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A LIFETIME OF CARING

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FOREWORD

By Scott Hamilton

It's amazing how one person can change the lives of so many, and at the same time change the world.

Over time we get accustomed to hearing about these good deeds from those who want people to know what they have done and how generous they are. I applaud them and will always be grateful for their heart and ability to make a difference in others' lives.

But there is a different type of giver: generous people who don't desire a spotlight, or adoration, or even the slightest bit of acknowledgement. They are rare. Their giving is pure. I admire them more than I could ever express in words.

I know what you may be thinking. If they don't want people to know who they are or what they are doing, how do I know they exist?

I know because one of those "angels" came into my life and changed it forever.

Her name was Helen McLoraine. And even though she is no longer with us physically, her philosophies and generosity live on.

I'll start at the beginning.

In 1976 I was to have my last year on competitive ice. My parents were broke, my mother was going through many different treatments for breast cancer, and I was underachieving. My parents couldn't support my skating any longer, so I was given one more year on the ice. My only plan was to make the most of it.

Through a lot of hard work and determination it started to look like I was going to have my best year ever.

And through the process of having this great year, I had caught the eye of one of the most successful coaches in skating history. His name was Carlo Fassi. He had helped to coach Peggy Fleming to her Olympic Gold Medal and was, that year, in the process of guiding Dorothy Hamill and John Curry to their Olympic victories. But there I was—a promising Junior-level skater about to end my career because of a lack of funds.

The amazing thing was that Carlo had a solution. Sponsorship!

This is where Helen McLoraine comes in.

Helen loved figure skating. She and her husband, Frank, just happened to be investors in Carlo's training facility in Denver. Carlo went to them for help.

I had no idea during the competition that any of this was going on. It wasn't until after I had won the United States Junior Men's National Championship and the medals were given out that my mother told me about what was in the works. The only thing I needed to do to secure my sponsorship was to meet Frank and Helen face-to-face. The meeting took place as soon as possible, and I fell in love with them instantly. They were simply the nicest people I had ever met. And they were saving my skating career!

My transition to Denver and my new coach came at a time in my life when turning eighteen and having my own apartment didn't really translate into a good result that first year. In fact, it was a disaster.

Adding even more pain to my humiliation was the last competition my mother would ever see. It was the 1977 U.S. National Championships, where I came in ninth place. Placing ninth was shameful for me because it did not reflect my potential as a skater. My mother lost her battle to cancer less than four months later.

Losing my mother was the most devastating event of my life, and the McLoraines were there for me 100 percent.

Frank even told me that they would love to help fill some of the void left by the loss of my mother. The love I felt for them grew, and I knew that I was more than a kid they were helping to stay on the ice. Without children of their own, I was becoming a son to them.

Channeling my grief to my skating, I *went to work*, and in just a few short months became a different skater. Ninth the previous year, I vaulted to third at the 1978 U.S. Nationals and followed that with an eleventh place finish at The World Figure Skating Championships. I was now a contender to make the 1980 Olympic Team.

With each great result, Frank would share his humorous wisdom. By virtue of a random draw, I was the unlucky guy designated to skate first at a very important competition. Frank was awesome. He told me that in the Bible it says "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." I had no idea what he was talking about, but it made me feel better. I ended up first place in that particular skate. He always told me to "just skate the ice" and happily take what it gives me. For every occasion he had a clever saying or joke. I remember many of them to this day.

The next year became once again very difficult. My most intense rival decided to ask Carlo to coach him, and Carlo brought him in as a student. I was very hurt by this, and it changed my relationship with Carlo to the point where all the momentum I had achieved the year before disappeared. After an ankle injury hobbled me for a good portion of the year, I was unable to make the World Team in 1979. And it was just eleven months before the 1980 Olympic team was to be chosen. I needed to consider all options, and the McLoraines were there to support me no matter what.

Another coach from Philadelphia had expressed great interest in me, and Frank and Helen said that they would continue to sponsor me if I decided to leave Carlo. After a meeting with Carlo it became apparent that his interest in me had waned, and I was soon on my way to Philadelphia to take coaching from Don Laws.

It was after being with Mr. Laws for two months that I got a call while at an Olympic

Training Center Seminar that Frank had passed away. I knew that he had not been feeling well, but I wasn't prepared for this at all. Once again, my life was shattered.

Hundreds of people came to Frank's viewing to pay their respects. This kind and wonderful man had more friends and admirers than I had ever thought one person could have.

I couldn't make myself go into the room where he lay. I guess I felt if I didn't see him, maybe this nightmare would end, and I would have Frank back. I finally summoned the courage to go. I was the last one to see him before Helen said her last words, kissed his forehead, and they sealed the coffin. I was to be one of the pallbearers. It was an honor I didn't take lightly. He had that many longtime friends.

Now my relationship with Helen would take on a different importance. She was a widow, and I was like a son. I had talks with her that I had never anticipated—conversations that allowed me to better understand who this woman was—and how she was the one who had made my life what it had become.

That year, I once again channeled my grief towards my skating and made the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team.

And none of it would have been possible without Helen and her support. Every performance was a dedication to my mother and Frank, and I felt their presence every step of the way. Helen was always there with my father to cheer me on.

She was there for all four U.S. National Titles. All four World Titles. And the most important accomplishment—the 1984 Olympic Gold Medal in Men's Figure Skating. None of it would have happened without her. None of it.

Due to a bizarre set of circumstances Don and I had returned to Denver to take over Carlo's training facility. Helen had also relocated to Denver and was around to see the training and share all of my successes. It was fun having someone to share all of this with day-to-day.

I loved her like a mother and very much enjoyed making her proud of me.

When I started my professional career she was there to support me the same as she did during my competitive years. I had my first official professional show in Houston, Texas, and Helen was there to see it.

It was then that I noticed that she was having more and more trouble getting around. Her hips were stiff and painful, and I could tell that the discomfort was robbing her quality of life. We toasted with champagne and even danced in the hotel bar to celebrate my new career. The next morning over breakfast she asked me what we were drinking the night before. My first thought was, *uh oh, we must have partied too much*. It was the opposite. She said that whatever we were drinking made her hip pain go away, and the ringing in her ears was gone.

From that experience, every now and then, would try to enjoy a glass of that particular brand of champagne to keep the pains away.

This was the beginning of our lives where she wasn't financially responsible for me anymore. I was responsible for myself, but I knew that my new life had been made possible by Helen. I have always felt that nothing in my life would be as it is without Helen and Frank. It was then that I started to notice the other investments that Helen was making in people.

When a friend and competitor of mine wanted to start medical school, Helen helped. She helped another friend with law school.

She was also helping many other skaters reach their dreams. Her philosophy was that no one should give up on their skating dreams, or any dream, for that matter, due to a lack of money, since she had more than enough. The only string attached was that people had to understand the gift and show sincere gratitude. I think, looking back, she was building an army of philanthropists. She gave so that others could achieve success and start their own giving. Pretty smart!

When home in Denver, I enjoyed taking her out for meals. Lunch was fun (she liked Cheesecake Factory, but thought their portions were way too big. “What a waste!”). Dinner was great (our favorites were PF Changs and Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse). Breakfast was my favorite. We would go to The Delectable Egg in Lower Downtown Denver and sit for a couple of hours and catch up. Mostly I would tell her what I was up to, but occasionally she would tell me about her business and charity investments. She loved education, children’s charities, medical research, women in business, and skating. I learned that she wanted to do more, but only if she could do it right and well. She wasn’t one to waste money—or anything else for that matter. I figured she was probably worth millions, but didn’t live that way. If she liked a pair of shoes, she got them resoled. She wouldn’t buy a Sunday newspaper because the price didn’t represent value to her. The only thing she would treat herself to was travel. She loved experiencing new places, but loved traveling to skating competitions the best—especially to cheer on the skaters she was sponsoring.

She loved people, ice skating, and doing good.

I loved her like no one else in my life.

She loved me too.

That was why it was kind of stressful when I started getting serious with the woman who would become my wife. It would be very awkward if Helen didn’t understand my love for Tracie Rose Robinson.

When I first starting telling Helen about Tracie, she would get kind of quiet. I knew that she wanted what was best for me and wanted to love her. I think she must have been worried about what would happen if she didn’t approve. I would make sure that Tracie and Helen sat together at Stars on Ice shows, dinners, and my cancer benefit in Cleveland.

Helen was having trouble with her back at that time, and Tracie would do everything she could to help her when they were together. After several times together, Helen understood why I loved Tracie so much. Helen loved being with Tracie, and I loved the relationship they were building.

In the short time they had together, Tracie loved Helen with all her heart and admired everything about her.

One year, just before Christmas, Helen had had enough of dealing with her pain. She decided to have back surgery. I broke it to Tracie that I couldn’t be with her family for Christmas, and Tracie totally understood. I was able to get to Tennessee one day over the holiday but was

alone most of the time when I wasn't visiting Helen. I had fun decking out Helen's hospital room with all sorts of Christmas decorations. She especially liked the fiber optic tree I found. It was tacky, but it lightened the mood and made her very happy. And she was without pain for the first time in years. It was the beginning of a string of months where she had an incredible quality of life. Now she could, once again, live life the way she wanted to.

It was in that year that life with Helen would give me a lifetime of memories.

Tracie and I had bought a loft in lower downtown Denver so we could be closer to Helen when I wasn't traveling. We would be with her as much as we could, and it was that autumn during my annual cancer benefit in Cleveland that life changed forever.

I have a tradition of introducing Helen and my dear friend Maria Miller during the finale of the show. I also present them with a bouquet of roses. After I presented Maria and Helen with their roses, I introduced Tracie to the seven thousand people sitting in the audience. I then asked Tracie to marry me. I have a photo of that moment, and you can see Helen leaning forward to give Tracie her flowers.

The wedding was less than three months later, and Helen was sitting in the front row. She looked so happy. Tracie and I were thrilled to have been able to share that moment with her.

The wedding ceremony in December was small, so we planned on having a big party in January to share our joy with friends and family. Small wedding in December, *big* party a month later!

Helen was planning on being there. It was the week after the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Dallas, and we made sure that we scheduled our party so Helen and everyone else could be there.

During the week of the U.S. Nationals I was pulling into the backstage parking area in Anaheim for a Stars on Ice appearance when I received a very distressing call from Helen's great friend Kathy Casey. She was crying hysterically and told me that Helen had taken a fall and wasn't conscious. I immediately ran into the production office and told them I was out of the show and headed to Dallas.

I arrived that night and the news wasn't good. Due to a medication she was on to prevent a stroke, the bleeding in her brain wouldn't stop. She probably wouldn't survive, and if she did, she wouldn't be Helen anymore.

Six days later, on the day of our wedding party, she passed.

I flew back to L.A. to be at the party. My heart had never been heavier. A huge part of me was gone. Helen was no longer. But life tends to surprise to the point of being amazing. We informed our friends—most knew Helen very well—of her passing, and what we couldn't tell Helen before her fall: that we were expecting our first child.

Helen would have been ecstatic.

Aidan was born eight months later. He has heard so many stories about Helen that she has a big place in his heart.

The one thing people might wonder is, without children, what happened to her wealth?

Well, Helen is still a huge part of many people's lives. Soon after her funeral, Helen's "right

hand”—Bob Anderson—and I sat down to go over her will. Bob knew of Helen’s dealings intimately, having worked for her for more than twenty years. He seemed to be at a loss to deliver some interesting news.

The way I remember it he said, “Helen has never made a mistake until now. I just don’t understand how this could have happened. She left everything in a philanthropic trust with no instructions. It’s just not like her to have left this much wealth without designation or a solid plan.”

When he said that, I had my own opinion. She knew exactly what she was doing.

Helen asked me years before she passed whether I was okay financially. I told her that I was in good shape, and she said in a very direct, but loving way “good, because I’m not leaving you anything in my will.”

I don’t mean to share that exchange to make Helen look insensitive. She knew I was fine. More would just be more. She quite simply, had another plan.

Again. She knew exactly what she was doing. She was giving Bob and me the honor and pleasure to be like her and make a huge difference in this world. We were going to be her eyes, ears, arms, legs and heart. We were going to find a home for everything she had earned and saved just for this purpose.

She wasn’t able to give it away while she was alive, I think, because she couldn’t do it to her satisfaction. But she had planned all along for her wealth to be disbursed, in her memory, the way she would have done it if she were still living. This was the only way it could be done.

She had given me the opportunity to skate and build a career. Thanks to Helen, I have experienced a life on the ice that I never could have imagined.

In the dedication to my book *The Great Eight*, I wrote, *To Helen. Without you, I wouldn’t be me.*

Her modest investment in my skating has given me the ability to raise millions of dollars for cancer programs and research. I have been honored to serve and raise money for many other charities as well.

Her accumulated wealth has given Bob, Tracie, and me the opportunity to help countless organizations the way she would have. Along the way, we had assistance from fellow Pioneer Fund trustees, Jim Bye and Lark Birdsong.

In this book you will see what Helen has accomplished—what her confidence in us has done for a lot of wonderful people wanting to do good for those who couldn’t advance their cause without financial support.

Even I can’t wait to see the last ten years of giving recorded all in one place.

One person quietly *can* change the world.

Maybe Helen’s greatest and last gift is to inspire everyone who sees this to do the same.

Scott Hamilton

June, 2012

INTRODUCTION

By Pioneer Fund Trustees

There is a different type of giver. Generous people that don't desire a spotlight, or adoration, or even the slightest bit of acknowledgement. They are rare. Their giving is pure.

—Scott Hamilton

So why compile this memory book? The trustees of The Pioneer Fund want to simply share some background of this unique woman and her history with whoever may be interested.

Helen's background, her values, her love of life, how she lived her life can be traced to her family and ancestors. Helen simply loved her mom and dad and brother with all her heart, and she never forgot them. Every year, she would remember and mention their birthday dates, as they remained close to her heart and being. So the first section of this book is all about her family and ancestors. "Memories and keepsakes." We have shared pictures, stories, letters, and documents from her files.

This section includes the Green(e) family tree (page 37), a little background on her ancestors, true Pioneers each in their own right. John Green was Helen's great great grandfather. He led the first group of twenty family members and friends—against many odds—cross the prairies and rivers of Ohio and Indiana to reach a destination in Ottawa, Illinois in the late Fall of 1829. His courage and quiet determination certainly helps define Helen McLoraine.

Jesse Green was Helen's great grandfather—and author of the amazing fifty-two page journal of the adventures of the Illinois pioneers, starting with the 1829 wagon-train trip west until his passing in late 1890s. Read a bit about the Blackhawk Indian War of 1832, the two group trips to the California Gold rush fields of 1849–1850—and simply about pioneer life in the 1800s! Jesse's sense of adventure certainly can be found in Helen's travels around the world—with her mom, then her beloved Mac, and finally as she embraces a family of young figure skaters to share her encouragement and support. Her grandfather, Thomas Henry Green, and later her dad, Lewis, both owned their own businesses. We certainly can see where Helen may have gotten some of her business smarts.

Learn all about her brother, Lewis Jr.—a young man of courage and achievement who gave his life for his country—much as Helen has shared so much of her life and resources with the world. Helen was also so close to her mom and dad throughout her life—and no doubt her strong character can be found in the strength of that relationship. They were her best friends throughout her lifetime. Her beloved Mac was always by her side for the years they shared together traveling, socializing, and living life to its fullest. Then within three months in 1979, both her mom and Mac passed away. Knowing a new chapter had begun in her life, Helen moved beyond her sadness, embraced life even more through her giving, and an old saying of making lemonade out of lemons may apply here.

Section Two of this book shares the story of Helen's philanthropic life and the impact her life and giving has made on so many people. We shine the spotlight on this part of Helen's life to honor her, although she might not approve of the acknowledgement. But she is a different type of giver, as Scott said. They are rare. Her giving is pure.

Section Three is intended to share and reflect Helen's love of figure skating and all the wonderful friends and experiences and joy it brought her. She helped and encouraged many skaters through the years and continues to do so—quietly and anonymously, for the most part. She loved traveling to competitions—local, U.S. Regionals, U.S. Sectionals, Senior and Junior Grand Prix events, World Championships, Olympics—as well as professional skating competitions and shows over the decades. Maybe the best were U.S. Championships where she could see all the top novice, junior, and senior United States skaters in a week of competition, meeting friends, and watching early morning practices. To celebrate her love for the sport and the joy it gave her, we have graciously received permission from U.S. Figure Skating to reprint covers of the annual U.S. Championships (formerly referred to as “Nationals” within the skating world) from 1977 through the present. Finally, we have included a representative handful of photographs from her collection. Though she had so many friends from the skating world, and it certainly could have been hundreds more pages of these, there is no intent to include or exclude anyone specifically.

Lastly, the trustees of The Pioneer Fund would like to give thanks to all the many people who may not have been mentioned anywhere else in this memory book but whose friendship with Helen made her life so much more complete.

Her many relatives were often in her thoughts—her cousin Marie Albright from Akron, Ohio, who preceded her in passing, for example. Marie and Helen shared many summers together as kids on the farm in Morris, Illinois. Marie was almost like a thoughtful big sister to Helen at times. Tom Harper, her cousin in California, was very special. Helen so much enjoyed her visits with Tom, as they both grew up in the time of the “great generation” as Tom Brokaw defined it. Helen so looked forward to seeing the various cousins at the annual Dayton cemetery meetings on Memorial Day weekend the years she could attend. Helen grew up and was close to her cousin David Holmes. His offspring—David and Virginia, Susan and Michael, Kathleen and Mark, Dan and Jan, and Peter and Barb, and all their children would invite Helen to the family weddings.

She was also very close to the Pottenger clan. She visited with Larry and Bobbie Pottenger and their two girls near the University of Chicago on her trips back home after she moved to Denver. She always appreciated the friendship, kindness, and kinship with Grace and Charles Clifford on her visits back to the Ottawa-Dayton area—so too with all the other various relatives who gathered at Dayton each year.

Helen had many friends—but a few special people in her life in Denver. Business friends including Sam Gary and Jim Bye. Friends who treated her like part of their family, such as the Birdsong family. Neighbors and true confidants, Jim and Mary Barnes.

Her many skating friends included the coaches she admired—Kathy Casey with whom she shared many dinners and parties in her Colorado Springs home over the years, Mr. John Nicks, Frank Carroll, Don Laws, Sandy Lamb, Carol Heiss and Hayes Jenkins, Bob Mock, Janet Champion, and Donna Baker, among many, many others. There were also many skating friends and judges including Peggy and Joe DeLio, Beth Graham, Caroline Kruse, Patty Harris, Judy and Dave Klopp, Bob and Sharon Allen, and Tommy Collins. There was the whole Duxbury travel group—and the 6.0 club members—founding members being Helen, Don Laws, and Rickie Harris, as best recalled. Of course, all the skaters who brought beauty and accomplishment and joy to all the hearts of the skating world—and Scott, who was like a son to Helen. Scott *never* missed spending Christmas with Helen. One was an Olympic Gold Medal winner—the other: a Heart of Gold. Two Champions in Life!

—Pioneer Fund Trustees

Helen M. McLoraine shared her prosperity so that others could also have their dreams. As you live your life work to achieve your dreams and share your success with humanity as Helen has done all her life.

—Lark Birdsong and Bob Anderson



*Helen, far left, Lewis, Jr. with hat, Friend in Front,
Mother (Mabel) and Father (Lewis) far right*



Frank and Helen McLoraine

Helen M. McLoraine was born in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1918, the daughter of a father who owned his own company which created educational products and a mother who performed vocal work, musical comedies and was a dedicated philanthropist. Helen passed away in January, 2003 due to a fall while attending the U.S. Figure Skating National Championships. She was doing one of the many things she enjoyed in life, watching young

kids in figure skating rinks, working to achieve their dreams. Helen, along with her mother, established The Pioneer Fund, a private family foundation, in the 1960's, to continue her life long tradition of support to the types of projects and organizations to which she had contributed throughout her lifetime and now through her estate.

Helen and her brother Lewis were the children of Mabel and Lewis E. Myers. Mabel Myers, born in 1889, was the daughter of Thomas H. and Cora (Childs) Greene of Chicago, Illinois. Both the Green and Childs families were early pioneers in the LaSalle County, Illinois area by the first half of the 1800's. Lewis E. Myers was born in Canton, Ohio, on December 5, 1882, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Wertenberger) Myers, the former of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Winona Lake, Indiana. He was united in marriage with Mabel (Greene) Myers on November 14, 1914 and had two children: Lewis E., Jr., and Helen M. Myers (McLoraine). They resided in the Valparaiso, Indiana area for many years.

Helen's dad, Lewis E. Myers, attended the schools of Louisville, Ohio, and Wooster College of Wooster, Ohio, and then entered Otterbein College, where he graduated in 1907 and obtained a degree in business. When Lewis started his business he became associated with a group of people devoted to the manufacture and sale of the Chautauqua desk. This experience enabled him to organize Lewis E. Myers & Company where he created the New Chautauqua desk, one of several educational products. "This desk in all probability was the forerunner of the modern effort to combine "education with play" toward constructive ends." Sixteen or more nationally known educators were associated with Mr. Myers and the foundation of this work had a tremendous influence in the field of education. The efforts of Mr. Myers in these varied fields earned him the commendation of many people eminent in national educational affairs. He formed the Children's Foundation of Valparaiso, Indiana and published a book titled "The Child: His Nature and His Needs."

Mabel (Greene) Myers, Helen's mother, graduated from the Chicago Music College. She was an accomplished vocalist involved in concerts and musical comedies of her era and was a philanthropist throughout her lifetime. Mabel (Greene) Myers was a person who enjoyed life and involved herself in many ways. She completed courses of training and instruction from the Office of Civilian Defense and became a member of the United States Citizens Defense Corps and was awarded a Service Ribbon Bar for her "splendid" work on November 3, 1943. As a parent and concerned citizen she involved herself in education and was President of the Lincoln Parent-Teacher association. Always an adventurer she crossed the Arctic Circle in an airplane on the August 26, 1958 on the airlines, Wien Alaska. Much of Mabel (Greene) Myers, spirit and dedication to hard work, and philanthropy was something Helen valued and carried on in her lifetime.

Lewis E. Myers Jr., Helen's brother, was a talented actor and also enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1942, Lewis was on the U.S.S. Little which was attacked by the Japanese and sunk while supporting the landing of Marines at Guadalcanal and Tulagi, opening the Solomons Campaign. After swimming alone in the dark cold waters for six hours he found his way to safety. Lewis commitment to his country was strong and in February, 1944 Lewis was on the

U.S.S. Trout, which was on an offensive war patrol in enemy controlled waters in the South Pacific and heavily patrolled by enemy air and surface forces. The U.S.S. Trout failed to return as scheduled and was never to be heard of again. It was on this submarine that Lewis and his shipmates gave their life for this country.

Helen (Myers) McLoraine attended the University of Chicago, where she studied business. Helen was a pioneer who, in the 1950's, put on a hard hat, learned about the oil industry and broke new ground for women to assume leadership roles in business. She put to rest any doubts about women managing money when she managed many pension funds alongside her male counterparts with a very successful track record and solidified her place as a business leader. Helen married Frank McLoraine ("Mac"), a lawyer from Chicago, in 1957 and they resided in Winnetka, Illinois, the north suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.

Before meeting Helen, Frank McLoraine graduated from The University of DePaul, received the "call of duty" during World War II and became an officer in 1942. Frank helped liberate France and received the Silver Star from Le General De Gaulle in 1945. He returned to the United States and received his law degree from the University of Chicago and had a successful private law practice until he passed away in March, 1979. Several years after Frank's passing, Helen moved to Denver in April, 1985.

Helen was a very private person, frugal, kind and smart, who felt a serious responsibility to the community. She was a person who was very active and enjoyed all that life has to give. From early on in life Helen participated in crafts, swimming, drawing, weaving, music, art, golf, reading, theatre, travel and many activities continued on throughout all of her life. She traveled the world with her mother and father, her husband Frank and then continued with friends after Frank's passing. Most of her business life was spent as a private investor in the oil and gas industry.

Helen, deeply influenced by her mother's dedication to philanthropy, became a generous benefactor to others with a focus on figure skating, higher education assistance, medical research, and youth social welfare. Helen had a heart for small non-profit organizations with great missions and small resources. Her philanthropy includes scholarship to high achieving individuals who are accountable for their life and people in need who knew they were responsible for the direction of their life and had a desire to help others. She did not want recognition for her contributions as she believed the focus should be on the organization, rather than the donor. Helen had provided assistance to over seventy promising United States figure skaters since 1980 and was most well known as the sponsor of 1984 Olympic gold medalist, Scott Hamilton.

A working agreement to college that her brother Lewis received, (Lewis wanted to be an actor when he returned home from the war), sums up the work ethic Helen and her family embodied. The letter to Lewis states "The working agreement is not a scholarship. You are granted the opportunity to earn the whole of your tuition by performing special crew work which will be credited to your tuition." Helen's family believed in being accountable and working hard so they could excel for their life. They were passionate and appreciative of all

they received.

The door to Helen's apartment, which originally opened inward the way that most doors do, was changed to open out to the world. This was indicative of the way Helen embraced life and invited others to do the same. May you apply your life with the same work ethic and passion Helen showed while living, realize the opportunity you are given and are open to helping others as one way of honoring the gift you are given.

MEMORIES AND KEEPSAKES

Helen and Mac's Wedding



Helen and Frank McLoraine



Helen and Mac's Wedding List

Wedding March 2, 1957
St. Joseph's
12 Noon

Mabel G. Myers
Marie & Chuck Albright
Alice O. Green
Dorothy V. Masters
Babe & Bill Eichenberger
Ethel Holmes
Tina & Jack Emerson
Kay & Bill Bowers
Verna & Aram Bezazian
Yvonna & Walter Prosche
Uriel & Paul Cook
Rose & Arne Jirasek
Betsey Lahti
Evelyn Ringrose
Betty Bickler

Emily McLoraine
Mary McLoraine
Hazel McLoraine
Frances McLoraine
George & Jewel Lane
Jim & Marge Ulie
Kenny & Rita Zimmer
Fred & Bess Monnie
Leo & Clara Walker
Larry & Lorraine Ryan
Don & Jean Carey
Victor & Hannah Foster
Ed & Brennan
Dermott Quinn
Dermott Doyle
John Cooke
Dorothy & Joan Ungaro
Emmit & Bill Diver
Ray & Helen Kimberlin
Rob Peake

Helen and Mac's Home in Illinois





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This is an exceptional property.**

Picture of Helen and Lewis as Young Kids



New Page 1

Biography of Frank McLoraine [Courtesy of Robert McLoraine]

Francis Joseph McLoraine was born March 21, 1919 to Frank & Emily McLoraine of River Forest, Illinois. Frank had two sisters Mary, Mabel, and his brother John who became a Catholic Priest and served as an Army chaplain and made rank of Brigadier General in WWII.

After Graduating from The University of De Paul in 1941 "Mac" received the call of duty on June 7, 1941 and became an Officer on February 11, 1942 at Fort Sill.

Along with the 241st Field Artillery Battalion Frank arrived in Europe in July of 1944 and helped liberate France and receiving the Silver Star from Le General De Gaulle in 1945.

Mac's duties took him to serve in Scotland, England, Wales, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Czechoslovakia, & Yugoslavia.

Returning to the States, he graduating from the University of Chicago with a Degree of Doctor of Law in 1948 and became a lawyer. He married Helen Myers in 1954. The two became financial supporters of many notable Olympic figure skaters including gold medalist Scott Hamilton. Frank passed away in 1979.

Helen and Tom Harper (Tom was Helen's cousin)



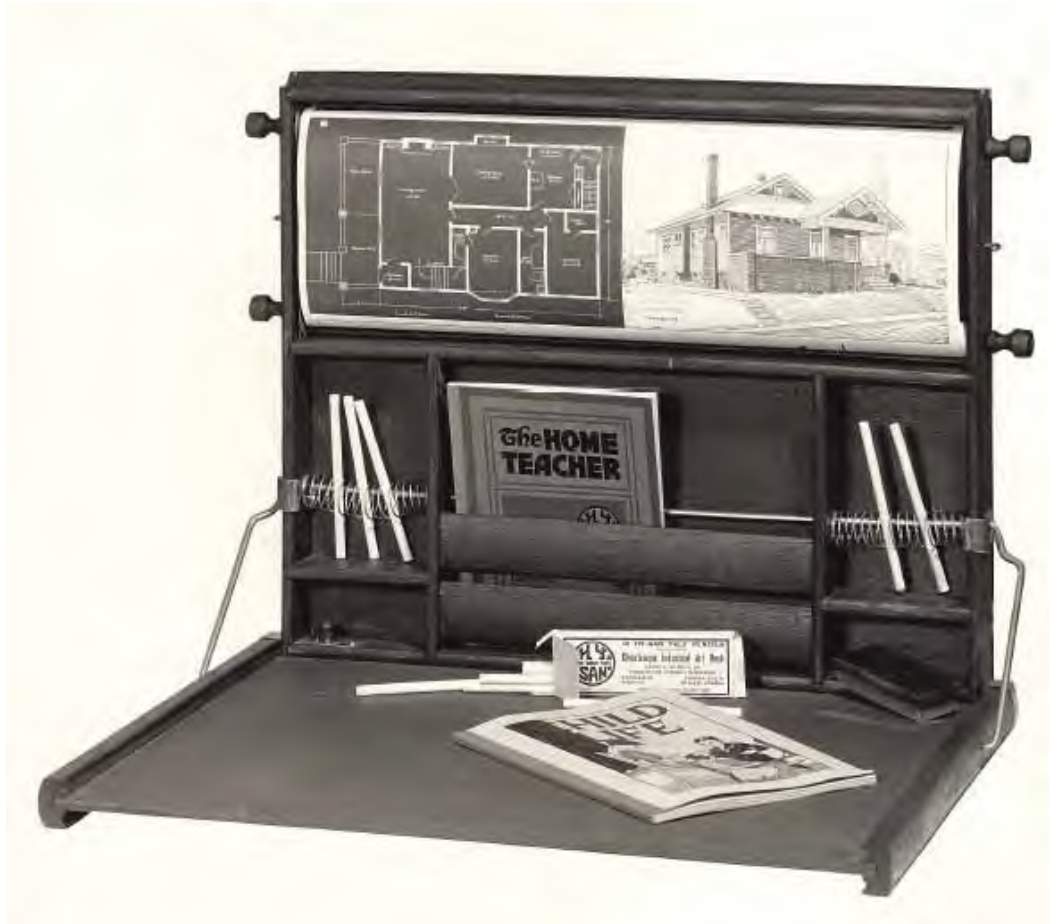
Helen, Lewis Jr., Friend with Mabel and Lewis Senior



Scott and Tracie Hamilton and son Aidan and wedding gift Mulligan (bronze golfer)



Lewis E. Myers (Helen's Fathers) Invention



Helen, Lewis Jr. with Friends when Young Adults



Fourth Presbyterian Church Welcome 1933

Fourth Presbyterian Church
Chicago

CHURCH OFFICE
108 E. CHESTNUT STREET
CITY 23103 3459

April 3, 1933.

Dear Helen Myers,

This letter is written in order to assure you of your welcome into the fellowship of our Church. Enclosed you will find a certificate, signed by the Clerk of the Session and myself, recognizing your membership here.

If there are ever any questions in connection with your membership, will you not please feel free to frankly ask us about them in order that no misunderstandings may develop?

We hope you will especially follow the suggestions for Christian growth as outlined on the last page of the certificate. On becoming a member of our Church you become a member of a group within the Church. If we can ever be of any assistance to you, will you not come and allow us to help you, or send for us and allow us to come to you.

In case you should ever change your address, will you not be thoughtful enough to notify us immediately? Should you ever leave our city permanently, we will expect you, within a reasonable time, to place your membership in your new locality, and will be glad to grant you a letter upon request.

We want you to feel now that Fourth Church is your Church, and we ask you to join with us in doing everything you possibly can to assist in its worship and its work. Together may we exalt Jesus Christ, the great Head of this Church.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison Ray Anderson
Harrison Ray Anderson, D.D.,
Pastor.

Enclosure.

HOTEL STATLER BOSTON

Dear Folks

Guess I'd better write since Lewis probably hasn't as yet. I arrived yesterday afternoon and came out to this place where I'm staying. Lewis had rented a two room apartment for a friend coming in the next class. Practically everyone in the house is a navy wife.

Last night I met Lewis at B02 with some other people & we went to the officers club for supper & dancing afterward. He was on the committee for the party. He seemed to know about everyone there. Most of the men are ensigns & don't have any ribbons. There are a few J.G.'s and some lieutenants. The higher officers & some of the lts. were instructors.

