

## **THE FAMILY OF CLARA SHORTRIDGE FOLTZ**

### **SAMUEL BOONE SHORTRIDGE (Grandfather)**

- o Born: Kentucky
- o Morgan
- o John
- o Samuel
- o Seven sons
- o Abram (1892-still living in Indiana)
- o Samuel Benton Shortridge
- o Samuel Milton Shortridge
- o Phyliss Shortridge Parola
- o Elias

### **ELIAS WILLETS SHORTRIDGE (Father)**

- o Born: 1825, Indiana
- o Died: November 6, 1890 San Jose, CA.
- o Married: Talitha Cumi Harwood
- o Career: Lawyer, Minister of Cambellite Church, Miner and Rancher, Lecturer
- o 1860,1864 Campaigned for Lincoln
- o 1872 Moved to Portland, OR.
- o 1873 Moved to San Jose
- o 1876-79 In San Jose, lecturing and practicing law
- o 1880 (ca) Moved to Tucson Arizona, mining, ranching, returning for occasional visits and to die

### **TALITHA CUMI HARWOOD SHORTRIDGE (Mother)**

- o Born: September, 1824, Indiana
- o Died: 1910, Los Angeles

## **Siblings**

### **SAMUEL (MORGAN) SHORTRIDGE**

- o Born: August 3, 1861
- o Died: Dec. 30, 1952
- o Married: 1898, Laura Gashwiler
- o Children:
  - o Samuel M. Jr. B. 1901
  - o John G. b.1906; died Oct.23, 1969 CA. (Stanford, Hastings)
- o Career: "Silver-tongued orator of the Pacific"
- o 1874 (6?) when family first moved to S.J; worked in mines in Nevada City.
- o 1879 graduates from high school in S.J.--valedictorian
- o 1879-83 teacher and principal in NAPA (Rutherford; St. Helena); writes for press, lectures

- o 1883: Studies for the Bar in San Francisco--in law offices of D.N. Delmas
- o 1884 Served in Presidential Campaign of James G. Blaine
- o 1885 Admitted to the Bar--Offices 234 Montgomery St. (CSF offices at 331 Montgomery
- o 1888-1900-1908 Republican Presidential Elector
- o 1896- Attorney for Claus Spreckels and many others concerned with Hawaiian sugar interests
- o 1920-1933 U.S. Senate (Served March 4, 1921-March 3, 1933
  - o (opposed entrance to UN;CSF estranged in 1926 campaign in which he referred to women as "peanut heads")
- o 1933-Returned to practice in S.F. after being defeated in Republican primary by Talent Tubbs (Tubbs lost to Democrat, William McAdoo

### **CHARLES SHORTRIDGE**

- o Born: August 24,1857
- o Died: June 1918 Oakland, CA.
- o Married: May 1881 Adele McLeod
- o Children:
  - o Vesta: Married: Emil Braguire 1904
  - o Charles (Monte)
- o Married - Note that Charles Shortridge's second wife was named Elizabeth Wright, married July 1, 1899
- o Married July 1908 Delmas Martin
- o Children:
  - o Daugher Doe
  - o Clara May Shortridge
  - o Gloria Shortridge
  
- o Career: Newspaper publisher, state senator, lawyer
- o 1883 Daily Times, San Jose
- o 1884 Bought San Jose Mercury and combined with the Daily Times
- o 1887 Director of San Diego Bee Company (CSF's newspaper in San Diego
- o 1895(Jan.)-1897 (Sept.)-San Francisco Call-- Call said to be "the organ of the Spreckels interest" (NY Times 1-17-96)
- o 1896-Established Eastern headquarters of Call at 34 Park Row, N.Y.--Dave Foltz (CSF's son-hired as Eastern Advertising Agent)

### **JOHN SHORTRIDGE**

- o Born: June 7, 1846 Indiana
- o Died: September 29, 1899, Gainesville, Texas
- o Married: Alwilda S.(from Indiana, died Feb. 8, 1903)
- o Career: Mayor of Gainesville; 1882 Interview with CSF says he was Federal soldier in "late war" and a prisoner at Andersonville

