

Appendix A: Genealogy of Clara Shortridge Foltz: Her parents, siblings, children, and descendants.

Talitha Cumi Harwood Shortridge (mother)

DoB: Sept. 4, 1824¹

DoD: Los Angeles, January 10, 1910

Died in Clara's house at the age of 85.²

A physician had attended her from July 6, 1906 to Jan. 10, 1910. Cause of death, valvular heart trouble, five years in duration, and edema of the lungs. Signed by Rebecca Lee Dorsey, MD³

Internment at Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, California on Jan. 12, 1910 at 2:00.⁴

Elias Willets Shortridge (father)

DoB: c. Feb. 2, 1826

DoD: November 6, 1890 San Jose, CA⁵ at age 64 years 9 months and 4 days.

Married: c. 1845

Lawyer, Minister of Cambellite Church, Miner, Rancher, and Lecturer.

1879: Nov. 22, located and claimed the Lincoln Mine in the Cababi Mining District, about 70 miles west of Tucson. His partners were William Winslow and D.A. Beaing. He located, claimed and recorded quite a number of silver mines all over the Santa Ritas before 1880, primarily in the Helvetia Mining District, an area rich in silver. The pattern was to locate the mines, then return to Tucson to claim and record them.

1880: Census lists him living in the Palace Hotel, occupation: Lawyer

Jan. The *Tucson Citizen* reports that Clara came to Tucson to visit her ailing father.

Jan. 21, Witnessed location and claim of Alice Mine.

Dec. 23, conveyed ½ interest option to W.F. Fitzpatrick to the Grant, Alice, and Lincoln mines located in the Cababi Mining District, 70 miles west of Tucson.

1883-1884: listed in the Tucson Register as a miner

1886: Purchases land from C.C. Stephens 14 miles south of Tucson.

¹ L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1910, vol. 46, no. 132.

² Los Angeles Times, Jan. 11, 1910, part 1, p. 16, col. 2.

³ L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1910, vol. 46, no. 132.

⁴ Los Angeles Times, Jan. 12, 1910, part 1, p. 16, col. 2.

⁵ The Wave, Nov. 15, 1890.

1887: Oct. 12, Elias grants son, Charles, some land. He has land business in Tucson until 1896.

1889: Aug. 19, Talitha and Elias co-sign a loan in Tucson (was she living in Tucson and San Jose?)

Oct. 28, sold rights to wood off the Oasis Ranch, 14 miles south of Tucson, to Benigno V. Garcia.

1890: Jan. 15, Milton receives ½ of his father's land for \$1.

Oct. 31, hand wrote a will in Santa Clara County. Mentions "all of my interests in mining claims located in said Territory"; Owned an undivided ½ of land with son Milton C. Shortridge; owned 800 acres of land, 40 head of cattle, 4 horses, and 2 wagons.

Appraisers valued his assets at 625 acres of land, ½ of which is 312.5 acres—\$1562.50; farming implements at \$50; 20 head of stock cattle--\$50; 1 horse--\$10; total \$1672.50.

Nov. 12, 1889-Aug. 19, 1890: spent \$100 on medical bills

Nov. 6, died in San Jose, CA

John R. Shortridge (brother)

DoB: June 7, 1846 in Indiana⁶

DoD: Sept. 29, 1899 in Gainesville, Texas

Johns' occupation: Union soldier, prisoner at Andersonville, and three-term mayor of Gainesville, Texas (from 1894-1899, was in office at the time of his death⁷).

Married Alwilda S. of Tennessee. Born Dec. 24, 1857. As a 42-year-old widow in 1900, she was a landlord in Gainesville City, Texas, and owned her own home free and clear, and did not have any children.⁸ Died Feb. 8, 1903.⁹

Clara Shortridge Foltz

[Not discussed in detail in this appendix]

DoB: July 16, 1849

DoD: Sept. 2, 1934, Los Angeles, Inglewood Cemetery

⁶ Fairview Cemetery compilation.

⁷ 1873-1948 City Officials, Gainesville, Texas; Golden V. Adams, Jr., Accredited Genealogist, Foltz Report, Aug. 17, 1987

⁸ 1900 Census, United States. Cooke County, Gainesville City, Texas, June 8, 1900, microfilm roll number, GS#1241623.

⁹ Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas (ed. Sue Wood and Ronnie Howser). Division 18A.

Milton Shortridge

DoB: c. 1851

DoD:

1882 Merchant in Des Moines, Iowa

1890 joined his father in the mining business, was 39 in Tucson, Arizona when his father died.

1892: listed in the Great Register as living in Tucson.

Charles Morris Shortridge (brother)

DoB: Aug. 24, 1857¹⁰

DoD: June 30, 1918, San Jose, at age 60.¹¹

Married:

1) Adele McLeod, April/May 1881; children: Vesta, Charles (Monte) Jr.

2) Elizabeth Wright, July 1, 1899 (others say “1901”), divorced her to marry Delmas.¹²

3) Delmas Walter Martin (age 23 to his 40¹³), June 30, 1908¹⁴ Children: A two-month old baby daughter choked to death in 1909 on a bottle nipple.¹⁵ Clara May (named after Clara) and Gloria (c. 1914).

Charles was Clara’s most interesting brother. He was an editor, publisher, California State Senator, and lawyer. Wild history of libel suits. Had great periods of wealth and generosity followed by want. He may have put Clara’s children through school.¹⁶

1881: April/May. Married Adele McLeod. Has two children, Vesta and Charles (Monte) Jr.

pre-1883: Gas lamp lighter for SJ Gas Co. for \$28 a month¹⁷, Office boy for the Daily Mercury under ownership of J.J. Owen, the famous newspaperman who he would later buy the paper from; later cashier and collector

1883: Went into the real estate and insurance business briefly, purchased the Daily Times, the opposition paper to the Mercury, in San Jose for \$5,500.00¹⁸

1884: Bought the San Jose Mercury from his old employer, J.J. Owen, and combined with Daily Times to form the “Times Mercury.”

