nina

Charles did not stay long and after a divorce he remarried. Alice remained for a good while and then returned to Michigan, her former home. After Blanche Ruth died, Alice and Oliver were married and their son Dean is living in Washington state. Alice became interested in Unity (the other one) and was one of its "readers" when I saw her in Washington. Gus and Nina both lived in Washington - Nina has been widowed three times.

BURSH

Nona

A stylish, youngish, blonde woman whom I knew only slightly, as was not there very long.

CALDERWOOD

James

A singer with a good voice who taught music for awhile (R-W).

CAMPBELL

Peter, f.
Jennie, m.
Laird
Edith

Came from Oregon (V); lived up the river a short distance, on the other side. Edith married a man by the name of Trabell.

Members - 4.

CASE

Mr. and Mrs.
Carlton
Beulah

Carlton came in first in Chicago, and later on his father and mother came to Estero with Beulah, a little girl, who died in her teens. Only Carlton remained. He later married Ada Grier and they and their daughter, who married a physician there, all live in Fort Myers.

CASTLE

Eleanor

A brilliant, auburn-haired Irish schoolteacher who, in later life, had a home with her granddaughter Dawn up the river from the Unity.

CAZNER

George

One of the boat builders (W).

CHAPMAN

Myrah

Lived in the corner room of the third dormitory which had been Marguerite's. Although older than any of the girls on that floor, she wanted to be included in their activities. On cold mornings she would be the first one up, bring a pitcher of hot water from the kitchen and announce, "Hot water, girls!" (L).

CHISLETT

Stephen

Another of the boat builders (W).

CHRISTENSEN

Alfred

A quick little man of Danish extraction, he worked in the machine shop, and was one of the four surviving "original" members for a long time.

CLARK

Caleb

(R).

CLARK

Frank

A small, dark man who wore white clothes most of the time and we believed either Mexican or Portuguese. He worked in the kitchen and, for some reason, favored me by hiding a special delicacy somewhere and then telling me where to look as he innocently and casually passed me (M).

CLIFTON

Arthur (?)

He was a wood chopper and, though he had only one arm, could split wood about as fast as anybody else (W).

CLINCHEY

John
DeCoursey
Walter

I knew only John, who was the uncle of the boys, who came later, but I know that DeCoursey was very popular with the girls of Lovelle's age.

COAN or COHEN

Edward

From California (V).

COAN or COHEN

Mrs. Juttie

An entertainer; not related to Edward (V).

COHEN

Jacob

An old man in Chicago who grew "strawberry rhubarb" behind the children's cottage and was always afraid the children would do something to it.

Members - 5.

COLE
Louis

Married Eva Morrow after they had both left.

COOK
Harl

He was the son of Mollie Price Cook and grandson of old Doctor Cook of Chicago. His father was an artist who abandoned his family and went to Rome with a famous woman writer (R).

COX
Belle

Came alone after her husband and two sons had been killed in an explosion, but was one of the most cheerful persons in Estero (L-R); made guava jelly and distributed jars of it around to the tables. (W)

CRITCHER
Cornelia

Had an almost bass voice; was for a short time caretaker at the children's cottage in Estero; was the mother of around a dozen children (R). I remember somebody asked her why she did not live with one of her children and she replied that they all had big families, and children's activities were too much for her (M).

CROSS
Clarence, f.

The father had been a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. Clarence a dreamer and somewhat of a socialist. He built a house in a tree and slept in it from Sunday until Friday (W).

CURRY
Lucile

An entertainer who often gave readings at entertainments, one of her favorites being, "How I Came by the Eye."

DANIELS
Mary

DISS DE BARR
"Madam"

A character who was briefly at Beth Ophrah. She wore a black robe with white and orchid scarves around her neck and claimed to have contact with the unseen world.

DIONICIOUS

A Greek, fat and good natured, he always wore baggy trousers (W).

DODGE
Fred

(R). Nothing else.

DOUGLASS
Thomas, f.
Hester, m.
Ethel
Elmer

Scotch Canadians. I never knew Thomas or Ethel. Hester was caretaker at the children's cottage for a good while. Later she and Elmer returned to Canada.