All the fellows seem to like Lewis & several commented on how

well he had done with no engineering background & the "soudier" of his operation. I dancel with "George" somebody who is the instructor in charge of the living tank. He was Lewis' "cell-mate" in the hospital & spoke very highly of him. He said he had quite an attack & one of the doctors had insisted on the operation. His appendices was highly inflamed & the doctor said would have caused more serious trouble before long. George said he was pretty sick the first few days but that he had made a rapid recovery because of his good physical condition.

Lewis' base will be in Australia which it seems is what he finally asked for. Only four or five are going out there. I think he said he has 14 days plus travel time

before he reports in at San Fran.
He probably will fly out in a B-17.
George suggested a friend of his who
is Captain of a new sub would be
a good person to be under if Lewis
could get his boat. It seems they
report out there & as the subs come
in & replacements are needed they are
assigned, usually in order of seniority.

Lewis has duty tonight & has
to stay in certain areas of the base
but I'm going out & he will show
me what he can do of things & we will
have dinner at the club. I don't
know what time he is free but
someone mentioned a party someplace.

Ernie is getting the kids together
after the show Sat. night at Jean's.
Lewis seems to have decided not to
stop in Washington but will stop in
Ohio. Will let you know more

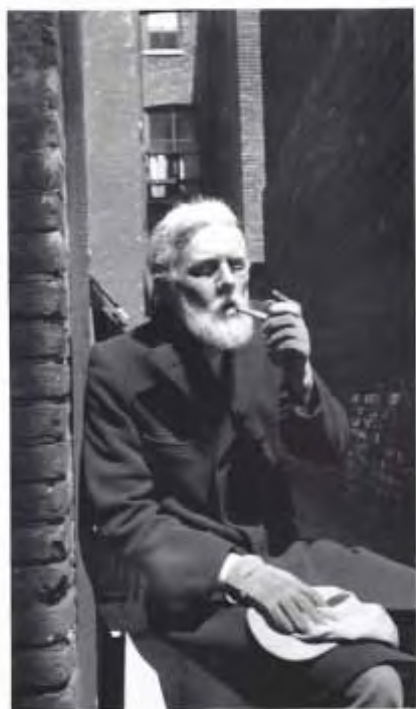
about plans later. Can't think
of anything else to say so goodbye

Helen

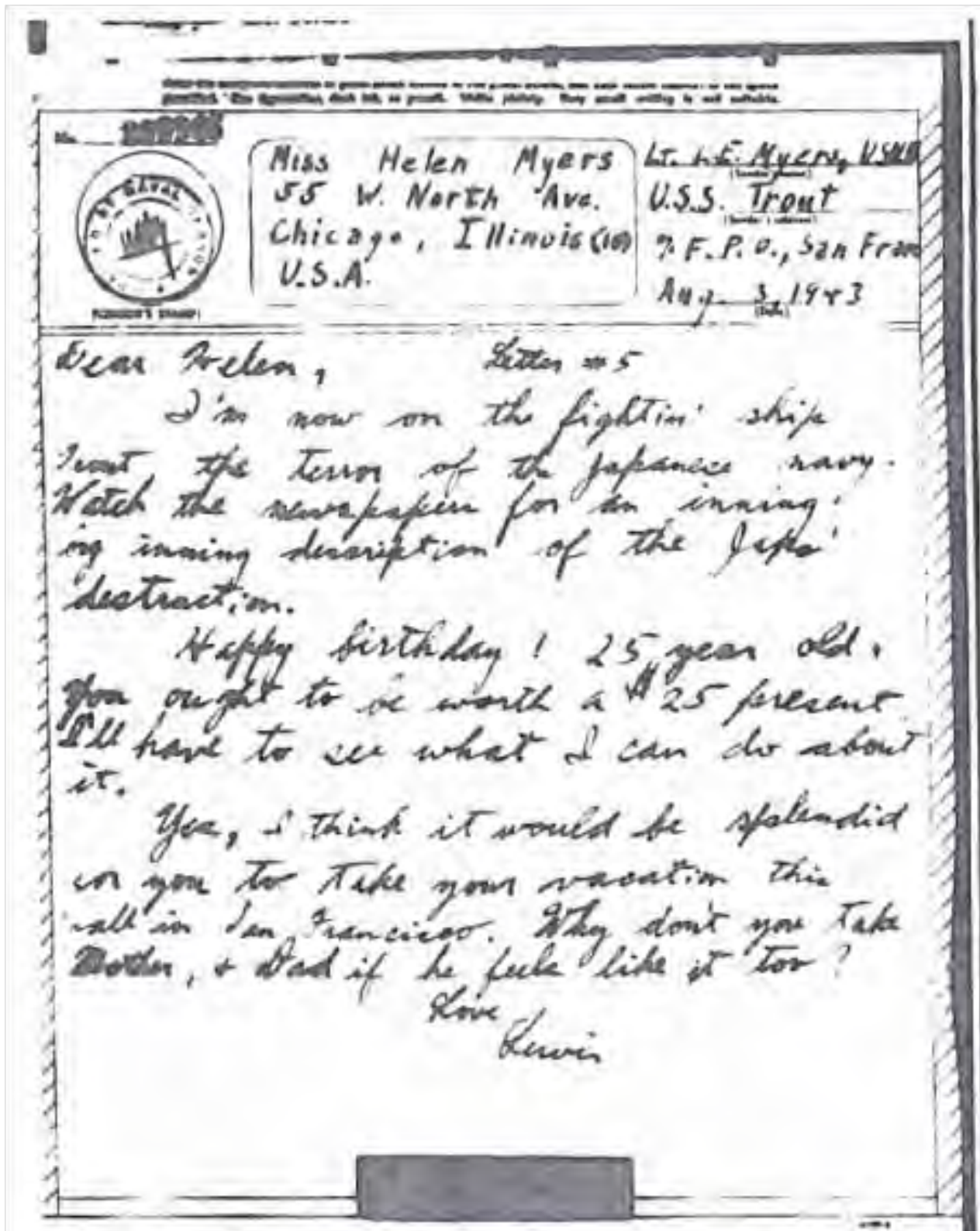
Lewis Jr with his Mom Mabel Myers



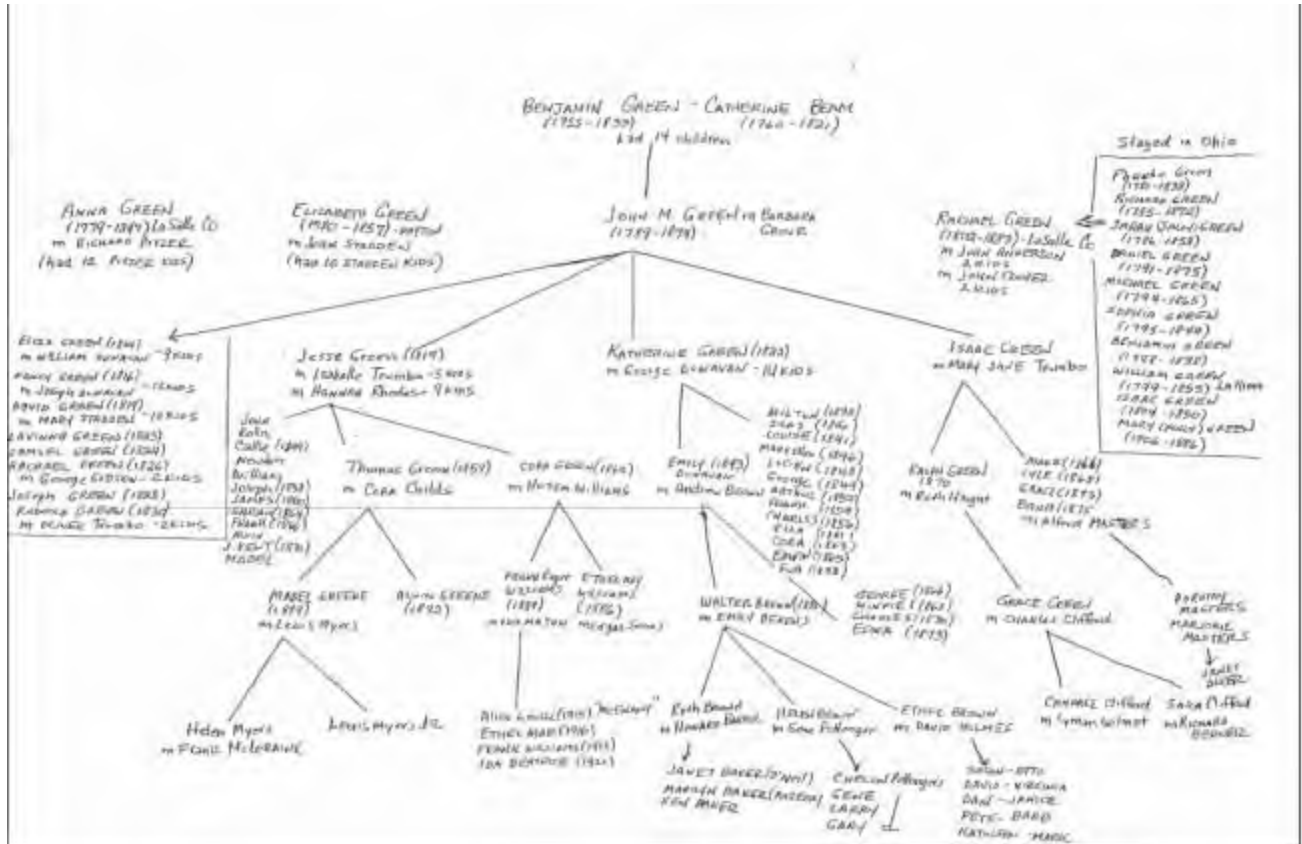
Lewis in Several Plays



Letter from Lewis to Helen wishing her a Happy Birthday



Green(e) Family Tree



Note: At one point, the family name, Green, was changed to Greene, by Helen's grandmother, Cora Childs Greene.

Benjamin Green Memorial Marker and History
Helen's great, great, great grandfather



The "Disappointment" of Benjamin Green

Program presented at the Dayton Cemetery Association Annual Meeting¹
May 30, 2004

Benjamin Green, the common ancestor of all of us here today, served in the Revolutionary War from Loudoun County, Virginia. After the war was over, he moved to western Maryland about 1784. In 1788 he appears on a list of settlers living in the "country lying west of Fort Cumberland". In 1793, he is listed in the George's Creek Hundred of Allegany County, Maryland. George's Creek, earlier called Lonaconin Creek, flows south to the Potomac from beyond Lonaconing. Legend tells that Indian George had a hunting camp between Dan's Mountain and Savage Mountain, so Lonaconin Creek became George's Creek. It was in this area that Benjamin Green bought a tract of 146 acres. Most of the early land grants in Maryland had names and many of them reflected their owner's feelings about the property: Good and Bad, Burkett's Folly, Cheney's Delight, Contentment, Neglect, Sink Hole, Trouble Enough, Bachelor's Delight, Darby's Defeat. The tract Benjamin Green bought was called "Disappointment", which may cast some doubt on his good judgment. The earliest white settlers - farmers, hunters, and woodsmen - came to the Lonaconing area in the latter part of the eighteenth century. They came with their families, prepared to stay, although at that time the valley of George's Creek, from Frostburg to Westernport, a distance of 16 miles, was one continuous forest, except here and there a house, probably not more than five or six in all. The roadway was but a trail and scarcely clear enough to allow the passage of a wagon. There were no bridges over the creek and during high water, which was frequent, it could not be forded.

Life was simple and rugged in the western mountains at the end of the eighteenth century. Virtually the entire population lived in Spartan but serviceable log cabins. Even the local inn and general store were of log construction. Privacy was an unknown luxury; most families lived, cooked, worked, and slept within the confines of a single room. The men and boys boxed, wrestled, and ran footraces for amusement when they were not hunting and fishing. Most of their daylight hours, however, were spent in the endless farm tasks which were all the more onerous for the lack of proper equipment. The daily routine of farm wives involved, if that were possible, even more drudgery: cooking over open fires; boiling the laundry; spinning, dyeing, and weaving linsey-woolsey on handwrought looms. If the family hunter had been successful, supper might be fresh venison, but on other less fortunate nights it was more likely cornmeal mush.

Hog butchering time brought the promise of smoked or salted meat for winter use, but also a laborious process which sometimes occupied as much as three days. They had no sausage grinders, lard presses, or anything of that kind to expedite the work. To heat the stones used in scalding, they set fire to long heaps filled with sand stones - and when the sandstones became hot, they were dropped into the scalding tubs. The sausage meat was put upon a heavy table or sausage block, and chipped into little cubes with the sausage chopper, the operator beating a tattoo all over the meat, right and left, forward and backward, up through the middle with a swing-around circle. . . . When finished, it was pushed to one side and another fresh batch put upon the block. . . . The "stuffer" was a tin horn about the size of a quart can as long again, with a spout at one end to hold the sausage, and a wooden socket to fit the large end. When all was ready, a strong man, if

possible, put on a large apron, seated himself astride a bench, placed the end of the stuffer filled with the meat against the "solar plexus," drew in a deep breath, and pushed until the children standing around would think his eyes would surely pop out of his head. This was hard work and slow, but anyone that ever tasted sausage [made] that way will say that it was the best ever eaten.

Frontier life in western Maryland was certainly severe, but some of the cares were lightened by such cooperative activities. Barn raisings, harvestings, and threshings, like hog-killing time, were all occasions for frolicking as well as for hard work. Country weddings, church services, and even funerals provided other opportunities for socializing. These simple pleasures of life were reflected in the lives of hundreds of inhabitants of upland Maryland.

Until long after the American Revolution, however, the settlers lived lonely, isolated lives for the most part, as tiny pockets of humanity scattered through the hills. They enjoyed few contacts with the outside world aside, perhaps, from the infrequent but welcome visits of a particularly aggressive tinker or trader. There would however, be occasional trips across the mountains to the trading post, where the trapper's beaver skins could be bartered for salt, powder, and treasured yard goods.

The town of Westernport is located at the point where George's Creek flows into the north branch of the Potomac River. It was originally known as Hardscrabble, because the rocky soil made planting difficult, but sometime in the mid 1790s the name was changed to Westernport as it was the westernmost navigable port on the Potomac. On April 17, 1798, Benjamin Green purchased, for 997 pounds, eight shillings and tenpence, several lots in Westernport, next door to a house owned by Michael Beem, his brother-in-law. One of the lots contained a two story log house, 32 by 28 feet in size. This seems to have been an investment purchase, as Benjamin was already thinking about moving further west. In September of 1798 Benjamin sold Disappointment to Michael Beem, along with three mares, one colt, two horses, 30 heads of cattle, 13 hogs, 14 shoats, 6 pigs, 10 sheep, and various household goods and implements. Benjamin and his family were accompanied by his oldest daughter, Anna, and her husband, Richard Pitzer, when they moved to Ohio. Contrary to modern ideas of the difficulty of travel in those days, moving west did not mean saying goodbye forever to those left behind. In May 1800, Benjamin and his wife, Catherine, returned to Westernport and sold the lot containing his log house. He returned from Ohio to Westernport again in June 1801, at which time he gave Michael Beem a power of attorney to sell his, Benjamin's, remaining property in Maryland. Michael Beem succeeded in selling the rest of the lots in Westernport in 1803 and 1805. Michael also removed to Ohio, thus ending the connection with western Maryland.

¹ Presented by Candace Wilmot, 1806 Myra Ridge Ct, Urbana, IL 61802-7030.

John Green
Jesse's Dad and Benjamin's Son and Helen's great, great grandfather



Story of John Green

THE STORY OF JOHN GREEN

Given to THE DAYTON COMETERY ASSOCIATION

by Dorothy V. Masters

May 28, 1972

"Every man is a bundle of his ancestors" is as true today as it was many years so when written by Ralph Waldo Emerson. I feel sorry for the individual who knows nothing about his forbears for he is literally a composite of all of their characteristics whether he likes it or not.

As soon as a baby is born all the doting relatives vie in proclaiming that "he looks exactly like my side of the family," and judging only by physical appearance they coo and gurgle over the color of his eyes and the shape of his head. Often it is years later before the inherited personality quirks can be recognized.

Personally I can only hope that I have inherited some of the qualities of my great grandfather, John Green, of whom an editor of the Ottawa (Illinois) Free Trader wrote at the time of his death, "Mr. Green was a man whose word was his bond and whose promise was as good as the best man's note."

Influenced by the Western movies I've seen and the books I've read depicting the life of the time I can only imagine what kind of a childhood a boy who was born in Western Maryland in 1789 must have had. It was in Alleghany County, a beautiful part of the state and not far from Camp David, the favorite recreation spot of recent presidents. He probably lived outdoors more than inside, with hunting and fishing occupying a great deal of his time.

We know nothing about how much schooling he had but he learned the fundamentals at least, and, judging from his descendants I am acquainted with, he had a love of reading. He must have been a true example of a self-educated man.

John was surrounded by many relatives in his boyhood home, as his father, Benjamin, and mother, Catherine Beem Green, were the parents of fourteen children. Benjamin and Michael Beem, comrades in the Revolutionary War, had married each other's sisters and had been given government land in the same county in Maryland. So with Michael and Elizabeth Green Beem's eleven children nearby, in addition to his own brothers and sisters, John probably had an active, happy childhood.

About the time John was ten years old his father determined to follow the lure of the open road and explore the new territory being opened up in Ohio. Anna, the oldest girl in the Green family, had married Richard Pitzer, so together Benjamin and his son-in-law started out looking for a new home in the Northwest Territory. According to Isaac Smucker, an Ohio historian, "On reaching the neighborhood of Marietta they decided to remain there a year and raise a crop, thus postponing, for a brief period, their removal westward."

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In the spring of 1800 they were on the move again. Licking County was their destination but, as they were some of the first settlers, they had to cut out roads as they went along. Richard Pitzer was in charge of the train which carried the women and smaller children on seven pack horses. The boys who were old enough helped to drive some domestic animals, probably cattle and hogs, and wagons containing household equipment. John, no doubt, helped out in that capacity. Another of the young sons was Isaac, and his story has been recorded by Basil Green, the great grandfather of Wynn Green.

Bulky farm equipment and more household goods were put on a large canoe or barge and piloted up the Muskingum River by Benjamin and his oldest son, Richard, then 15, aided by a hired hand. At the site that is now Zanesville they met the rest of the family. This is the mouth of the Licking River and the land they bought was about two miles further east at a place called Shawnee Run.

Together the company made their way up the Licking but it was necessary for Benjamin and Richard to return to Marietta for a second load of their goods before the whole family was assembled on their chosen site. No doubt they immediately put in a crop in that virgin soil but Benjamin had his eyes on greener fields and two years later he purchased 150 acres not far away on what is still known as Hog Run, so the entire family moved up there.

For this land he paid \$300 and sold it in two years for \$900. Settlers were coming into the territory in great numbers at this time so it was easy to make large profits quickly.

The family then moved to another farm site not far distant, "west of the road from Newark to Jacksontown," according to the report by N. M. Hill, Jr. in his "History of Licking County, Ohio." There were several springs nearby which formed a small swamp and Richard Green, who spent the rest of his life in Ohio, remembered that he had often seen Shawnee Indians encamped in the timber nearby.

Richard Pitzer bought his own farm not far away and there he and his wife, Anna, reared a family of twelve children. He died there in 1819 and later Anna brought her children to Illinois, where she died in 1847 and lies buried in the Brumback Cemetery in Ritland township.

No historian records John's activities from the time he settled with his family on Hog Run in 1802 until 1813 when we know he was married at the age of twenty four. He, no doubt, helped to clear and develop the land which his father acquired, and learned the rudiments of successful farming which he was to practice all of his life.

He was raised in a religious home as his mother followed the Methodist principles and his father became such a staunch Baptist that he occasionally preached sermons although he was never a real minister.

Among the hundreds of settlers that were pouring into the new territory in 1805 were John Grove and his wife, Barbara Lionbarger Grove, and their large family, from the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. One of their daughters, Barbara, was thirteen years old when they moved to Ohio and she had attended nothing but German speaking schools before that.

They were neighbors of the Greens and on March 28, 1813 John Green, 24, and Barbara Grove, 21, were married. Their first child, Eliza, was born the next year, followed by Nancy, Jesse, David, Catherine, Lavina, Samuel, Rachel and Joseph, all reared in Licking County.

John bought his own land which he farmed successfully, and also became a contractor, moving his family with him to different locations in the state. "He constructed about fifteen miles of the Ohio Canal, employing 200 men," according to "The History of LaSalle County" published by the Inter-State Publishing Company. This canal connects the Ohio River at Portsmouth, Ohio, with the lake at Cleveland.

On August 20, 1821, at the age of sixty-one, Catherine Green Green, the mother of fourteen children who all grew to adulthood, died and is buried in Daves Arboretum near Newark, Ohio. Benjamin remarried and lived until he was 78 and he, too, is buried in Daves Arboretum.

New territories were constantly being opened up further west and it was the spirit of the times for all men to acquire vast acreages of cheap, fertile land. So on August 27, 1829 John Green headed a party of explorers composed of his brother William, his brother-in-law John Grove, and a friend, William Lambert, in search of new homes in the northwest.

They traveled by horseback by way of Fort Wayne, Kalamazoo and along the south shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, until they reached the Fox River in what was then Peoria County. Here John found the rapids that he had been looking for and bought a log cabin and some land in Rutland township from the owner, William Clark. The capital of the state was then in Vandalia so the return journey was made through the southern part of the state, and the land registered in Vandalia.

It was the 15th of October before the party arrived back in Ohio, and John's determination and enthusiasm were so strong that he persuaded a party of twenty-four persons to make a return trip to Illinois, even though some thought they should wait until spring to make the long journey. Fortunately two of John's sons, Jesse and David, have left us a detailed report of the trip which can be found in Elmer Baldwin's "History of LaSalle County, Illinois."

I would like to interject one note right here. John's younger brother, William, who came out from Ohio with him on the first trip, for some unknown reason, did not return with the larger party of settlers in

November. He had married, first, Sarah Pitzer, and second, Eliza Brown, but we haven't known anything about him except that he was buried in Cedar County, Iowa in 1855. Last summer Mabel Myers, Mildred Summins and I went on another exploration party into western territory. First from one person and then another we were directed to old houses, court house records, and finally to the prettiest country cemetery you ever saw where William and most of his children are lying together. We didn't find any living descendants of this early pioneer to Iowa but we learned a great deal that we didn't know before that can be added to the growing Green saga - and we're still searching.

On the 6th of December, 1829 the twenty-four hardy pioneers (nine men, four women and eleven children) arrived at the 18x24 foot cabin in Rutland township, about four miles from here, that had been built by William Clark. Here they spent the first winter. In some notes left by Maud Green, she said, "The first house in Dayton was on the site of our present home and was probably not a log cabin as Grandfather (John Green) had put a sawmill in the end of the flour mill in the spring of 1830.....They were still in this house in 1832 at the time of the Blackhawk War as they made a fort of it that summer..... I never heard how long it was until the second house was built on the hill side, facing the river. It had three stories with a spring in the basement floor running into a stone trough, parts of which are still in existence. The spring dried up long ago but I can remember it. The upper floor was even with the top of the hill. It had a porch on the east side of at least one floor.

"In the summer of 1853 John Green and his sons, David and Jesse, built three square frame houses in a row - John's where the first house stood. In these three houses the Jesse, David and Isaac Green families grew up. The Jesse Green house was destroyed by fire..... and our father's house was torn down in 1924 and replaced by the present structure, which is the fourth house on the original building spot. The David Green house is the only one still standing of the three built in 1853."

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Two more children were born to Barbara and John after settling in Illinois - Rebecca and Isaac, my grandfather. Two infants had died in Ohio so this left a family of nine to grow to maturity.

While these energetic pioneers were busy building houses, stores, mills and factories in the new town of Dayton there was still danger from some of the Indians. Shabonna and his Pottawatomie tribes were friendly to the white men but Blackhawk, chief of the Sauk tribes, was still waging war, and the occasional skirmishes made the settlers wary and uneasy. Because of this John Green fortified his house by building a stockade around it and at one time sixty persons from the surrounding area gathered there for protection.

When word was brought to this frightened community of the killing of fifteen persons on Indian Creek, and Sylvia and Rachel Hall's being taken prisoners by the Indians, the Dayton settlement moved down the river to Fort Johnson on the south bluff in Ottawa where a few soldiers were stationed. After a few days there they returned to their homes and by 1833 all such troubles with the Indians were over. Vivid accounts of this period are told in great detail by Elmer Baldwin, the historian.

Again quoting from Mr. Baldwin: "The first election in what is now LaSalle County was held at the home of John Green in August, 1830. It was for the Fox River Precinct of Peoria County..... In the winter of 1830-31 the legislature organized the county of LaSalle, and an election was held the following spring at Ottawa for county officers.....At the election held March 17, 1831, George Walker was chosen Sheriff; John Green, Abraham Trumbo and James B. Campbell, County Commissioners."

Plans for the Illinois and Michigan Canal were in progress when the Green party arrived in Illinois but actual work was not commenced until 1836. John again became a contractor and built about two miles of the feeder canal which connected the Fox River to the Illinois and Michigan Canal in Ottawa, which was finally completed in 1848, after many financial and labor troubles.

By 1840 John Green built the first water powered woolen mill in the state. This business prospered until bad times hit them during the Civil War and was later turned into a horse collar factory.

John Green and William Stadden, in cooperation with the state, started work in 1848 on a dam over the Fox River rapids to supply power for the surrounding area. The dam is still in operation today.

In 1849 the gold rush fever struck the whole country and the Green men were eager to increase their fortunes along with everyone else. John, accompanied by his sons, David, Jesse and Joseph, joined others in the mad rush for gold but within a year were back in Dayton without any noticeable fortune. Mabel's grandfather, Jesse, has written an interesting account of his trip.

A note left by Maud Green says, "While the men were away at the California gold rush in 1849 the Hite family lived in this house and rented the farm, the only time any but the Green family ever lived in (in 117 years)."

Soon after their return Joseph Green died of cholera at the age of 27 and is buried in the Dayton cemetery.

In the meantime John and Barbara's family was growing up and getting larger. Eliza, the oldest girl was married at 17, soon after they arrived in Illinois, to William Dunavan, 23 years old. He had arrived with his family from Licking County the year before. They reared a family of 11 children, several of whom moved to Texas.

Nancy was the next girl, born in 1816, she was 18 years old when she married Joseph Albert Dunavan, 22, on January 26, 1834. They had 11 children and have many descendants in this area, among them being Dick Dunavan, father of Mark and Sandy, and Ann, Carol and Jane Mills, daughters of Barbara Dunavan and Robert Mills, and granddaughters of Hope and Frank Dunavan. Nancy and her husband are buried in Hamilton, Missouri.

The next wedding was that of Catherine Green on June 15, 1837 when she was 15. She also married a Dunavan, George, 22, and they had 13 children. Many of their descendants are here today - including Ethel Brown Holmes and Ruth Brown Baker and their children. Catherine and George are buried in the Dayton cemetery.

Jesse was the first son to marry. When he was 26 he married Isabelle Trumbo, a cousin and a daughter of Mathias and Rebecca Grove Trumbo, but she died when she was 32 years old. Jesse then married Hannah Rhodes in 1856 and had a large family. His story can better be told by some of his many descendants, Mabel Greene Myers, Helen Myers McLoraine, Alice Green and John Gilman. Isabelle and Jesse are buried in the Dayton cemetery.

Four years later David, then 28, married Mary Stadden, who was 20, on December 24, 1847 in Dayton. They had a family of 10 children and in 1853 built this house where we're meeting today, now owned by Grace and Charles Clifford. Mary and David are buried in our family cemetery.

The white house on the hill west of here was built by David for his oldest daughter, Alice, who married Jesse Allen in 1867 in the house where we are today. There are many living descendants but none in this immediate area. Mabel and I enjoyed hunting up one of the descendants when we were in Key West, Florida several years ago.

The youngest daughter was Rebecca - I remember her as Aunt Beck - who at the age of 24 was married to Oliver W. Trumbo, then 30. She was the first child born in LaSalle County and he had recently come from Rockingham County, Virginia with his family. They built a house on the hill across from the former store in Dayton and in my childhood visits to Illinois I remember it as a lovely home surrounded by many flowers and trees. They had two daughters, one died as a young girl, and the other one, Jesse, became Mrs. Wilmot Van Etten of Mendota, the parents of three boys, Clair, Walcott and Frank, who all had large families and have many living descendants here in Illinois and in California. Rebecca and Oliver are buried in the Dayton cemetery.

Rachel was the last daughter to be married. When she was 37 she married George Gibson on September 28, 1863. They had two children but there are no descendants in this area now.

Isaac, my grandfather, and the youngest of the children, was the last to be married. When he was 32 he married Mary Jane Trumbo, a sister of Oliver's. They lived in the family home, farmed the original land and are both buried in the Dayton cemetery. They had five children, of whom my mother, Barbara, was the youngest.

Their oldest child was Maud and I'd like to pay a loving tribute to her as she started all this record keeping. Their son Ralph's descendants are represented here today by Ruth Green Eichenberger and Grace Green Clifford and her children.

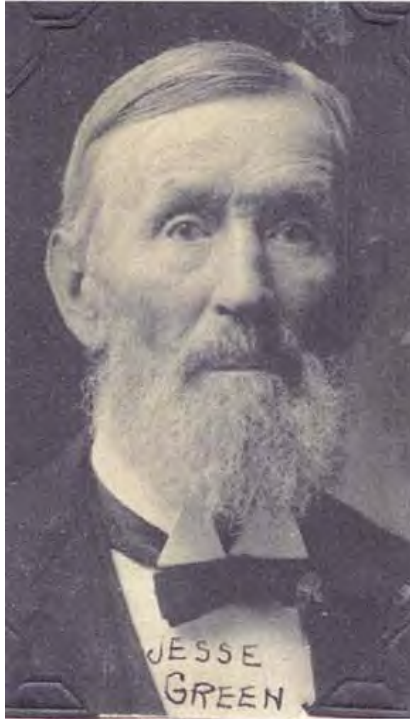
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John and Barbara both lived long and honorable lives and both lie in our beautiful little family cemetery which he donated to the community over a hundred years ago. He was 84 when he died on May 17, 1874 in the house that he had dreamed of back in Licking County. Barbara was blind for the last six years of her life and died May 5, 1886 at the age of 94, leaving behind a fine heritage of a good and useful life.

In my own defense for writing this long story let me say that I liked something I read in "Old Virginia and Her Neighbors" by John Fisk. "Without genealogy the study of history is comparatively lifeless." I hope I've been able to put some life into these ancestors that I am glad to have descended from.

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Jesse Green
Helen's great grandfather



Hannah Rhodes
Helen's great grandmother and Jesse Green's wife and mother of Thomas Green



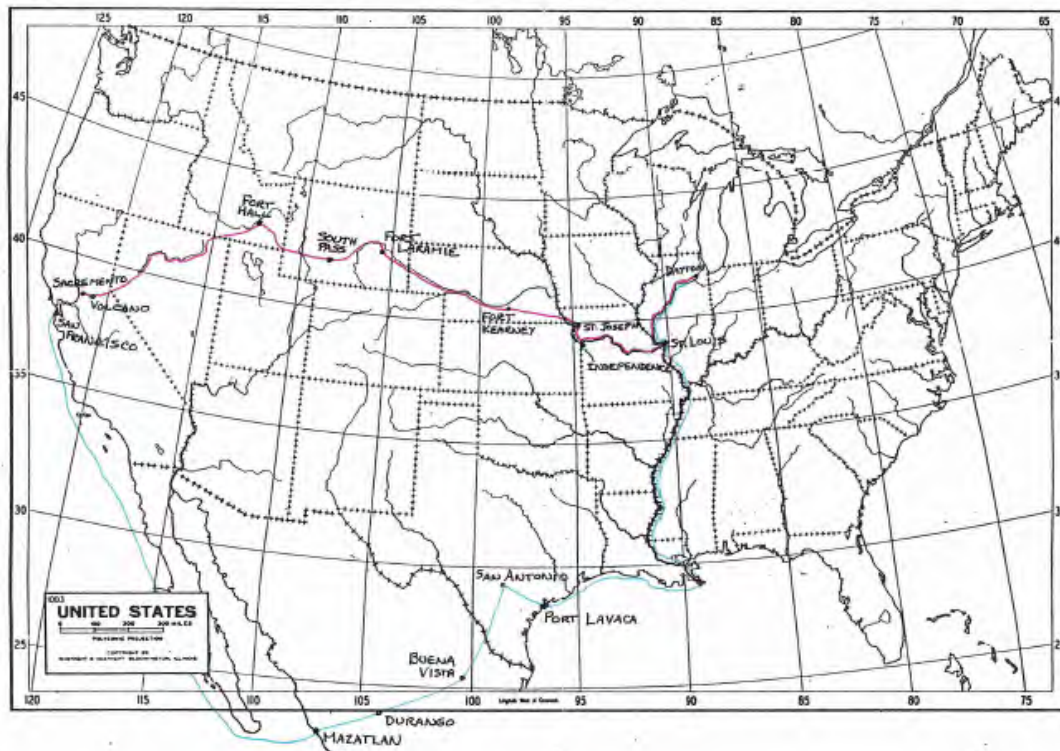
Jesse Green and Map of Travels with Group of Twenty



2 APR 1849 - LEFT OTTAWA
 19 APR 1849 - ST. JOSEPH
 22 MAY 1849 - FT. KEARNEY
 12 JUN 1849 - FT. LARAMIE
 2 SEP 1849 - ARRIVED AT MINES

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY JOHN, JESSE, AND JOSEPH GREEN TO AND FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOLD FIELDS 1849-1851

2 SEP 1850 - LEFT SAN FRANCISCO
 JAN 1851 - ARRIVED IN DAYTON



PREFACE

The settlement of a new country naturally suggests to survivors and their descendants a desire to possess and perpetuate a brief sketch or outline history of their ancestors, detailing their hardships, privations and sufferings that must necessarily be endured in pioneer life.