1885: Changed the name from the “Times Mercury” to the “Daily Mercury.” Absorbed a morning paper called the Republic.¹⁹

1887: Dave Foltz to return to SJ from San Diego to work for Charles at the Mercury; Charles and “Mrs. Shortridge” [Adele] made an extended tour through Arizona and New Mexico, is still the editor and owner of the San Jose Mercury, invested in grazing land in the Southwest, and

¹⁰ “The Press: Pen Pictures from the ‘Garden of the World’” p. 102-103 (short biography of Charles M. Shortridge).

¹¹ San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 7; The Call, July 2, 1918, p. 4, col. 8.

¹² Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 22, 1987 in San Raphael, California; see also Examiner, “Cupid Again Hits Former Senator: Weds Daughter of Woman Who Helped Him to Journalistic Success, Both Were Divorcess,” July 1, 1908, p. 5, col. 2.

¹³ Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 22, 1987 in San Raphael, California.

¹⁴ The San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, 1908. p. 3, col. 5

¹⁵ Examiner, “Baby Strangles Itself,” Aug. 22, 1909, p. 1, col. 4.

¹⁶ Interview with Gloria J. Shortridge, daughter of Charles M. Shortridge, and niece of Clara Foltz) July 6, 1987 (“she never had good thoughts of Clara Foltz since her father put Clara’s children through school and then died when she herself was only four.”)

¹⁷ “The Press: Pen Pictures from the ‘Garden of the World’” p. 102-103 (short biography of Charles M. Shortridge).

¹⁸ “The Press: Pen Pictures from the ‘Garden of the World’” p. 102-103 (short biography of Charles M. Shortridge).

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planned to stock them with horses and cattle, owns half interest in San Francisco Post²⁰; in the society page of the Bee: Charles and Adele, Clara Foltz and C.E. Gunn were the guests of Mr. Jesse Shepard at his home in Villa Montezuma;²¹ director of the San Diego Bee Company.

1893: Fined \$100 for contempt of court for publishing alleged testimony in Price divorce trial.²² Passed a bill in the state legislature calling for the removal of the state capital to San Jose.²³

1895: Strong silver advocate²⁴

1895: Jan. 5 creates a sensation when he outbid R.A. Crothers to buy the San Francisco Call for \$360,000,²⁵ the New York Times called it “the organ of the Spreckles interest”²⁶; established eastern headquarters of Call in New York (Dave Foltz was advertising agent); The Call endorses suffrage, over the objections of Charles’s business associates; proves financially disastrous and loses Call²⁷

1898: Charles loses his interest in the “Daily Mercury” to a local syndicate managed by Clarence M. Wooster, and soon after Alfred Holman took over as editor. Holman eventually sold the paper to E.A. and J.O. Hayes.²⁸

1899: Marries Elizabeth Wright, July 1, 1899²⁹

1900: Passes through bankruptcy, loses the “Evening Herald”; regains editorial management of San Jose Herald.³⁰

1901: The divorce certificate says Charles married Elizabeth Wright on July 1, 1901 at Carson, Nevada.

1904: Feb. 10. Marriage of daughter, Vesta.³¹ (check to see if she married Emil Braguire)

1906: February 15, Elizabeth “deserted” Charles in San Francisco

²⁰ Bee, Oct. 17, 1887, p. 4, col. 1.

²¹ Bee, Oct. 18, 1887, p. 8, col. 1.

²² Call, Jan. 21, 1893, p. 1, col. 7.

²³ San Jose Mercury Herald, July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 2.

²⁴ Harold F. Taggart, “California and the Silver Question in 1895”, Pacific History Review, vol. 6, p. 250 & 265, (1937).

²⁵ San Francisco Examiner, “Shortridge Gets The Call,” Saturday, Jan. 5, 1895; Morning Call, “New Era Dawns: The Morning Call Sold by Auction,” Jan. 5, 1895; The San Francisco Chronicle, Sold to Shortridge,” Jan. 5, 1895; San Jose Mercury Herald, July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 2.

²⁶ New York Times, Jan. 17, 1896.

²⁷ Who’s Who.

²⁸ William F. James and George H. McMurray, History of San Jose, p. 136 (1933).

²⁹ Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 22, 1987 in San Raphael, California.

³⁰ Who’s Who.

³¹ Chronicle, Feb. 10, 1904, p. 16, col. 2.

1906: Joins with Carrie Stevens Walter (who was city editor for his San Jose Times until her death, and the mother of Charles's third wife) to try to overthrow power of the Hayes brothers.³²

1907: June 11: Charles divorces Elizabeth. She does not appear in court.

1907: Accused of criminal libel by Rep. Hayes. Libel suit.

About this time, he was called the "cream of San Jose and San Francisco society" when he served on a committee to host a ball to open the beautiful Hotel Vendome.³³

1908: April: Jury secured for trial in libel suit. Found guilty.

June 30: Marries Delmas Walter Martin (age 23 to his 40³⁴).³⁵ Delmas had been married before, and she had a child named Mary Alice from her first marriage;

Nov. sued by Henry M. Ayer, Al Hubbard and Frank E. Mitchell for alleged criminal libel for article in the Times.³⁶

1909: May: Retired from management of San Jose Times to devote himself to the practice of the law;³⁷ Charles and Delmas lose their first child, a daughter: A two-month old baby daughter choked to death in 1909 on a bottle nipple.³⁸

1910: Charles and Delmas have Clara May (named after Clara); Charles fails to pay fine for Hayes libel case.³⁹

1914: Charles and Delmas have second daughter, Gloria (c. 1914).

1915-1918: Practices law in Oakland until his death.

1918: Charles died June 30, in the Dwight Way Sanatorium in Berkeley,⁴⁰ after he had been ailing for many months.⁴¹ He underwent an operation and never recovered. He left a widow and three children [Clara May and Gloria, and Charles M. Shortridge, Jr., who was on his way from Arizona⁴²].⁴³ Funeral at 2:00 Wednesday, July 3, 1918 at the chapel of the Oakland Crematory. c. 1921: third wife, Delmas, died.⁴⁴

³² Examiner, July 1, 1908.