DUMARS
Alma

From Denver (V).

DUMBLETON
Richard

Came from Tacoma (V). He became "Sir Richard" when his uncle, "Sir Henry," died (R).

Members - 6.

DURBIN

Tacy

Tacy was a daughter of "Grandma Hayworth" and sister of Soloman. Later, she married Moses Weaver.

EHRSMAN

Susie

Barbara

The Ehrsmans were German and Susie spoke with a slight accent, though Barbara did not. Susie worked in the kitchen and Barbara in the printing office. There was also a sister Magdalena who visited them sometimes in Chicago.

ENGLERT

Johan, f.

Hattie

Every body remembers them, but nobody offered a comment. I always thought that Hattie was quite pretty, with dark hair and rather large eyes.

FABER

Gustav

An old sailor who came from Tacoma (V). Allen mentioned him in connection with the geodetic survey. His boat was wrecked in heavy surf and Allen's "effects," which had been aboard, were lost.

FAULKNER

Charles

The boys always called him "Charley Peanuts" because he had sold peanuts in Chicago before coming to Florida; fired the boiler for the machine shop and laundry (W). I think he was the fourth in the singing quartet at Estero for awhile, and remember seeing him selling peanuts just outside the Tampa Bay Hotel entrance during the first Tampa Fair, but do not know whether this was a temporary absence or not.

FINK

Ethel, m.

Ethel

FISCHER

Irving, f.

Ida, m.

Irving, Jr.

Arnold

Mildred

The only ones of this family I remember are Ida and Mildred (M). Irving, Jr. joined the Navy. Arnold, who enjoyed hunting and often went alone, was bitten by a rattlesnake and died before reaching the hospital. (W)

FISCHER

Conrad

Marie

These were brother and sister. Enroute to one of my visits, I was on the Victoria with Marie when she came to join and remember that she was suffering from pleurisy at the time so sat bundled up and very quiet. Later I learned to know her quite well and always admired her outspoken independence. She left to marry a man some called "The Tramp" because he was supposed to have been a wanderer. They operated a chicken farm near some Florida town, but later divorced, I was told.

FISK

Lelia

Emma

They both sat at the Second Sisters' table with Mamma. Lela, who was tall, died first. Emma, the little one, was one of Mamma's good friends.

FOOTE
John

He was a tall guy who chummed with a little one half his size. Everyone said "The long and the short of it (R). Worked in the machine shop with me and was one of the most patient men I have ever known (W).

FOX

Mother of the two Miller sisters. A delicate little woman who looked almost transparent. She suffered from epileptic seizures and had one in the dining room when I was there visiting. I felt so sorry for her.

GAY
Thomas P.

A tall man with a soft southern accent. Eventually formed an offshoot religious group (after Doctor's death) and they left. Flora Ackers was one of them.

GAZELLA

Only name ever used. Her heavy black eyebrows, which almost if not completely met over her nose gave her a striking appearance. She was a singer with a strong contralto voice and sang a lot at entertainments. Two of her favorites were "Oh, the Clang of the Wooden Shoon," and "Hoi-ye-ho, hoi-ye-ho, Who's for the Ferry?"

GILBERT
Rose, m.
Dean

Rose was a daughter of Ada Welton. She married a Gilbert (I think the one Allen refers to as "Captain Gilbert" or his son), but left him and brought her baby son back to the Unity. Later, her sister Ann Lewis brought him up in the north.

GRAHAM
Alfred, f.
Ella, m.
Florence
Bertha
Robert
Lloyd

Alfred did not stay long, but Ella and the children remained. Florence and Robert never married but the latter had a home in Miami in the later years and Ella and Florence lived with him. Bertha married a man by the name of Phillips and had two daughters. She died not long ago in Washington state. Lloyd married a Miami Beach beauty operator and they had an attractive little home in Miami. Robert and I were the two violas in the orchestra.

GRAVES
Addison

He was the Unity dentist for a long time and some of us thought he tried to see how much pain we could stand (see Strain). Married Victoria after they both left, following Doctor's death, but later separated.