### **MILTON SHORTRIDGE**

- o Born

- o Died
- o Married
- o Career:
- o 1882 CSF says a merchant in Des Moines
- o 1890 of Tucson, Arizona (at time of Elias' death)

### **Children**

- o Trella Evelyn (Toland; White), b. 1866, d. 1902
- o Samuel Cortland, b. 1868
- o David Milton, b. 1870
- o Bertha May (Smalley; Newman), b. 1872
- o Clara Virginia (Catron); b. 1876

#### **TRELLA EVELYN**

- o Born: 1866, Illinois
- o Died: Before 1924
- o Married: October 1888, San Diego (Charles Gridley Toland)
- o Children:
  - o William Gridley Toland, November 11, 1889.
- o Widowed: April 1891 (dies of overdose of opium)
- o Married: New York: 4 Oct.1900 George Emmons White son of Rear Admiral White)
- o Career: Actress
- o 1886-Actress in "California Company"--
- o 1896 -Actress in New York (reported as successful in New York Times article about CSF 1-17-96) with Frohman company in New York--
- o 1902—Died in New Jersey—I think--

#### **SAMUEL CORTLAND**

- o Born 1868 (9)
- o Died Before 1924
- o Married: Clara, (1900 census--shows both her parents from Germany, she originally from Illinois; b. 1871)

#### **DAVID MILTON**

- o Born: ca 1871
- o Died: Oct. 5, 1932, (L.A. living with CSF)
- o Married; ca 1905, Bessie H.
- o Career: Newspaper business with his uncle; other businesses with his mother
- o 1889: entered advertising department of the Mercury
- o 1895: Eastern representative for the Call in New York
- o 1910: Census says he is an employer in the Oil business
- o 1916-City Superintendent at S.F. for Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York (writes to CSF congratulating her on magazine--New American Woman (March)
- o 1932 When died only property he left was a 1/4 interest in Carreaga Rancho, Oil Rights in

Santa Barbara worth about 650.00--(probate document-shows no children-wife Bessie Foltz--both lived with CSF at 153 Normandie)

### **BERTHA MAY**

- o Born: Oct. 1870, San Jose
- o Died: June 14, 1915, Los Angeles
- o Married: ca 1893 Fayette Smalley (Smaley?)
  - o March 1895-son Lafayette Smalley
- o Married: ca 1910 Walter Newman
- o Career: Actress

### **VIRGINIA KNOX (Clara Virginia)**

- o Born: 1876, San Jose
- o Died: ca 1955, New Mexico
- o Married: (Unknown first name) Martin--date of marriage unknown but was married to him in January 1917, when Virginia's pic on cover of New American Woman
- o Married: John W. Catron
- o Career: Singer and Actress
- o 1895-96 Studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston
- o 1911-13--while CSF a deputy D.A. in L.A., Virginia appears on stage at the Mason Opera House--the first time CSF has seen her perform, Plays "Pepita" in *Madame Sherry*.
- o 1917-Playing Yum-Yum in the Mikado in L.A. (New American Woman reviews, April, 1917)

## **Other**

### **CHARLES, (C.E.) GUNN**

- o Born 1853 Pierce County Wisconsin
- o Died
- o Career: CSF's "good friend" (lover?); lawyer, associated with her in most of her early enterprises
- o 1878-in San Jose, debating political matters for Republicans
- o 1880 Chief Clerk of the Assembly in Sacramento--from San Jose
- o 1887 In San Diego with CSF--accompanies her to social events,
- o 1887 Goes to join Elias Shortridge, CSF's father, in Tucson, Arizona
- o 1890 Pall-bearer at Elias Shortridge's funeral in San Jose
- o 1899 Listed as the "surveyor" for the Clara Foltz Gold Mining Co.