³³ Eugene T. Sawyer, History of Santa Clara County, p. 100 (1922).

³⁴ Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 22, 1987 in San Raphael, California.

³⁵ The San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, 1908. p. 3, col. 5

³⁶ Call, Nov. 4, 1908.

³⁷ California Weekly, "Up and Down the State," May 14, 1909, vol. 1.

³⁸ Examiner, "Baby Strangles Itself," Aug. 22, 1909, p. 1, col. 4.

³⁹ Call, April 30, 1910.

⁴⁰ San Francisco Examiner, July 1, 1918, p. 1 col. 5.

⁴¹ San Jose Mercury Herald, July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 2; the Chronicle said "more than a year" (see San Francisco Chronicle, "C.M. Shortridge, Lawyer, Dies, After Illness, in Berkeley," July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 7).

⁴² San Francisco Chronicle, "C.M. Shortridge, Lawyer, Dies, After Illness, in Berkeley," July 1, 1918, p. 1, col. 7.

⁴³ San Francisco Examiner, July 1, 1918, p. 1 col. 5.

⁴⁴ Interview with Gloria J. Shortridge, daughter of Charles M. Shortridge and Delmas Martin Shortridge, and niece of Clara Foltz) July 13, 1987 (mother, Delmas, died when Gloria was seven).

When Charles died, Sam Shortridge put in Mission San Jose, an orphanage/boarding school. Sam had them to the house in Menlo Park on weekends and holidays,⁴⁵ but could not afford to care for them in his own home. Money was a problem for the Senator, but he went on about the gloried and beauties of home life, but he would not let the two girls be adopted. Sam and Laura Shortridge were kind to Clara May and Gloria. When she was in her 20s, Clara May went to see Clara Foltz in her office, and Clara was very cool toward her, making it clear that she did not want to have any relationship with her.⁴⁶

1967: Clara May died at the age of 57 in 1967.⁴⁷

⁴⁵ Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 22, 1987 in San Raphael, California.

⁴⁶ ⁴⁶ Interview with Gloria Shortridge, daughter of Charles Shortridge and Delmas Martin, July 13, 1987.

⁴⁷ Interview with Gloria J. Shortridge, daughter of Charles M. Shortridge, and niece of Clara Foltz) July 6, 1987.

Senator Samuel Morgan Shortridge (brother)

DoB: Aug. 3, 1861⁴⁸

DoD: Jan. 15, 1952 or Dec. 30, 1952

Married Laura Leigh Gashwiler on Aug. 3, 1889.

1890: Article in *The Wave* says it used to be the custom to laugh a Sam Shortridge for his conceit, his oratory and his appearance. “Those days are past.... Before a jury he is great; apart from the meretriciousness of his oratory, a fault of his age, for Mr. Shortridge is not yet thirty, he has a natural eloquence and a magnificent voice which he has learned how to modulate perfectly...Mr. Shortridge is only at the inception of his career.”⁴⁹

1910: Sam, 45, a lawyer in general practice, and Laura, 35, lived in San Mateo with their sons Samuel M., Jr., 9, and John G., 4. The children had an English nurse, Emily Birch, 28, who immigrated in 1908. The family had a Portuguese gardener, Manuel Leandre, 28, who immigrated in 1902.⁵⁰

Sam and Laura had two sons, both lawyers:

1. Samuel M. Shortridge, Jr. (Aug. 19, 1900-June 1, 1948, never married, died at 47 of coronary thrombosis⁵¹) “never married, brilliant, rounder, World War II, enlisted in Army, but collapsed under it and had to get out.”⁵² Sam Jr. had a history of alcoholism. Used influence to discourage federal Prohibition officials from raiding San Francisco in 1929. He was arrested for drunk driving Sept. 19, 1932 (resting his head on the steering wheel while zig-zagging up University Avenue in Palo Alto; paid a \$200 fine and had his license suspended for two months), and June 4, 1936 (asleep in the car with a married woman). Caught up in a receivership scandal in 1933. He was a member of a law firm in San Francisco called Shortridge & McInerney. In late May of 1948, he took a room in a private home in Los Angeles, where he lived for less than a week. When the door remained locked for several days, the police were called, the lock was forced, and he was found dead.⁵³
2. John Gashwiler Shortridge (1906-Oct. 22 or 23, 1969, probated father’s will in 1952; went to Sequoia High School, and graduated from Stanford with an AB in Political Science in June 1929). Was elected president of the Kern County Bar Association, June 8, 1938. Wife’s name was Katherine M. Shortridge.

Sam lived in Atherton from 1906 to his death in 1952.

The middle initial “M.” is for “Morgan” named after his paternal uncle.

Senator from 1920-1933. Lost re-nomination in 1932.

⁴⁸ See Palo Alto Times, Jan. 15, 1952, p. 1.

⁴⁹ *The Wave*, Oct. 11, 1890.

⁵⁰ 1910 Census, United States, San Mateo County, California, April 19, 1910, microfilm roll number GS# 1374117.

⁵¹ Palo Alto Times, June 2, 1948 p. 4

Interview with Gloria J. Shortridge, daughter of Charles M. Shortridge, and niece of Clara Foltz) July 6, 1987.

⁵³ Unknown newspaper, “Son of Former Senator Dies,” June 2, 1948.

Jeremiah D. Foltz (husband)

(5'7" fair complexion, blue eyes, dark hair)

Born

Died: Sept. 17, 1890 in Canton, Ohio

1861: Enlisted in the Union Army (there are two enlistment dates, Nov. 10 (as a private with the 76th Ohio Infantry) and Dec. 1 (as a corporal with the 63rd Illinois Infantry).

1862: April 10, mustered in at Jonesboro with the 63rd Illinois infantry.

1862: Nov. 14, discharged for disability from La Grange, TN. He is crippled in his back and left hip.