GRAY
Lydia

A tall grayhaired woman from California. For awhile in Chicago she had the care of the two little Teed girls and the two Koester boys in the front room of our cottage at Beth Ophrah, which was converted into a nursery for them. She was the one who cared for little Arthur Acuff in Estero when his mother left.

GRAY
Rollin

Believe of Mexican or Spanish descent. Taught Spanish classes for some time, of which Annis Knowles was the star pupil. She devoted herself to it to such an extent that she was soon away ahead of the rest of us so he directed his attention to her and the rest lost interest and quit and the classes became a twosome.

GRIER
John, f.
Tillie, m.
Grover
Homer
Bessie
Jessie
Jim
Ada

They came to the Unity from the west, and I believe Oklahoma. The two older boys did not stay long, and do not believe they came to Estero. Bessie and Jessie were twins. They came to Florida but soon left. Ada was Lovelle's age. We never thought she paid much attention to her school studies but, when she became angry at someone, as often happened, and sounded off about that person, the big words she used, and generally correctly, were amazing. Everybody in the dormitory would gather around for it was well worth listening to. She married Carlton Case.

GUNN

(V) Just given as "Also a Mr. Gunn."

HAMILTON
Christine, m.
Linda
Minerva

Christine was a Dane who still had a slight accent, and was the assistant matron at Beth Ophrah. Linda did not live at Beth Ophrah after we came. I think she lived outside but often visited and played the violin in our orchestra. Minerva developed a goiter which was becoming serious before she came to Florida, after which it disappeared entirely.

HAMPTON
_____, f.
_____, m.
Lulu
Robert
Another Son
Wade
Georgia

Georgia was only three months old when they came but apparently missed her mother when put in the Children's cottage as she howled all night and kept the rest awake. Shortly thereafter when Rose Gilbert came with little Dean, he made a duet of it (R). The Hamptons did not stay very long.

HARRIS
Neal

Another Confederate veteran (W).

HART
Lavinia

Caretaker at the children's cottage for awhile. Being naturally nervous, this nearly wrecked her so she was given a long rest period afterward to recuperate. The children called her "Heartless." (R).

HAYWORTH
Delilah, m.
Soloman
Tacy (see
Durbin)

"Grandma Hayworth" was over 100 years old (L). She liked to sew and did a very nice job of it but couldn't see to thread needles so I used to go over and thread a whole pincushion full at one time. She told me that when I could not see to thread my own needles, some nice little girl would do it for me. (R)

HEAD
_____ m.
Robert

Robert and Marguerite Borden married after leaving the Unity and had four children.

HEIDT
Charles

(R)

HOAG
Nona, m.
Jewell (see
McConnell)

Nona came from California. She had divorced her second husband shortly before coming to the Unity (R).

HOENSHELDT
Henry
Vera

From Oregon (V). Henry was killed while working at the sawmill (W). I remember Vera especially because of her cats. One of her favorites was fathered by a wildcat, and showed it in both his looks and actions - a big, rangy, wild-eyed creature which would not make friends.

HORNE
John

A young Scotch boy who danced the Highland fling and captivated Julia so that she squealed like a modern over a Beatie. They were later married and lived up the river from the Unity.

HORNE
Jacob

The old German mentioned in Allen's book as coming with the original pioneers from Chicago. A master craftsman in woodworking, he had made the inlaid pegging board with which we played cribbage over the years; also the case for my autoharp.

HOULE
_____, m.
May
Hazel
Hulda Neva
Mrs. Houle's
Mother

Hulda Neva was born several months after Mrs. Houle came to Estero, and the name Neva was for Neva Miller who was giving May music lessons at the time. (R)

HOYT
Isabel, m.
Lillian
Wilton

They came from Massachusetts and later returned there. Wilton had a beautiful tenor voice as a boy and could sing "The Holy City" in a way to bring tears to the eyes. He was also a talented musician and played the cello in the orchestra. While I was in Miami shortly before my marriage, he was with the fire department there, but soon afterward joined the family in the north.

HUBBARD
Elbert or
Edward, f.
Eddie

Mr. Hubbard always walked with a shuffle (W).