The writer is one of five still surviving of the company of twenty four constituting what was termed "Green's Company", which immigrated to this state in the latter part of the year 1829 from Licking County, Ohio and whose history this brief sketch is mainly designed to give. Being repeatedly urged by friends and relatives, as the only one of that company left who could be expected to write from recollection, a brief history of the pioneer life of the members of the company, and knowing my inability to do so in a manner satisfactory either to them or to myself, it is with great reluctance that I yield to their request and attempt the effort.

Being confined to my room with rheumatism this winter, I write more for pastime than any expectation of meeting the approbation of my readers.

My aim will be simply to relate facts and circumstances of actual occurrence without any pretention at embellishment or desire to draw upon the imagination in order to make a better story. I shall be obliged to rely almost entirely upon memory for what is offered, trusting that crudeness and imperfections may be charitably overlooked, and that it may to a certain extent meet the wishes of those desiring me to undertake the task.

Doubtless it may be urged by some that the personal pronoun "I" figures to too great an extent, to which I can only reply that, being an active character in the drama, it would seem otherwise like playing Hamlet with Hamlet left out.

Ottawa, Illinois, December 15th, 1895

Jesse Green

I have purposely abstained from giving the biography of very many old and highly valued friends as well as relatives, from the fact that most of them have been favorably noticed in two or three histories of our county. This little sketch makes no pretensions as to an approach to a county history, but merely early recollections of passing events as they occurred to the writer and without referring to old rusty record.

Chapter I

A brief sketch of the early settlement of LaSalle County Illinois, notably by John Green's party in 1829 and by relatives and others the following years.

My aim and desire will be to sketch truthfully the lives and acts of bravery of the pioneer settlers of this county. Not only of our own party but of the few daring and adventurous spirits who preceded and followed us to this region which could then be correctly called the "wild west".

It may not be out of place here to give a brief account of our ancestors as far back as my knowledge extends. My grandfather, Rev. Benjamin Green immigrated from Hagerstown, Maryland to Licking County, Ohio about the year 1800. He was a Methodist preacher but did not belong to any conference; like the apostle Paul he labored with his own hands during the week and preached a free gospel on the Lord's day, or as opportunity presented. He was an active jovial man, full of wit as well as wisdom. I well remember he owned a very large brown mare and one day when I was with him in the field, when about starting home for dinner, for my amusement and to my amazement, he stepped upon a stump and jumped entirely over his big horse to the ground. I was much impressed with this and always thought he must have a great mind as well as a strong active body.

Some years later, between the years of 1800 and 1813, a number of families removed from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Licking County; the Groves, Shavers, Trumbos, Linebargers Kites, Musselmen and Lairs were from Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, Virginia. Others whose former place of residence is unknown to me were the Pitzers, Broombachs, Paars, Moores, Suttons, Davises and a host of others whose names have slipped my memory, I being but twelve years old when we left Ohio.

John Grove, the head of the Grove family was of Dutch or German descent and was a large powerful man. He could pick up a barrel of flour under each arm and toss them upon one of those old fashioned Virginia wagons with ease. He was so large that his descendants long preserved one of his vests to show his unusual girth about the breast. In the year 1812 my father John Green, was united in marriage to John Grove's daughter Barbara, and settled on a prospective farm in a heavily timbered section three miles south of Newark. One of John Groves' brothers and all of his family except his wife and one child were murdered by the Indians in an early day (I think this occurred in Virginia). The mother discovered the approach of the Indians and picking up a little child made her escape out of a back door.

My father held a Captain's commission during the war of 1812 but having been married only a short time previous to a call for active service, my mother finally prevailed upon him to procure a substitute which he was able to do, getting his brother Michael to take his place,

I remember very distinctly some events in Ohio, as impressions made on my youthful mind are much more vivid and lasting than those that transpired in later years. The first event of importance was the booming of cannon at the celebration of the commencement of work on the Ohio Canal, when Gov. Morrow threw out the first shovel of dirt in the spring of 1825. We heard the report of cannon distinctly at our home six miles distant, and I shall probably never forget the event as long as I live.

Father became quite an extensive contractor on that canal and in his first work had quite a serious accident while grubbing up trees. An uncle, John Pitzer, fearing a tree would fall on a span of horses and a pair of oxen, attempted to move them out of danger and was killed as well as one of his horses. The tree falling between the oxen, knocked a horn off from each.

Educational advantages were limited even in Ohio at that time. We did not have as many months of school as now and school houses were far apart, therefore both parents and children gladly embraced every opportunity for learning or culture. About this time father employed a young Englishman by the name of William Thacker for bookkeeper. "Billy" as we called him would take me on his knee evenings and teach me to write and cipher. I had attended school one term before Anna Stadden, my cousin, being the teacher, and had learned my letters and to spell a little; but probably Billy taught me as much that winter as I would have learned in school. I wrote and rewrote the date of the year, 1825 so frequently that it was indelibly impressed on my memory.

Father's first work on the canal was near his home but he afterwards took work near Dresden and Cashocton and removed his family near his work. He also had a little store and after the completion of his contracts in this locality, he took an unfinished contract further up the canal where two former contractors had died, it being in a rather unhealthy section.

On August 27, 1829, father with William Green, Joseph Grove and William Lambert left on horseback to explore the Northwest. They passed through Chicago where they found few settlers. They frequently slept on the ground. They came upon the Fox river and followed it down to the rapids where William Clark had arrived in the spring of that same year and built a cabin. The location was ideal for a mill site and was situated on lands subject to entry at that time. Father bought Mr. Clark's claim on which he was living, and hired him to put in forty acres of fall wheat, and to build another and larger log cabin 18 by 24 feet (all in one room) by the time he should return from Ohio with his family. He then went to the seat of government which was at Vandalia at that time, and entered the land on which the water-power is situated at Dayton. He then returned to his home in Ohio as speedily as possible as it was already late in the season to think of moving that fall, but he had made up his mind to do so, and was not easily swayed from his purpose, as he was a man of positive character and consequently was strong

willed, many thought recklessly so sometimes. But his resolutions being coupled with good sound judgement and "good hard horse sense" he was usually successful in his ventures.

On the 2nd of November, 1829 father had completed his arrangements for moving west. As it was so late in the season those desiring to go with him did all in their power to prevail upon him to abandon the undertaking until spring, but as his purpose could not be shaken, they finally yielded and on the above date they started with the following persons: John and wife Barbara Grove Green and their seven children, Eliza, Nancy, Jesse, David, Katherine, Rachel and Joseph; David Grove and wife Anna Howser Grove and one child, Elizabeth; Henry Brumbach and wife Elizabeth Pitzer Brumbach with one son Richard; Rezin DeBolt & wife, Emma Grove DeBolt and one child Barbara; Samuel Grove - Jacob Grove - Joseph Grove - Jacob Kite - Alexander McKay & Harvey Shaver, twenty four persons all told. The two later returned to Ohio but of the twenty two who remained in Illinois only seven died in forty one years.

The Company's outfit consisted of one wagon with four yoke of oxen, three two horse wagons and one double carriage for father's family. We found the roads passable until we got into Indiana where we were obliged to stop three days on account of rain. About forty teams were weather bound at this point on the Whitewater River and we were told that it would be impossible to proceed unless we attempted to travel over the tops of wagons and teams already swamped.

From this place we were obliged to cut out a new road through a heavily timbered country for about sixty miles, travelling only about ten miles a day. Father with a child in his arms was thrown from his carriage and in the fall had three ribs broken. A wheel passed over the child slightly injuring it. But father continued his journey without a murmur of complaint, so readily did those hardy pioneers adapt themselves to circumstances and heroically face the inevitable.

Many streams were so high that when practical, we attempted to head them instead of trying to effect a crossing. A short distance before reaching the prairies in Indiana, father sent brother David and me on ahead of the teams to find a stopping place for the night, and engage feed for the teams, and accommodation for as many of our company as possible. We found a comfortable little house owned by an eastern man, and found accommodations for man and beast. During the evening we were talking over our past difficulty while travelling over what seemed to be a God-forsaken country, and our landlord became almost eloquent in his appeals to my father to desist from attempting to reach our destination at that late season, claiming that we would surely perish on those bleak prairies in such a rash undertaking. Father felt confident that we could get through and was determined to make the effort.

At last the man said very feelingly, "If you must go, I want you to leave those two bright little boys with me. I can't bear to think of them having to perish on those bleak prairies"

After travelling five days from this place by the aid of a compass, there being no road, over those almost endless prairies we reached Parishes Grove, Iroquois County, Illinois. From there we followed an Indian trail that led us to Hubbard's trading post on the Iroquois River. One cold sleety night mother sat up all night on the carriage seat and in attempting to get out in the morning, she found her clothing frozen fast to the seat of the carriage. But she, like our father, was equal to any emergency without a word of complaint. She had such a happy, cheerful disposition that she endeavored to look upon the bright side of things under the most trying circumstances and was never known to borrow trouble. I am aware that everyone claims to have the best mother that ever lived but I think mine was a little better.

We had considerable trouble in crossing several streams before reaching Hubbard's trading post. Cicero, though ordinarily a small stream was so swollen that we were obliged to fell trees from either side to make a temporary bridge or crossing place over which we carried our load, swimming our teams and drawing our wagons over with ropes. When the women attempted to cross, there was one who could not pick up courage enough to attempt crossing on such a temporary affair, so father got her on his back somehow and carried her over on his hands and knees, but becoming entangled in the brush, they both got a good wetting. Father had been having chills and fever every other day for some time previous, but this accidental wetting cured him.

We bought of Mr. Gordon Hubbard all the corn he had, which was only eight bushels. He had nothing in the way of provisions that he could spare. We also bought of him a large perogue or overgrown canoe and loaded into this about thirty hundred weight of our luggage in order to lighten up our loads, our teams showing evident signs of exhaustion from their long and arduous journey. We put onto our boat for a crew, Samuel and Joseph Grove and Jacob Kite with directions to work down the Iroquois to the Kankakee, then to the mouth of that stream * where we would meet them and they were to assist us in crossing.. It was seventy miles via the river but only thirty by land across country, but it took the teams three days and the crew had almost given up meeting us when fortunately they heard a well known voice calling to^a favorite horse, and by this means were enabled to reach our camp.

We ferried the most of our goods over the stream in our boat when a friendly Indian came along and showed us a good fording place where we crossed with our teams and wagons. However, the wagon with the mill-irons struck a large boulder and capsized. It required the assistance of most of our men to right it.

*Note - Now known as Dresden Heights - junction of Kankakee & DesPlaines.

Here, I would remark some got the impression was the place where father got the wetting that cured his chills, but I feel positive that he left them behind at the Cicero crossing. From this point our boat was to go down the Illinois River to the rapids where Marseilles is now situated, and tie up at the head of the rapids and from there travel in a north westerly direction to Clark's, our new home.

When we parted with our boat crew for three days, we and our teams were on short ration. One of our company, Jacob Grove refused to eat anything as he felt sure we were hopelessly lost and thought it was his duty to save all he could for the women and children. He was in the habit of walking behind a certain wagon so regularly that the women would put some food in the feed box attached to the hind end of the wagon, hoping he might be tempted to eat a little on the sly, but nothing was ever touched by the brave, unselfish man.

The day before we reached our destination father concluded he saw in the distance Hawleys Grove and started on ahead of the company on horseback in pursuit of provisions for ourselves and feed for our teams but so discouraged were part of the company and so sure that we were hopelessly lost, that one man so far forgot the proprieties of the occasion as to tell the women that "Mr. Green was well aware that he was lost and the company in danger of starvation and when he had left them it was only on a pretense that he might avoid seeing the suffering of his friends and that he would take his own life rather than starve on the prairies". Mother, brave soul! would not listen a moment to these gloomy forebodings and reflections. Too well she knew the true heart that had never yet failed her for an hour.

About ten O'clock at night, to our joy and the relief of the discouraged ones, father returned to our camp on Nettle Creek. He had hired one, Robert Beresford, with a little democrat wagon and a gray horse and had made up a load of provisions for the needs of man and beasts. He had bought a quarter of beef that Mr. Beresford and Hawley had killed that day as well as other food, and corn and hay for the horses.

Our friend Grove and all the party partook of a hearty meal though rather late at night. It is impossible to make the reader understand how overjoyed we were and how during the meal and long after we rejoiced over our happy deliverance from starvation and suffering on those bleak, black prairies.

The next day, December 17th 1929 at four O'clock P. M. we reached our destination but the party of young men whom we expected would reach Clark's before we did, had not yet put in an appearance, and we were all oppressed with fearful forebodings regarding our crew, fearing they might have met with some serious accident. On the same day they had made their boat fast just above the grand rapids of the Illinois River, and starting across the prairie without any knowledge of the country became belated and were wondering how they were to spend the night when fortunately they saw a light in the window of a cabin about eight O'clock. On reaching the house they were surprised to find it was the place they were in search of. Needless to say they gladly joined us and we had a general time of rejoicing.

the last being found, the sheep all in the fold at last.

No doubt my father did run a great risk in making this trip so late in the year, through a country destitute of ferries, bridges, mills and almost all the usual means of supplying the needs of human beings, but "all is well that ends well".

He lived many years after this trying ordeal as "Our Pioneers" by Isaac Smucker tells, to bless his country by the exercise of his indomitable will and perseverance and had the pleasure of furnishing food and clothing for the early settlers over a large extent of country for many years.

Here let me call attention to the fact that we can scarcely realize at the present time, the necessity and importance of mills in the development of a new country. Both saw and flouring mills were prime factors in the march of civilization during the infancy of this great, rich, and prosperous country, surrounded as we are now with an abundance of everything that can contribute to the comfort and happiness of the human family - not only staples but luxuries undreamt of at that time. We can scarcely understand the condition of a country without means of manufacture or preparation of food for our tables or material for building purposes; especially in a country with no means of commerce, no supplies brought to our doors from the ports of the world, and nothing but material in the rough at hand.

Soon after our arrival here father sent a team down to a mill in Tazewell County for flour and got what was supposed to be sufficient to last until we could grind some of our own wheat, but he did not take into consideration our increased appetites, which we thought had nearly doubled. Then Uncle Samuel Grove and I took a grist of frostbitten corn to Mr. Covil's ox-mill below Ottawa on the south side of the river. We were ferried across the Illinois River just above the mouth of the Fox, by two daughters of Dr. David Walker who ran the ferry in the absence of their father. We followed an Indian trail, not a wagon track was visible. Probably owing to the fact that our corn had been caught by an early frost before reaching maturity, we did not succeed very well in grinding it in the Ox-mill, and we returned home with a good portion of our grist unground. Some time later we took another grist up to Mission Point where Rev. Jesse Walker had a similar mill in connection with his mission and school for the civilization and education of the rising generation of our Indian friends and neighbors, but his mill did not prove to be any more successful in grinding our soft corn than Mr. Covil's mill.

My first visit to where Ottawa is now situated was in the early spring of 1830. At that time there was a little log cabin on the north side of the river, near the present location of the Ottawa House, built by James Walker who had removed to Plainfield. It was not occupied at that time. This was the only house or cabin on the north side of the river, but in the fall of that year I hauled lumber from Dayton for a man by the name of Captain Jack who built a store that fall but he remained in Ottawa only a short time. The trade of the surrounding country did not prove very remunerative.

When we came here we found Vital Vermet, who afterwards married Dr. Walker's daughter Huldah. Another daughter married Joseph Cloud who later served as first clerk of our county court. Another daughter had married a man by the name of Ed Weed and was living at Hawley's Grove. Another married a Mr. Newton, still another married William Hickling, who a few years later became partner with his brother-in-law, George Walker in the wholesale and retail grocery and drygoods trade in Ottawa, which they followed for a number of years amassing fortunes, after which they sold out to S. W. Cheever. Walker went to the southern part of the state for his health and opened a large fruit farm, on which he lived a few years and then went to Chicago and invested in real estate. He died several years ago. William Hickling also went to Chicago and invested largely in real estate. His wife survives him and is still living in Chicago in good circumstances.

On the south side of the river near Marseilles James Galloway located, also near him was Abraham Trumbo who bought the land on which Dayton is situated. My father's first purchase was on the east side of Fox River and Mr. Trumbo's on the west side, and as the west side seemed to be the easiest to improve, and both parties saw the importance of getting mills in operation at as early a day as possible, they made an exchange of titles. Mr. Covil was living on a creek of his own name on the south side and had, when we came, an Ox-mill for grinding corn. Mr. Long, Josiah Shaw, the Pambrooks, Hugabones and I think Charles Brown were all on the south side of the river. Two Indian traders, George Dilsaver and a Mr. Countryman roamed at large. I think these constitute the sum total of settlers we found here, though there was Simon Craslar at Utica, and three or four near Peru.

We found that Mr. Clark had sown forty acres of wheat according to contract, which made an excellent crop and supplied the few settlers here and those coming in 1830. We tested one acre (probably the best) of this wheat which yielded forty nine and three fourths bushels.

Mr. Clark had also built us a log cabin eighteen by twenty four feet all in one room, which had to accommodate for a season our whole company of twentyfour persons. He occupied his own cabin until spring, when he moved to Plainfield.

Early in the spring of 1830 development of the water power was commenced by using the stumps from the timber from which the mill was being constructed. Economy was sought to a greater extent than it is at the present time. The saw mill was built with sufficient room to put a pair of stones in one end of it to do our grinding until a better mill could be erected, having brought with us the necessary mill irons, black-smith tools etc. Whilst the men were getting out the timber for the mill and dam, which had to be built to intersect a small island, brother David and myself took the contract of scraping out the race or waterway for a distance of about a half mile (he being ten, and I twelve years old). We each had a pair of oxen and an old fashioned scraper. I sometimes had to help him load and dump his scraper and vice versa. We had the race completed by the time the mills were ready to draw their gates. On the morning of the 4th day of July 1830 the first wheat was ground by water power in the northern portion of Illinois. We did not at this time have a bolt for separating the flour from the bran but we thought that graham flour was good enough to celebrate that Natal day with a double purpose that will never be forgotten by the latest survivor of the memorable event. It marked the first and greatest step in the alleviation of the hardships and suffering of the early settlers, and they soon all had plenty of graham flour and corn dodgers. Up to this time we were obliged to grind our grain in a coffee mill, or pound it in a mortar improvised by burning out a hole in the top of a stump, and attaching an iron wedge to a handle to use as a pestle which was operated in a manner similar to the old fashioned well sweep.

It seems marvelous that both saw and grist mills could have been built in so short a space of time, when we consider the scant facilities afforded at that time but it fully illustrates the old saying that "necessity is the mother of invention". And there is certainly great credit due the executive head that managed and controlled every detail in their construction, and his foresight in bringing with him everything necessary in their construction.

The next season, having plenty of lumber, a frame building for a grist mill was built, separate and apart from the saw mill to accommodate the increasing immigration, which began in the fall of 1830 when the following families came from Licking County, Ohio, former friends and relatives. David Letts and family; Wm. L. - George - and Joseph A Dunavan, brothers and settled at Cedar Point in this county. Widow Anna Pitzer and family, sister of my father, John Green, Mathias Tumbo and family, David Shaver and family, William Parr and family. William Stadden & family, Jonathan and Aaron Daniels and families. Edward Sanders, Joseph Kleiber and Benjamin Fleming, all with families and settled in Rutland Township which at that time included most of Dayton Township, that portion of the Congressional Township No. 34 lying west of Fox River. The same fall a number of other families from Ohio settled on the south side of the Illinois River. Mrs. Elsie Strawn Armstrong and her brother Jeremiah Armstrong Strawn settled in Putnam Co, Col John Strawn & John S. Armstrong came in the fall of 1829 and settled near Lacon.

Among the few scattered families hereabouts when we came was Dr. David Walker and his family who had come from Rockingham County, Va. and settled on the south side of the Illinois River where Ottawa is now located. One of his sons George E. Walker, was engaged in trading with the Indians, always dealing fairly and honorably with them and keeping perfect faith in all engagements and gained over these simple children of the forest that influence and possession of their perfect confidence which he never lost and which was found so advantageous in many trying emergencies.

When LaSalle County was organized in 1830 George Walker was elected its first sheriff and it was while holding this position that he made that remarkable trip to the far west after some indian prisoners, the recital of which to this day sounds like an overdrawn fiction. The substance of the narrative is that in 1832 a few young braves of the Pottawatomies joined Black Hawk in his war on the whites despite the efforts of Chief Shabone to prevent it. Two young brothers were identified as taking part in some murders along the Fox River and were arrested for the crime. But as the trial was postponed for a year and in the meantime the tribe to which the young men belonged had moved beyond the Mississippi River Mr. Walker allowed them to follow going bail for their return at the next term of court. On the appointed day the Indians returned, but on account of floods etc., no court was held and the Indians returned to their tribe, supposing the matter was done with. At the next term of court, however, Mr. Walker was called upon to produce his prisoners, and he promptly started on a journey of three hundred miles across the country on horseback and alone to bring them. In due course he presented himself to the tribe and stated his case, upon which without hesitation the young men were placed in his charge. The country to be traversed on his return was unsettled, and except for a Military Base at Rock Island, there were only a few roving Indians, moody and sullen, reluctantly quitting the country that had just been wrested from them at the end of a bloody war, destitute, starving and exasperated, of whom he could claim hospitality. Yet the adventurous sheriff strong in his purpose, fearless and confident in the high character he possessed among the red men with whom he had so long dealt, pressed fearlessly on. The prisoners were without horses. Mr. Walker had one, and this he shared with them alternately. He was without arms but relied upon the honor and good faith of the prisoners, not only for the success of his enterprise, but for his life as well, for there was scarcely an hour from the time he started until their arrival when his prisoners might not have summarily disposed of their captor and made good their escape. Yet true to their compact, they shared the hardships and privations of the journey with their captor and friend. His horse breaking from its tethering in the night was pursued and brought back by one of the Indians after a chase of ten miles alone. On the second day from their start they arrived at Fort Atkinson on Rock River, where the prisoners requested of Mr. Walker that they might be permitted to pass the post to a camp of their own brethren sojourning there, alone, that they might avoid the disgrace of being in custody.

Yielding to their request, Mr. Walker followed and met his prisoners at the appointed rendezvous this side of the Mississippi and the journey was soon completed in the same manner it was begun. Upon arriving, the Indians supposed their fate was at hand, and when Mr. Walker requested one of them to take off his blanket in order, by certain marks to identify him to the Grand Jury, the Indian complied and signified to Mr. Walker that he was gratified that it was at his hands that he was to meet his doom. The matter was explained to him and the trial proceeded.

The Indians were ably defended by Col. R. J. Hamilton of Chicago. The influence of Mr. Walker was not wanting in presenting to the minds of an exasperated people the case of the Indians in its true light and they were at last acquitted on the ground that the act they had done, dreadful as it seemed to the neighbors of the victims - and those neighbors and friends were the triers of the accused - was Indian habits and modes of warfare, justly considered, a "lawful" act of war. During the Black Hawk war, Mr. Walker organized and became captain of a band of friendly Indians rendering frequent and efficient service. His familiarity with the Indians dialects enabled him also to be of important service during the war as interpreter to General Scott. (I have borrowed from history a portion of my old friend Walker's biography, in order to do him greater honor, as he deserves it.)

The first settlers all came from heavily timbered country and as a consequence did not think it possible that those broad prairies would be settled in their day but expected to have unlimited range for all the stock they might desire to keep. The first settlers secured as much of the best timber as they possibly could, through pre-emptions and floats (as they were called) which were subject to transfer and sale by their holders. In the course of time they expected to have neighbors skirting the timber belts of the country but did not have the remotest idea the prairies would be occupied. However, it was not long until coal was discovered and thought to be almost inexhaustible. Lumber began to be brought across the lakes, and the problem of the feasibility of settling up the prairies was solved, and only a few years later the prairies in this section were nearly bought up, largely by eastern land speculators which retarded the settlement of the country considerably for a number of years, driving immigrants still farther west.

Though there were so few white inhabitants near us, we soon found we could have plenty dusky-skinned neighbors. Indians of the Pottawatomie tribe roamed over the prairies hunting deer, turkeys and prairie chickens, the latter as well as quail being in great abundance. Fish in the streams were very plentiful and some very large. It was a curious sight to see an Indian standing with one foot on each side of the bow of his canoe, with spear in hand and his squaw in the stern to direct his course. They used to secure great numbers of fish in a short time. They pitched their wigwams together in an encampment in a sheltered place during winter

and all the year round mingled frequently and freely with the white settlers, often becoming troublesome on account of their desire to live on terms of perfect equality with their new friends. They always met us with the familiar salutation of "Bushoo, Bushoo Nicon", "How do you do? How do you do my friend". They seemed to enjoy the company of their pale faced neighbors very much, and were very thankful for any little gift or favor done them, seeming to consider it a token of friendship.

They were inveterate beggars and always hungry. They would often eat breakfast at my father's and brother's, then finish up at my house getting good square meals at each place, and would probably not want much more for two or three days.

During the harvest season they would be on hand in great numbers to glean the field after the harvesters had passed over the ground. As harvesting was not so scientifically done in those days as at present, more grain was left on the ground than with the present mode of harvesting with a reaper. No doubt the harvesters left many handsfull of grain for the poor gleaners who followed them. They would get from one peck to two bushels to the family from an ordinary wheat field. Father used to say that a head of wheat found after the Indians, men women and children, had passed over the field would be a specific for the fever and ague which prevailed to such extent for a number of years, and it was expected that every newcomer would necessarily have a siege of it to acclimate him.

As corroborative evidence of this fact I will relate a little of my own experience in this line. It seemed to require more of the shaking up process to acclimate me than most others. I had it regularly every fall up to 1843 when I became so tired and disgusted with it that I concluded to try the remedy that my father experienced when moving to this country, and which proved successful in his case. I began to think that if cold water alone was a specific for that annoying complaint, we had plenty of it very convenient in a wool scouring box about six feet long, two and a half feet wide and three feet deep in the woolen factory. I had made up my mind to jump into this box of water a little before my chill came on, but being busy, neglected it until I was shivering like an aspen leaf. I jumped in with my chill and with my clothes on, not caring very much whether it killed or cured. It came very near the former, as by the time I walked up home with wet clothing, I was shaking so badly that my wife thought I would shake down the old brick hotel where we were living at that time. I had a slight chill the next day, but have not had an attack of fever and ague since.

The first election in this part of the country was held in the home of John Green on August 2, 1830. Pierce Hawley, John Green and Samuel Grove were judges of election, John Green certifying to the qualifications of his associates and Pierce Hawley to the qualifications of Mr. Green. Following is the list of voters: John Green, Hugh Walker, Wm. Purcell, Pierce Edmond Weed, Joseph Grove, John Dilsaver, Alexander McKee, Hawley Reason Debolt, Peter Lamsett, Joseph Grove, Samuel Grove, Robert Beresford, and Henry Brumbach. We were then a part of Fox River Precinct of Peoria County. The following winter the legislature organized the county of LaSalle extending from Groveland to the northern boundary of the state, making it over a hundred miles long and about thirty six miles wide. The following spring an election was held at Ottawa (March 7, 1831) and George E. Walker was elected Sheriff; John Green, Abraham Trumbo and James B. Campbell, County Commissioners; and David Walker county clerk. At the same time LaSalle County was designated, Cook County was laid out to the east and Putnam County to the west, all being taken from the northern part of Peoria County. Governor Reynolds signed the bill on the 15th day of January 1831. At the first meeting of the LaSalle County Commissioners March 21st, the county was divided into three election precincts. The first which included ranges one and two east of the 3rd P. M. was called Vermillion with the polls at the house of David Letts who lived in Township 32, Range one, Wm. Seely, Martin Reynolds, and David Letts being judges of election. The second, which included ranges 3 and 4 east of the 3rd P. M., was called Ottawa with the polls at David Walker's; John Brown, Edward Keys and Samuel Allen, judges of election. The third, which included ranges 5, 6, 7, and 8 east of the 3rd P. M., was called Eastern, the polls being at the home of Vetal Vermett, Holderman's Grove and the judges of election were John Dougherty, Edward Weed and Wm. Schermerhorn.

The first marriage after the organization of the county was that of Sheldon Bartholomew to Charlotte Hugabone. It took place according to the records June 22, 1831, and that fall my sister Eliza and Wm. L. Dunavan were married which I believe was the second marriage in this county both parties having since passed the boundary line between life and death, my sister having but recently died at the age of eighty-four.

The village of Ottawa was laid out by the State in Sept. of 1830 and comprised what is now known as south Ottawa. There had been quite an increase of population from Indiana, New York, Tennessee and a few other states about the time of the outbreak of the Black Hawk war in 1832.

It would be superfluous to recount much of that war, as we have that in history, but there, always minor events that escape the historian's pen, that would interest the actual participants, the sufferers and others whose curiosity would lead them to inquire what part, if any, their parents acted in that Indian war.

Our first intimation of danger from the hostile Indians of Black Hawk's band was conveyed to us by our old and honored friend, Shabona, a friendly chief of the Potawatomie tribe of Indians who roamed in this immediate vicinity. He told us that we might expect a raid by the "Savkiss", meaning Black Hawk's band of Sac and Fox Indians and advised us to "Buckachee" which meant to leave or seek a place of safety. But instead we commenced fortifying father's house, by digging a trench around the house and inserting slabs from the saw mill and doubling them so as to be proof against their rifles. The enclosure was made large enough to accommodate all our neighbors who came in from the north side of the Illinois River with the exception of those unfortunate settlers massacred on Indian Creek, ten miles distant, the news of which we got about twelve o'clock at night after the massacre, which occurred in the afternoon.

Fearing too great a number of Indians would pounce upon us that night, we were advised by our informant, Wilbur F. Walker, that we should leave our fort at once, and go to Ottawa and cross to the south side of the river, where there had assembled a number of families and where we would probably be safer and better enabled to defend ourselves against an attack.

We had the large perogue that we bought of Gurdon S. Hubbard on the Irôquois River when moving here, and filled it with women and children and two men, Wm. Stadden and Aaron Daniels managed the boat which carried twenty five or thirty persons. The balance of the party walked down the bank of the river, but in our haste and confusion several mishaps occurred. On loading the boat, a child was left standing on the rock near the water's edge. This child was thek present wife of Wm. L. Gibson and she was fortunately discovered by W. L. Dunavan who put her in possession of her parents. It was also discovered that brother David and myself were missing and Dunavan went back to our house and found us sleeping soundly not having been awakened through the confusion. And until mother went back for some blankets to wrap around the children in the boat it was not discovered that David Letts had not awakened. He had been up the river with a scouting party and upon returning to our house took dinner, disbanded his company, and stayed for the night. He soon saddled his horse and overtook the company. Mrs. Rebecca Grove Trumbo was so sick that she desired to be left lying on the grass, but her husband and Uncle David Grove assisted her the best they could until Mr. Letts came along with his horse and he gave it up to her to ride, Uncle holding her on the horse.

Mother walked and carried a year old babe, now the honored wife of O. W. Trumbo of Dayton and on the way down mother prayed that the boat with its precious crew might sink, feeling so sure that we would all be killed by the savages. We were ferried across the Illinois River in our boat without any further mishaps, and sought quarters on the south bluff where we remained in camp until it was safe to return home the latter part of August when Black Hawk was taken prisoner in Wisconsin.

Luckily for us those Indians who so cruelly murdered 16 persons on Indian Creek comprising part of the Hall family the Davis and Pettigrew families, did not advance farther. Three of Mr. Davis's sons escaped, and when a party went up the next day to bury the dead they found the barrel of Mr. Davis' gun which was badly bent, showing that he sold his life as dearly as possible in the attempt to save the lives of his family and himself. Two of the Misses Hall were taken prisoners but were soon ransomed.