1873: March 6, Salem, Oregon, application made by J.D. Foltz for a copy of his Illinois military record.

1874: Listed as a merchant in Salem, Oregon; resided with the Shortridge family.

1879: Nov. 14, Santa Clara County, California—divorce papers between Jeremiah Foltz and Clara Shortridge Foltz (Jeremiah, the defendant, did not appear. Clara was the plaintiff. Clara received custody of the five children, Trella, 13, Samuel c., 11, David M. 9, Bertha May, 7, Virginia Knox, 3; and \$50 per month as alimony and her court costs.)

1880: June 27, Portland, Oregon. Married Kate M. McKernan by Justice of the Peace H.W. Davis

1883: May 7, Portland, Oregon, application for invalid pension and affidavits from friends who had known him 14 years saying he was totally unable to earn a living due to weak back and lumbago due to hard marching and exposure.

1885: Dec. 18, Portland, Oregon, another application for invalid pension

1890: Sept. 17, Jeremiah Foltz dies of "paralysis." Or lumbago from exposure.

1890: Dec. 11, Canton, OH, death certificate of Jeremiah D. Foltz

1890: Oct. 27, Canton, OH—application by Kate McKernan Foltz for widow's pension

1891: Jan. 30, Canton, OH—affidavits on behalf of Kate McKernan Foltz (she is entirely dependant on her own personal efforts to earn a subsistence.

1891: Dec. 26, Portland, OH—another application by Kate McKernan Foltz (stating that she had not been previously married and Jeremiah was divorced from his former wife on the 14th day of Nov. 1879).

(Clara's children):

Trella Evelyn Foltz

DoB: 1866

DoD: sometime before Nov. 4, 1912⁵⁴ maybe c. 1912 in Princeton, New Jersey. Cause of death, dropsey.⁵⁵

Married

- 1) Dr. Charles Gridley Toland, in Sept. 1888
- 2) George Emmons White in New York, 1900

Trella was an actress.

1880: Trella, age 14, was living with Clara, Sam and David at a San Francisco Hotel on Dupont Street.⁵⁶

1886 Actress in "California Company"

1888 September, first marriage to Dr. Charles Gridley Toland:

This was a second marriage for Toland. Charles, a doctor and the adopted son of the famous doctor H. H. Toland, was previously married to Anne L. Buckler on June 23, 1877.⁵⁷

1889: Nov. 11: Trella and Charles had one child, William Gridley Toland.⁵⁸

Trella and Charles were married for two years.

1891, April 6. Charles died in San Francisco on April 6, 1891 of either neuralgic pains to the heart, or more likely, an accidental morphine overdose). Trella came upon her husband dead in his office, when she came to pick him up to accompany her and his mother, Mrs. Toland, the authoress, to the ferry to Los Angeles.⁵⁹

1896 Actress in New York reported as successful in New York Times article about Clara Jan. 17, 1896.

After the death of Toland, Trella moved to New York, and is listed in the New York City directory for 1900-1901 as a widow and a teacher, living at 151 East 54th Street.⁶⁰

Trella kept an autograph book from the late 1890s, filled with signatures and notes from fairly famous and influential people of the time in New York, Philadelphia. Looks like she gathered

⁵⁴ Letter to the file from Barbara Babcock after meeting with William Gridley Toland, Jr. in San Francisco, Oct. 6, 1989 (quoting letter to Mrs. Edwina White, talking about how Trella was dead and what a good friend of Trella's she was).

⁵⁵ Notes from Jill Knuth, 1990.

⁵⁶ 1880 Census Soundex for the state of California.

⁵⁷ See Argonaut, Vol. 1, No. 11, June 23, 1877, p. 2

⁵⁸ Notes from Jill Carter Knuth, 1990.

⁵⁹ The San Francisco Call, April 7, 1891, p. 8 col. 4; The San Francisco Chronicle, Thursday, April 7, 1891; and The San Francisco Chronicle, April 8, 1891; The San Francisco Call, April 9, 1891, p. 3, col. 5

⁶⁰ Notes from Jill Knuth, Oct. 1989.

these on tour. There is a note from Clara: “To my own talented Daughter with a love whose depths and deathlessness words can not utter. Mama. Clara Shortridge Foltz, Catskill, N.Y. July 7, 1895.”⁶¹ Among others, Nellie Melba signed it.⁶²

1898: Trella signed her autograph book, “Wishing myself more rich in hope.” Signed April 18, 1898, Trella Foltz Toland.⁶³

1899: William Gridley Toland did not know his mother, Trella, very well because he spent his youth at a military academy [Hudson River Military Academy in Nyack, New York⁶⁴] while his mother was on the stage.⁶⁵ He was befriended and looked after by Charles Francis, the man who ran the military academy, who became his surrogate father.

1900: Oct. 4, 1900 Trella married George Emmons White, son of Rear Admiral Edwin White, in New York City at Calvary Episcopal Church, 21st and 4th Avenue, Thursday afternoon, at 4 o’clock. Only the immediate family was present.⁶⁶ White’s occupation—in advertising department, New York World. Education—Princeton University, New York Law School.⁶⁷ George was 29 and Trella was 34.

1901: Sept. 26, Trella signed her autograph book that she “rich in a good man’s love ” Sept. 26, 1901, signed Trella Evelyn White.⁶⁸

1906: William Gridley Toland may have been in San Francisco with his grandmother, Clara, during the earthquake. He had expected to attend Stanford, but the 1906 earthquake had so impacted his sponsor’s (C.S. Foltz) resources that he was left pretty much on his own.⁶⁹

1907, Oct. 17, Trella’s second husband, George Emmons White, died [at age 36] in New York of heart trouble after an illness of several months, and was buried in the Naval Cemetery at Annapolis.⁷⁰

1912: Trella was dead by this time.

⁶¹ Letter from Truman Toland, the son of William Gridley Toland, the grandson of Trella Foltz, and great grandson of Clara Foltz, to Barbara Babcock, dated Aug. 22, 1989; Memo to file, Barbara Babcock.