HUNT
George
Charley

Brothers. Charley was official hunter in the early days. George was captain of the Victoria. Both had good voices and sang at entertainments.

Members - 10.

HUNTER

Frances, m.
Myrah

Remembered mostly from Beth Ophrah days.

HUSSEY

George, f.
Mattie, m.
Roscoe
Marvin
Eunice
Eula

Came from Texas. George was the schoolteacher for awhile. Eunice became very much interested in learning Spanish and, after leaving the Unity, worked for some time in Cuba as a telegraph operator to perfect her pronunciation.

IRVING

John
Jane
Mary

These were Irish brother and sisters. John was a fine machinist and head of the machine shop at Estero. Jane was a quiet little woman, but Mary, on the other hand, was on the overly plump side and talked continually; could be very pleasant and just as much the other way.

JACKE of

JAKKE
Franklin

Operated the Unity store for many years. He was a hunchback, but very active and efficient in his work.

JENTSCH

Richard

Came with Claude Rahn. After they both had left, although much younger, he married Cecilia Woodruff (R).

JOHNSON

Laura

From California (V).

JOHNSON

Frank, f.
_____, m.
Hub
Sid
Josephine
Peggy

The Johnsons were not Koreshans, but were well known by most of the members. They lived at Mound Key, acquired by patent signed by President Harrison in 1891. Eventually the Koreshans obtained title to most of it and this is part of the Koreshan State Park (M). The youngest daughter committed suicide when thirteen by pulling the trigger with her toe when her parents would not allow her to marry the Portuguese fisherman with whom she was in love (L-R).

KENNEDY

_____, m.
Margaret
Murray

Either Mrs. Kennedy was a sister or Mr. Kennedy a brother of Elizabeth Robinson, as she was the aunt of the Kennedy children (W).

KNIGHT

Mary Ellen, m.
Alice (R)

Mary Ellen was librarian at Beth Ophrah.

KNOWLES

Annis

She was a great reader and did much of her reading in bed. She also spent a great deal of time studying her big dictionary and was star of the Spanish class when Rollin Gray was giving lessons; had the corner room next to ours on the third floor for awhile.

Members - 11.

KOESTER
Edward, f.
Cora, m.
Edward
Julius

Both Ed, Sr. and Cora left and remarried - he a wealthy semi-invalid, and she James Newcomb. Edward, Jr. has a successful printing and publishing place in Jacksonville. Julius, whom we always called "Caesar," lives in St. Petersburg.

LAMBEER (V)
Miss

She helped Catharine with Mamma during Mamma's last illness and went with us to the cemetery.

LAMOREAUX

_____, f.
_____, m.
Roy
Nettie

He had been a professor of Greek and Latin in Chicago and was one of the pioneer group to come to Estero. I remember him as a tall, gaunt man and his wife as short, but that is all. Roy was one of the fishermen and stayed at the island, but was also an expert card player and kept a game going when he was at the main place. Nettie was an artist and gave my age group of girls drawing and painting lessons.

LANE
Mr. and Mrs.

He was a cockney preacher before coming to the Unity (R).

LANE
Loretta, m.
Myran

Loretta always looked like a Dresden figurine, tiny and delicate with snow white hair but black brows and lashes; always sweet and smiling, I remember the older girls had reading aloud sessions in her room, which was a large one, and I sometimes attended with Catharine. She was the first to die after we went to Chicago. Myran was also small, and prided herself on her sarcasm. She washed the individual sugars and creamers in the butler's pantry and I dried for her, so heard much of this talent. She and Winn Sweet married after leaving and both worked as telegraph operators.

LANE
May

Came from California (V). I have no recollection of him, but remember her as being excessively "proper." She thought a woman should never mention perspiration. She said "Horses sweat, men perspire and ladies become all aglow." She also considered any infraction of the rules as next to criminal. She came downstairs one evening just as Harry, Laurie, Robbie, Ruth, Nina and I were leaving the bakery room behind the kitchen, where we had been having a snack and was apparently horrified. She followed us girls upstairs as far as the second floor, saying "Shame on you; shame on you," while we disrespectfully giggled and went on to the third.