A few days later a company of twenty five men started out from Ottawa to reconnoitre the country about Holderman's grove crossing the Illinois River at what was called Brown's ford about two miles above Ottawa, and travelled up the east side of the Fox River. Two of the company who were on the north side of the Illinois River went by way of Dayton, and crossing the Fox, expected to meet the company, but in passing around the field of the old Clark farm, discovered a party of Indians and turned and fled toward Ottawa. A soldier who had also fallen behind his comrades met them at the south side of the field and also fled, pursued by about a dozen Indians. The Indians did not fire on them probably from fear of alarming the soldiers who were a short distance in advance, but threw their spears, one passing just under and another just over his horses neck, barely missing the soldier, who having the fleetest horse escaped and returned to Ottawa and gave the alarm. The two men in a wagon, Schermerhorn and Hazleton were killed and scalped and their horses taken. From the place where the soldier left them the track of the wagon circled to the right toward the timber where David Grove used to live, the tracks of the Indian's ponies being south of the wagon track, showing their intention to drive the white men into the timber. The wagon was found against a tree on the edge of the ravine nearly north of Mr. Grove's house. The tree is probably still standing as Mr. Grove preserved it as long as he lived as a memento of that sad event. Mr. Schermerhorn's body was found lying by the forewheels of the wagon and Mr. Hazleton's (his son-in-law) twentyfive or thirty rods below on the north bank of the ravine. He appears to have fled after Mr. Schermerhorn was killed and been overtaken and shot where found. A small scalp was taken from him. Schermerhorn, being baldheaded, they took his entire scalp including portions of both ears. The bodies were brought to Ottawa in the wagon and I well remember the first sight of those two men lying side by side in the wagon; they looked more like slaughtered hogs than human beings. They were buried on the south bluff at Ottawa with the honors of war which the writer witnessed.

The same day Capt. James McFadden who was commander of a company of home guards organized in Ottawa, in company with James Beresford, Ezekial and Daniel Warren were out on a reconnoitering expedition and on the south side of Indian Creek, near the residence of Robert Beresford, they found some nice wild strawberries which they were picking. They had thus been engaged for some time, when the Warrens remarked they were too near the bushes that skirted the timber as Indians might be concealed in the brush and they mounted their horses and rode off. The others remained a short time,

and had just mounted their horses when they were fired upon by a dozen Indians; doubtless the same that killed Schermerhorn and Hazleton. Beresford was killed and ~~Nazikan~~ McFadden shot through the ankle, the same ball passing through the body of his horse but the faithful animal carried him beyond the reach of the Indians and fell. The Warrens then came to his assistance, and one of them dismounted and gave the wounded man his horse with the agreement that in case they were pursued by the Indians, and likely to be overtaken, the one on foot should have his horse back, and McFadden would yield his scalp to the Indians.

These together with the massacre of Adam Paine heretofore mentioned were the only casualties from the Indians in this immediate section of country, after the massacre on Indian Creek.

Our little defenseless squad of men, women and children were encamped on the south bluff at Ottawa, and under directions of Col. James Johnstone of Macon County, erected a small fort just east of where the east road, leads up the bluff on the south side of the River and it was called Fort Johnstone.

We were driven into the fort a few evenings by false alarms from our sentinels. Some of them had a faculty of transforming a bush waving in the breeze, into a genuine blood thirsty savage, and would take deliberate aim and fire. This would drive us into the fort at first but we soon became so accustomed to these false alarms that we could sleep quietly in our tents.

Our first genuine alarm was when we were thrown into a panic for a spell by what proved to be the stampede of Major Stillman's deserting troops coming down the north bluff, near the present residence of Judge Caton. Their bright arms glistened in the sunshine and for quite a while we had no other idea than that they were Indians, but on nearer approach found they were Stillman's command, retreating from danger and anxious to be discharged. After the arrival at Dixon of twenty-two hundred volunteers called by the Governor and under command of General Whiteside, Major Stillman's forces of two battalions of mounted volunteers, were ordered up the river to reconnoitre and learn the location and strength of Black Hawk. This force left on the 12th day of May and when they came up to Old Man's Creek, since very properly called Stillman Run, they discovered a few Indians on horseback, and the men, without orders or commander pursued, overtook and killed three Indians, but soon encountered Black Hawk with seven hundred warriors. They then, of course, changed front and tried the speed of their horses back to camp, whereupon the whole command caught the panic. To prevent the Indians from getting their supply of whiskey, they knocked in the heads of the whiskey barrels, and by absorbing the contents, defeated the Indians in this particular at least.

There were enough men in that command to have taken Black Hawk then and there, but they made a bee line to Dixon and from there to Ottawa many of them without hats, and so

completely demoralized that their first desire to distinguish themselves as Indian fighters had completely oozed out.

As the time of their enlistment had about expired, they were anxious to be discharged, which was done at their encampment on the east side of Fox River, nearly opposite, or rather below the present water works plant in Ottawa on May 27 and 28.

Thus the defenseless settlers were left exposed to the small marauding bands of Indians scattered over the country. When either Gen. Jacob Fry or Gen. Henry (Mr. Baldwin in his history of the county has it the former, but my recollection is that it was General Henry), one of the two made a speech to the discharged men and succeeded in raising a regiment of volunteers, and Gen. Fry was elected Colonel. Whiteside, late commanding general, enlisted as a private.

On the 15th of June the new levies had been mustered into service, amounting to three thousand two hundred men, and formed into three brigades, commanded by General Atkinson of the regular army. On the 22nd of June the forces were organized on the south side of the Illinois River at Fort Wilburn near where Peru is now located. From here they marched in pursuit of Black Hawk, and after repeated skirmishes, utterly defeated him at the battle of Bad Axe on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin August 1832.

Father obtained the contract for furnishing beef for the army during this campaign, and got me into the commissary department at Ottawa, as assistant, during his absence which was not so long as the history of the war makes it appear. I know he was home in July during harvest time but he may have returned before the war was ended which I think was the fact. The danger from Indians was over. We succeeded in getting from our home guards a company of twenty five men to act as guards, while doing our harvesting on the farm bought of Mr. Clark seven miles north east of Ottawa. On the approach of the first night, at sundown, our corporal of guards said he heard the report of a gun down in the grove. His countenance certainly demonstrated the fact that he at least thought he did as he could not conceal his fear. The question then arose as to where we should sleep that night; some favored our cabin and others preferred the hay-mow in the barn. We were divided on the question as to which would be the best and safest place to spend the night. The majority seemed to favor the barn; others claimed that the Indians might stealthily set the barn on fire, but we finally concluded to go into the hay-mow.

We were, or seemed all to be in entire ignorance with regard to the discipline of the army, and its co-ordinate branches in posting guards in time of war. Our horses were enclosed in the barn yard as we supposed very secure. We had taken the precaution to barricade the gate with rails in such a way that we felt sure they could not get out of themselves; but about twelve O'clock at night we heard our horses all running out at the gate. Never did a cat watch

more intently and slyly for a mouse, than we did for Indians. I think for about a minute, in case of an attack, I could not have shot so as to hit the side of a barn, but after that time I could have shot as steadily as ever I did. After waiting a short time and neither hearing nor seeing Indians, ~~a~~ father called for two or three of our guards to go down with him to try to get our horses back into the yard again; but no, there was not a man in the whole company with nerve sufficient to do so. I finally said I would go for one, but ~~f~~ father replied that if none of the men would go that I, a boy, should not, so he went down alone and succeeded in getting the horses back to the gate, when a couple of men ventured to go and help get them through the gate. The only way we could imagine that it was possible for our horses to escape was that Indians let them out or possibly that either hogs or sheep might have carried the ends of the rails around and out of place.

CHAPTER II

SOCIABILITY * AMUSEMENTS * INCREASE OF IMMIGRATION * AND THE LATCH STRING STILL DANGLING ON THE OUTSIDE

I think it may truthfully be said that in no sphere or stage of progressive civilization and advancement is the Scriptural Injunction obeyed with a fuller realization of its import and importance, than in the early settlement of a New Country. Namely; "Do unto others ~~the~~ as you would that they should do unto you".

Circumstances all combine to make each and every one feel his dependence upon others and consequently this injunction is obeyed not merely as a duty but as a pleasure, as this dependence is felt in so many different ways. A cabin has to be built requiring the assistance of the entire neighborhood; harvesting will not admit of delay, and a neighborhood joins teams in order to do it to better advantage; and a hundred and one little acts of kindness are rendered and gladly reciprocated through a higher and more exalted motive than we usually see in older settled communities. With increased prosperity or wealth men become more selfish, and selfishness begets strife, and strife puts the big man on top with the little one whining at his heels. Such seems to me to be the tendency of the age in which we live. It is fast coming to be, or now is to an alarming extent, that man's worth is measured by his dollars and cents. No man of ordinary means can think of filling high office of honor and trust. The moneyed man is on top, and the other qualifications of honor, honesty, and fitness in every respect avail not against dollars and cents.

It used to be the custom of the country that no matter who chanced to reach your home at night, the stranger was made perfectly welcome to share your scanty fare "without money and without price". In the morning when the guest offered to settle his bill for entertainment, usually the only charge was "go and do likewise".

This generous and hospitable spirit prevailed for a number of years in the infancy of this new, great and prosperous country. With greater immigration from all parts, this generous and hospitable disposition began gradually to die out and we begin to see the big sign swinging high in the air announcing - Entertainment. The latch string pulled in, free entertainment was no longer expected and from this time on, a more selfish and acquisitive disposition began to take root and grow among all classes of society.

And here commenced the race for money making. Gradually all seemed to vie with each other, first to see who could get the most land, and then to see who could raise the most wheat, the most corn, the most cattle and the most hogs. It required great production of everything raised, or grown in those days, to bring a little money. Pork was sold at \$1.50 per hundred; wheat when hauled to Chicago, our only market except in a small way at the mill, would not bring over 40 to 50 cents, requiring a week to make the trip with ox teams. And in order to raise their tax money, the settlers could not put up at hotels but were obliged to camp out and had to carry their own grub which the hardy women knew well how to prepare for such a trip. Tax money bothered the pioneers for a number of years. They did not require much of either gold or silver for anything else as all seemed to understand the rule of barter and it supplied most of their wants or needs. We had no pennies then, nothing less than six and fourth cent pieces (five and ten cent pieces came later) and sixpence was more readily given in making change than a penny is today.

I remember that at the sale of Canal lands in 1836 (I believe) I urged my father to buy some adjoining his farm and valued at \$2.50 per acre. He had canal scrip worth 20 to 25 cents on the dollar that would have paid for this land at its face value, but he claimed that he already had all the land he could pay taxes on.

At that time our state was clamoring for the repudiation of her indebtedness, which made everything look gloomy and prospects for the future were anything but encouraging. Fortunately, however, repudiation was averted and means secured to complete the canal on favorable terms for the state which put all on the road to prosperity.

Our second flouring mill was built in 1831. Having plenty of lumber at this time, a good frame building was erected but before we had gotten fully acquainted with the pranks of old "Fox". We found that we had encroached too closely on her banks and by way of admonition, a gorge of ice shoved the mill back a little, sufficient for a warning. The damage was not so great but what it was soon repaired so as to do our grinding until a third mill could be built.

The third mill was built in 1834 of much greater dimensions containing five pair of "flint ridge buhrs" gotten in Ohio together with the old Pioneer nigger heads which were used for grinding corn and buck-wheat. This mill did a very extensive business in the manufacture of flour which found

a ready market in St Louis at that time, and a little later Chicago became our market. I find an old receipt reading as follows:

Dayton, June 10th, 1843

Received of John Green nine barrels of flour in good condition, which I agree to deliver in like condition to J. V. Farwell in Chicago without delay.

Signed Gersham Burr.

This mill did the grinding for the surrounding country for a radius of eighty and in some cases, one hundred miles. I distinctly remember grinding a grist of white winter wheat for "Odd Davy Letts" as he was familiarly called, that made him forty pounds to the bushel of the best flour I ever made - this after tolling it, and I think better flour than we get today with all our boasted improvements in milling. I attended mill for five or six years and learned the impossibility of making number one flour out of inferior wheat and I do not think it can be done under processes. Among my first mill customers after I commenced tending mill, were our Indian friends. In grinding their small grists of from one peck to two bushels of wheat to each family, which they had gleaned from wheat fields after the harvesters had passed over the ground, it was always a question in our minds whether those having the larger grists, might not have encroached upon some of the sheaves or shocks in passing them. I had thirty different families to grind for at one time which I did free, until I came to one of those two bushel grists, ~~when~~ ^{but} I attempted to toll it (which would be one peck for toll). It seemed to them too much like discrimination as I had been grinding the smaller grists free, so I put the toll back and ground all free.

Such was the rush to our mill, that frequently there would be too many to be accommodated at my father's home and they were obliged to camp out about the mill, sometimes for near a week, awaiting their turn for grinding and we were unable to store their grain in the mill, until near their turn for grinding. The mill ran day and night at its full capacity (of six pair of stones). Soon after this mill was built, the Rock River country commenced settlement, and they had to depend upon our mill for their flour, and would come with ox teams (four pair) and take two tons to the load. I frequently loaded up one of these teams before breakfast, and probably by noon would have the train all loaded up. They would come with little bags of silver (their only currency then) and I remember at one time, I had a little trunk nearly filled with it.

The demand for flour was so great that it necessarily annoyed those waiting so long to have their grists ground, to see several of those large teams come in the evening, and start off the next day with their loads. But we reserved the right, and satisfied them, that we should be entitled to the use of one pair of buhrs out of the six, to do our own grinding for those not having wheat of their own, and this pair was kept running constantly on what was termed merchant work, or flour for sale.

About this time, the country prospering quite generally,
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we had our first quilting party at the hospitable home of Joel Strawn late in the fall of 1835. This was gotten up in his absence in Ohio by his wife and daughter, Sarah Ann, who shortly afterward married William W. Armstrong, her cousin, and brother of Hon. George W., John H. and Perry A. Armstrong. The latter was a contractor on the canal and died several years ago.

Contrary to their expectations, the old gentleman arrived home the night before the party. He had a large field of corn unhusked, and as it was late in the fall, the old gentleman called for volunteers to husk corn that day while the girls did the quilting. We were all very brave and enlisted to a man, but the girls interfering and urging that I had not been used to such work, succeeded in having me rejected, they claiming that they wanted an errand boy. The boys did a good days work husking corn for which father Strawn was very thankful, and I enjoyed myself hugely with the girls quilting, but when they came to examine my work they frequently found some of their sleeves sewn fast to the quilt.

Late in the afternoon the quilt was finished and a bountiful dinner was served. The program of those who had planned the party, was to have a social party and play in the evening. Knowing the opposition of Father Strawn to kissing parties and plays, his son Isaiah, whole souled and lover of fun, invited the company to spend the evening with him only a short distance from his father's which invitation was gladly accepted. Soon the old style plays (new then) commenced. They have entirely gone out of fashion at the present time and will probably be unintelligible to the present generation of youngsters. In the height of a play called "Scorn" I was seated in the seat of the scornful awaiting the approach of some of those beautiful and amiable girls of that day (God bless their native simplicity and loveliness). In this play the one in the seat of the scornful used his or her own pleasure about giving up the seat. It was generally considered more appropriate, if a lady or gentleman was led up, who was naturally a little timid or bashful, to give them the preference and the occupant of the chair would turn very scornfully from the others when one of the former class was led up. The occupant of the chair would arise and give her or him a kiss and he or she would take the chair. I said I was in the chair, sitting with my back to the door, when to my great surprise my attention was attracted by Uncle Joel down on his knees at prayer in the middle of the room. I of course held my position during Prayer, after which the old gentleman said he "had gone to bed but could no more sleep than if lying on a bed of coals". Such is the fate of those occupying the seat of the scornful. They may be overtaken in an hour they know not of, and surprised, as I was.

Those attending that party were the following: Rhoda Ann Letts, Reuben Miller, Amanda Letts, Jesse Green, Lavina Trumbo, David Green, Rebecca Shaver, Harvey Shaver, Catherine Green, N. W. Letts, Elizabeth Grove, James R. Letts, Nancy Shaver, John Perry, Sarah Ann Strawn, Thomas Dawson and Wm. E. Armstrong.

Our next party was at the house of J. A. Dunavan with the same attendance as at Mr. Strawn's; about the same program except no corn to husk and no special prayers offered. But a laughable incident occurred next morning when we went home. Mother asked her hired girl Regena, who she slept with last night and she innocently replied "O I slept mit David and Robinson", which was actually true as before daylight the three threw themselves across a bed in the same room where the party was held.

Our next party was at Wm. L. Dunavan's and a quilting bee was always the prelude to all of our social gatherings; still the same attendance as there were no others in reach at that time. But when Ottawa got to be a little village, balls began to usurp and take supremacy. The principal ladies that I can call to mind who attended the first balls in Ottawa were two or three sisters of Hon. Judge John C. Champlin, Mrs. Ralph Woodruff, Mrs. Joseph Hall and Mrs. Wafer. On the south side of the river were three daughters of Charles Brown and a few others whose names have escaped my memory.

Among the first lawyers who practised in the courts here were J. M. Strode, George W. Forsythe, S. B. Farwell, Adam Y. Smith, Edwin S. Leland, Lorenzo Leland, John V.O. Roes, Milton H. Swift, W.T.S. Lavinia and John C. Champlin.

Our first physician in Dayton was a German whose name I have forgotten; next was Allen H. Howland, Harmon Nurlbut, and Peter Schemarhorn. Dr. Howland was also an excellent surgeon whom father employed when he had his arm smashed from the hand to above his elbow in cutting the ice from a water wheel. Other physicians wanted to amputate his arm above the elbow but father would not consent to this, and sent for Dr. Howland. There had just been a very bitter campaign for the state senate in which Dr. Howland ran as an independent and was defeated by Wm. Stadden, the regularly nominated candidate. When Dr. Howland called and examined the wound, father made this proposition to him, "If you save my life and my arm, I will give you five hundred dollars". The doctor said he could do it, took the case and did, and got his five hundred dollars.

Our first permanent preachers here were Stephen R. Beggs and Rev'd John Sinclair both of whom were exemplary and devout men. During the Blackhawk war Father Beggs was at Plainfield and while assisting in building a fort, someone asked him to offer up a prayer for their safety from an attack by the Indians to which he replied "Up you devils and go to work. There is time for prayer, and a necessity for work".

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CHAPTER III

Embracing further additions to our small beginning.

The little village of Dayton, having been laid out and platted by Col. Daniel F. Hitt in 1834, kept in advance of Ottawa until 1837 but at about this time she began to yield to the latter. When the work on the canal commenced, immigration set in more rapidly and Ottawa, being the county seat, attracted some of the industries away from Dayton. Lots prior to this time sold as high as \$500 in Dayton. We then had in addition to the flouring and saw mills, a custom carding machine brought from New York by George Cooley and run by him one season when he sold to brother David and myself. There were also a wagon shop, fanning ~~machine~~ mill, chair shop, blacksmith shop, a tannery, a store, hotel and resident physician. The first store was kept by James McFadden in 1831 and was located near where the old wollen mill stands and was swept away by high water and ice in the spring of 1832. The next general store was kept by my father, myself and brothers. I being head clerk and attending to buying our goods in St. Louis, usually bought about four thousand dollars worth including drygoods and groceries. We sold considerable New Orleans sugar by the hoghead containing 1200 lbs. and molasses by the barrel.

In 1836 we sold out to David Letts who did a very good business for a year or two, then he got the Ottawa fever and sold out to Nathaniel Proctor and established a store in Ottawa for a short time. Proctor had a very nice and amiable family, and was apparently a high minded and honorable man. He had a great faculty for gaining friends and did a very successful business for a year or two.

One cold winter day father went from the mill up to his store and put his feet up against the stove to warm. His pocket-book, containing between five and six hundred dollars wanted for the purchase of wheat, was in his pants pocket. Returning home he soon discovered he had lost it and thinking it might have dropped out of his pocket at the store, he returned immediately to look for it, but not finding it, he offered Mr. Proctor's boys five dollars if they would find it for him saying he must have lost it between the mill and the store. But seeing they made no effort to find it, he concluded they had found it and that probably he would see no more of it. Not long after this occurrence Mr. Proctor went to St. Louis for some goods, and on his return, and probably in St. Louis passed some counterfeit money. Learning by some means that he was liable to be arrested, he never returned to Dayton, father being security for him to the amount of twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. Other creditors gobbled up his goods and it fell to father's lot to take his book accounts and notes nearly covering the amount he was held for provided collections could be made. They were scattered over a great extent of country. It was afterwards learned that he had dealt quite heavily with members of a gang of outlaws who infested the whole north western portion of the state.

His book accounts and notes were put in legal shape for me to collect and I was sent out with his books in a pair of saddle bags. Calling one night on one of his principal creditors who was keeping a hotel on the Pickawansongin not far from Belvidere, I found a crowd of ruffians all armed with pistols and bowie knives, and I could scarcely make up my mind which would be best under the circumstances; to try to find another stopping place for the night or boldly face the trying ordeal which I felt sure I was doomed to for the night. I finally concluded that if they might have any intention to rob or molest me, they would do so in either event and I determined to put on as bold a front as it was possible for a boy of 18 and concluded to seek no farther. When I went in and threw down my saddlebags containing the books, there were a dozen fierce, redish eyes cast upon me, which almost made my hair stand on end, and young and defenseless as I was, my situation can be better imagined than I can tell it. I concluded to retire to bed soon after supper as the company did not seem at all entertaining to me. About midnight the landlord brought up a great burly fellow and put him in bed with me. He first put a big pistol under his pillow and then a large bowie knife. As they all knew my business and that I had a bill of \$250 against the landlord, they would naturally suspect that I had collected some money. Such thoughts as these kept crowding upon me and I doubt if I slept any that night. The more I thought of my situation as it occurred to me, among (as I thought) a den of thieves, the more I feared they would probably destroy my books and possibly me too. So my stay there was anything but pleasant, but fortunately no demonstrations were made nor harm done and next morning as soon as I heard any movements below, I left my bedfellow early sleeping soundly on his arm, and after breakfast had a settlement with the landlord. He gave me no money but I took his note with which I was more than glad to leave him, but his note was never paid. I suspect that most of Proctor's customers in that far away region were members of the gang of outlaws called the bandits of the Prairies. The Driscolls who were summarily punished near Mount Morris in early times were of the same gang.

Whilst invoicing Proctor's goods, his dies for making bogus coin were discovered, and secretly laid aside until going home at noon when it was the intention to secure them; but when expecting to put their fingers upon them, like the Irishman's flea, they were not there - probably removed by his clerk. Mr. Letts was obliged to take back the goods as Proctor had not finished paying for them. He sold out in Ottawa and returned to Dayton to dispose of things. In digging out a cellar to the store he found father's old pocketbook, minus the money. A little later the old store building was torn down and inside the plastering was found a ten dollar copperplate on a Michigan Bank for making counterfeit money. All sympathized deeply with the disgraced family who remained in Dayton but a short time after this unfortunate circumstance. But where they went and their subsequent identity, we never learned as they probably were no longer known by the name of Proctor.

Hon. Nehemiah Madison Letts who came with his father to this state in 1830 settled at Cedar Point in this county and lived there until 1836 when the family moved to Dayton and N. M. attended his father's store there and in Ottawa until 1838 when he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Grove, sister of my mother. He then went back to the farm at Cedar Point and lived there a few years and lost his wife. Prior to this he lost his mother, Elizabeth Lair Letts who was buried in the cemetery at Dayton, By his first wife he had two children, Rowena, wife of Hon. E. F. Brockway of Ainsworth, Iowa, and David, now deceased leaving a wife and several children. Mrs. N. M. Letts passed from earth in 1851 and in 1852 he again united in marriage with Jane Holderman of LaSalle County, Illinois, but formerly from Ohio. This union was blessed with five children, Hilton M., Willis H., James H., and Noah, all of Louisa County, Iowa; and Emma S., wife of J. W. Waters of SanAntonio, Texas.

This marital union was destined to be broken in 1863. In 1864 Mr. Letts united in marriage the third time, and last, to Mrs. A. P. Sawyer, a very estimable lady of Waupello, Iowa, but a native of New York. She also preceded him to the spirit land, dying in March 1893. A great portion of Mr. Letts time from 1880 until his death was spent in his luxurious home in SanAntonio whither he went more particularly to spend the winters. He might be considered one of God's noble men in the highest sense, and became both land and cattle king in Louisa County, Iowa where he recently "conquered the last enemy death" on the 13th day of May 1894. His mortal remains were consigned to mother earth in his home cemetery at Letts, Iowa by a large circle of relatives and sorrowing friends.

But before his death he had made out deeds to his children covering his vast possessions, amounting to near a thousand acres each for his four sons, and about twenty thousand acres Texas land to his daughter Emma. Before his death he had a son go to his safe and get a certain package containing deeds to his several children, and had each signify his acceptance to the same, and thus saved any legal expense in the settlement of his estate.

On a recent visit to Washington, Iowa on an invitation to myself, my daughter and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Hess, to partake of a Thanksgiving dinner at the Brockway home, I met all the Letts in that part of the country except my old friend Noah H. who could not conveniently come. But he sent a brief and exceedingly interesting history of the Letts family which was read at the Thanksgiving reunion & dinner. Here I met all the sons of Uncle N.M. Letts who, like their father, are dealing largely in cattle and hogs, feeding from three to four hundred head of cattle each and an equal number of hogs. After a week's visit at cousin Rowena's where I enjoyed myself to the fullest, I still could scarcely get her consent to leave with so short a visit. From there I visited my old friend, James R. Letts, brother of N.M., where I spent another week visiting the sons of Uncle Madison. Mr. Letts, though not quite so large a dealer in stock, keeps a goodly number and like the other boys is nicely situated and with his amiable and accomplished helpmate seems to be enjoying the good things of this earth to the fullest.

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CHAPTER IV
COMMENCEMENT OF THE CANAL AND BRIGHTER PROSPECTS AHEAD

Father could not keep out of the canal and took a contract on it for a section below Ottawa at what was called Camp Rock. There was quite an amount of rock excavation on this contract which he sold to Beale and Twitchel before commencing work on it for one thousand dollars. He also took at the same letting of contracts, two miles of the Fox River feeder to the canal, including the building of the dam and guard lock at Dayton. He let the lower half of this contract to Wm. Stadden and Wm. L. Lamaven.

Stone was gotten out on the east side of the river opposite the location of the lock during the winter of 1837-38 and in the spring, both lock and dam were commenced, also digging on the feeder.

The season of 1838 we had what Mr. Baldwin, in his history of the county terms "the Irish rebellion", the Corconians being in the majority on the canal, the rivalry between that class and the Far-downs, culminated in the attempt of the Corconians to drive all Far-downs off the canal.

The sheriff, Alson Woodruff, called out all the available men to thwart their purpose. He sent up to Dayton where we had on the upper and lower works something over one hundred men, all Far-downs, working on the Feeder. The contractors on both works were absent that day and no one was left except myself and cousin John Stadden who was willing to marshal and lead our men to the scene of expected battle. We were the only Americans in the squad so we marched our men down the tow-path unarmed expecting to meet the sheriff at Ottawa, but he had preceded us down the canal and we continued our march down the tow-path and met the Corconians coming up at the upper end of Buffalo Rock armed with all manner of death dealing weapons; guns, pistols, scythes, shovels, picks, etc. As soon as our men saw their opponents marching up the canal in such formidable array, they all broke ranks and ran up the north bluff like swine, leaving Stadden and myself alone there. Though a serious matter, we almost burst with laughter to see the stampede. Doubtless it proved to be a very lucky circumstance, for had they stood their ground and met the Corconians unarmed, we should probably have had a bloody battle and our men would have fared badly.

The Corconians continued their march up the canal to Ottawa where the sheriff, with his posse of armed men halted them just west of town and read to them the riot act, and demanded that they lay down their arms and disperse which most of them did but some attempted to run with their arms; not a gun was fired up to this time. In Mr. Baldwin's history he says "It was claimed by some that fourteen or fifteen were killed". We were ordered by the sheriff to pursue the fugitives on horseback and disarm them, which to some seemed to imply that if they ran too fast they were justified in retarding their speed, but I only heard of one instance of this kind. One bragadonia whom I will not name, bragged that he stopped his man "rather suddenly" in

the high grass fronting Judge Caton's residence. I pursued one man and overtook him on the bank of the river just east of the present water works plant. I could not see that he had any arms, but told him he had a pistol which he must surrender. He stoutly denied having any kind of weapon until I told him my orders were to shoot if obliged to, and drew down my gun and cocked it as in the act of shooting. He then said he had a pistol but it was a borrowed one and he was afraid if he gave it up he would never find it again. I assured him that all arms and weapons taken would be left in charge of the sheriff and be returned to owners as soon as the difficulty was settled. He then handed the pistol to me.

On our return home that night we found our men had all returned safely, and "Begone lucky it was for us that we did run, faith had we stood our ground, Ivery mithers son ivus would have been kilt". The work proceeded without much trouble on this score, but it was desirable and almost a necessity on the part of contractors not to mix the two clans on the same work.

The winter of 1838-39 brother David, William Lewis and myself went to Ohio intending to go to school, but uncle Isaac Green persuaded us to take a room in his house where the school teacher Ormil Hasford, boarded. They both claimed that we would make better progress than by attending school as he (the teacher) would give us his entire attention when not in school, and I think we probably did. This winter, with one term before leaving Ohio, and one term in 1838 under Ruben Miller, was the extent of our educational advantages in those early times. Work - work was the order of the day, which gave little time for the improvement of the mind.

But we were all pupils with our aboriginal neighbors in nature's open and boundless school house and probably more liberally educated in the wild and picturesque scenery abounding in natural and untarnished loveliness and beauty, ere man's approach and transformation into a still higher and grander formation to contribute to the comfort and happiness of mankind.

I will give an account of the most sudden and greatest change in temperature in my recollection, which occurred in the early winter of 1837 & '38. I left home about noon when it was drizzling rain sufficient to wet my clothing, and when I reached a point a little below Starved Rock it commenced turning cold so fast that I ran my horse as fast as he could go to Utica, and by the time I reached the hospitable home of Simon Craslar, it had frozen the ground hard enough to bear up my horse, and my clothing as stiff as it would freeze from being wet. I had to be helped from my horse, and saddle, my clothing being frozen to the saddle. I do not think I could have gone a quarter of a mile farther.

The next day returning home it was a terribly cold day, my left side against the wind was nearly frozen by the time I reached Ottawa, where I went into a store to warm myself, and all I could do to prevent it, fell asleep in a short time. I heard a number say that during that blizzard, they saw chickens frozen in their tracks.

The next day after reaching home I was taken down with scarlet fever, which we supposed was contracted on a trip to St. Louis a short time previous. This came very near to ending my earthly career, being the first and only time I ever fainted. We had a German doctor who bled me with a high fever on. I keeled over and was unconscious for quite a spell. This was my first severe attack of sickness, but afterward I had four others equally as severe, lung-fever or pneumonia, inflammation of the bowels, cholera on route to California in 1849, and a fall on my head and shoulders, that came near to proving fatal. I was saved in my attack of cholera by a prescription found in a medicine chest we bought in St. Louis put up by Dr. Westbrook. It proved successful in every case I knew it to be used.

On our return from California there was still cholera in the country, and my sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Gibson, took it, and knowing how it saved me, she, instead of sending for a doctor sent for this medicine and soon recovered. About this time Aaron Daniels' family nearly all had it. His wife had died, and I was with them one night, when in the morning we had three corps lying side by side. They had Dr. Stout of Ottawa and of course, I could not take the responsibility of changing their medicine.

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In a recent conversation with him, on this dreadful fatality, I told him that had I dared in his absence to have changed their medicine, I thought the result would have been different. He feelingly replied that, "he wished to God I had done it," and said that he had since got the same prescription and knew it to be good.

I will herewith give the formula from Dr. Westbrook:

Camphor - - - - -	6 grains)	
Capsicum - - - - -	6 grains)	One dose in severe cases,
Blue-Mass - - - - -	6 grains)	to be repeated often if
Pow'd Opium - - - - -	3 grains)	necessary. 1/2 dose suf-
Prepared Chalk - - - - -	20 grains)	ficient in mild cases.

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Some doctors claim that this is too large a dose, but I took three or four full doses myself. It should be repeated every ten or fifteen minutes if necessary, but in mild cases of cholera morbus I found that a half dose was sufficient, and soon effected a cure.