⁶² Letter from Barbara Babcock to Truman Toland, Oct. 9, 1989 (describing the autograph book).

⁶³ Note to the file by Barbara Babcock after meeting with William Gridley Toland, Jr. in San Francisco, Oct. 6, 1989; also, picture of Trella and son in front of New York brownstones with snow and top of apartment marked 133, inscription “Sept. 1898: “To dear “Mamie” [Clara] with love from Trella and her little man William Gridley Toland.”).

⁶⁴ Letter from Truman Toland, the son of William Gridley Toland, the grandson of Trella Foltz, and great grandson of Clara Foltz, to Barbara Babcock, dated Aug. 22, 1989; photo of William Gridley Toland, Hudson River Military Academy, May 3, 1899, on a pony, “To dear sweet Mary, with much love from William’s mama. Good luck to you. Candidly Trella.”)

⁶⁵ Memo to the file, dated Aug. 11, 1989, Interview with William Gridley Toland III.

⁶⁶ Princeton Press, Oct. 13, 1900, p. 2, col. 4.

⁶⁷ Notes from Jill Carter Knuth, 1990.

⁶⁸ Note to the file by Barbara Babcock after meeting with William Gridley Toland, Jr. in San Francisco, Oct. 6, 1989.

⁶⁹ Letter from Truman Toland to Barbara Babcock, dated Aug. 22, 1989.

⁷⁰ New York Times, Oct. 19, 1907, p. 9, col. 6. Neither the death notice nor the obituary from the Princeton Alumni Weekly mention Trella Foltz. Had she already died by that time?)

1910-14: William Gridley Toland was back in Nyack, New York. Received letters from uncle Dave Foltz, who felt guilty about not doing enough for him.

Samuel Courtland Foltz (married Nelle Carpenter on May 20, 1905 in San Francisco)
DoB: Oct. 1869 in Illinois⁷¹ or Oct. 21, 1868, Illinois⁷²
DoD: Jan. 15, 1919, Los Angeles,⁷³ tuberculosis

1880: Sam, age 12, was living with Clara, Trella, and David at a San Francisco Hotel on Dupont Street.⁷⁴

1887: Sam and C.E. Gunn (prominent attorney) went to Tucson, Arizona for six weeks on business.⁷⁵

1900: [red herring, not our Sam Foltz] a contractor named Sam Foltz, born Oct. 1869 in Illinois, and his German wife, Clara, born June 1871 in Illinois, lived on McAllister Street with brother, Fred. W. Voltz, a carpenter. They had been married for seven years.⁷⁶

1905 married Nelle Carpenter on May 20, 1905 in San Francisco.⁷⁷

1907: moved to L.A.⁷⁸

In 1915 Los Angeles City Directory:

Samuel C. Foltz; real estate; lived at 152 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles;
Clara is listed as living at 153 South Normandie Avenue

1919: Sam died at home in his late residence, 153 South Normandie Avenue, on January 15, 1919 at age 50 years, 2 months, 25 days. Funeral: Thursday, Jan. 16. Interment private.⁷⁹

Occupation on death certificate is "journalist." Physician attended Sam from January 1-14, 1919, "cause of death pulmonary tuberculosis." Signed E. E. Shurand, MD⁸⁰

Nelle C. Foltz died June 13, 1967 in Los Angeles at age 86.⁸¹ Born Dec. 26, 1880 in Texas. Occupation at death: "homemaker in her own home." Died of arteriosclerotic heart disease.⁸²

⁷¹ 1880 Census.

⁷² L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1919, vol. 154, no. 630.

⁷³ Los Angeles Daily Time, Jan. 16, 1919, part1, last page col. 7.

⁷⁴ 1880 Census Soundex for the state of California.

⁷⁵ San Diego Daily Bee, Dec. 29, 1887, p. 10, col. 3.

⁷⁶ 1900 Census, June 6, 1900.

⁷⁷ San Francisco Call, May 21, 1905, p. 52 col 3 (marriage licenses notice).

⁷⁸ According to his death certificate, Sam had lived in L.A. for 12 years. L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1919, vol. 154, no. 630.

⁷⁹ Jan. 16, 1919, part. 1, last page, col. 7 (Los Angeles Daily Time?)

⁸⁰ L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1919, vol. 154, no. 630.

⁸¹ California State Department of Vital Records, Death Index 1940-1987, on microfiche.

⁸² Notes from death certificates.

David Milton Foltz (married to Bessie L. Holmes June 1, 1905, in Palo Alto⁸³)
DoB: Feb. 5, 1870⁸⁴
DoD: Oct. 5, 1932⁸⁵ (heart failure)

In newspaper business with his uncle, Charles, at the Mercury and the Call; in the oil business with Clara; was an agent with Life Insurance Company for 27 years.

1880: David, age 10, was living with Clara, Trella, and Sam at a San Francisco Hotel on Dupont Street.⁸⁶

1887: took a position at the Mercury.⁸⁷

1905 June 1, married to Bessie L. Holmes in Palo Alto.⁸⁸
At the time of his marriage, David “represents the Equitable Life Insurance Company. He was formerly the business representative for The Call in New York and was for several years with the Judge Publishing Company.”⁸⁹

1910 David and Bessie were living in San Jose, and David was working as an employer in an oil promoting business. David, age 39, and Bessie, age 28, were renting a house at South Second Street, #48. Lodging with them was William F. Rambo, 34, single, a self-employed walnut and prune rancher.⁹⁰

1916: David was the City Superintendent at San Francisco of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.⁹¹

1918: Moved to L.A.⁹²

Moved in with Clara (in 1926?). David and, particularly, Bessie were the ones who looked after Clara in her old age.

⁸³ San Jose Daily Mercury, “David M. Foltz Married Yesterday.” June 2, 1905 (Only relatives attended. Bessie is from Eureka. The Rev. Dr. H.H. Bell officiated).