LEUTTICH
Carl, f.
Charley

They were fisherman and lived permanently at the island while I was there.

LEWIS
_____, m.
Edith
Ethel
Frankie

(W)

Members - 12.

LINTON
Billie, f.
 , m.
Jimmie
Mary

(W)

LOWE
Alice

A musician from California (V).

MANE
George

One of the gardners.

McCOMBER
Mary
Libby

They were sisters and the owners of Queen, the big cream colored great Dane dog, which they loved and treated as a child. Lovelle and I often went with them when they walked her at Beth Ophrah.

McCONNELL
Jewel

Daughter of Nona Hoag by her first marriage. A very pretty little girl, Will remembers her as his first heart throb.

McDONALD
Ned.
Will

They were the sons of the McDonalds in Beaver Falls at whose home we attended Doctor's lectures. Ned played the mandolin and Will the guitar and often entertained with them. One of them also played the violin with the orchestra when it played at Beth Ophrah. Both lived at Englewood and do not believe either stayed long.

McPHETTER
Emmit

She was totally blind so I used to go and read to her while we were in Washington Heights until Pappa learned that she showed her appreciation by stroking my face. This worried him because she always seemed to have eruptions on her face and hands and he was afraid I might "catch something" from her. She had been a nurse before she became blind.

MEASDAY
Stafford

Was one of those who fired the boiler for the machine shop and laundry at Estero. An Englishman, he would give me a dime and send me to the store for "crullers," a sort of doughnut (W).

MICHEL
Hedwig

Came from Germany to join some years after Doctor's death. A capable, energetic person who did a great deal to rebuilding the store's business and engineered turning the Unity property over to the state to become the "Koreshan State Park."

MILES
Elam

A Civil War Union veteran (W)

MILLER
Alice
Jeanie, m.
Neva
Ruth

Alice and Jeanie were sisters. While they were still "outside Korekhans" in Chicago, there was a pageant depicting the battle of San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War, and it could be seen free from the long porch of the Miller's apartment so they invited Unity members to be their guests, including Lovelle and me.

Members - 13.

- MONTGOMERY From California after 1908 (V).
Charlotte, m.
with 4 Sons
- MOORE From England after 1908 (V)
Arthur
- MORCHENSKY A youngish Russian Jew (R). I remember him, also,
Julius from my visits (M).
- MORELAND From Denver (V)
Henry, f.
i, m.
Harold
Floyd
- MORGAN None of us remember much about Enoch as he was not
Enoch, f. there long after we came to Estero. Martha was a
Martha, m. tiny thing. She died after leaving but asked be-
David forehand that her body be cremated and the ashes
Will brought back and scattered over the grounds at
Jay Estero, which was done. Jay was a talented mu-
sician and gave most of the rest of us music les-
sons when we first came to Estero.
- MORTIMER Always called "Chris," she was another small woman,
Christine and a non-conformist. She wanted to do nothing but
stay in her room and work on elaborate sketches of
the human brain, about which she had some theory.
- MORROW Professor Morrow was the first person I ever saw
Ulysses, f. using a typewriter and it seemed impossible that
Rose, m. he could hit the keys so fast and know what he was
Eva doing. Eva left, after many years there, to marry
Harry Louis Cole. Harry was one of the fishermen at the
island after he grew up.
- MOSHER We knew her only at Washington Heights, where she
Jane died after an operation.
- MUNCH He was one of the men at Beth Ophrah and the thing
Ed I remember especially about him is that he had
erysipelas of the face and his nose became terribly
enlarged.
- NARCELLIS He lived in the log house at Estero and was in
Theodore charge of the nursery; was a wizard with plants
and most of the original plantings in our yard
were started by him, though believe the only
ones left now are the cajeput and golden rain
trees, the bamboo and a few crotons. The surinam
cherries came from seeds which Mamma saved for me.
- NEFF A quiet little woman whom I always liked. She
Marian worked in the bakery and seldom said anything
unless addressed first.

Members - 14.