About the same time that Mr. Daniels' family had it, there were three cases of cholera in Dayton. A Norwegian girl who sent for my medicine (which I kept on hand) instead of sending for a doctor soon recovered. The next case, also a Norwegian man, took it at the house of a brother countryman, who was so afraid of it that he put the poor fellow out in the manger of his barn to die. I took him from there into a vacant house just across the street from my residence, his bed standing close to a window facing my house, and the next day he was able to call out to Mrs. Green from his window, "Soup, soup." He liked soup at first and continued his calls for soup for three or four days when he was able to come out and partake of something more substantial.

A few days later another Norwegian had a very severe attack. He had a doctor who left him medicine, and when I saw him they had stopped giving him medicine, and were only praying for him, thinking he was dying. He had the cold, clammy perspiration over him, and seemed to be beyond hope but I always thought that as long as there is life there is hope. They had a kettle of hot water on the stove and I went out and gathered a lot of catnip and hore-hound which I put in the kettle while they were getting a blanket. We wet the blanket in this and rolled the patient up in it while so hot that it burned him a little. I commenced giving him brandy and quinine pretty freely which soon brought him to perfect consciousness, and soon the doctor came in, and seeing him appear so well said, "I thought that medicine would bring you out all right." When I explained his condition and what I had done for him he said it was the best thing I could have done. Whether it was my treatment or the prayers of his friends that saved him, I am unable to say, but the poor fellow gave me all the credit, if any due, for saving his life. About fifteen years ago he visited friends here, and was very lavish in his thanks for having saved his life.

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The second and third winters/were here we had about two feet of snow, which lay on the ground most of the winter, and drifted badly and crusted over so that we could ride over fences without difficulty, and prairie chickens were so plentiful and tame that on a frosty morning, they would sit on trees so near our cabin that Father stood in the door and shot them, until some of the men said he must stop before he shot away all of our ammunition, leaving none to shoot deer and turkeys. Our first winter here Brother David and myself trapped three hundred chickens, besides a large quantity of quail. After eating all we could Mother merely saved their breasts, salted and smoked them.

In those days wild bees were quite plentiful, and could be found in winter on the snow where dead bees were thrown out. In the absence of snow our best bee hunters would bait them at different points of the compass, and time them in their flight and thus locate the tree near enough to find it.

I do not remember anything of special importance until we come to the spring of 1840 when we built the first woolen mill in the state, a building 32 by 60 feet, three stories high. It at first contained but one

set of machinery consisting of three separate carding machines, a jack of 125 spindles, and four power looms, and two broad, and one narrow hand loom. It at first made principally jeans, blankets, some cloth and flannel and stocking yarn. We made some excellent jeans, which sold as high as a dollar per yard, and some of it went to Congress. Hon. John Wentworth wore a pair of pants made of our jeans.

We had a good country trade with farmers, for a great extent of ^{surrounding} country trading our goods for wool, and built up considerable of a trade with country merchants. We also had a double carding machine, which made rolls to be spun by hand, on what was termed the big wheel in contradistinction to the little wheel for spinning flax.

This mill was run by Brother David and myself, firm name being J. & D. Green until near the time of building the large stone wooden mill when we took into partnership our brother-in-law, O. W. Trumbo.

During the winter of 1843 and '44 we were besieged by the Millerites. They had a bar-room at Dayton, lined with maps and charts, giving calculations from the Book of Daniel principally, showing clearly to their minds that the "time, times and dividing of times, etc." had their fulfillment during the year 1844. All earthly things were to vanish, except the righteous, who had on their ascension robes, and they captured quite a goodly number in Dayton, some of whom went so far as to make their ascension robes, notably our landlord's wife, Mrs. Leavens. Others would get down on their knees on street corners and pray.

I might name near a dozen who were led off by these fanatics, one case where it eventually caused the separation of man and wife. They were lead to believe that if they had their robes on (taken literally) they were liable at any moment "to be caught up, to meet their Lord in the air." At this same time it was said that Mr. Mill, the founder of this sect, was building substantial stone fences on his farm down East, which rather put a damper on those less credulous.

This same winter the Mormons were in the height of their glory in this section of the country. The Norwegians as a general thing were the most susceptible subjects of their silvery tongues, but they took some from all classes. Up in the Norwegian settlement it was a common thing at their meetings to hear some of the faithful sisters, and men, too, speak in an unknown tongue, but the interpreters were not usually so successful. The Rev. William O. Clark, son of Mr. Clark of whom Father bought the claim, was among the most profound and eloquent expounders of Prophet Joseph Smith's (as he was termed) new departure. He and I were boys together, and used to have rare sport with an Indian game with hatchets, when we would step off a certain distance from a tree and throw it in such a way as to stick it in the bark of the tree.

A few years later he came around preaching Mormonism, and not supposing he had had any greatly superior advantages in the way of education over myself, in those early times, I was anxious to assist him in getting a place to preach to us, and ~~not having a~~ church building, it was given out that he would preach in the dining room of the Hotel, where he had a crowded audience, probably more out of curiosity to

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hear the Boy Preacher than anything else at that time, but All seemed greatly surprised, and delighted with his power and eloquence as a preacher, and as a result quite a number of meetings were held in the dining room hall that winter, during which he secured a number of converts to his new doctrine, or as he claimed "old doctrine in a new dress."

Reuben Miller and wife were among his first converts, and they would chop holes in the ice for baptism. He also preached pretty regularly that winter in the Norwegian settlement with good results. At Ottawa his doctrine was severely criticised, principally by lawyers, one particularly by name of W. T. S. Lavona, who had formerly been a preacher; both sides as is usual in such controversies claimed a victory, but the preponderance seemed to favor the Boy Preacher, and he continued his meetings with air success. Other Mormon elders soon reinforced him, among them one by name of Green, but in no way related to our family. He was considered a very good preacher. We met him on our trip to California in 1849 at the sink of the Humbolt River on his way to California, too. His train had all started on ahead of him, he being delayed in hitching up a rather unruly mule team when I approached him. He was cursing his mules at a wonderful rate until I made myself known by referring to where I used to hear him preach, but he had no time for apologies.

About the time Clark and Green preached in this section of the country their polygamous doctrine was not preached or sanctioned by that sect and I think it was purely an outgrowth of their new leader Brigham Young after going to Salt Lake, in a more congenial clime. They seemed to have implicit confidence in Joseph Smith as a divinely appointed Prophet, and when he was killed at Navoo in this state June 27, 1846, Reuben Miller, one of this most devout followers, would not believe the first reports of their prophet having been killed. He said, "God Almighty" would never allow a bullet to be made to kill his prophets." He finally had to yield and went from here with others to Wisconsin for a short time, and from there to Navoo where he joined the main body of that sect, and all moved to Salt Lake and landed July 24, 1847.

Miller became a very prominent and influential Elder and Bishop of the Latter Day Saints, as they preferred to be called. But under Brigham Young's teaching became a convert to, and practised, their pernicious doctrine of spiritual wives. He visited his old home here where he spent the earlier years of his life and was the boss millwright in building Father's third mill in 1834, ~~some twelve or fifteen years ago.~~

He called upon his old friends and one evening at my house, Mrs. Green brought up the subject of polygamy as practised in his church. He defended it the best he could and finally said "He did not have a half dozen wives, nor five, nor four" but gave the impression that he had three, which I think was the fact. Mrs. Green was pretty well versed in the scriptures and tried to overthrow his assertions by quoting from the Bible, and he finally, in order to evade her thrusts at him, said he did not know much about our old Bible, that since he went West he did not think he had consulted it a dozen time, they had outgrown it, and relied wholly on more recent revelations!

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When he left our house it was rather understood that on his return to Dayton the next Sabbath he would preach for us and he intimated very strongly "that he would be baptised for me". But instead of calling on me he stopped with my brother and I of course supposed that they would arrange for the preaching. I took no active part in the matter, consequently there was no preaching, and I was not baptised by proxy.

The fall of 1848 introduced our first experience in Mesmerism in Dayton, and the present fall, 1894, in Ottawa we had a Mesmerist, or hypnotist as now called, by the name of "Professor Flint". Out of curiosity I attended his performance to see what, if any, advancement had been made since my experience in it in Dayton in 1848, but concluded his performance was rather on the retrograde whereupon I published in the Ottawa Free Trader of October 18, 1894 "How I became interested in the investigation of Mesmerism".

Mr. Flint's experiments were in an entirely different line from mine, his being almost entirely physical. He laid his daughter with her head and heels resting on two chairs, and laid a stone upon her breast weighing four hundred pounds, and allowed it to be broken there with a sledge. My experience with it was entirely mental, and to a person who never witnessed anything of the kind, I yield perfect freedom in unbelief. I herein insert the article referred to.

" An Amature Mesmerist "

In the fall of 1848 a one Doctor Underhill visited Dayton where I then resided, with a mesmeric subject and claimed that through him he could among other things find lost property. He undertook to find a pair of buggy wheels lost in fording the river during a high stage of water a short time previous. The buggy wheels were lost by Dr. Ward of Marseilles. He started in at the ford, and when in the river opposite my house, the subject said he saw no buggy wheels, but there lay an old saddle under the ledge of rocks in deep water. There had not been a word said about a saddle being lost. But I had lost my saddle during the same rise in the river and he described it as well as if lying before him. I had started hastily to cross the river, and found one of my stirrups gone so took an odd one in its place. We then went under his directions, in a boat with a lantern, and persons on the bluff over looking the river and in communication with the subject (Jockey Smith) who directed us to the spot. We did not find the saddle but found the ledge of rocks in about ten feet of water.

This so impressed me that I together with a number of others got the Doctor to deliver us a course of lectures on Mesmerism. The night of the third lecture he had us all take a subject and see what success we might have. I selected my sister and succeeded in getting her mesmerised before the doctor got his, and gave her up to him, not yet knowing how to proceed farther but soon became familiar with all the Doctor knew on the subject. During that winter I mesmerised eight or ten different persons. My first experience worthy of note was with my first subject. Father requested me to send her to Newark, Ohio and from there up the Ohio Canal and see if she could name the towns she would pass through. He was familiar with the whole length of the canal, having built

fifteen miles of it. She would name places in their regular order (apparently by reading some sign giving the name) and when she reached Cleveland she exclaimed "Oh, what a great body of water". Father was fully satisfied that she either read the signs correctly or read his mind. This much I know they can do. My best subject, being the best clairvoyant I had, outstripped this all hollow. He would impersonate anyone in speech, actions and in every way. I had him sing by exciting the organ of tune, and have thrown it off at the highest pitch in the tune, with the word half uttered, and in a half minute or so would excite the organ again when he would start in again where he left off with the same pitch and the other half of the word, as perfect as if there had been no interruption. During one evening someone suggested that I "have him look ten years into the future", and see what he would say about Dayton. Of course I had no faith that he could tell anything reliable, but did so. He looked around a little and said it had not improved much "but they have a new mill down there and Uncle Johnny is up in the third story". Uncle Johnny was my father and he lived a number of years after that mill was built. It may be said that he guessed it.

I will relate another experience that will show too much complication to admit of guess work. This all occurred during the winter of 1848-49 and we were calculating to go to California in the spring, and (in the clairvoyant state) I sent him there to see what he would say about it. We did not get much information, only that "there seems to be a great rush to that country and they are getting plenty of gold". It seemed to him in returning that he met our train going in the spring and his first exclamation on meeting it was "See that wagon, how they have it fixed up". I enquired about the wagon and he said it was George Dunavan's wagon and that they had broken the coupling pole, and had it wound with ropes and chains and Uncle Johnny is behind carrying some birds. When he told this father had no idea of going to California with us. The company employed him to go to Missouri and buy oxen for the outfit and return home, but there being so much cholera on the river, he preferred crossing the plains, rather than risk getting the cholera on his return. Our company, consisting of forty nine men with twenty wagons, left Ottawa April 2, 1849. I, having been elected captain of the company, rode ahead one day on the route a short distance east of Fort Kearney and my clairvoyant, Daniel Stadden, borrowed a horse from one of the company and rode with me. When a mile ahead of the train we saw that they had stopped and by the time we rode back to see what was the matter, there was George Dunavan's wagon reach broken and wound with both ropes and chains and father was behind carrying a sage hen he had shot. As soon as we saw the wagon Stadden said to me "that is just as I saw it when I was mesmerized". Had it been any other wagon we probably should not have thought anything further about his prophecy, but every circumstance connected with it being literally fulfilled, brought it vividly to the minds of both of us.

I have often regretted that on my return home I did not further investigate it. I did very little in California but on our return home via Mexico one of our company had a horse stolen, and having faith in mesmerism, he wanted me to mesmerize Mr. A. B. Goodrich (one of my former subjects) one of our company to see if he could find the horse. I was a little afraid to do so there knowing the superstition of that people, but we had an interpreter who went and saw the Alcalda of the place and found that he had seen it before, and was anxious that I should mesmerize Goodrich, he being present with our interpreter. He soon described the thief and pointed out the direction he had taken, describing minutely every crook and turn in the road, and where the thief had stopped for the night. The Alcalda had such confidence in everything, that he said he would send next morning to recover the horse and thief if possible. We were driving five hundred horses and did not wait to see the result.

I think the possibilities of mesmerism are very imperfectly understood even at the present time. I have frequently seen accounts published of what seemed a little strange, but nothing equal to my experience with it. I should have taken up the further investigation of it, but my second wife thought she could see the cloven foot of his Satanic Majesty in it, and on her account I gave it up.

It may be asked by some, why did you not have your clairvoyant find gold for you in California. I do not pretend to say whether he could have done so or not. The poor fellow died of scurvy soon after reaching California.

Ottawa, October 17, 1894
Jesse Green

The fall of 1848 there was ^a man by the name of Cutting at Ottawa who gave the first of what seemed to be reliable accounts of the discovery of gold in California and during the winter we took it into our heads to get up a company and start overland in the spring with ox teams, across the desert waste lying westward of the Missouri River and at that time but little explored. We found quite a number willing to join us and also some young men wanting to go, but unable on their own account to do so. We made them a proposition that we would take a half dozen on shares of one half of what we might make in the mines for one year after our arrival and commencement of work; we to furnish teams, provisions and outfit, and they to drive teams and assist in every way on the road, doing guard duty etc.

Father was employed by others of the company to go early in the spring to Saint Joseph, Missouri to buy about fifty yoke of oxen for the company going from Dayton. He at that time had no idea of going with us. We got our wagons and other outfit at home except groceries which we got at St. Louis. We had twenty wagons and forty nine men with some from Ottawa, but principally Dayton. The writer was elected captain of the company which office was held during the trip while some companies changed their leader three and four times.

I engaged the steamboat Timolian which took us on board at Ottawa,

close up to the Ottawa House, the river being quite high, and started for Saint Louis April 2, 1849. As we circled around to enter the Illinois River I requested all to give a rousing, hearty parting cheer, but their throats would not respond, so ordered all on hurricane deck and fired a parting salute.

Landing at Saint Louis we found an immense emigration waiting shipment up the Missouri River to St. Joseph. We appointed different committees to buy for the whole company at wholesale such articles as we wanted, and I engaged a steamer that agreed to drop down by the side of the Timolian that evening and take our outfit on board. But the rush being so great, the Captain of that boat took all he could carry and disappointed us. I then engaged the second boat with the same result and the next morning the third boat, the "Algoma", the gentlemanly Captain of our Illinois River boat, allowing us all this time to remain on his boat until we could get a boat to drop along side of his to save drayage and for convenience, as ours wagons were all on the hurricane deck. The Algoma took us on board the third day after our arrival. In the meantime our men became almost mutinous, saying I could not make a bargain with a steamboat captain that would stick and reminded me forcibly of what I had expressed to Mothers Green and Trumbo on my election as captain of the company having had no experience in that line. I distrusted my ability and fitness to assume such responsibility but they both had assured me "that by placing confidence and reliance on divine providence, and keeping my powder dry I would come out alright".

It is needless to say that this admonition was religiously observed, and providentially it seemed. We passed both of the first boats engaged before reaching St Joseph. They were tied up and detained in burying their dead from cholera. The last one we passed on a Sunday morning, they were burying twelve persons who had died the night before. Fortunately we did not have a single case of cholera on our boat, and before we knew the cause of these boats being tied up, our men in passing them gave full vent to their feelings which seemed to allay the mutinous feelings of a few days before.

The first night after leaving St. Joseph, one of our company, Levi Zelleft, was taken suddenly with cholera and died before morning. We had not come across the cholera powders in our medicine chest gotten in St. Louis, and gave him medicine that he had taken from home. This is the only death that occurred in our company on the route going across the plains.

The fact of there being so much cholera on the river route, induced Father to go with us rather than return home. This was about the 12th of April and grass was too scant to travel on. We concluded to travel up the east side of the Missouri for about sixty miles where we could get feed for our teams. We crossed over the river into the Indian Territory and traveled without a road for about two hundred miles. We agreed upon a point of compass that we would travel, making headway on our route rather than striking more south in order to reach the main road from St. Joseph. The grass still being short we did not aim to travel over five to ten miles a day for a spell, and were so long reaching the main road that the same mutinous spirit began to manifest itself, until I yielded to their

request to allow Mr. Delano (of Ottawa) to lead them, which he undertook to do, not caring for my compass. Although it was a clear day, I found before noon that in his eagerness to strike the road sooner, he had swung completely around and was traveling on the divide between the big and little Himehahs down stream, while all knew we should travel upstream. To satisfy the company that he was lost, I went to the nearest stream to see in which direction the water was running. I knew by my compass and otherwise but did not wish to take any chances in ordering a countermarch.

I hurried back and halted the train for our noon halt, and satisfied the men that we had been traveling most of the forenoon on our back track, and said that if they desired to go with me to California we should have to turn about, and try to make camp which we had left in the morning, and I would lead them as I had been doing by the aid of my compass but would bear a little more in the direction of the road. In due course of time we struck the road at a point where we could not possibly have bettered had we been well acquainted with the country, as ten miles farther west we would have encountered sand hills where it was impossible to travel with teams.

Mr. Delano published a history of our travels across the plains giving a good and truthful account with the exception of his leadership of our company, which was of such brief duration that he doubtless did not consider it worthy a place in his history.

When we reached the road we found it completely lined with wagons. There were about fifteen ahead of us, and all as eager to be in advance as if they thought that all the gold would be picked up before they reached the gold fields; but quite the reverse was the case: all seemed to consider gold a secondary consideration. The thought of reaching our destination was uppermost in the minds of all. On account of the vastness of the emigration and our sole dependence for the immense number of teams on the scant supply of grass, many dispensed with all surplus loading on the first end of the road. We frequently passed places where they had left great stacks of bacon nicely piled up, and other articles in great abundance, to keep the ship from sinking.

We did not resort to this lightening up process so early, having taken an extra wagon and team to haul some feed for stock, expecting to leave the wagon and doubling up with other teams. Further on we did cache some iron, lead, and other articles the most laughable of which was a great surplus of old style wafers for sealing letters. We threw away quite a quantity. Our committees in St. Louis were instructed in many cases to get so much in value instead of quantity which in some cases gave a great surplus.

We reached the main road from St. Joseph near Fort Childs, on the Platte River, and then our route of travel was up this river. We traveled several days in company with a Government train of mule teams, but left them behind long before reaching Fort Laramie, at the mouth of the Laramie River on the Platte. Up to this point we

had wide bottoms on either side of the river, but at Laramie the abrupt bluffs approached so nearly that we were obliged to leave the river for a distance of one hundred miles over the Black Hills and here grass was so scarce that we concluded to divide our train it being almost impossible to find grass in sufficient quantity for so large a train.

Isaac Fredenburgh of Ottawa was elected Captain of the branch company. Sometimes one was ahead and then the other, but my own train reached the mines just one month ahead of Mr Fredenburgh's train. They, in crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains, took what was supposed to be a cut off but proved to be a cut on. Our friend Delano was in the mess that went with Mr. Fredenburgh. He tried to get into our mess & when we separated he said I knew how they abused him and he really cried like a child at his being refused. The difficulty between him and his mess mates was that they thought he was spending too much of his time on his journal and failing to do his share of camp duty.

After crossing over the Black Hills for about one hundred miles we struck the Platte ^{2/3} hollow where there were a number of Sioux Indians encamped. Father was riding a mule that frightened at them and threw him off breaking two of his ribs. We then got him into a wagon for awhile, he never complaining. We traveled up the North Platte for a few days longer and crossed over on a raft that we built of dry cotton wood logs. We tightened up a wagon box and crossed over with a rope and made it fast to a tree on the opposite shore, and attached it to the raft and the current would carry the raft over. Sometimes it came very near going under when nearing the shore in that swift stream, but we succeeded in crossing without an accident.

A day or two after crossing the North Platte River, and before reaching Sweet Water River, I was taken very suddenly and severely with that dreaded complaint, cholera, and was obliged to go into camp about two o'clock P. M. and thanks to Mr Westbrook's prescription which was given to me quite freely for three or four full doses and a few broken doses, I was able to ride in a wagon the next day as weak as I was. For several days I was compelled to remain in the wagon, unable even to get out to see "Independence Rock" and nearby "Devils Gate" on the Sweet Water River. This Rock and Gate were named by Gen. Fremont, he having spent the 4th of July there a few years previous.

We traveled up the Sweet Water River to near the South Pass of the Rock Mountains. We encamped the first night at Pacific Springs near the dividing line where the waters flow in different directions to the two great oceans. And here on top of those gigantic mountains, although eager to reach the mines, we were constrained to stop and meditate on the grandeur of the scenery, surpassing anything that we had ever beheld - peak after peak, snow-clad. In the distance, Wind River Mountains dazzled the eye and we thought of the summit on which we were standing, with the waters flowing in opposite directions, to finally mingle in one great body.

And all this grandeur culminated in the still grander idea that through the wisdom, goodness and love of the Almighty Creator, he leads his erring children through equally opposite directions, until like the waters of the mighty oceans, they are all brought into "one fold with one shepherd", guarding with watchful eye the wondrous works of His creation, many of which, like the gold we were seeking, lay hidden in the bowels of the earth. And so doubtless in the destiny of man, we are all taking different paths that lead in some cases through difficult gorges, over precipices, and cataracts that eventually lead into the great ocean of eternity, from ^{whose} genial and safe harbors no craft has ever returned.

The next point of importance on our route was the crossing of Green River where we found about five hundred wagons awaiting their turn to be ferried over by a company of Mormons. There was a train there from Hennepin in our State, which had two wagon boxes made of sheet iron with the view of using them in such emergencies instead of waiting their turn. They crossed their own train and we paid them ten dollars each for ferrying our wagons and loading them over, and we swam our teams. By this means we got ahead of the five hundred teams awaiting the ferry. Instead of passing through Salt Lake, we went farther north by way of Fort Hall on Snake River. This fort at that time was held by the "American Fur Company" and belonged to the English. The agent, whose name I have forgotten, married an Indian squaw and had a half dozen very nice children. From here we traveled awhile on Snake River bottom, and then by way of Raft River struck the head waters of the Humboldt River, and down it to where it sinks in a sandy marsh, and from here over a sandy desert of fifty miles (without water) to Carson River, and up this river into the mountains.

And here we loaned a company from South Bend, Indiana (who left their provisions with others on the first start) five hundred pounds of bacon, and several sacks of corn meal to be returned in the mines, or paid for at prices ruling there. We found everything about the same price in mines, freight being the main cost and almost everything sold at one dollar a pound. We failed in collecting anything from that company but learned that the members had paid to their captain, Tutt, each his proportionate part of \$550 which we tried to collect on his return home, but he claimed that he had nothing left and we never got a cent.

William McNaughten and myself started from Carson Creek before reaching the mountains, to go in advance of our train to find a place for our teams and came across places where, if we had not seen teams passing, it looked impossible, and we would have gone back and left our wagons and packed on our oxen what we could. When we reached Weaverville we saw for the first time, gold being washed in a cradle, similar to a baby's cradle for size, and on rockers with a hopper and perforated sheet iron or screen wire on the bottom. Into this hopper the goldbearing material was thrown, being elevated at the hopper end sufficiently to allow the washed material to pass off over cleats nailed in the bottom an inch and a quarter high, with one at the lower end, the other, six inches farther up caught the gold. An upright handle was attached by which a man would rock with one hand and pour on water from a dipper with the other.

We got into the mines a week or more ahead of our train, but it was reported that the Indians were stealing all the cattle and horses they could, and at about a days travel east that they had secreted in the mountains about fifteen hundred head. I made up my mind that they were white Indians and learning from packers who had passed our company about where we could meet them, we set out and fortunately met them at about this point at camping time. We drove all our cattle over a mile into a nice little circular valley in the mountains with good grass, and so situated that we built a number of fires on all sides of the mountain, making it almost as light as day. A half dozen of us stood guard all night, and it would have been hazardous for either Indians or white men to enter our lighted enclosure, as I ordered all on guard with me to shoot that night any person attempting to drive off our stock.

This was the first and last time in an eventful life that I felt like taking the law into my own hands, but certainly I would have done so had necessity required, but fortunately no attempt was made to molest us, and the next day we drove into the mines, September 2nd, being just five months from the day we left home. We found pretty good range for our stock where we commenced prospecting on a bar in the Macasmi River, in the foothills. We worked here two weeks and our men together with Father (who by the way tended camp) my brother Joseph and myself, made six hundred dollars, and others of the company about the same proportionate amount.

We took this and went to Sacramento about forty miles distant, and laid in our supply of provisions for the winter. Grass around our camp being pretty good, we did not put our cattle on a ranch for some time. We made two other trips to Sacramento for provisions to sell in the mines, as freight was about equal to first cost in Sacramento and anything in the line of provisions, tea, coffee, salt and potatoes readily brought a dollar a pound in the mines, and some articles higher. Butter of which we did not use much, sold at two dollars and a half, and salaratus brought the same, as the flour shipped there required more than usual, being a little soured. We kept two teams hauling until the rainy season set in and made the roads impassable.

On our return from Sacramento the first trip, we sent out a party of five prospectors, myself being one of the number, to pick out a location for winter diggins. We looked around considerably and arriving at the Volcanic Mines on Sutter Creek where there were quite a number of miners at work, and had been during the spring and summer, though short of water for washing their gold, found sufficient without washing to pay fairly well. So far as we were able to judge, I concluded it was the best show for the winter of any place we had seen. Some of my company were fearful that those mines would not last through the winter for so many miners, but as I represented much the largest interest, they said they would leave it with me to decide. It afterward proved to be a very rich mining camp for a number of years with a greatly increased number of miners.

We returned to our camp and gathered up our teams and moved further up into the mountains to the "Volcanic Mines". We staked off a claim each the first thing we did. Sixteen feet square was the limit in those mines except by purchase. We then built us log cabins for the winter, dispensing with our tents which we had used for six months, and commenced stripping down our claims to pay dirt, throwing all away until it would yield from 15¢ to 20¢ per pan full of dirt. Under later improvements good wages were made at 1¢ or less to the pan. We were obliged to carry our dirt near a quarter of a mile to water for washing it down a gentle slope. This was done by hand after putting our cattle on to a ranch for safe keeping during the winter. We found a man having a ranch on the Sacramento River bottoms that took them in charge, and that winter the waters overflowed this ranch to such an extent that all the stock on it were drowned, causing an entire loss of all our oxen, except three head that we failed to find when putting the others on the ranch. They were found the next spring in the mountains as fat and slick as moles, and made excellent beef which sold for about five hundred dollars. We used one steer for a pack animal on another prospecting expedition farther up into the mountains. We had about twenty men in the party and the rare experience of having our meat carry our bread. Our first night out we found an excellent shelter for camp in a large pine tree which had fallen and most of the inside, except the sap part of the wood, had been burned out giving ample room, over 100 feet from the stump end, for two and even three to sleep side by side. We did not succeed in finding anything better than we had and returned to camp with two little burroughs captured from the Indians by a Texan with us. He claimed that the Indians had stolen them, but this did not satisfy us all, so we refused to share in the profits of his find.

We met with fair success in mining during the winter, notwithstanding it rained nearly every day, but so moderately usually that we would work till noon and dry out in the afternoon. Our six men, brother Joseph and myself, working two and two together would bring into camp enough to average an ounce of gold to the man, some going over and some under. We found in one of our claims a piece weighing $3\frac{3}{4}$ ounces with very little quartz adhering to it, but sold it in San Francisco for a trifle more per ounce than pure gold was selling for. The same day we found it, six of us working together took out five hundred dollars more, making in all \$1280.00 and to each hand a trifle over two hundred dollars, the largest yield of any day's work we did. We kept the finding of this large chunk secret for some time, and I at once went and found the man owning the adjoining claim and bought it for two hundred dollars, and paid it back from the first day's work on it.

The Indians troubled some that winter stealing tools from miners working off some distance from the main body of about one hundred men. One day they came for help to recover their tools, and a little posse went with them and among them was a reckless fellow by the name of Rod. After a little party with the Indians, one started off on a run and Rod shot him, not knowing as it afterward appeared that the Indian had been sent to bring back the tools. The chief with a number of other Indians came down to the main camp wanting to see

"the Captain" (he being the big man with them). There being no official in camp to answer to that name, the miners finally pitched upon me, as some said I had been captain of our train crossing the plains .

I very reluctantly had to yield to their demands that I must act as a kind of "Judge Advocate", and treat with these Indians. But, having no good interpreter, and the sentiment of the crowd being against punishing Rod, as they thought he did the shooting under a wrong but justifiable impression, he went unpunished but probably should have been hung.

Whilst sitting on this case, a chief from another direction came in and wanted a paper from the "Captain" stating that he and his party had no hand in the late difficulty. This or a paper of any kind I refused to give him, but he came back the second and third time urging it, when the miners wanted to know my objections to giving him something to satisfy him. I told them that it occurred to me at once, what use he might make of it. I thought I knew Indian character well enough to know that they would kill one of our men the first good opportunity and that they wanted a paper and would probably hand it to some innocent person and whilst reading it, they might kill him to even up as it is their custom to have man for man if they can. I finally had to yield to their demands, they urging so strongly that I gave him a paper - only saying that "This Indian desires to show his friendship for the miners".

About two days after this, a man was found murdered off in the direction where this chief came from, and in all probability this man was murdered under the circumstances I feared and told them.

I was also named to act as coronor to hold an inquest over the murdered man. We had a jury impaneled and called a doctor to examine his wounds, of which he found half a dozen, two or three in his arms and the fatal one near his heart. He appeared to be an eastern man with quite an intelligent look but we failed to find anything to identify him.

We remained at the Volcanic Mines until March. Brother Joseph and George Dunavan, about two weeks previous to our leaving, had gone a few miles further south on the "Pick Gulch" and bought a claim partly worked out, and in two weeks they took out of it seventeen hundred dollars. This set our men all crazy, and we had to go with them to those mines and staked off nine claims, one each, and worked two weeks ditching them to get rid of the water, of which we had plenty then, but supposed that within a short time we would be without enough to wash with. Our men, reasoning in this way made up their minds that we must go and find some stream that we could dam, and probably get all the gold we wanted in a short time. Many other companies did the same thing, and nearly all with the same result, daming them first, and again when they left.

We sunk an hold down in the water on one of our claims the afternoon before we left and in three hours shoveling out of the water took out three hundred dollars. But our men had made up their minds to leave, and may have thought we would let them off on their contracts, as they proposed to give us everything made up to that time, but we did not consider it a fair division. It would have been as to time, but we were green in the mines and during the rainy season, not knowing the possibilities of the mines (being there one year too soon) we concluded rather than lose their services for the next six months, which had been paid, that we had better go with them and try our luck in turning the waters of some stream.

I urged Father and brother to acceptt their offer and for Father to return home with what we had, about \$10,000.00 at that time, and for brother Joseph and myself to remain and have those claims worked out, but they over-ruled me in this. I should have stayed and had the claims worked myself but fearing they might have difficulty with the men, we all went together and left our claims from which, we learned, seventy five thousand dollars was taken after our leaving them. It is but natural to say we were all fools. I cannot account for it on any other plausible theory now, but then we thought we could.

We spent most of the summer cutting a canal to carry the water past our claims, as soon as the river (Stanislaus) fell sufficiently to put in our dam. But the snow on the mountains kept up a good flow of water until ~~July~~ the latter part of July. We got the water turned from its channel along in August, and when we came to prospect the bed of the stream, we found it almost impossible to find bed rock on account of water. We worked a few days and not being able to make over five dollars a day to the hand, we all got discouraged and disgusted with mining, and as the time of our men's contracts had nearly expired, we concluded to return home, several of our company with us. We went to San Francisco September 2nd, just one year after our arrival in the mines. We had to wait there near two weeks for a vessel that would land us at Mazatlan, Mexico, having made up our minds to return overland via Mexico, on account of Cholera and yellow fever on the Panama rout by water.