⁸⁴ According to the 1870 Census memo, date of birth is Feb. 1870, not Oct. 1871 or Feb. 5, 1872 as reported on death certificate.

⁸⁵ Los Angeles Times, Oct. 6, 1932, part 1, p. 8, col. 6 (claiming he died Oct. 5); Los Angeles Times, Oct. 7, 1932, part 1, page 7, col. 5 (claiming he died on Oct. 6); In “Petition to set aside estate to widow without administration”, D.M. Foltz died on or about Oct. 5, 1932.

⁸⁶ 1880 Census Soundex for the state of California.

⁸⁷ Daily Bee, Sept. 26, 1887, p. 1, col. 5.

⁸⁸ San Jose Daily Mercury, “David M. Foltz Married Yesterday.” June 2, 1905 (Only relatives attended. Bessie is from Eureka. The Rev. Dr. H.H. Bell officiated); San Francisco Call, June 1, 1905, p. 14, col. 3 (quoting marriage licenses: “David M. Foltz, 35, 726 Second Avenue, and Bessie L. Holmes, 25, 239 Oak Street.”)

⁸⁹ San Francisco Call, “David M. Foltz Take a Eureka Girl for a Bride: Quiet Wedding in Presbyterian Church.” June 1, 1905, p. 9.

⁹⁰ 1910 Census, April 21, 1910, Santa Clara County, San Jose Township, California.

⁹¹ The New American Woman, March 1916, p. 16

⁹² According to his death certificate, David had lived in L.A. for fourteen years when he died in 1932. L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1932, vol. 318, no. 1154.

Maybe an apocryphal story: “Even though Clara had five children of her own, she did not want David to have any, and so she forced Bessie to have an abortion.”⁹³ Clara did not want to share David with anyone. Once a week, Geraldine Dumont (Clara’s great-granddaughter), Fay (Bertha’s son, Clara’s grandson) and his wife, Ora, would go to South Normandie to have dinner with Clara, David, and Bessie. At some point, Clara was not coming out of her room, and meal trays would be left outside the door. Geraldine would be sent in to read to Clara. Clara would be friendly at first, but then would say, “that’s enough” after about 15 minutes. Clara was always dressed and made up, imperious in manner, friendly enough, but not loving to a great-grandchild. Clara’s room was full of books and academic clutter.⁹⁴

David might have been an alcoholic. He “always was sipping from a bottle in his desk.” He was nice except for being totally dominated by his mother. Family has it that Clara got extremely hard to deal with him her old age, and that trying to tend her broke Dave’s spirit and that is how and why he died. He was not a happy man, and didn’t have a happy life.⁹⁵

1932: David was 60 years, 8 months old when he died Oct. 5, 1932 according to the death certificate and the official death list in the paper Oct. 8, 1932. Died at home at 153 South Normandie Avenue. Occupation: agent, Life Insurance Company—last worked Oct. 1932 [worked right until the end]. Attended by physician since Oct. 5 [must have died suddenly]. Cause of death “angina pectoris, chronic myocarditis.”⁹⁶

He died intestate, leaving Bessie \$650.00 in oil rights in Virginia’s husband, John’s oil concern Careaga Rancho, and \$1,000.00 in other property. This money/personal property was tied up until June 12, 1934.⁹⁷ [Ironic since he was an insurance man]

Bessie H. Foltz died Jan. 17, 1972 in Los Angeles at age 91 at Sherman Way Convalescent Hospital. Her occupation had been to be a companion in various homes for seven years.⁹⁸ Physician attended her from Aug. 21, 1969 to Jan. 15, 1972. Cause of death: acute myocardial infraction, arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease, generalized arteriosclerosis; renal failure.⁹⁹

⁹³ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

⁹⁴ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

⁹⁵ Telephone Interview with Geraldine Dumont, Clara’s great-granddaughter, June 27, 1990.

⁹⁶ L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1932, vol. 318, no. 1154.

⁹⁷ “In the Matter of the Estate of D.M. Foltz, Deceased. Petition to Set Aside Estate [of David M. Foltz] to Widow without Administration.” June, 12, 1934.

⁹⁸ California State Department of Vital Records, Death Index 1940-1987, on microfiche.

⁹⁹ Death certificate.

Bertha May Foltz Newman

DoB: Jan. 1871 or October 11, 1872¹⁰⁰ or Oct. 1873, Iowa¹⁰¹ (she always lied about her age)
DoD: Los Angeles, June 14, 1915, Inglewood Cemetery¹⁰²

Married:

- 1) Lafayette James Smalley 1893
- 2) Walter H. Newman 1910-11

Bertha was beautiful, small and dark (other reports said she was a blonde), played the mandolin and sang, danced and acted on the San Francisco stage “back when that wasn’t done.”¹⁰³ There is a photo somewhere of Bertha in a Gibson girl outfit.

Occupation: actress.

In 1888, (when Bertha was 15 or 17) Clara placed Bertha (and Virginia) in the Hanna College in Los Angeles.¹⁰⁴

1891: Fay Smalley is a cashier at The Baldwin Bar.¹⁰⁵

1892: Bertha begins her acting career. “She made her debut with Grismer and Davies, in “Chispa,” at the Alcazar Theater, playing the part of the Florence Montcalm. When Stockwell opened the theater [what year was this?], which bore his name, Miss Foltz was a valuable member of the company, and appeared in every play presented for nearly a year. She went on the road with Clay Clement, in “The New Dominion,” originated the part of Flora May Randolph, and received the hearty commendation of the entire press in the East. Miss Foltz is petite in figure, with light golden hair and a pair of sparkling blue eyes, which are an index to the capabilities she possesses. She is destined to win an enviable place in her profession, for she has abilities of a high order.”¹⁰⁶

1893 Bertha married Lafayette James Smalley.

(Bertha’s first marriage ended in divorce, and may have been her downfall or led her to the alcoholism that killed her. Her first husband was variously a cashier at the Baldwin Bar,¹⁰⁷ a liquor merchant,¹⁰⁸ and a hotel bartender.¹⁰⁹)

1894-95: Fay Smalley is a bartender at The Baldwin.¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁰ Reported on death certificate, according to the 1870 Census memo. Bertha was born in Iowa, and was the very young baby with whom Clara traveled to Oregon.