NEWCOMB

Hattie, m.
James
Vesta

Hattie had charge of the dining room at Estero while I lived there. James was a tall fellow who played one of the coronets in the orchestra and had charge of the cows for awhile. After I recovered from the typhoid, Catharine and I used to wander down to the stable about milking time for an extra drink of milk. He later married Cora Newcomb and they lived at LaBelle. Vesta and Catharine spent a good bit of time together when we first went to Estero and she is now the sole surviving member of those there before Doctor's death still living on the old home grounds.

NORTON

Emma

Was Doctor's sister and the matron at Estero. She always made me think of a sparrow, the way she would dart in to give her instructions and out again before anybody could say anything, but she was goodhearted.

PASTERMACK

Jesse

A printer. His son fought in the Spanish Civil War on the loyalist side and was killed (W).

PAULSON

Fred
Frederica

Husband and wife from Norway. She helped when Mamma and I were both ill in the little cottage among the mulberry trees.

PAVITT

Frank, f.
Lucretia, m.
Preston
Frank, Jr.
Irene
Eunice

They joined in Chicago some time after we did. Preston did not stay long. Irene was my age.

PEDERSON

Lauritz

A Scandinavian, though do not know from which country. It was said that when he was pretending to be reading, he was really watching the girls for it was noticed that his magazine was often upside down (L). I remember that he constructed an amusement park for the young folks to the southwest of the main grounds and that some of his contrivances were really clever but for some reason it was never used much.

PEISART

Edgar

One of the "odd balls." He came from the "House of David" sect and believe went back there; wore a beard and long hair (R). Attracted a small following, including John Clinchey (W).

PIERCE

Uriah

A stout man with a shiny bald head. The young boys called him "Skating Pond Pierce," because they said flies skated over his hairless head (R).

POOLE

Mr. and Mrs.
Several Children

Did not stay long; understand he was later Mayor of Clearwater (W).

POTTER
Amanda Tidd

Don't think she ever approved very much of the younger people, but must give her credit for refraining from voicing her opinion; lost her mind in her old age and disappeared while at the island when she left the house during the night. A search when her absence was discovered failed to find her and she was thought to have waded into the water and perhaps was eaten by sharks. (L-R)

PRATER
Louise

From Tacoma, Washington (V).

PRICE
Doctor
Ada

Husband and wife. Doctor Price (whose given name no one seems to remember) was an orator and actor. One of his favorite readings was "Darius Green and his Flying Machine." (W)

POTNAM
Jesse

One of the old timers. Was in the printing office in Chicago and came to Estero with the last contingent; played the bass viol in the orchestra. His voice was deep like his instrument, and he was the bass in the singing quartet.

RABY
Charley
Ralph

We knew the Rabys while in Freedom as Charley worked in the tower with Pappa and came into the Unity soon afterward. Eventually he went to Fort Myers, was married and brought up a family, although no longer young. Ralph lived with him in Freedom and was in Catharine's room in school. She did not like him and when he crawled up the aisle to her desk, she nearly broke her slate over his head. However, he was the one who received the reprimand, not she.

RAHN
Claude

Claude and Imogene were married some time after both left, but she died and he remarried and lives at Vero Beach. He is very interested in genealogy and has Swiss ancestry so, while doing some research in Lancaster, Pa., when I first became interested, he checked our Showalters there at the same time. Several of his genealogies are at the State Library in Tallahassee. He is one of the directors of the K. U.

RICHARDSON
Alex
David

Brothers and Welsh. David was a chiropractor and a good person, I always thought. I did not know Alex.

RICKETTS
Lavinia

(R)

ROBINSON
Elizabeth

She was matron at Beth Ophrah and occupied the second parlor room, but I have no special memories of her. She had a married son living in Chicago at that time (M). Aunt of the Kennedy children (W).

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RUGG

Lillian, m.
Virginia
Celeste^a

From Denver (V). I remember that she was very kind and nice (L). Virginia played the violin and Celeste the trumpet (W).

RUTH

Oliver
Blanche

Oliver was a physican. They came from Muscatine, Iowa, and brought their horse Nellie. In Washington Heights he had charge of the farm, so Lovelle and I planted and picked garden vegetables under his teasing instructions. Blanche was our schoolteacher in Chicago and part of the time in Estero; returned to Muscatine and Blanche died. Some time later Oliver married Nina's mother, Alice Burrows, and their son Dean lives in Washington state.