Our intention was to buy mules in Mexico and drive into Texas where some of our company lived, and who said as they passed through Mexico on their way to California that they could buy good mules at twelve dollars per head that would sell in Texas at forty or fifty dollars. We found that the price had advanced to forty dollars and did not buy any but found that we could get horses at five or six dollars, and concluded to buy some of them. Our company together bought five hundred head which we drove into Texas, brother Joseph and others remaining to winter them there, and drive on home in the spring. They arrived with less than half of our original number, losses principally in Mexico through stampedes. The Mexicans were thoroughly posted in the accomplishment of this and would slyly stampede them with the expectation of a reward for gathering them up for us. But out of a heard of five hundred animals, there might be quite a large percentage lost, and unnoticed, without a count which was a very difficult matter.

These horses were bought near Saltillo and we passed over the
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memorable battleground of Buenavista where General Taylor and General Santa Anna were in command and where it was claimed that according to the usages of war, General Taylor's army was whipped but they did not know it, and succeeded in gaining the victory over Santa Anna with a greatly superior force. To a person viewing the ground and positions ^{held by} ~~each~~ army, it looked strange to me that Santa Anna would attempt to force a passage through so impregnable a pass, when he had force sufficient to divide his men, and come around in the rear of Taylor and retake Saltillo and capture and ~~capture~~ his army.

Father, Mr. Goodrich and myself left our company and took a steamer at Port Lavaca, Texas for New Orleans, and crossing the gulf between there and Galveston, our boat struck bottom, two or three times, and it seemed as if it must smash her to pieces. There was a stretch of shallow water in the gulf between those two places that they could not avoid. Passengers arriving at Port Lavaca told us that our steamer was not safe as they had the same experience and thought that it must have disabled the boat.

We arrived at New Orleans all safe and got aboard a boat for St. Louis the same evening, and while at supper we had our trunk broken open in our stateroom just back of where we were sitting, and everything of value taken. Not much money however; only about fifty dollars in silver; but all our specimens of gold and other rare specimens of value together with several small buckskin sacks, filled with black sand and fine gold, a watch etc. These sacks were very nearly as heavy as gold, and doubtless those thieves thought they had made a larger haul than they really did. We regretted the loss of our specimens more than all else.

^{ed} We Arrived ^{and} at Cairo with difficulty on account of ice, after leaving ^{we} there ~~Cairo~~, ~~we~~ found that the Illinois River was frozen over, and were obliged to stage it from there home, where we arrived the fore part of January 1851, when I saw for the first time a daughter born in my absence over a year before, Clara Isabella, wife now of Mr. C. B. Hess of Ottawa.

During the late unfortunate Civil War the demand for our wollen goods was greater than we could supply when we were making all kinds of wollen goods, cassimers, doe skin satinette, flannels, blankets, and stocking yarn. Such was the demand for flannel that to supply an old customer, in some cases we had to go to a loom and before the piece was finished, cut off what he wanted, and he would take it unfinished and scour it at home the best he could.

This state of affairs induced us to take in other partners and build a much larger mill which proved to us a very unfortunate undertaking as we began so near the close of the war and built at such enormous expense, everything being at the highest price reached during the war. This mill was commenced in the spring of 1864. Our first intention was to build only one story high 50 by 200 feet in length so as to have everything convenient on one floor, but when we commenced ^{digging} ~~digging~~ out the foundation we found

such a dip in the rock which appeared on the surface a little above our location, that we had to go down ten feet for the foundation. Consequently we changed our original plan and concluded to build 50 by 100 feet and four stories high. This required a three foot wall on the foundation and took for that all the stone it would have required to have built according to our first plan - a building 50 by 200 with an eighteen inch wall only one story high. Our original estimated cost was \$25,000.00 but instead, on account of the exorbitant prices for everything and the mishap in the foundation, the whole cost when completed reached \$65,000. We calculated to have it running by Christmas which we did. We had bought wool during the season to run on amounting to \$60,000 at 90¢ to a \$1.00 per pound, and next season, before selling much of the product, wool had gone down to 45¢ and 50¢ and continued to drop, causing a loss of over \$30,000 to start on. And in the great Chicago fire we had \$22,000 worth of goods burned, and that fire so crippled insurance companies that we realized a mere trifle on insurance.

We were doing an excellent business in the new mill, making excellent goods and having ready sale for them, turning out annually about \$100,000 worth for eight years, but our heavy losses at the start entailed an indebtedness of about eighty thousand dollars, which we vainly tried for that length of time to pay.

I, being the financial member of the firm, induced my partners in the spring of 1873 to issue a call on all our creditors to meet us on a certain day, and they to select their own assignee, to whom we would assign all of our scheduled property for their benefit, amounting to some seven or eight thousand dollars more than our liabilities at a fair valuation. Our creditors thus accepting and giving us releases - some made the offer to release interest and have us continue until we could pay. I think if we had preferred it most, if not all, would have done the same, but I felt more like a person in prison and was glad after giving up everything to be released. We had carried this enormous amount (for a small firm) of indebtedness for eight years, never allowing a note to be protested in that time.

Our interest account amounting to eight thousand dollars annually,, we saw the folly of continuing longer to try to pay it, and have often since wished that we might have been forced to give up sooner.

Manufacturing, like milling, had its best days in the west in earlier times as after the war the west had to compete with shoddy goods from the east. Our western mills made honest goods of pure wool and were thus placed at great disadvantage to the east which had facilities for the use of cheap shoddy. It seemed to be the concerted plan of eastern manufacturers to drive out all western mills which they pretty effectually accomplished with the difference in cost between shoddy and pure wool.

We used to have complaint from merchant taylor's that we made our goods last too long for their interest. I still hold a number of vouchers to corroborate this statement, in the way of silver medals and diplomas taken at different county and state fairs. Our goods were sold in a number of different states, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, in addition to our own state.

After quitting the factory in March 1873, the dam at Dayton was swept out by high water and ice, but was immediately rebuilt requiring a large amount of stone for filling in the crib work. I took the contract for furnishing the stone, and was fortunate in getting them more handily than I expected, and put on a dozen teams, and did fairly well. When through with this contract I received a letter from Mr. J. C. Stalp of Aurora requesting me to come up and make an estimate on the cost of putting in a portion of their dam, which had also been swept off. I went and saw him and when I had the dimensions of the work to be done, sat down and soon figured out the probable cost, not thinking he wanted me to do the work. I gave him my estimate and the next day, after reaching home I received a letter from him desiring me to come and put in the dam for him at my own estimate as given him, which was not over one half what other dam builders there estimated it worth to do the work, so I went up and looked around a little more and found I could get about all the stone required right on the ground for which I estimated five hundred dollars, and then told him I would take it. In about twenty days I had it completed, and cleared nearly one-half of my contract price of \$2000, clearing \$939.

The difficulty with other dam builders was that it had to be put in water six to eight feet deep and they could not see any way of doing it without getting rid of the water. My plan was to commence the same as building a boat and sink it as fast as we desired, and being in eddy water it proved successful. It was built of two inch plank thoroughly spiled. Some of the old dam builders came around and looked on in amazement saying, "There is more than one way of choking a dog to death."

RAMBLING THOUGHTS

in an EVENTFUL LIFE

There is always a certain point in the life of all, difficult to determine where the boy or girl merges into man or womanhood. So it is in the selection of matter that would interest a good number of readers of such a work as this. Were it a work on mathematics or any of the sciences it would not require the discriminating thought and judgement of what would be interesting, but would be the legitimate outgrowth of the subject.

I shall therefore sketch in this chapter some minor events and happenings on extended trips quartering our whole possessions as a country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, east and west, and from Mexico on the southwest to Lake Superior and Canada on the north.

I made up my mind on this one important fact that nature has not been extremely lavish in giving to one section of the country any greatly superior advantages over another. When advantages and disadvantages are properly taken into consideration, one place or section of country is just about as good as another. I of course do not mean to say that one section is equally adapted to the wishes and desires of all alike, but aside from preferences of climate and the various pursuits of life, there is little difference in the possibilities of being suited about as well in one place as another.

From Denver to Lake Superior and Canada

I saw places in Mexico not far inland from the Pacific Ocean which seemed almost like filling the requirements of a Paradise on earth, and going higher up the mountain, we got above the clouds, the sun shining brightly, and looking down the precipitous mountain, we saw through a thick mist that it was raining lower down in the valley.

I neglected to mention our landing at Mazatlan, Mexico from our little schooner "Laura Virginia" after eighteen days on the trip from San Francisco. She was a sail vessel and sometimes down south towards latitude 20, we would lie whole days in a perfect calm, and one night we sailed between two and three hundred miles. We sometimes had rare sport shooting at Porpoises. They would appear in great numbers and the way they would swim put me in mind of a flock of deer on the jump. I frequently drew blood but never got one.

It was Sunday afternoon that we landed and we walked up to the custom house and threw down our packs before the government official to have them examined but they appeared so insignificant that he did not condescend to do it, and passed our whole company of twenty two free. We then went to a Meson (hotel) and whilst I was in a bathroom, I suddenly heard such terrific firing, sounding like a whole company shooting at once, that I was terribly frightened as only a short time previously there had been several Americans killed there in a row. The landlord came to my door and told me the best he could that they were having "Mucho-fandango", a sham battle on the plaza. I hurried out as soon as I could and witnessed the battle. The whole town, men, women, and children were on the streets.

We had considerable sport during the battle in which there were four companies engaged. When one side would retreat we threw it up to them ~~and~~ that was the way the Mexicans did in the late war with Mexico, to which the assented with great laughter.

After leaving the mining camp (mentioned) where they were taking out silver ore, we passed several smoldering fires where the Indians, the day before, robbed a pack train of one hundred mules, and what they could not carry off, they burned. We then came to a high point on the mountain and by the side of the path (no wagon roads here) was a large boulder, shaped like an egg and standing on the small end. It stood eight or nine feet high and was about six feet in diameter, and looked as if two or three men could push it over. We could see from the spikes about it that nearly every company passing had probably tried to send it down the mountain. We succeeded in sending it crashing down at a fearful rate. It would cut off trees like pipe stems.

Going on further and higher up the mountain we stopped and camped for the night near the summit and had about the hardest and coldest rain I ever experienced. It rained so hard that it was impossible to keep a fire burning with good pine wood.

Near the foot of the mountain, some eight or ten miles down in the valley, was the largest city we saw in Mexico, Durango, probably twenty five thousand inhabitants. The churches, monasteries, and many other buildings looked venerable with age. It is doubtless much the oldest city I ever saw. The streets all had nice little brooks on one side, with beautiful shade trees lining their banks, and women could be seen all over the city washing their clothing in these streams.

Here they had a government mint and we exchanged some of our native gold for coin to enable us to buy horses farther on and were obliged to take silver, and put it on a pack mule and risk a stampede. The country was without inhabitants except in small villages fifteen or twenty five miles apart. They did not dare to settle the country promiscuously as under the stars and stripes of our own country on account of Indians. It was said that fifty to one hundred Comanche Indians would capture any of the smaller towns when they desired to raid them, and we were frequently warned against Los Comanchese. We kept out a guard on our whole route from Saltillo, and one night there was an attempt made to stampede our animals in Texas, but by getting out our whole company, we succeeded in averting it.

We did not find our trip through that country very desirable, they speaking a different language, and their customs and habits so different in many respects from ours, for instance you would not find a hotel (or Meson as they call it) where you could get a board and lodging at the same place. The practise there was for all travelers to carry their own blankets. In the cities sleeping rooms might be found that could be had at a reasonable price in which we frequently found from two to three or four crosses erected and stationary, to mark the place of a murder. And on the road, wherever a murder has been committed, a like cross was found at the side of the road, the law probably requiring it to be done, but it was not a very agreeable memento in a sleeping apartment.

We passed a number of places in Mexico where they still felt the effects of the war and some places they acted rather sullen and did not seem to like "Los Americanians Del Norte". We thought it would not have been safe for a much smaller company than ours to travel through their country at that time, but as a general thing they seemed quite friendly and glad to get our money for supplies.

We crossed the Rio Grande into Texas at Presidio (where our troops had crossed during the war) and herded our horses near the banks of the river where we found next morning quite a number of graves of some of our brave volunteers who had probably died of some sickness.

We drove through Texas for several days before we reached any settlement. The first was a military post with two or three companies of soldiers. The next day we reached San Antonio, going around the head of the San Antonio River only a few miles and reaching the town, we found quite a river, probably the outlet of some of the sunken rivers. Going to California, we encountered the Humbolt, for one. We traveled down its banks for three hundred miles. For about twenty miles it spread out in a level sandy section from one to four miles in width, when it finally sank entirely out of sight. This whole distance of twenty miles was covered with a luxuriant growth of grass, some places four feet high, while bordering the edges it would be from six to eighteen inches high and as thick as it could stand. We cut some of this grass to last us across a desert of sand of fifty miles to Carson River, without water, the water in the Humbolt being so strongly impregnated with alkalis that we concluded to boil the water and make tea for crossing the desert but it proved a failure. It got so thick and slimy that we could not drink it. When we struck the Carson River and unhitched our horses to drive them to water, they would plunge over the bank eight or ten feet high, before we could drive them farther on, and we all were as thirsty as they.

A trip east for machinery - one up to Lake Superior - and east again to sell wool

In the spring of 1864 Christopher Trumbo and myself made a trip to New York, Philadelphia and Boston for machinery for our new woolen mill. We visited a number of woolen mills in the vicinity of Boston, Hartford, Andover and other cities. While visiting places of interest in Boston it occurred to us that it must have been laid out originally with reference to cow paths as the streets seem to run in every conceivable direction. We went to the top of Bunker Hill Monument and had a good view of the city and surrounding country for many miles and of the harbor, where our National Tea Party was held in Revolutionary times. Another place that attracted our attention was the cemetery, showing great age, and the resting place of very many honorable and prominent characters in the early settlement of our country. We spent considerable time wandering through it and reading some of the quaint epitaphs with which a person would be highly interested.

We went from here to Philadelphia which represented greater woolen manufacturers than the region about Boston, which was more in the cotton line. At Philadelphia we ordered our machinery made; four entire sets of woolen machinery by Furbust and Gage.

During the war I made a trip over the lakes for the benefit of my health, intending to spend about a month on Lake Superior. Finding that Ontonagon seemed to be the choice point for pleasure and health seekers, I stopped off there while our boat went up to the head of the lake.

We fared sumptuously at our hotel, had the best fish I ever ate, plenty of wild fruit and good company. One night while there, we had a terrific storm of thunder and lightning. We found in the morning that a house had been struck by lightning, and a goodly number of us went around after breakfast to see what damage was done. It was the residence of a prominent democratic member of the legislature of Michigan and he invited us all in to see the pranks of the lightning. We saw the paper all torn off from the wall, being a kind of gilt paper, but not much other damage done. He said if he had not been a copper-head, in all probability his house would have been burned down; copperhead being an epithet indiscriminately applied to democrats at that time. We had a number of college presidents in the company who enjoyed the joke immensely.

During our stay at the hotel there was a lightning calculator trying to get up a class to teach his method, and one day after dinner quite a number of those professors were sitting on the porch, and I said I believed I would give him a proposition which occurred in my every day business at home, to see if he could give me a shorter or quicker method of doing it. They rather urged me to do so and he seemed perfectly willing for me to state my proposition, and we would commence together to see how much quicker he would get the answer. I supposed a man had brought one hundred and nineteen pounds of wool which he wanted carded and spun into yarn and wanted me to take my pay for doing the work out of the wool, I to charge him seventeen cents per pound and allow him forty two

cents for his wool. How much shall I take out for pay? We commenced figuring together and I beat him. He then, as I beat on my own sum claimed the right to give me one and stated it; "How far will a boat go and return to the same point in twelve hours, going down stream at the rate of seventeen miles an hour and upstream at eleven ~~kawrs~~ miles?" We commenced figuring again and I beat him on his own proposition, and it seemed as though we were going to have another storm the way those professors roared. It is needless to say that he abandoned the idea of trying longer to get up a class in that burgh. As soon as an opportunity offered, a man on the porch who witnessed the trial of speed between us, came to me and said I was the man he had been looking for for some time and said he had a x very rich copper mine near there, and would give me a good salary and an interest in his mine if I would take hold with him to operate it. I told him I was tied up in business at home and could not accept his proposition but he took my address and wrote me several letters urging my acceptance.

I improved so fast, right from the start from home, that upon the return of the vessel I came up on, I concluded to return on her, having been gone from home less than two weeks. I gained nearly one pound a day while gone.

I visited some of the copper mines twelve miles from ⁿOntonagon to see where some of these large masses of copper came from which lay on the wharf ready for shipment weighing from eleven to thirteen tons each. I found they had been taken from an old mine about thirteen feet deep. Some unknown miners who worked with stone hammers and copper tools, had to abandon this mine when they came across those large masses of copper. I believe there were three of those monster pieces lying on the ~~ground~~ wharf, originally being one mass. They were separated by currying with coal chisels and drawn up an incline from the mine. A plank road was built to Ontonagon over which they were hauled. This was quite a shipping point for copper ore and the large heavy teams hauling from the mines on this plank road would haul as many, or more barrels of copper ore than an ordinary team would, barrels of flour.

On our trip up the lakes at Sault St. Marie, whilst our vessel was being locked up into Lake Superior, we witnessed Owen Lovejoy and one of his daughters take a boat ride over the falls at that place which much resembled the falls in Fox River at Dayton, but is a much larger body of water. His daughter was badly frightened in their ride down the falls.

Here there were a number of nice little pools of water filled with trout and a sprig from England, thinking it a rare opportunity to try his luck at fishing, hurried off to the boat to get his fishing tackle. When he returned and was in the act of throwing in his hook, the owner informed him that they were private property, and he would not take ten dollars apiece for them. He concluded they were higher priced fish than he expected to see in America, and did not indulge his love of sport.

In Marquette we found in place of copper, the iron ore industry was carried on to a very large extent. They had two wharves where

they would load a half dozen schooners at a time with a rail road track along the wharf where they would haul from the mine and dump a whole car load at a time into the several vessels. This ore is said to be softer than other ores but is used to a great extent mixed with other ores at Cleveland, Buffalo and Chicago.

Prior to this in 1846 or '47, I know it was during the war with Mexico, I took a quantity of wool to Buffalo, and New York for sale, and on the same vessel we had several ^{company of} volunteers in that war. We left Chicago one evening about the first of June but by midnight we had such a wind and rain storm that our Captain headed his vessel back to Chicago, though I was not aware of the fact until morning when we were in sight of Chicago. The lake became so rough in the night that I was afraid of being thrown out of my bunk so got up and went out into the cabin being alone. The chairs and every movable thing in the cabin were sliding from side to side, and in a few minutes one of the hands opened the door from below and hollered out "fire aboard". I, being the only passenger up, ran down with him and discovered in the captain's room that his bed was burning quite briskly. He had left a lamp burning on a bureau close to his bed and being so rough, he was obliged to be up, and the roll of the vessel had thrown the lamp over onto the bed. This man and I soon succeeded in smothering out the flames and luckily not another passenger knew anything about the fire until we had safely landed in Chicago again that morning. It had been but a short time previous that the Lady Elgin had been burned on the lake, with her entire crew, and when the door was opened and I smelled the smoke from the burning bed, I felt something like I did in the hay-mow during the Blackhawk war.

Those soldiers occupied my wool sacks for their sleeping apartment and before we reached Buffalo, there seemed to be more beans on the sacks than wool. The captain was glad to compromise the damage by charging me nothing for freight on my wool. I sold the wool in Buffalo and took a draft on New York, not thinking I would be obliged to identify myself in New York banks. I was in a quandry how I could do so, when I thought of the only person there with whom I had any acquaintance, a son of George W. Howe, and started out to find him. He had lived near us but returned to New York. I soon found him and we went to the bank and were ^{soon} ~~soon~~ out of the difficulty.

Our Volunteers from ^{our} ~~this~~ section of country took a different route from those on the boat going to New York, then by ocean steamer down the coast and across the gulf. There were quite a number of my acquaintances went from this county and I will name some from recollection; T. Lyle Dickey in 1846 raised a company and was elected captain, served six months and had to return home on account of sickness, W.H.L. Wallace was orderly sergeant. After Captain Dickey's return home, Capt. Prentiss took his place; William and Moses Osman, William L., George W., Theodore and John F. Gibson, the whole family of boys; William McCay, Wilson L. Smith, Charles Hautaling and Charles E. Skinner.

Wm. L. Gibson, a brother in law acted as Post-Master of Saltillo during our occupancy of that place. This company, with others, crossed the Rio Grande at Presidio into Mexico at the same place our company did on our return from California.

A FEW MORE RAMBLING THOUGHTS

The writer can refer with a small degree of satisfaction to assertions he made in public debate more than fifty years ago when some of the great developments and improvements since made were in their infancy. I was led in great part by our first experience in the prospective development of electricity. There was a man in Dayton early in the forties who advertised a battery, as he claimed, "with power sufficient to propell a steamer up the Mississippi River." Of course all hooted at the time until witnessing his experiments in the morning, when all seemed satisfied that he had the key to unlock the hidden mystery of electricity. With one little magnet he would run an experimental wheel like lightning. He had a kind of toy train of cars that he ran around a circular track as fast as he dared. His theory was, and at that time it seemed practical that all that was necessary to gain power was to increase the number and size of the magnets, and that his little battery would set them all in motion.

This theory, ~~however~~, did not prove successful, but from this little beginning we already see that electricity is destined to be the motive power for all practical uses, and is still in its infancy.

I think, however, with all the other great achievements within the last fifty years, that my assertions have been pretty nearly verified, namely "that the next fifty years (from that time) will witness greater progress and improvement in the arts and science than the past has done". Nearly all our great inventions and labor saving machinery have been made within that time.

I would not consider it an extravagant assertion or without the realm of reason to repeat it again, and say the next fifty years will witness still greater achievements than the past. It may be said that it is almost impossible. We can not see where there is need or chance for any greater improvement on what we have. So it was said fifty years ago when the stage coach and packet on the camel were about all we needed in the way of travel. Power looms had then only partially superseded hand looms, the same with regard to sewing machines and hundreds of other things. The telephone and telegraph were hidden mysteries. I remember the first telegraph line in this section of the country, when a rather prominent canal contractor said he could not see how it was possible to pass letters and packages over or past those poles they were putting up.

Whenever necessity requires anything new, or a substitute for what may have served its purpose, or gone out of existence, Nature and Man's skill supplies it. In my early recollection in Ohio, and even when we moved here, friction matches were unknown. Harvesters and even a good plow we did not have. Wooden mole boards were used; lamps for burning lard and sometimes spermoil were used.. Nature has supplied from the bowels of the earth what was first called coal oil. And we are now using to a great extent, iron as a substitute for timber in erecting the buildings, bridges, fences etc. besides the other innumerable uses to which it is applied.

Our future advancement will of course depend largely upon the stability and fostering care of our government. Should we depart too much from the policy of the founders of our government, and annex too much incompatible territory, for instance Mexico,

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Canada, and the islands of the seas, it is beyond the comprehension of any living men to foresee the result, but long may the stars and stripes float in peace and harmony over a free, undivided, happy and prosperous people.

*Thomas Henry Green and His Dayton, Illinois Store
Helens' Grandfather*



*T. Henry Green
"Harry"
1857-1939*



HARRY GREEN AND HIS DAYTON STORE

This piece of glassware was given to me a few years ago by Bobbie Pottenger, who told me to find out about it and do a program about it, so that's what I've done. The note inside it says "part of a set bought of Harry Green at the Dayton store about 1880". So I started out to find out about Harry Green, who was the father of Mabel Greene Myers and the grandfather of Helen Myers McLoraine.

Thomas Henry "Harry" Green was born January 9, 1857 in Dayton, the oldest son of Jesse Green and his second wife, Hannah Rhoads. Harry went to grade school in Dayton. He then attended Jennings Seminary in Aurora, one of the finest private high schools in the middle west. Jesse Green, Harry's father, was himself largely self-educated, as he had only a few terms of formal schooling. He clearly recognized the value of education for his children and sent them to Jennings.

Like his younger brothers, Harry began by working for their father in the woolen mill, but on the first of February, 1880, at the age of 23, Harry took over the store in Dayton, where he sold dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, notions, medicines and almost anything else you could think of.. A notice in the Ottawa paper announcing the change in management said that he was doing a cash business. In earlier times on the frontier, a storekeeper would offer credit to the farmers, or would take farm products in trade for goods, but by the 1880s, cash was more readily available, so Harry could operate on that basis. He travelled to Chicago and St. Louis periodically on buying trips, where he would replenish his supplies and see what was new and interesting.

The Dayton store would have been one of the centers of village life. In addition to the many items for sale, there were other attractions. In February of 1881, the Dayton Library Association was founded, with Isaac Green as President, Charles Green as Secretary and Harry Green as Librarian. Harry was the librarian because the library, all one hundred volumes of it, was housed at the store. You paid fifty cents a year to join and then you could borrow any book. The store was also a central point for spreading the news, so much so that the correspondent to the Ottawa paper requested that news items for the column be left at the store.

Among the goods Harry sold was glassware. I found this pattern identified in a glass encyclopedia. It was made by the La Belle Glass Company of Bridgeport, Ohio. The company was founded in 1872 and its Queen Anne pattern, which this piece is an example of, was first being advertised in the trade journals in the fall of 1879. Harry must have ordered it soon after the announcement, as this piece was bought about 1880. It would have been one piece of a fairly extensive set. This piece is a spooner. It was used on the table to hold dessert spoons. They often resemble short-stemmed goblets or vases. Some have handles, as this one does, but some do not. Other pieces in the set might have been a butter dish, cream and sugar, salt cellar, celery vase, and of course, plates and goblets. In the Ottawa paper's account of the wedding of David Green's daughter, Ada, in 1881, among the gifts received was a set of glassware from her cousin, Harry Green. There's no way of knowing if it was a set of this pattern, but it might have been, as it was a new and popular pattern then.

Some time in the mid-1880s a young lady named Cora Childs came to teach in the Dayton school. She had been born in 1860 in Marshall County. In 1864, her parents moved to Ottawa to take advantage of the better educational opportunities for their daughters. She graduated from Ottawa Township High School in 1879 and then completed the two year program at Wesleyan college in Cincinnati in one year, graduating in June 1880. She taught at several other La Salle County schools before coming to Dayton. When her parents moved to Morris she taught in the Junior High School there, but Harry had obviously made an impression on her and they were married on February 22, 1888.

After their marriage, they lived near Morris, where Harry ran a bakery and restaurant. As you can see by the letterhead in the center of the page, he was also a jobber, or wholesaler, in fruits, confectionery, oysters, tobacco and cigars. An ad for Green's Bakery and European Restaurant in the Morris Herald touted their wedding cakes, which could be furnished on short notice, and described the business as a place "Where you can get anything you want from a cup of coffee and sandwich up to a big square meal." Unfortunately, this establishment burned and they then returned to Ottawa. Harry went to work for the Standard Brick Company, where his brother-in-law, C. B. Hess, was a partner.

In 1892 they moved to Chicago where he established himself as an electrical engineer. Cora was very active in various patriotic organizations. She held a number of offices with the DAR, including many years as regent. She was the first regent of the Chicago chapter of the DAC, the Daughters of the American Colonists; was a member of the Daughters of 1812 and many other similar organizations. They were listed in the 1913 Chicago Blue Book of prominent residents. At that time they lived at 55 W. North Avenue and had a summer residence in Morris. Cora was active in the social life of Chicago. I found a clipping of Mabel's engagement, announced by her mother at a reception and musical at the Plaza hotel.

Somewhere around 1910, Harry's last name acquired an extra "e", Greene. Cora, who was very interested in family history, had learned much of the Green history from Harry's cousin, Maud, who was the Green family historian. Maud had attempted to trace the Green family's origin, and had identified John Greene the Surgeon, of Rhode Island as a possible progenitor. Cora evidently convinced Harry, who was now T. Henry, that the extra "e" should be added. In Harry's obituary, which Cora surely wrote, the "e" was even added retroactively to his father, Jesse, and his grandfather, John, neither of whom ever spelled their name that way. Incidentally, it is almost certain that John Greene the Surgeon was NOT our ancestor.

Harry died September 24, 1939 in Chicago. The funeral was held in Chicago and the body was taken by train to Ottawa, where he was buried in the family plot in the Ottawa Avenue cemetery on Sep. 27th. There are now no living descendants of Harry and Cora, but I hope this will, in some small way, help to keep their memory alive.

Credit to Candace Wilmot

Cora Childs Greene and Children

Cora Childs Greene was Helen's grandmother. Cora's two children are in the picture, Mabel Greene, Helen's Mom and Alvin Greene, Helen's uncle.



TROUT (SS202)

The veteran patroller TROUT (Lt. Cdr. A. H. Clark) left Pearl Harbor on 8 February 1944, enroute to area for her eleventh patrol. She topped off with fuel at Midway, and left there on 16 February, never to be heard from again. She was to patrol between 20°-00' N and 23°-00' N from the China coast to 130°-00' E.

TROUT was scheduled to leave her patrol area not later than sunset on 27 March 1944, and was expected at Midway about 7 April 1944. When she did not arrive, she was reported as presumed to be lost on 17 April 1944.

From information received from the Japanese since the close of the war the following facts have been gleaned. On 29 February 1944 SAKITO MARU was sunk and another ship badly damaged in position 22°-40' N, 131°-45' E. TROUT is the only U. S. submarine which could have made an attack at this time in this position. Since TROUT did not report this action it is assumed that she was lost during or shortly after this attack.

In her first ten patrols, TROUT sank 23 enemy ships, giving her 87,800 tons sunk, and damaged 6 ships, for 75,000 tons. TROUT's first patrol resulted in no enemy damage, but her second patrol was a most unusual one. She delivered ammunition from Pearl Harbor to Corregidor in January 1942. To compensate for the weight of ammunition delivered, she brought back as ballast 20 tons of gold, silver and securities which was delivered to Pearl Harbor, from where it was taken to Washington for safe-keeping. Also during the patrol TROUT sank a medium freighter and a patrol craft. In the period from mid-March to mid-May 1942 TROUT conducted her third patrol in the Empire. Here she sank a large tanker, three freighters and a gunboat, and damaged a large freighter. TROUT's forth patrol covered the period during which she was part of the forces defending Midway. She made no successful attacks here. The area south of Truk was the scene of TROUT's fifth patrol; here she sank a transport and damaged an aircraft carrier.

During her sixth patrol, in the Southern Solomons, TROUT had but one attack opportunity. She made no hits on a battleship



A. H. Clark

sighted on 13 November 1942. In the South China Sea on her seventh patrol, she sank a freighter, a tanker and two sampans, and damaged two other large tankers. The same general area was the scene of her eighth patrol; TROUT sank two sampans and damaged an auxiliary vessel. In May and June 1943 TROUT patrolled the lesser Philippines and sank two tankers, a freighter and two small schooners, also damaging a freighter. TROUT's tenth patrol was a passage from Fremantle to Pearl, with a patrol of the Davao area enroute. She sank a freighter, a transport, a sampan and a submarine. The latter was I-182, sunk by TROUT in Surigao Strait on 9 September 1943. This vessel was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the period of her second, third and fifth patrols.