¹⁰¹ 1900 Census, United States, San Francisco, June 2, 1900, microfilm # 1240103.

¹⁰² Los Angeles Daily Time, June 15, 1915, part 1, p. 10, col. 7.

¹⁰³ Telephone Interview with Geraldine Dumont, Clara’s great-granddaughter, June 27, 1990.

¹⁰⁴ San Diego Daily Bee, April 1, 1888, p. 7. col. 2 & 3.

¹⁰⁵ Langley’s San Francisco Directory, May 1891 [1892].

¹⁰⁶ San Francisco Call, “Bertha Foltz’s Success,” Sunday, February 7, 1897 (the glowing review appeared in the newspaper owned and written by her uncle, Charles M. Shortridge).

¹⁰⁷ Langley’s San Francisco Directory, Comm. May 1891, p. 1267 (from Golden V. Adams, Jr. Accredited Geneologist Research Findings.

¹⁰⁸ Census of the United States, June 2, 1900.

¹⁰⁹ Census of the United States, 1910.

1895: March 17, Bertha and Fayette James Smalley Sr. have a son, Lafayette James Smalley, Jr., called "Fay".¹¹¹

1897: February 7. Made an appearance with the Alcazar Company as the part of Olive Grey in "A Legal Wreck," due to the sudden illness of the lead actress, Miss Buckley. The next week, she played the part of Daisy Brown in the "Child of the Woods."¹¹²

1900: Bertha, 26, [already lying about her age] and her husband F. J. Smalley, 30, were living in San Francisco with their son, "Lafayett J.," 5, and F.J.'s sister, Bertha, 29. F.J. Smalley was at this time a liquor merchant, and they were renting a home at 239 Oak Street.¹¹³

1900-1909: some time in this period, Bertha and Lafayette divorce.

1908: Bertha moves to LA¹¹⁴

1909: Lafayette remarries German girl named Marie, and recovered from alcoholism himself. Became "respectable".¹¹⁵

Undated (but maybe August 1909) program from the Victory Theater.

Saturday night: "Woman Against the Empire" Starring Walter Newman as Phillippe Rambeau, Bertha Foltz played Lenora de Castiglioni.

Sunday matinee: "Hazel Kirk" Starring Walter Newman as Demstun Kirk and Bertha Foltz in the title role of Hazel Kirk.¹¹⁶

1910: May 10: Bertha Foltz is living in a boarding house in Long Beach City, L.A., CA, and lists her age on the census as 29, younger than she actually was, more like 38, and says her occupation is "actor". Living at the same address are four other single men: a policeman, a motorman, a conductor, and an actor, Walter Newman, 31.¹¹⁷ The Census lists as a fellow boarder another actor named Walter Newman, at the same boarding house at 127 East Ocean Avenue, in Long Beach City.¹¹⁸ Walter Newman would become Bertha's second husband.

Her son, Lafayette Smalley, Jr., 15, was a boarder with a carpenter named Fredrick Fellows, 45, and his wife Emilie, 43, and their two children, Oliver, 21, who was a machinist apprentice, and Dorris, 19, a parlor girl in a candy store.¹¹⁹

¹¹⁰ Langley's San Francisco Directory 1894 [1895] p. 1305.

¹¹¹ 1900 Census; Notes from death certificate of Fayette James Smalley, Jr.

¹¹² San Francisco Call, "Bertha Foltz's Success," Sunday, February 7, 1897 (the glowing review appeared in the newspaper owned and written by her uncle, Charles M. Shortridge).

¹¹³ 1900 Census.

¹¹⁴ According to her death certificate in 1915, she had lived in L.A. for seven years. L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1915, vol. 111, no. 2958.

¹¹⁵ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

¹¹⁶ Undated (but maybe August 1909) program from the Victory Theater.

¹¹⁷ 1910 Census, United States, Los Angeles County, Long Beach City, Township, May 10, 1910, microfilm roll number GS# 1,374,098.

¹¹⁸ May 10, 1910 Census.

¹¹⁹ 1910 Census, United States, Los Angeles, California, April 20, 1910, microfilm roll number GS#1374097.

Bertha's first husband, Fayette J. Smalley, 40, was residing at a Hotel in Auburn City, and is listed as a bartender at a hotel. He remarried a German girl named Marie, 23—17 years his junior—seven months before the census was taken [so probably 1909]. Marie had immigrated to the U.S. in 1891 at age 14.¹²⁰

1910-1911: Bertha marries Walter H. Newman.

1911: Dec. 27: Dave Foltz writes William Toland to describe Bertha as “happily married.”

1915: June 14, Bertha dies at home, 153 South Normandie Avenue, at age 42.¹²¹ Bertha died at age 42, 9 months, 3 days, beloved wife of Walter H. Newman, June 14, 1915, in her late residence No. 153 South Normandie Avenue.

Physician attended her from Oct. 14, 1914 to June 14, 1915. Her occupation at death was listed as “housewife” (no longer an actress). “Cause of death was acute nephritis, not puerperal. Contributing factors were malnutrition, chronic dyspepsia of seven years duration.” Signed by Howard W. Seager, MD¹²²

Her remains were at the parlors of Pierce Brothers & Company, Tuesday, June 15, at 3 p.m.¹²³ Funeral services will be held at Pierce Bros. & Co. Dr. E. Stanton Hodgkin [the minister of the First Unitarian Church] will officiate. Internment at Inglewood Park Cemetery.¹²⁴

Fay revered his mother, Bertha. Bertha died at age 42 an alcoholic. By the end, she was drinking a quart of gin a day. Fay believed that his father (who remarried a German woman named Marie,¹²⁵ and recovered from alcoholism) had started his mother to drinking. Even after his father became respectable and “nice”, Fay was always reserved toward him.¹²⁶

After Bertha died, Fay, age 20, was “sort of on the street,” until he went to live with Dave and Bessie. The story conflicts after that: Geraldine said her father never really felt taken in by Dave and Bessie, and had to wear hand-me-downs and “women’s clothes”;¹²⁷ but in David’s letters to Bill Toland, David says Fay was like a son to the childless couple.