SANDER

George, f.
_____, m.

This family came after I left and did not stay long enough for me to know on my visits; remembered by the others but no special items of interest cited.

Bernadette
Roland
Girard
Livingston

SARGENT

John

A Civil War veteran on the Union side and, perhaps because of his beard, I could always picture him in his blue cap and uniform. Belle Cox engineered having a federal marker placed at his grave. One of Lovelle's two favorite men there.

SAUNDERS

Emerson

A little fellow with a quissical grin who limped and walked with a cane.

SCHLENGEL

Conrad

Lived until 1965. The little Park map published in the Eagle identifies his cottage.

SCHWENDEL

Edna

A matter of fact somebody whom I knew only from my visits, but always liked.

SCRIVEN

_____, m.
Eelja
Harlan

A young Holland Dutch woman whose husband had been English. Her old father came with them, but had TB and died. Eelja's name pronounced "Ailya" (R).

SHAW

Virgil

(W).

SMITH

Frank

(R).

SILVERFRIEND

Etta
Henry

Sister and brother. Etta, always on the Board, was treasurer after Evelyn Bubbett no longer held that post. Henry was an expert at reading palms, telling fortunes, etc., so was in demand as an entertainer at "outside" gatherings as well as in the Unity.

SPOONER

Walter

I remember where he sat in the diningroom, but that is all.

STATON

Lou

A barber by trade, he came into the Unity at Chicago as a young man; always wore his taffy colored hair a little longer than the other men; stayed at Englewood but came to Estero with the same group we did and was there on all of our visits until the recent one.

STEELE

Benson

One time editor of The Flaming Sword (V).

STEPHENS

Perry, f.

Cora, m.

Alafea

Mace

Wade

Cora sometimes came to Tampa and always visited us, usually overnight. She sent Mace to a "work and learn" school somewhere in central Florida. Alafea later worked in Detroit and married a Norwegian; understand she has made several trips to that country. Wade lives in Tampa.

STEVENS

Romelia

Was very fond of green tea; often made it and brought cups to Mamma and Lovelle, who says it is still her favorite kind of tea.

STOTLER

Esther

Came from Pittsburgh after the death of her husband; a first cousin of Andrew Mellon; taught dancing to the girls, and was pianist in the orchestra when first organized.

STRAIN

David

He was a man with steel nerves. Pappa said Addison Graves, the dentist, told him he had drilled into the line nerve in David's tooth and he never flinched (W). Later he had his name legally changed to David K. Temple (R).

SWEET

Winn

Came into the Unity at Chicago as a young man. For some reason he took an interest in me as a youngster (then 10 or 11) and taught me to play chess, his favorite game. I can remember sitting playing it for long periods in the assembly room; married Myran Lane and they lived in Chicago, but understand they separated later on.

TEED

Jesse

He was Doctor's father and was at Beth Ophrah for a short time. I remember him only as an old man with a white beard, living in the little cottage which we used as a schoolhouse for a time; had been a doctor in New York state.

TEED

Oliver f.

Sarah, m.

Mabel

Mildred

Doctor's brother and was at both Beth Ophrah and Estero. Vesta says his wife had been Sarah Crofton, but believe she had died before he and the children came in (M). The girls often spoke of "Aunt Anna," who had taken care of them for awhile (R); believe Mildred died fairly young, but Mabel married a man by the name of Hummel and she and Nina kept in touch for years (M).

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THATCHER
Orline

Although quite a fashionplate when she came in at Chicago, by the time she decided to accompany me north by boat on one of my vacation trips, her clothes and hair style were decidedly on the freakish side so, when I became friendly with two young women on the boat, would have preferred that she be known just as my room mate, but she went to great pains to tell everybody that she was a special friend of my mother!!

TURNER
Walter

Worked in the kitchen at Estero the same time as Lucy Wright and can remember hearing them arguing a good bit.