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List of U.S.S. Trout Naval Personnel

U. S. S. TROUT (SS-202)

Name	Rate	Name	Rate
ABBOTT, R. E.	F2	HARRISON, D. W.	CEMA
ADAMS, A. W.	BKR3	HOY, J. E.	MOMM1
BARKER, J. B., Jr.	GM3	HUGHES, R. L.	CEMA
BECKLEY, C. V.	LTJG	HUGHES, P. W.	S1
BENNETT, T. W., Jr.	RM3	JOHNSON, A. W.	TM2
BOLAND, J. J.	CPHMA	KAISER, R. W., Jr.	MOMM2
BOND, R. V.	S1	KELTNER, M. H.	ENS
BRANDT, N. A.	FC1	KERR, R. (n)	QM2
BROCKMAN, R. J.	CTMA	KING, E. (n)	BM2
BROWNLOW, E. (n)	CCSA	KNUTSON, G. J.	MOMM1
CALLAN, K. T.	EM3	KUNSTMAN, R. (n)	EM3
CARRICO, R. E.	LTJG	LEWIS, A. S.	STM2
CLARK, A. H.	LCDR	MAGNER, J. F.	MOMM1
CLARKE, J. B.	EM1	MASSETT, P. J.	MOMM2
COAKLEY, J. E.	GM2	MAUER, L. L.	MOMM2
COPT, L. J.	EM1	MC DUFFIE, W. B.	SC3
COREY, F. J.	EM2	MILLION, F. A.	EM3
CRAIN, E. F., Jr.	ENS	MILLNER, C. C.	STM1
CROWLEY, J. R.	Y3	MOLLOHAN, G. D.	TM2
CUNNINGHAM, E. H., III	MOMM1	MURPHY, T. J.	TM3
DECESARE, F. P., Jr.	CRMA	MYERS, L. E., Jr.	LT
DECKER, F. J.	CMOMMA	NEARMAN, K. E.	RM2
DORTCH, W. H.	S2	PERRY, R. R.	ENS
EHLERDING, J. G.	RM1	RICHARDSON, J. W.	CTMA
EWELL, J. E.	STM2	ROWAN, L. R.	GM3
EYE, O. R.	TM3	RUDER, J. E.	MOMM2
FESTIN, S. (n)	TM3	SCOTT, K. I.	MOMM1
FINNEY, W. O.	MOMM2	SEBRING, S. R.	TM3
FROGNER, G. I.	RM3	SMITH, A. L.	CMOMM
FRONTINO, J. N.	TM2	STANFORD, W. W.	CMOMM
FROST, C. F.	MM1	SWENTZEL, L. M.	F2
GARRISON, R. L.	TM2	TAYLOR, H. F.	EM3
GAYLORD, W. H.	LT	TEISEN, A. T.	MOMM1
GIONET, R. C.	MOMM2	THOITS, E. E.	TM3
GONYER, A. L.	SM1	THURMAN, A. J.	S1
GURNEY, H. R.	CYA	TIERNEY, H. T.	RT3
GWYNN, R. P.	S1	TRACY, J. T.	EM3
HALL, O. (n)	EM1	WALKER, E. J.	SM3
HALTERMAN, A. M.	TM1	WILKOWSKI, J. B.	SM2
HANFORD, S. J.	MOMM3	WINTER, W. A.	GM1
		WOODWORTH, H. E.	LT

Notes on Lewis E. Myers Jr. from his Family

LIEUTENANT LEWIS EDWIN MYERS, JR., U. S. N. R.
Home Address, 55 W. North Ave., Chicago.

Lt. LEWIS E. MYERS, Jr., U. S. N. R. was born January 7, 1916; son of Lewis E. Myers and Nabel Greene Myers, sister of Helen M., of 55 W. North Ave., Chicago; grandson of Mrs. T. Henry Greene, Ex-Regent, Chicago Chapter, D. A. R.; an ancestor, John Green built and operated the first grist mill in LaSalle County, and the first woolen mill run by water power in the State of Illinois.

Lt. Myers was a member of the 4th Presbyterian Church, and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the University of Chicago. Following his graduation, in 1940, at the Goodman School of the Theatre, he enlisted as a midshipman in the U. S. N. R., and from a cruise on the U. S. S. ARKANSAS, he was assigned to the U. S. N. R. School at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, where he was commissioned Ensign, May 15, 1941.

Following assignment to the U. S. S. LITTLE, he was sent to the Higgins plant, New Orleans, for the new training in landing boat operations, and again to Annapolis for special gunnery training. In service in the Atlantic until December, 1941.

The U. S. S. LITTLE was flagship of the Destroyer-Transport division that landed our Marines at Guadalcanal and Tulagi on August, 1942, in opening the Solomons Islands campaign. In his citation of September 11, one week after the sinking of the LITTLE in a terrific night battle, Admiral Turner praised "the tremendous services that have been rendered by the LITTLE, CALHOUN AND GREGORY *** in the arduous task of supporting our marine troops. Many times you were in battle with the enemy. *** The Navy will feel the loss of your valuable ships, and even more will feel the loss of our brave comrades who have not come back. You can be assured that your conduct will be brought to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief in the highest terms." Another citation extols the officers and men for "your determination and bravery in meeting the enemy and fearlessly fighting him not once but many times until your ships were destroyed by greatly superior enemy forces." Lt. Myers was gunnery and educational officer on the LITTLE. Half the officers and men of the LITTLE lost their lives. Of one unit of 20 gunners, nineteen were killed. Lt. Myers was the last survivor to leave the ship, and was rescued off Guadalcanal after swimming seven hours.

On his way back to the States, Lt. Myers asked at Pearl Harbor for submarine duty. He completed his submarine training at New London in March, 1943, and flew to an American base in Australia where he was assigned to the TROUT. On April 27, the Navy informed Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers that their son was "missing following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country." Official announcement was made by the Navy ~~that the TROUT~~ on July 22 that the TROUT had been lost in action in the Pacific, but no report has been made of the record of the TROUT since given Presidential citation on May, 1943 "for outstanding performance *** in enemy-controlled waters." It is believed to have maintained to the end its record of amazing achievement.

Notes by
Lewis E. Myers, 55 W. North Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois. Ph. Delaware 3571.
July 24, 1944.

Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers, Jr.
Gunnery and Torpedo Officer
THE U. S. S. TROUT

A feeling of deep sympathy and a sense of common understanding prompt these brief notes to Kin and Friends of the Shipmates of our Son, and Brother, Lewis E. Myers, Jr.

Our last letter from Lewis was written February 15, 1944. Its terse, but meaningful final sentence reads, "I haven't even had my clothes off for a couple of days, so I'm closing abruptly." The day before, the 14th, he had written, "I'll be having need for those Marine walking shoes of mine, the rough tan leather ones, with the rugged composition soles. ** I believe I'll* be doing a little walking in a place which will be hard on shoes in a few weeks."

The last grim mission of the TROUT is attested by the first sentence of the recent Citation by the Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet,

"The U. S. S. TROUT, while on an offensive war patrol
"in enemy controlled waters, heavily patrolled by enemy
"air and surface forces, failed to return as scheduled."

"Those Marine walking shoes" are a pair that the Marines had outfitted Lewis with, after his rescue off Guadalcanal where his former ship, the U. S. S. LITTLE, was sunk in a night battle, Sept 5, 1942. The LITTLE was the flagship of a Destroyer-Transport division that took the first Marines into Guadalcanal and Tulagi at the start of the Solomons Islands campaign. At Pearl Harbor, on his way back to the States for "new construction", he asked for submarine service. He had seen what the submarines - our own, and the enemy's - were achieving in the Pacific.

After training at New London, he flew to Australia where he was thrilled by his assignment to the TROUT - that "mythical" ship that had evaded the enemy fleet, slipped into Manila laden with precious munitions, then out with the gold of the Philippines - not to narrate other heroic exploits that the Sons or Brothers, Husbands or Fathers of many of you bore special honors for, including the PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. Is it any wonder even if long "overdue", or having "failed to return as scheduled", those who have known her best, cling to the belief that the TROUT will not fail, and that all is well?

But if our fervent hope and prayer for the return of our loved ones unharmed must vanish; if it is never given to us to know the fate of their invincible ship, we may be ever inwardly assured of her brave Company's selfless loyalty, each to the other, in life and death, and of their unswerving devotion to duty, no matter what befell, or what they may, at this moment, endure.

And be it known - let us not forget - that submarines turned catafalques and sinking ever deeper into fathomless Seas are now laying Three Thousand Men and Boys - dear as ours to us - on the cold, fireless altars of their country. If the TROUT is finding her place in that strange line of two score phantom ships and joining our four score Loved Ones with that large company of stalwart submariners, then may we not expand our sympathy to, and feel the human understanding flowing from their kin and friends. Yea, more; in all the tragic annals of war, what fate so awakens the compassion of humanity, what doom excites the world's conscience to its boldest resolve as the fate, the doom of Three Thousand Men and Boys hidden forever helplessly in the silences of the unfathomable sea.

February 15, 1945. Lewis E., Mabel G. and Helen M. Myers.

*Letter from Bureau of Navy Personnel
Awarding Lewis E. Myer, Jr. the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal*

In reply address not the signer of this
letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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15 June 1948

Mr. Lewis E. Myers, Sr.
55 W. N. Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

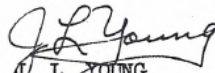
Dear Mr. Myers:

The Chief of Naval Personnel has the honor to forward herewith the award of the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal made posthumously to your son, the late Lewis E. Myers, Jr., United States Naval Reserve.

In order that you may understand the significance of the above award there is enclosed a bulletin which sets forth the regulations governing their issuance.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,


J. L. YOUNG
LTJG., USN
Medals and Awards

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"EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9265 ESTABLISHING THE
AREA CAMPAIGN MEDALS

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered that the American, European-African-Middle Eastern, and Asiatic-Pacific campaign medals, including suitable appurtenances, be established, and that the said medals may be awarded, under such regulations as the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may severally prescribe, to members of the land and naval forces of the United States, including the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve, and to members of the Women's Auxiliary Corps who, during any period between December 7, 1941, inclusive, and a date six months subsequent to the termination of the present war, shall have served outside the continental limits of the United States in any of the respective areas as indicated by the name of the medals, such areas to be more precisely defined in the regulations hereby authorized.

"For purposes of this order, the Territory of Alaska shall be considered as outside the continental limits of the United States.

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

"THE WHITE HOUSE
November 6, 1942."

"EXECUTIVE ORDER

"AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9265 OF NOVEMBER 6, 1942, ESTABLISHED THE AMERICAN, EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN, AND ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDALS

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

"1. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal shall not be awarded for any service rendered subsequent to November 8, 1945.

"2. The American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal shall not be awarded for any service rendered subsequent to March 2, 1946.

"3. Effective October 12, 1945, members and former members of the land and naval forces of the United States, including the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve, and former members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who served in the continental United States for an aggregate period of one year between December 7, 1941, and 2 March 1946, inclusive, may be awarded the American Campaign Medal under such regulations as the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy may severally prescribe.

"4. Executive Order No. 9265 of November 6, 1942, establishing the American, European-African-Middle Eastern, and Asiatic-Pacific campaign medals, is amended accordingly.

"HARRY S. TRUMAN

"THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 15, 1946."

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Jan 31, 1936.
My dear Son:

I cut from Today's
Chicago Tribune a
reprint of one of the Cutler's
cartoons for you. Perhaps
you will want to try
to locate all of the places
he talks about and in
time you may get to see
many of them. I wonder
how many of them you
have seen already.

It occurred to me today
that when I was just your
age, our family moved
to town from the country.
Up until then I had never
seen or been in a town



bigger than Valparaiso. Of course Canton was larger and perhaps I was taken there before I was five or six years old but I cannot remember anything about it. Allance when we shipped before we moved to Louisville was then about the size of Valparaiso. Indeed, I was only in Canton a few times afterwards until I was twenty years old. At that age I ~~spent~~ my first trip to Cleveland, so you see I was almost old enough to vote before I ever saw any really large city. And just think



Hotel Lembke
VALPARAISO, IND.

of how many of the big
cities of our country
and even of Canada you
have seen. I would like
to have you write me
a list of at least ten of
the biggest cities you
can remember, having
seen out of the hundred
you have been in, at one
time or another.

You will no doubt
remember another of
the McButcher's Cartoons
which you and I have often
read - "Indian Summer."

I suggest that you
keep the picture of the
Restless Rover. You will



Hotel Bembke
VALPARAISO, IND

guess that the man with
his crowning board looking
out to sea is the artist himself.

When I was in college
my mother found among
some papers she had saved
a letter which I had written
to my brother Joe when
he had left home to go to
work on the railroad. She
sent it to me. I was then
just about your age. I
wonder if you can write
as much of a letter as I
did then. Would you try?
Don't you think that
you and your father should
now exchange letters about
every week - you writing
to me one week and I to you



The next week - I would certainly get great pleasure and satisfaction out of your letters and during these months when I must be away from you and Helen and the beautiful Lady so much, your letters would relieve my loneliness for you and make me very happy -

Boys and girls who really think about it and who try hard to write good letters are helped much by it. You know people who learn to write well what they learn and think, one well thought of in the



Hotel Bemble
VALPARAISO, IND

wored, they are paid
well for it and highly
honored and respected
for it. Really Helen is
not too young to stop. Don't
you think it would be
nice, too, if Helen did
her best in writing daddy
a good letter every week. I
will keep every letter either
of you writes to me and
perhaps you have been some
time. If you want to
keep them just for yourself
Helen and mother, I will
tell you many interesting
things about old times and
people and things I see
and hear about. Sometimes
my letters would be hard to read



Hotel Lemble
VALPARAISO, IND.

but mother can help you
to read them and if you
will be patient, Daddy will
do the best he can.

I certainly have something
interesting to tell Helen in
a letter but will write
to a day or two later.

After you have been to the
Fey Fair and have seen
the New Roller Racer, the
Air Travel, and Circus
Trixie, please write and
tell me what you think
about them.

You must be having a great
time in school these days.
Good night my dear boy—

Father

Tuesday Evening, October 20, 1942

TRINIDAD, COLORADO

DR SEA FORCES

Navy Officer Here Describes Survivor Of U. S. Destroyer Transport Little In Solomons Battle Last Month Relates His Experience

Lieut. Lewis E. Myers of Chicago, Nephew of Mrs. T. C. Harper, Tells of Escaping From Flaming Ship In Pacific Darkness — Swam Several Hours — Was Finally Picked Up By Marine Boats. Here Awaiting New Assignment in Service.

Having at times been bombed, torpedoed and shelled on American navy craft, Lieut. Lewis E. Myers of Chicago, Trinidad high school graduate, class of 1933, now knows how it feels to be alone on a blazing ship of war, to plunge into darkness, to swim for hours in the rolling seas to ultimate rescue.

For Lieut. Myers, nephew of Mrs. T. C. Harper, who is in Trinidad, was one of the survivors of the U. S. Destroyer transport Little, which was shelled and set blazing by fire from Japanese cruisers off the Solomons islands early last month. This handsome young naval officer, who is resting here awaiting a new assignment, today gave to the Chronicle-News his first version of the recent sea battle of American and Japanese fleet units in the Solomons area of the Pacific. Lieut. Myers arrived here a few days ago. He will address the Lions club luncheon meeting tomorrow and narrate his experiences.

Lieut. Myers came out of the Hell of that terrific battle unscathed. He was the last to leave the flaming destroyer before it was engulfed by the waves. He swam for several hours in pitch darkness and until dawn, and until he sighted rafts on which were other seamen from the two American ships sunk in that battle, and sighted by friendly airplanes had finally been brought in by marines in boats, put aboard a transport sailing for the American mainland, and after 30 days reached a California port. That was early this month.

Lieut. Myers was of the Destroyer Little, an old world war destroyer, converted into a transport

Survivor Tells Of His Escape From Flaming Destroyer

The Chronicle-News is privileged today to print, briefly, of course, the graphic narrative of the flaming sinking of the U. S. destroyer-transport Little which with another destroyer was sent to the bottom by Japanese shell fire "somewhere off the Solomons" the early days of September. In hasty recital for afternoon publication—the interview was at noon today — the story as related by Lieut. Myers is necessarily briefly set down. There is a lot more to the narrative which Lieut. Myers will doubtless re-

signed up in the fall of 1940.

In describing the battle Myers said that the two American ships of which the destroyer-transport Little was one, were attacked by new and larger Japanese cruisers that blasted the older ships with shellfire, put all the Little's guns and engines out of commission and finally sent it down in flames. The exact number of survivors and missing from the Little have not been reported.

In relating his experience, Lieut. Myers said he was up in the foretop of the ship while the battle raged and had not heard the order to abandon ship. The ship was blazing beneath him. He became aware finally that all on board had left the burning ship some time before. He saw none of them for hours afterward.

"We were outnumbered," said Lieut. Myers. "The Japanese had brand new cruisers, larger and with more and heavier guns. They plastered our ship up and down for several minutes and finally set it afire. Our guns were put out of action.

"The Little had been steaming up and down on submarine patrol," Myers said. It was shortly after midnight, pitch darkness. We saw single shot fire like that coming from a submarine-shelling the beach. The enemy didn't attack at once. We waited a while to determine, if possible, what sort of enemy ships were engaged. Then our ships were swept by powerful searchlights from the Japanese ships. We realized we were confronted with a large Japanese naval force.

"Both of our ships opened fire at once. We were outnumbered and outclassed by heavier guns of the enemy cruisers. The Japs missed their first two salvos. The third one hit the afterdeck house putting our No. 3 gun and putting our steering engine out of commission. The Japs kept firing in rapid succession and until our other guns were put out of service.

"The ship was in flames, gun power and steering control gone. I

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SHIP IN FLAMES, AND HE'S ALONE IN CROW'S NEST

BY JERRY THORP.

The destroyer transport Little, doomed by Jap shelling, listed heavily in the flame-lit waters of the Pacific off Guadalcanal early on the morning of Sept. 5. Fire raged the length of the ship—twisted pieces of metal, remnants of anti-aircraft guns littered the deck.

The Little apparently was deserted. Only the dead were on her decks as other members of the crew floundered in the water, attempting to keep out of the range of Jap warships.

But in the crow's nest, high above the flame-swept hold, there was one more man, a sailor who hadn't heard the order to abandon ship and was still at his spotter's post. He was Lt. Lewis Myers Jr., a Chicagoan, who lived to tell his experience. He now is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers Sr. of 55 W. North av.

Talk Only of Crack at Japs.

"That kind of an experience does funny things to men," he recalled today, "especially to those fellows that were wounded—all they could think or talk about was getting out to get another crack at the enemy."

Myers, tow-haired and of slight build, told his story almost casually:

"We were on submarine patrol about six miles from Guadalcanal. About 1 o'clock in the morning we saw shell fire on the beach. We waited a minute before moving in, because we didn't believe the fire was coming from a submarine."

"I guess we spotted each other about the same time. They had four large Jap cruisers—and we opened fire almost simultaneously. Their first three salvos missed but they found the range with the fourth which knocked our steering gear out of commission."

No Conception of Time.

"I had no conception of time so I really don't know how long it was before the Little was finished. I looked over the top of the crow's nest and realized the order to abandon ship must have been given. No one was on board with me except the dead. Guns had been blown clear out of their positions."

"At first I feared to climb down the ladder because of the possibility of being machine-gunned but I knew I could never clear the deck if I dived. Finally I started down the ladder but had to stop because the bottom part was surrounded by fire. I slid the rest of the way on a guy wire and then dropped over into the water."

JAP JACKET HIS WAR TROPHY



Lt. Lewis Myers Jr. (left) shows his father, Lewis Myers, a Japanese marine jacket that was given to young Myers in Guadalcanal after he survived the sinking of the destroyer transport Little Sept. 5.

[By a staff photographer.]

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The CHICAGO Daily News,
Wednesday, November 4, 1942

"I sank at first because I was attempting to take too much equipment—a gun, binoculars and several other things. After I abandoned them it was easier.

Simple Navigation Chart.

"As I inflated my pneumatic life boat I recalled that if I kept the wind on my left cheek I should go toward Guadalcanal.

"A Jap ship passed within 200 feet of me and I thought it was all over, but nothing happened. By the time I got in the water there were no other survivors around."

Six hours later, as the first streaks of dawn lit the sky, Myers spotted several rafts carrying men from the Little and a sister ship, the Gregory, which also had been sunk.

"I climbed on one of the rafts and it was only a few minutes before patrol planes spotted us and we were picked up."

At Guadalcanal Myers was clothed in a Japanese marine's jacket, a souvenir that he brought to Chicago. He was given a leave a short time later and arrived here three days ago. The 26-year-old lieutenant had been in the Guadalcanal area since the first Marines were landed there last August. Before enlisting in the Navy two years ago he attended the University of Chicago and the Goodman School of the Theater.

It won't be long before Myers will be on duty again, aboard "a honey of a new ship that has everything."

Survivor Relates His Experiences

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was in the fore-top. I had not heard the order to abandon ship. When the Japs ceased firing I slid down a guy wire to the fore-castle of the blazing ship. I did not know whether my safety belt would work. I tossed shell boxes into the sea and finally jumped. I swam away from the ship. I swam for several hours. I had jumped in loaded down with helmet and all equipment, which I got rid of as I swam or floated. After daybreak the next morning I saw rafts with survivors from the ships. Friendly airplanes were overhead and had spotted the survivors and marines in boats were sent out for us."

Lieut. Myers said that while in the water he had seen a Japanese ship once only a couple of hundred feet away. He added that some time before the Solomons battle in which he had participated, the Little had been near when the three American cruisers Vincennes, Quincy and Astoria were sunk. He said he had been bombed, shelled and torpedoed before, but had never until this time had a ship been shot away and burned under him.

Lewis E. Myers Jr. in Naval Reserve Uniform



*Transcript of Lewis' Talk on Radio Show about
U.S.S. Little experience (spoken by Lewis on the radio)*

*Spoken by Lewis
in late 1942 recording
his time on the USS Little.*

ladies and gentlemen, I have a guest in the studio tonight who
has been under enemy fire in the Southwest Pacific. He is Lewis
E. Myers, Lieutenant J.G. of the United States ~~navy~~ ^{Naval Reserve} who was on a
destroyer which was sunk early in September in the Solomon Islands.
His home is at 55 West North Avenue in Chicago. Lieut Myers went
through the Reserve Officers course at Annapolis ~~about a year and a half ago~~ ^{about}
a year and a half ago...and is now home on ~~leave~~ ^{leave}. Lieutenant,
What were you doing in the Solomons?

Myers: I was assistant gunnery officer, and my battle station was spotter.

Hunter: What is a spotter?

Myers: A spotter is the man who watches the fall of our own shot
to determine whether we are hitting the target or missing —
long, short, right or left, and how far. The spotter has the
collateral duties of identifying the enemy, determining speeds
of their ships, courses, and so forth.

Hunter: When did this action occur?

Myers: Early in September.

Hunter: Day or night?

Myers: Night.

Hunter: Was this the first real ~~action~~ action you had been in?

Myers: No; we had seen action a number of times and of varying types.
We had been bombed, Torpedoed, + Shelled.
 We were in there early in August when the Islands were first
 attacked, and participated in ~~the~~ the initial assaults
 against the Japs.

Hunter: Well, then - your ship was one of the hottest ships in the
 Pacific.

Myers: Amen'.

Hunter: Pass the amunition.

~~Myers: We had been bombed, torpedoed and shelled. So you see, the
 Japs were passing a little amunition at us.~~

Hunter: ~~Well,~~ What happened?

Myers: Well, we were on anti-submarine patrol in the Solomons early in
 September. About the middle of the night, the watch discovered
 shell fire ^{*against*} our Marine positions on the beach coming from a
 single gun. Since a submarine usually has but one gun, we
 knew that it could have been a Jap submarine. We were wary about
 attacking however, since ~~we~~ the Japs knew we were there,
 and could possibly have been laying a trap for us by trying to

make us believe it was a submarine by firing ^{just} ~~one~~ gun from a larger ship.

Hunter: It was ~~so~~ dark, wasn't it? Could you see the ship.

Myers: No, it was a pitch black night. The Jap~~s~~ ships were about 2 miles from us, and all we could see were the flashes of their gun. About this time the Japs discovered US. They lit us up with search lights from several ships and both sides opened fire simultaneously. They missed with their first three salvos. Got on the range with the fourth. And laid them into us hard and fast until our ship was entirely in flames and out of commission. We were outnumbered and outclassed and didn't have a chance ~~from~~ from the beginning.

Hunter: Where were you when all this was going on?

Myers: I was at my station at the top of the foremast. When the Japs ceased firing, I looked around at the ship below and could see no life except the flames, which ~~which~~ were raging the length of the ship with the exception of the focstle. I realized tha t the order to abandon~~e~~ ship had been given. And I hadn't

^{it}
 gotten ~~the order~~ because the communications system had been
 disrupted.

Hunter: How did you feel then?

Myers: It's hard to tell how I felt just ~~then~~ then. It was all over
 and tension relaxed. But I realized that I had more problems
 coming up. Shells were exploding all round the decks from the
 heat of the flames. I was sure the magazines would blow up
 anytime. I climbed down the ladder to the fire control
 platform. ^{but} ~~the~~ ladder from there on down was enveloped in
 flames. I slid down a guy wire to the focstle. Before I jumped
 overboard, it occurred to me my life belt might not work. ^{so}
 I looked around for something that would float. I found some
 wooden shell boxes - dumped the shells on the deck and threw the
 box overboard. I then wondered which way land was. ^{It occurred to me.} ~~The~~ wind in
 those parts is always in the same direction, and that if I
 kept it on my left cheek I should head toward ^{Guadalcanal} ~~land~~. I jumped
 overboard. I had ~~so~~ much gear on I started to sink and so
 began kicking off my shoes and shedding my heavy jacket. My
 life belt was of the pneumatic type ^{and} ~~which~~ ~~I~~ ~~inflated~~ inflated. ^{it}

But I still had trouble staying afloat. I still had on my gun and ^{steel} ~~tin~~ helmet which I wanted to keep for ~~my~~ fear

I would land on Jap territory *on Guadalcanal*.

Hunter: I looks to me like you were in a spot.

Myers: Brother, I was. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ took me some time to make up

my mind to throw away that gun, but with its weight I was taking on too much water so I finally let go of it.

Hunter: What about the tin helmet?

Myers: I wanted to keep the lining to the helmet to protect me

from the sun the next day and also to cover my ~~blonde~~ *light brown* hair

since it can be ~~seen~~ ^{seen} so far in the sunlight, so I threw away

the steel part. All the time I kept watch ^{ing} around me for the

Jap ships as I was quite sure they would come back to reconnoiter

and perhaps machine gun survivors in the water. For this reason

~~I~~ ^I wanted to stay near my ship, but was afraid she'd blow

up. I decided to take my chances with the Japs ships and

swam away. One Jap ship did pass about 200 feet from me and

went right through the area where most of the survivors were

swimming.

I swam six hours until dawn. When it got light I saw a raft
and ~~climbed~~ ^{climbed} aboard. American planes on morning patrol soon
spotted us and radioed for boats to come and pick us up.

Hunter: And now you're home on leave. How do you ~~feel~~ ^{feel}?

Myers: I feel great, Todd. We're all anxious to get back on a new
ship and help finish the job.

Hunter: That's the spirit, Lieutenant. ~~There's a big~~ There's a big
job to be done in the Pacific and it's going to take all of
us to do it. ~~And~~ ^{And} we'll do it, too. I have an idea,
Lieutenant, that there are many young men who have just
heard your story ^{who} will want to go back with you. Thanks
very much and the best of luck.

Lewis' Last Letter to Family



LEWIS' Last Letter to his Family

U. S. S. TROUT

Care of Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Feb. 15, 1944

Dear Mother, Father, & Helen,

I have just cleaned up my desk, - the last step in closing up all the work I've been so busy at in recent months, and now sit down to write you with a great feeling of satisfaction + preparedness to meet future problems. I've never felt better in my life. I am able to frequently work very long hours for some periods of time and never notice it.

My next big job is to get qualified. I'm already standing top watches and will be in full command during my watches this next run.

I've not received any mail from you since Jan. 28 & am disappointed

that they haven't gotten it through to
us.

U.S. & T. J.

in back letter to

San Francisco, California
Post Office
Cal. 94102

I'm going to turn back through
your more recent letters. I'm not sure
whether I have them all at hand or
not. Here's Dad's picture on a Valentine
card. I've always liked that picture.
It looks just like you, Dad. Thanks much.
Oh, here are a couple more letters - latest
dated Jan 31. It has that Skeezix article
in it which I've not read yet. I'll keep it
aside and read it after I've gone through
the rest of your letters for fear time will
get short.

I wonder how the stockholders meeting
made out. It'll probably be some time
before I know, but will be eagerly waiting.
I'm also mighty anxious to get back
and participate with you in all
this enterprise.

Here I am reminded that I sent you a
\$140 (I believe it was) check about a week
ago. Did you receive it?


photostatic copies of the check
if you have opportunity. I'll read
those pamphlets on bonds at sea
too.

Here's Mother's newsy letter of Jan 7.
Mother, I wish you had come out with Mr.
Thomas even though we'd have had but
a few days together. It's mighty good
to hear the news of all the Salpo
folks. You'll be getting more now
I suppose. Let me in on it.

The day is getting long now, and
I haven't even had my clothes off for
a couple of days so think I'll close
abruptly.

Love + best wishes all,
Lewis.

Birthday Greeting Telegram from Lewis to Helen

<p>STANDARD TIME INDICATED RECEIVED AT ALBANY HOUSE ALBANY DET. 3641 TELEPHONE YOUR TELEGRAMS TO POSTAL TELEGRAPH</p>	<p>Postal Telegraph Mackay Radio Commercial Cables  Canadian Pacific Telegraphs</p>	<p>THIS IS A FULL RATE TELEGRAM, CABLE-GRAM OR RADIOGRAM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY SYMBOL IN THE PREAMBLE OR IN THE ADDRESS OF THE MESSAGE. SYMBOLS DESIGNATING SERVICE SELECTED ARE OUTLINED IN THE COMPANY'S TARIFFS ON HAND AT EACH OFFICE AND ON FILE WITH REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.</p>
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MISS HELEN MYERS=
55 WEST NORTH AVE (AC CHICAGO ILL)=

BIRTHDAYM GREETINGS MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU LOVE=
LEWIS MYERS.

Record of Lewis E. Myers Jr. Naval Service

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



LIEUTENANT LEWIS EDWIN MYERS, JUNIOR, D-V(G), UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,
ACTIVE, DECEASED

Re: Service of

1916 Jan 7 Born in Chicago, Illinois.

ENLISTED SERVICE

1940 Oct 11 Enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve for four years.
1941 Feb 13 Enlistment terminated to accept appointment as Midshipman,
U. S. Naval Reserve.

OFFICER SERVICE

1941 Feb 14 Accepted appointment and executed oath of office as
Midshipman, U. S. Naval Reserve. Reported to U. S. Naval
Reserve Midshipmen's School, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis,
Maryland for active duty undergoing training.
May 15 Accepted appointment and executed oath of office as Ensign,
D-V(G), U. S. Naval Reserve to rank from 15 May 1941.
May 15 Detached from U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School,
U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and ordered to
U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland for duty under
instruction. Reported 26 May 1941.
Jun 18 Detached from U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland and
ordered to USS LITTLE for active duty. Reported 19 June 1941.
1942 Jun 17 Accepted appointment and executed oath of office as Lieutenant
(junior grade), D-V(G), U. S. Naval Reserve for temporary
service to rank from 15 June 1942. Alnav 120-42.
Sep 28 Detached from USS LITTLE and ordered to Eleventh Naval District
for temporary duty pending further assignment.
Oct 22 Detached from Eleventh Naval District and ordered to Supervisor
of Shipbuilding, U. S. N., Consolidated Steel Corporation,
Orange, Texas for duty in connection with fitting out USS
CLAXTON and on board when commissioned. Reported 16 November
1942.
Nov 16 Detached from USS CLAXTON, Consolidated Steel Corporation,
Orange, Texas and ordered to Submarine Division Twelve for
temporary duty under instruction in submarines.
Reported on board USS R-10 on 23 November 1942.
Dec 19 Detached from Submarine Division Twelve and USS R-10 and
ordered to Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut for
temporary duty under instruction in submarines. Reported
30 December 1942.
1943 Mar 1 Appointed Lieutenant, D-V(G), U. S. Naval Reserve, for
temporary service to rank from 1 March 1943. Alnav 37-43.

1943 Mar 20 Ordered detached from Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, and ordered to Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California, for transportation to Submarines, Southwest Pacific Force for assignment to duty in submarines.

May 2 Detached from Twelfth Naval District and further ordered to Submarines, Seventh Fleet. Reported 28 May 1943.

May 28 Further ordered to Submarine Squadron Six for duty in connection with Relief Crews and on board a submarine of that squadron.

Jun 28 Ordered detached from Submarine Squadron Six and further ordered to USS THRESHER for duty.

July 21 Ordered detached from USS THRESHER and further ordered to Submarine Squadron Six for duty in connection with Relief Crews and on board a submarine of that squadron.

Aug 2 Ordered detached from duty on Staff of Submarine Squadron Six and further ordered to USS TROUT for duty.

Medals: PURPLE HEART
 American Defense Service Medal
 World War II Victory Medal
 Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal -
 Three (3) bronze stars

Education: University of Chicago

Died: Presumptive 14 January 1946. Officially determined to be MISSING IN ACTION as of 7 April 1944, having been serving aboard the USS TROUT when that submarine failed to return from a war patrol in the Western Pacific Ocean. In compliance with Section 5 of Public Law 490, as amended, death is presumed to have occurred on 14 January 1946.

Place: Western Pacific Ocean (Pacific Area)

Cause: Submarine failed to return from a war patrol (Enemy Action)

Next of Kin: Mrs. Mabel Greene Myers, Mother
 55 W. North Avenue
 Chicago 10, Illinois

Award of Submarine Combat Insignia to Lewis

COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET


The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, has the honor to award the Submarine Combat Insignia with one star and to commend in absentia

Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers, Jr., U. S. Naval Reserve, for services set forth in the following

CITATION:

"The U.S.S. TROUT, while on an offensive war patrol in enemy controlled waters, heavily patrolled by enemy air and surface forces, failed to return as scheduled. Although it is not known how many successful attacks were made on this patrol, it is believed that the TROUT was conducting the usual bold and daring attacks that have characterized her relentless tactics since the beginning of hostilities. The award of the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION attests the aggressiveness of this vessel.