Fay Smalley, married Oda Best, and they had a daughter named Geraldine Smalley Dumont in 1922. Fay was “the kindest, funniest man in the world.” He could “walk into a room and in minutes everyone was his friend.”¹²⁸ Financially, Fay was up and down his whole life; he owned a radio station at one point. His wife, Oda Best, was a Texas girl whom Clara and her children

¹²⁰ 1910 Census, United States, Auburn City, Microfilm roll number 1,374,104.

¹²¹ Los Angeles Daily Time, June 15, 1915, part 1, p. 10, col. 7.

¹²² L.A. City records, at the Hall of Records, Broadway and Temple Streets, Death Certificates, 1915, vol. 111, no. 2958.

¹²³ Los Angeles Daily Time, June 15, 1915, part 1, p. 10, col. 7.

¹²⁴ Los Angeles Daily Time, June 16, part 1, page 12, col. 7.

¹²⁵ 1910 Census, United States.

¹²⁶ Telephone Interview with Geraldine Dumont, Clara’s great-granddaughter, June 27, 1990.

¹²⁷ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

¹²⁸ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

never accepted and they treated her like “a country bumpkin,” even though she was great for Fay and took care of David’s wife, Bessie.¹²⁹

1934: When Clara died, Fay, her grandson, begged Virginia for something of his family, he especially wanted a “book” about Clara (maybe the autobiography?), but Virginia said she was the daughter and she was going to take the book.¹³⁰

1968: Fayette James Smalley, Jr. died May 24, 1968 in Woodland Hill, CA of “primary thrombosis, left cerebral; secondary thrombosis, myocardial, hypertension malignant; emphysema pulmonary, massive.” Physician attended him from April 14 to May 24, 1968. Occupation: he had been proprietor of KGIL Radio Station for six years.¹³¹

1985: Oda Smalley died Nov. 30, 1985, Orange County, California.¹³²

¹²⁹ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

¹³⁰ Interview with Geraldine Dumont, June 27, 1990.

¹³¹ Notes from death certificates.

¹³² California State Department of Vital Records, Death Index 1940-1987, on microfiche.

Virginia Foltz Catron

DoB: 1876

DoD: June 14, 1955¹³³

Married:

1) John Davidson?

2) Martin; cover of *The New American Woman*, Jan. 1917 is Virginia Foltz Martin

3) John W. Catron. No children. Her heir was her nephew-in-law, Thomas Catron III.

In 1888, (when Virginia was 12) Clara placed Virginia (and Bertha) in the Hanna College in Los Angeles.¹³⁴

She worked hard to become a singer and actress

1895-96: Studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston under the personal instruction of W. L. Whitney “foremost among America’s instructors in voice culture.”¹³⁵ She said she planned to study in Europe in 1897 to “arm myself more thoroughly” before taking to opera singing.

1900-1902: Lived in New York singing in operas with Lillian Russell and Fay Templeton.

March 3, 1902: Visited Clara in San Francisco: “Miss Virginia Foltz’s gowns are the envy of society.”¹³⁶

July 2, 1908: Call, p. 7

July 12, 1908, Call, p. 26

Feb. 14, 1908 Call, p. 8

1912: February, age 36, Appeared on stage at the Mason Opera House as “Pepita” in “Madame Sherry.”

Nov. 8, 1912 Call, p. 7

1917: Playing Yum-Yum in the *Mikado* in Los Angeles¹³⁷

1932: Lived in Orchard Camp, Santa Fe, New Mexico¹³⁸

“hated her mother”¹³⁹

¹³³ Letter from Susie M. Montoya, District Court Clerk, Santa Fe, New Mexico, dated August 8, 1975.

¹³⁴ San Diego Daily Bee, April 1, 1888, p. 7. col. 2 & 3.

¹³⁵ San Francisco Call, “Another California Girl Wins Laurels in New York, July 19, 1896 p. 21C

¹³⁶ San Francisco Call, “Coming of Virginia Foltz Creates a Stir in Society,” March 3, 1902.

¹³⁷ *The New American Woman*, “New Faces in Old Places,” April 1917, p. 27.

¹³⁸ “In the Matter of the Estate of D.M. Foltz, Deceased. Petition to Set Aside Estate [of David M. Foltz] to Widow without Administration.” June, 12, 1934.

¹³⁹ Telephone Interview with Geraldine Dumont, Clara’s great-granddaughter, June 27, 1990.

Virgie was beautiful; not small like Bertha; extremely cold to everyone. Her husband was very deaf and she would say mean things about him in a low voice right behind his back, and then talk sweetly and loudly to his face. When Clara died, Fay begged for something of his family. He especially wanted a book about Clara (surely the autobiography), but Virgie said she was the daughter and she was going to take it. Virgie had an auction and sold everything that she didn't take or throw away. She "cleaned the place out."¹⁴⁰
"Virginia was not a saver."¹⁴¹

Thomas Catron, nephew in law of Virginia, was the executor of her estate. He says his aunt spoke "proudly on her mother and her accomplishments."¹⁴²

¹⁴⁰ Telephone Interview with Geraldine Dumont, Clara's great-granddaughter, June 27, 1990.

¹⁴¹ Letter from Susan L. Brandt to Thomas B. Catron III, quoting Ms. Theresa Viscoli, dated August 12, 1975.

"Unfortunately, Ms. Viscoli feels convinced that your aunt [Virginia Foltz Catron] destroyed her mother's papers in 1934.")

¹⁴² Interview by Barbara Babcock of Thomas Catron III, nephew in law of Virginia Catron, and executor of her estate, Sept. 30, 1985.