VAN DUZEE
Junius B.
Isadora

Husband and wife but he left before long and married a woman they had both known before coming in. However, they still corresponded in a friendly way, and Isadora also heard from Junius's son, occasionally (R).

WADE
Andrew

WAGNALLS
Abbie

Her room was next to Mamma's while Mamma was still in the second floor dormitory and they were good friends. She was a sister of the Wagnalls in the publishing company of Funk & Wagnalls. Her work was sewing, which she did beautifully.

WAKEMAN
Melora

A sister of Doctor, Oliver and Emma. I did not know her, but the others did.

WALLACE
Ross, f.
Naomi, m.
Ruth

Ruth was one of the Highland fling girls. I believe the family later moved to Moore Haven, or somewhere in that area.

WATSON
John

A red-headed, blue-eyed, freckled Scotchman. Engineer and cook on the Victoria when I was making trips back to Estero (M); also was in charge of the kitchen at the time some of the girls were pressed into service to get the suppers. He initiated them into their duties with a lecture on what he called "the economics of the kitchen" (L).

WEAVER
Moses
Adah

They were Mennonites and when they joined in Chicago she was still wearing her little Mennonite bonnet. Adah did not remain but Moses did. He had a bad case of typhoid at the same time I was ill with it. Very artistic, he became the official artist and sculptor for the colony at Estero. Much later, he and Tacy Durbin left and were married.

WEBSTER

Eugene, f.
Nettie, m.
Goldie
Daniel

My acquaintance with the Websters was only when they were with the "cooperative" at Washington, D. C., when Goldie was already married but came to the place for little visits. The others knew them in Estero.

WEIMAR

Augustus, f.
Elizabeth, m.
Lillie
Mamie

He was my doctor at the time I had anemia. Lillie was a cripple and died young. Mamie married a man in the post office department at Washington, D. C. and they lived there.

WELTON

Ada

Mother of Rose Gilbert and Ann Lewis, she was the postmistress at Estero until she reached retirement.

WEISS

Albert

A little Jewish boy whom his father left at the Unity for a year or two. During that time his father would send him boxes of candy. Albert would trade pieces of candy for the other boys' toys, and pretty soon the candy was gone and Albert had all the toys (W).

WHITE

Edna

WILLIAMS

Clyde

About Will's age. When he came from Marco, was pleasant and courteous for the first few days and then became quite aggressive. When asked why he seemed so mild mannered at first, he replied: "I was afraid you'd wea me out." (W)

WILLIAMS

Ida

A cousin of Doctor. She was in Washington, D.C. with us in the early days; very stylish and sophisticated (L).

WILSON

Frank

A dentist from Colorado (V). He was the official dentist at Estero after Addison Graves left.

WOODBURY

Elzina

Assistant matron at the children's cottage in Washington Heights and was liked by all of the girls and children.

WOODRUFF

Cecilia

Married Richard Jentsche after they both left the Unity.

WORRELL

William

In Estero briefly (R-W).

WRIGHT

Harriet

An artist from Denver (V).

WRIGHT

Robert, f.
Lucy, m.
Mary
Julia

Mary, whom I knew only at the children's cottage in Washington Heights, died of TB before the others came to Estero. She played the guitar. Julia grew up at Estero and married John Horne. They had two or three children and lived up the Estero River.

YALEY

Theodore

Ellen

Husband and wife. He was a tinsmith and had a high, rather squeaky voice, but was nice to everybody, as was Ellen. She had the corner room next to Lovelle and me when I had the anemia and always asked if there was anything I needed when she would be going downstairs. Lovelle tells of a little episode after Ellen had moved to one of the small cottages. Lovelle stopped by one day and was hospitably served a cup of coffee into which Ellen had put a spoonful of salt instead of sugar. Lovelle drank it without a word. Some days later when they happened to meet, Ellen asked about it, saying she had recently changed the contents of some of her containers and had put salt in the one formerly used for sugar, so wondered about it. Lovelle stoutly maintained that it was sugar but never was sure whether Ellen believed her or not. To some, Ellen's loud, incessant talking was annoying and Allen being one of them, he transposed the letters of her name and called her "Yellin Aley."

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