"As Gunnery and Torpedo Officer of the U.S.S. TROUT, Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers, Jr.'s performance of duty materially contributed to the success of this vessel against the enemy. The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, forwards this commendation in recognition of his splendid performance of duty, which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."


U. A. LOCKWOOD, Jr.,
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

First Letter to Helen's Mom and Dad regarding Lewis Missing in Action

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers
55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

It is with deep regret this Bureau confirms the report that your son, Lieutenant Lewis Edwin Myers, Jr., U. S. Naval Reserve, is missing. Detailed information in connection with his disappearance has not been received in this Bureau at this time.

The Navy Department is aware of your anxiety. You are assured that when additional information becomes available it will be sent to you. In order to prevent possible aid to our enemy, please do not tell anyone the name of your son's ship or station, or discuss publicly his missing status.

In order to explain certain matters of importance to you concerning the missing status, the enclosed booklet has been prepared. You are urged to read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. E. Jacobs".

A. E. Jacobs
Commander, U.S.N.R.
Head of Casualties and
Allotments Section

Encl.

Another Letter to Helen's Mom regarding Lewis Missing in Action

SUBMARINE DIVISION SIXTY-TWO

Care of Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California,
9 September 1944.

My dear Mrs. Myers:

As Commander Submarine Division Sixty-Two, to which the U.S.S. TROUT was assigned I wish to express to you my very sincere sympathy that your son, Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers, Jr., U. S. Naval Reserve, has been reported as missing in action on board that gallant fighting ship.

The Submarine Service in particular, and the Navy as a whole are justly proud of his devotion to his duties and deeply grateful for the service he has rendered his country.

The U.S.S. TROUT failed to return as scheduled from an offensive war patrol in heavily patrolled enemy controlled waters. Since no word has been heard from her and no information has been received to date concerning any survivors it is regretted that all hands on board must be considered missing.

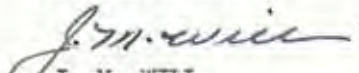
In recognition of Lieutenant Myers' performance of duty and operations against the enemy, Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, has awarded him the Submarine Combat Insignia and a Citation in Absentia. These are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Since no personal effects have been found it must be assumed that your son had all his personal effects with him.

For your information I am enclosing a list of names and addresses of the next of kin of Lieutenant Myers' shipmates on the TROUT.

Please do not hesitate to call on me for any additional information or assistance I may be able to give you.

Very sincerely,


J. M. WILL,
Captain, U. S. Navy.

Another Letter, Year and Four Months Later on Lewis Missing in Action

In reply address use the figure of this letter, not Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



2 June 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers, Sr.
55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

More than a year has elapsed since your son, Lieutenant Lewis Edwin Myers, Jr., United States Naval Reserve, was placed in the status of missing. He was serving on board the U.S.S. TROUT when that submarine was reported overdue and presumed to be lost.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, the Secretary of the Navy has given careful consideration to the disappearance of your son. In view of the lack of information concerning the circumstances under which the vessel aboard which he was serving was lost, and because of the possibility that the personnel may be unreported prisoners of war, the Secretary of the Navy directed that your son be continued in the missing status until such time as evidence is received which clearly establishes the fact that there is no hope of his survival, or until word is received that he is alive.

The Navy Department is aware of the anxiety you are experiencing during this period of uncertainty. You are assured that you will be promptly informed upon the receipt of further information concerning your son.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. McNicol, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

W.J. McNicol, Jr.
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Assistant Officer in Charge
Casualty Section.

Letter from Lewis, Mabel and Helen Myers on Lewis Jr. Passing

Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers, Jr.
Gunnery and Torpedo Officer
THE U. S. S. TROUT

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In all the tragic annals of war, what fate so rouses the compassion of our common humanity as the fate of the Three Thousand Submariners, among whom may be our own precious Men and Boys, the TROUT's gallant four score, who lie on the cold, fireless altars of their country, hidden forever in the silent depths of the black, sovereignless Sea!

55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
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Letter of Condolence from Governor of Illinois

DWIGHT H. GREEN
GOVERNOR

August 22, 1944

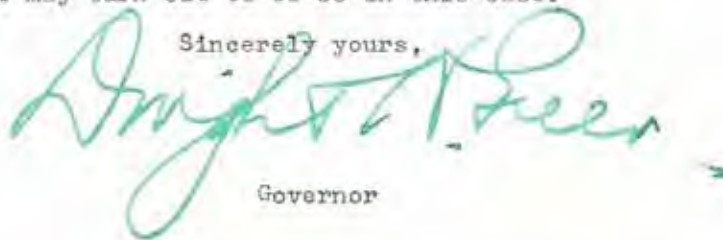
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers
55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

I am sorry to know that one who is near and dear to you, serving in our country's armed forces, has been reported missing in action.

Please accept this expression of my heartfelt sympathy for the anxiety and distress of mind this must be causing you. Yet it sometimes happens that a soldier or sailor accounted missing eventually comes through safely. I hope indeed it may turn out to be so in this case.

Sincerely yours,



Governor

Letter of Condolence from Senate Foreign Relations Committee

TOM CORNALLY, TEN., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

ROBERT V. SHURLEY, CLERK

Washington, D.C.
February 13, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers
55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

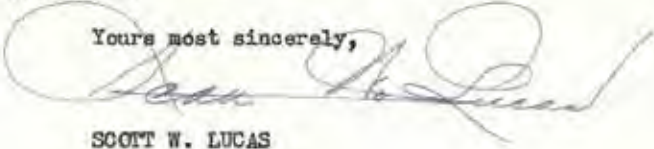
My dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

It is with deep regret that I have learned that the Navy Department has informed you that your son, Lieutenant Lewis Edwin Myers, Jr., has made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country.

I know how little comfort anyone can offer you in your hour of sorrow, but I send to you the immortal words of Lincoln as an expression of my sincere sympathy:

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Yours most sincerely,


SCOTT W. LUCAS

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Letter of Condolence from Theatre where Lewis Received Working Scholarship

CHARLES H. WORCESTER, HONORARY PRESIDENT • POTTER PALMER, PRESIDENT
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MAURICE CHESIN, HEAD • MARY AGNES DOYLE, ASSISTANT HEAD • LOUISE DALE SPOOR, BUSINESS MANAGER • TELEPHONE CENTRAL 1327

September twenty fourth,
Nineteen hundred forty four.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers,
55 West North Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers,

Our school opened last week and following the custom of several years, I addressed the new students at the opening assembly, telling them something about the Goodman Theatre history and the personality in whose memory this building was erected - Kenneth Sawyer Goodman - a victim of World War I. I also told the students of the splendid contribution made by our boys to World War II, particularly by your dear son, Lewis.

It will interest you to know that the entire student body rose, paying silent tribute for several minutes, to the memory of Lewis and the other boys who have made such wonderful sacrifices. I thought you would be interested to know that Lewis' supreme sacrifice is gratefully remembered, and the continued good reports from the various theatres of war indicate that his sacrifice was not in vain.

A framed picture of Lewis hangs in my class room along with that of Lieutenant Van John Davis who also gave his life for his country.

I trust that his loss will not lead to heart weariness and that you may be blessed with resignation and courage.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Agnes Doyle

USS Little (DD-79)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

USS *Little* (DD-79/APD-4), a *Wickes*-class destroyer in the United States Navy during the World War I and World War II. She was the first Navy ship named for George Little (1754–1809).

Little was laid down by Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, Quincy, Massachusetts, June 18, 1917, launched November 11, 1917, sponsored by Mrs. Samuel W. Wakeman, and commissioned April 6, 1918, Commander Joseph K. Taussig in command.

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Service history

Little departed Norfolk May 5, 1918 for convoy escort duty with Patrol Force, Coast of France, and operated from Brest until she sailed for home December 26. During this period she escorted President Woodrow Wilson's party to the Continent to attend the Paris Peace Conference.

The ship arrived Boston January 18, 1919 for drydock and operations with Destroyer Force, Atlantic. She escorted the President's party back into New York 6 to July 8, and then engaged in tactical exercises, she was transferred to Reserve Status with ComDesRon 3 at Philadelphia November 17 where she remained until January 4, 1921. The ship then operated along the Atlantic coast until she returned to Philadelphia and decommissioned July 5, 1922.

Converted to a high-speed transport by having two boilers removed and converted to troop quarters,^[1] *Little* was redesignated **APD-4**, August 2, 1940, and recommissioned November 4, 1940, Lieutenant Commander. K. Earl in command. She sailed for the



USS *Little* (DD-79), running trials in icy waters, March 4, 1918.

Career (US)



Namesake:	George Little
Builder:	Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Massachusetts
Laid down:	18 June 1917
Launched:	11 November 1917
Commissioned:	6 April 1918
Decommissioned:	5 July 1922
Reclassified:	Fast transport (APD-4) 2 August 1940
Recommissioned:	4 November 1940
Fate:	Sunk 5 September 1942

General characteristics

Class and type:	Wickes class destroyer
Displacement:	1,191 tons
Length:	314 ft 5 in (95.83 m)
Beam:	30 ft 11 in (9.42 m)
Draft:	9 ft 2 in (2.79 m)
Speed:	35 knots (65 km/h)
Complement:	133 officers and enlisted

Caribbean in February 1941 for maneuvers with the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and then steamed to San Diego where she arrived March 9 for amphibious training. The ship returned to the east coast in late summer, and arrived at Norfolk December 1 for drydocking.

Armament:	4 x 4"/50 (102 mm), 2 x 1-pdr, 4 x 3 21" (533 mm) torpedo tubes.
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As flagship for TransDiv 12 she departed for San Diego February 14, 1942 for repairs and alterations. Upon completion of amphibious landing exercises in April, she steamed for Pearl Harbor. A short cruise to Midway Island in late June preceded her departure to New Caledonia July 7 for the Solomons campaign.

Supplies for American troops on Guadalcanal had been badly disrupted by the Battle of Savo Island August 9, 1942. High-speed destroyer-transports were called upon to remedy this shortage. As she discharged stores and Marine Raiders^[1] on the Guadalcanal beaches August 30, *Little* witnessed the destruction of *Colhoun* by enemy aircraft.

The three remaining APDs, *Little*, *Gregory*, and *McKean*, continued to support and help supply the Marines. On September 4, *Little* and *Gregory* brought a detachment of marine raiders to Savo Island on an unfounded rumor that enemy forces had occupied it. The troops were returned to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. That night was unusually dark, so Division Commander Hugh W. Hadley decided to patrol off Lunga Point rather than attempt to negotiate Tulagi Harbor with no visible landmarks.

About 0100 September 5, *Little* observed gun flashes to the east and believed this to be an enemy submarine. Moments later a Navy PBV Catalina flying over Savo Sound released a string of five flares to illuminate what he also thought was a submarine. The flares illuminated the APDs instead. A surprised Japanese surface destroyer force, engaged in shelling Henderson Field after delivering a "Tokyo Express" shipment of troops and supplies to Guadalcanal and the source of the flashes presumed to have come from a submarine, shifted their guns toward the APDs, and searchlights stabbed through the darkness. Though outgunned, *Little* opened fire on enemy destroyers, *Yudachi*, *Hatsuyuki* and *Murakumo*, but took direct hits from salvos which left her helpless and ablaze by 0115. *Gregory* had suffered the same fate. The Japanese, to assure their kill, steamed between the two stricken ships firing shells and strafing survivors. *Gregory* sank stern first about 0140. *Little* went down on an even keel about 2 hours later. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz paid sincere tribute to these gallant ships: "With little means, the ships performed duties vital to the success of the campaign."

Awards

Little received two battle stars for World War II service.

Citations and notes

- ^{a b} p.61, Lane

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PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

A Part of the Indiana GenWeb Project

Lewis E. Myers, Junior, World War II Casualty

Porter County Data on World War II Casualties

Lewis Edwin Myers, Junior

Lieutenant, US Navy Reserve

Date of Death: Circa February 29, 1944

Cause of Death: Missing in Action (submarine *Trout* failed to return to port, presumed sunk by Japanese)

Date of Enlistment: 1940

Monument: Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Valparaiso



Newspaper Notices:

Lt. Lewis Myers Of Navy Missing, Parents Learn

Lieut. Lewis E. Myers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers, Sr., of Chicago, formerly of Valparaiso, has been reported missing in action by the Navy department, it was learned today.

Word to this effect was received here Monday by Dr. and Mrs. George R. Douglas from the Myers home in Chicago.

No details of the casualty or where it occurred are yet available because such information would divulge a military secret the telegram from the Navy Department to the parents stated. It was known that Lieut. Myers was formerly assigned to a submarine.

The young naval officer was born in Valparaiso and lived here until he was 15 years of age.

His father, Lewis E. Myers, Sr., was at one time head of the Chautauqua Manufacturing company, one of the city's leading industries for many years.

Source: *The Vidette-Messenger*, Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana; May 2, 1944; Volume 17, Page 1, Column 1

Lt. L. Myers Lost On U. S. Sub Trout

Lieut. Lewis Edwin Myers, Jr., U. S. N., reported missing in action last April 28, was a member of the crew of the U. S. submarine *Trout*, whose loss the Navy announced last Saturday.

This was the word received today by The Vidette-Messenger from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Myers, Sr., of Chicago, parents of the youth, and former Valparaiso residents.

With the loss of the *Trout* officially reported, it is expected Lt. Myers name will soon appear in the government's casualty list.

Lt. Myers naval record shows he enlisted as a midshipman in 1940 after his graduation from the University of Chicago. He was assigned to the *USS Arkansas*, and later to the USNR school of gunnery at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, where he was commissioned an ensign on May 15, 1941.

Upon his graduation he was assigned to the *USS Little*. After further training at the Higgins plant at New Orleans in landing boat operations and again at Annapolis in special gunnery, he was elevated to Lieutenant, junior grade, and then to lieutenant.

As a member of the crew of the *USS Little* he participated in the Tulagi, Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands campaigns. When the *Little* was sunk Lt. Myers was the last survivor to leave the ship and was rescued off Guadalcanal after swimming seven hours.

On his way back to the U. S. Lieut. Myers asked at Pearl Harbor for submarine duty. After completing his training at New London he was ordered to a base in Australia. He was later assigned to the *Trout*, whose loss was reported on July 22.

Lt. Myers spent 14 years in Valparaiso where his father operated the Lewis E. Myers Manufacturing company.

Source: *The Vidette-Messenger*, Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana; July 29, 1944; Volume 18, Page 1, Column 6

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PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

Lewis E. Myers Biography

Transcribed biography of Lewis E. Myers

LEWIS E. MYERS - The history of Lewis E. Myers & Company is a story bordering on the romantic, but in its operations it has been eminently practical. Its products and sales methods enjoy a unique distinction, and its success is the culmination of policies formulated in the mind of Mr. Myers when he first engaged in this line of business. Gleaning first-hand knowledge as a salesman in the field, confronted with the daily problems of the salesman and the necessity for their solution, he evolved the methods which have resulted in the organization and success of the company on a wide scale. How well these methods have been applied is told by the history of the business of which he is the president and treasurer. Prior to the organization of Lewis E. Myers & Company, Mr. Myers was associated with a group of people devoted to the manufacture and sale of the Chautauqua desk. This experience enabled him to organize Lewis E. Myers & Company, which at first was only a selling organization. In 1913 Mr. O. H. Powers joined forces with Mr. Myers, the firm being known as the Powers-Myers Company. Two years later Mr. Powers retired and the business again became Lewis E. Myers & Company. As a result of the purchase of the Chautauqua Manufacturing Company by Mr. Myers, with which he was formerly associated, Mr. Myers merged this concern with Lewis E. Myers & Company in the summer of 1920. The present officers and directors of the company are: Lewis E. Myers, president and treasurer; Leroy C. Hensel, secretary and assistant treasurer; John A. Hauff, vice president; Dr. A. O. Dobbins, Robert B. Wise, and Christopher G. Ruess, directors. One item of interest in the varied line of the company is the creation known as the New Chautauqua desk. This desk has taken its place as a necessity in the educational training of children in the home. It combines in one effective unit a fine drawing board, adjustable educational scrolls with illustrated educational material and Hy-San colors. The natural instinct of the child to play is utilized in the desk. The desk makes it possible for the growing child through the pleasure of the task to lead himself into intensive and appreciative study. This desk in all probability was the forerunner of the modern effort to combine "education with play" toward constructive ends. The plant itself covers many thousand square feet of space and is located on a twenty-acre tract of land situated in what is perhaps the most valuable site in Valparaiso for growing industry. The company owns this land on which the plant is located. The company enjoys a favorable business outside the confines of the country. In order to take care of its Canadian business most effectively a subsidiary company operates and is maintained at Toronto, Canada. Lewis E. Myers was born in Canton, Ohio, on December 5, 1882, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Werthenberger) Myers, the former of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Winona Lake, Indiana. He attended the schools of Louisville, Ohio, and Wooster College of Wooster, Ohio, and then entered Otterbein College, where he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of A. B. He was united in marriage with Mabel, the daughter of T. H. and Cora (Childs) Green of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Myers is a graduate of the Chicago Music College, and possesses a very fine soprano voice; she has done much vocal work in concert and musical comedy. To Mr. and Mrs. Myers were born two children: Lewis E., Jr., and Helen M., who attend the Gardner School of Valparaiso, Indiana. Mr. Myers is also president and

founder of the Children's Foundation of Valparaiso, Indiana. This corporation not for profit was founded in 1921 by Mr. Myers and is devoted to the scientific and analytical study of the natural and cultural needs of children. The first important contribution of this foundation is a volume published under the title, "The Child: His Nature and His Needs." Sixteen or more nationally known educators were associated with Mr. Myers and the foundation in this work, which has had a tremendous influence in the field. The efforts of Mr. Myers in these varied fields have earned for him the commendation of many people eminent in national affairs and the enterprises he has inaugurated have a most inviting future.

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Cora Childs Greene Letter to Lewis Jr.

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Nov. 16, 1925.

My dearest little grandson Lewis:

I will try to answer your questions about
ancestors and Indians.

Your mothers parents, Thos. Henry Greene
and I, Cora Childs Greene, have been citizens of Chicago for 33 years. We
were raised in La Salle Co., Ill. I, near and in, Ottawa, grandpa at Dayton,
4 mi. up the Fox river from Ottawa.

We remember the last of the native Indians
in Northern Ill., particularly the family of the good Chief Shaubensee who
will always be remembered as the greatest friend white settlers ever had.
I remember seeing some of his family ride ponies, in Indian file, past my
fathers farm, when I was a young child. Grandpa remembers the Indians being
frequently in his fathers house and eating with them at their table. If
the Indians wanted a second helping of anything, they would stand up at the
table, reach over and take it with their hands; for instance Shaubensee's old
squaw, Conoka, would take all the honey on the dish in her hand and put it
on her plate, then lick the honey off of her hand.

They would not sleep in beds, but would
throw a blanket down on the ground or floor and sleep on it all night. They
would stand the papoose, bound to a board, up against the wall at night.

Conoka was so immense she could not ride
a poney, neither could she sit on an ordinary chair. She was estimated to
weight 400 pounds, but she would not be weighed. She had two ponies which
she drove to a wagon in which she sat flat down in the center and filled
the box from side to side. On Nov. 30, 1864 Conoke, with a little grand-
child in her arms, was driving her ponies across Mazon Creek some three miles
south east of Morris Ill. and was thrown or fell out of the wagon and both
died in very shallow water; the child crushed by the weight of Conoka and she
drowned because she was too helpless to get up out of the water. Shaubenne
died before grandpa can remember, but I shall tell you more about him later.

Your great grandfather, Jesse Green, came
from Newark, Ohio, where he was born, Dec. 21, 1817, to Dayton, Ill, first
called "Green's *mills*" with his parents, John Green and Barbara Grove Green.
They reached what is now Dayton on Dec 17, 1829. There were 24 people who
came with John Green in wagons through this new country where there were no
roads, rivers to cross and many swamps and sloughs to cross or go around.

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There was just one family carriage in which Mrs John Green and her small children rode. On account of bad weather and no roads they were so long on the way their provisions gave out and they were in danger of starving. You will note that your great grandfather Jesse, lacked but 4 days of being 13 years old. But boys of that age, in those pioneer times often acted the part of men, so he did, taking part in the building of a saw mill and grist mill in the spring of 1830 as well as houses for the settlers. In 1840 the Green's built the first woolen mill in the state of Illinois.

Your great grandfather Jesse Green was known as a '49er, he having lead a large company across the continent to the California gold fields after gold was discovered there in 1848. They all embarked in boats near the mouth of the Fox river and went down the Illinois to it's mouth, crossed the Mississippi and landed. There they bought ox teams and covered wagons to haul their equipment and provisions in, but no man was to ride unless he was sick, so your great-grandfather and many others of the company walked all the way to California. They had to be constantly on their guard to protect themselves from Indians, who gave them a great deal of trouble going, and more coming back. Our western plains were thickly strewn with the remains of whole carivans murdered by the Indians.

This great grandfather of yours died in the Ryburn Hospital at Ottawa Ill. Oct 5, 1907 lacking but a few weeks of being 90 yrs. of age. He had a wider experience and saw more changes in this country and its customs than is often seen by one man.

His mother Barbara Grove Green, Mrs John Green, your great(2)grandmother died in Dayton May 3, 1886 at the age of 93 yrs. 5 mo. 15 days. She was married to John Green in Licking Co. Ohio, March 25, 1813. She was born near Lurey Va. and had all the experience of a pioneer child and mother, which is saying more than I could tell you if I wrote volumes.

Her husband, John Green, your great(2)grandfather, and his party of settlers at Dayton were warned of danger from the Indians by the good Chief Shaugbenne, when the Black Hawk War was raging in 1832. Shaugbenne secretly warned them to go to Ottawa where a rude fort had been built. But they fortified John Green's house, which stood on a bluff, by digging a trench around it and inserting slabs from the saw mill, doubling them so they were proof against the bullets from Indians rifles. About 60 settlers had collected there when about midnight May 20, 1832, they heard a dreadful slaughter of settlers had occurred on Indian Creek, 10 miles away. They decided to go down the Fox river to Ottawa. So 30 women and children were crowded in to a perogue (boat hollowed out of the trunk of a tree) with two men to navigate the craft. Your great(2)grandfather, John Green, and wife Barbara, with the rest of the company ran along the bank of the river. Grandma Barbara, carrying her baby in a quilt swung over her back. Aunt Barbara Trumbo Jackson, Mrs Joseph Jackson, now living in Ottawa at the age of 96 yrs. is the only one living of this company of settlers who fled to Ottawa where they stayed in camp and in Ft. Johnson until August before it became safe to return to their homes.

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I told you I would tell you more about the good Shaubenee (Built like a bear) who was by far the most widely known and most respected Indian of the Illinois frontier. Born in the principal village of the tribe known as Ottawas in Canada in 1775, he was educated in all the Indian lore of his day. He moved with a branch of his tribe in to what is now the state of Wisconsin, about 1800. From infancy he was strong, rugged and hardy. In manhood he weighed from 200 to 240 lbs., was perfect of figure and had a head of the Websterian size. He is described as strong as a buffalo and swift footed as the elk, yet as gentle as a woman and kindly hearted as a child. He was full of fun and good humor and what Shaubenee agreed to do, he did. He soon became the great war Chief of his tribe, but he was not at the Chicago massacre. He was with Tecumseh at the battle of the Thames Oct. 5, 1813. When Tecumseh fell Shaubenee was close by his side and being next in rank, assumed command and ordered the Indians to retreat and scatter, which they did like a brood of little wild turkeys, as he said. This was his first and last battle against the whites and he clearly foresaw that the Indians would be forced to give up their lands step by step. When fleeing through the woods Shaubenee made a solemn vow to the Great Spirit that if he would spare his life and let him return to his home he would never again make war against the white people. This vow he kept and saved many white lives, but I am sorry to say, dishonest whites cheated him out of his lands in Illinois and treated him badly. I must also tell you that the massacre of whites on Indian Creek was caused by indignities inflicted on the Indians by a settler named Davis. If the whites had been wise and kind in their treatment of Black Hawk, I do not think there would ever have been a Black Hawk war, either.

Shaubenne died July 17, 1859, at the age of 84 yrs. and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morris Ills., where a large boulder marks his grave. Many prominent white people, who had known and respected him many years, mourned at his death.

This great(2) grandma Barbara Grove Green that I have told you about was the daughter of your great(3) grand father John Grove and your great(3) grand mother, Barbara Lionbarger Grove. They were married and lived many years in Page Co. Va., finally moving out to Licking Co., Ohio with most of their children and some of their grand children. Great (3) grand ^{father} John Grove is buried there. Great(3) grandmother Barbara Lionbarger Grove came out to La Salle Co. Ills., with several of her children's families and is buried there. Great(3) grandfather John Grove was the son of great(4) grand father Christian Grove and great(4) grand mother Anna Rhodes Grove.

They owned much land and mills about Lurey and Woodstock Va. and had many experiences with Indians. He died in July 1786.

In August, 1764 great(4) grandmother Anna Rhodes' Grove's father, great(5) grandfather John Rhodes, who lived across the river from Lurey, was shot dead in his door by Indians, lead by a bad French trader. The mother and two sons were killed in the yard, an other son was killed in a corn field. A sister about 12 years old ran to the barn with her baby sister and bolted the door before the Indians got her.

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While he went back to the house for fire to burn the barn she escaped through a hemp patch.

The Indians burned all the buildings, scalped the dead and took 3 children away with them over Massamatten mountain. The youngest little boy of 7 years became tired and they killed him. The little girl of ten years cried so it made them mad and they killed her. The boy of 15 years they kept three years, before he got away and came back and lived with a married brother.

The French paid \$15.00 apiece for the scalps, but the large amount of money they hoped to get was hidden in the cellar wall and was found after the fire. It is certain the blame for this terrible massacre should be placed upon the French as great(5) grandfather, John Rhodes, came from Pa. and was like William Penn, a great friend of the Indians.

Now I want to go back to great(2) grand father John Green and tell you his parents were great(3) grandfather Benjamin Green and great(3) grandmother Catherine Beam Green. They lived near Hagerstown Md. During the revolutionary war great(3) grandfather Benjamin enlisted three times and was at the battle of Yorktown which closed the war on Oct 17, 1781, but it took until the evening of Oct. 23rd, for a messenger to ride to Philadelphia and tell congress.

Great (3) grandfather Benjamin Green and his family, with some neighbors, moved to Licking Co. Ohio in 1800 and you can find a great deal about him in the history of that county.

In My next letter I will tell you about some of my ancestors who were in the Revolutionary war and one who was killed by the Indians.

Your loving grandmother,

Lora Childs Greene

United States of America



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Mabel Myers

has satisfactorily completed prescribed and approved courses of training or instruction, demonstrated necessary knowledge and ability to carry out his duties, and complied with requirements established by or pursuant to Regulations No. 3 of the Office of Civilian Defense, and is a member of the

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Chicago Metropolitan Area

in the **Air Raid Warden** *Unit*

 *Dated* 2/19/43


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October 25, 1943

Mrs. Mabel Myers, Training Officer
55 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Myers:-

It gives me pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded a Service Ribbon Bar for your splendid work in Civilian Defense in Division VII. The presentation of these Ribbon Bars will be made at a luncheon at 12:15 P.M. on Wednesday, November 3, 1943 at the Real Estate Board dining room, 4th floor, 105 West Madison Street.

I sincerely hope that you can be present at this occasion.

Yours very truly,

Earle Shultz
EARLE SHULTZ, CHIEF
DIVISION VII

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Mabel Myers as a Performer and Vocalist

Mabel Myers was Helen's sang and performed in musicals and her stage name was Helen Gordon

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ROYAL WOOLFOLK'S NEW MUSICAL PLAY.

Whose Little Girl Are You?

WITH WM. MORRIS AND GRACE THURSTON
Book by Alfred Anstess
Songs by Boyle Woolfolk

PROGRAMME

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jackie Van Fleet	Wm. B. Morris
Billy O'Farrell	Lawrence Ackerdind
Hon. Peter Grump	Pat Barrett
Mrs. Estelle Montgomery Brooks	Helen Gordon
Jessie Bonnie	Florence Reichardt
Tessie Bonnie	Irene Reichardt
Dollie Middleton	Grace Thurston
College Girls—Lois Roberts, Elizabeth Shar, Florence Berry, Kleiner Leavelle, Paula Hunter, Ruth Berry, Florence Richards and Irene Richards.	

Scene 1—Billy's Room at College; afternoon.
Scene 2—The same; evening.
Time—Present.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Opening Chorus	Tenants Girls
Whose Little Girl Are You?	Billy, Dolly and Girls
The Villain Still Pursued Her	Jackie
Waiting For the Robert E. Lee	Estelle and Girls
Specialty	Mr. Barrett
Queenie	Billy, Dolly and Girls
Love Is King	Estelle
Dancing Specialty	Richards Sisters
Specialty	Mrs. Thurston and Mr. Ackerdind
(a) Ragging the Baby to Sleep	
(b) Texas Tommy Dance	
Finale	Entire Company

Mr. T. B. Friatoo, Musical Director
Mrs. A. Whitcomb, Wardrobe Mistress.

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THE CEDAR RAPIDS EVENING GAZETTE, TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1913.

At the Orpheum.

"Whose Little Girl Are You?" is the title of a new musical play by Boyle Woolfolk which is the attraction at the Orpheum for this week, and it scored a great hit with large audiences Monday afternoon and night. William Morris and Miss Grace Thurston have the leading parts. There is much comedy in the play. It has to do with a college boy who is making arrangements for his guardian, a young widow, to visit him, and finds that he has made the plans one day too early. The youth desires to marry Dollie Middleton, but it is necessary to overcome the objection of her grouchy uncle, Hon. Peter Grump. The uncle is deceived. Jack Van Fleet, a friend of the youth, has a masquerading suit of female apparel, and agrees to pose as a maiden worth \$15,000,000, and permit Hon. Peter Grump to court her. The scheme works admirably, and everything is arranged satisfactorily, except the uncle is given the rough end of the deal in the joke.

Mr. Morris takes the part of Jack Van Fleet, and meets the role of the bogus heiress in an admirable manner, causing an uproar of laughter at frequent intervals. Miss Thornton in the role of Dollie Thornton is very charming and clever. Lawrence Ackertind as Billy O'Farrell, the college boy, is very capable in his part, which is one of the most important roles. Miss Helen Gordon as Mrs. Estelle Montgomery Brooks, the guardian, meets all of the requirements of her role ably, and leads in several of the musical numbers, having a fine voice. Pat Barrett has the part of Hon. Peter Grump, and pleased the audience greatly with his work.

Those having the leading parts appeared in several specialties and led the chorus in musical numbers that received approval. The Texas Tommy dance in which Miss Thurston and Mr. Ackertind appeared, is an exciting feature of the programme. The Misses Richards also appeared in a dancing specialty.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

TUESDAY MORNING and The Nashville American JANUARY 14, 1913

AMUSEMENTS.

Orpheum Theater.

One of the cleverest musical comedies that has been here this season is being shown this week at the Orpheum theater. "Whose Little Girl Are You?" made a tremendous hit Monday afternoon before a packed house and was applauded to the echo. A hundred laughs to the minute and that's going some. A dozen pretty girls and beautiful scenic effects added to the life of the play.

William B. Morris, as Jackie Van Fleet, was a scream. Playing the part of the female guardian and making love to a crabbed old bachelor, Jackie brought tears to the eyes of his audience—tears of hearty laughter. His costume was elaborate and voluminous and every little movement had a laugh all of its own. Hon. Peter Grump, the bachelor, was clever and his attempts to make love to the guardian brought forth storms of applause. Between the acts his parodies were great and he was recalled many times. This part was taken by Pat Barrett.

Billy O'Farrell, the young college chap, played by Lawrence Ackertind, was only fair. He has an excellent tenor voice, however, and his songs made up somewhat for the rest. He dances well and the "Texas Tommy" carries the house.

Grace Thurston, as Dollie Middleton, was well received and gave a great performance. She is a clever little actress and exceedingly graceful. Her dancing was one of the features of the play.

Helen Gordon, playing Mrs. Estelle Montgomery Brooks, the real guardian, scored perhaps the biggest hit, with her singing. She has the voice, the charming manner and all the attributes of a star and Monday afternoon brought prolonged applause with her wonderful singing.

The Blonde Twins were also good. The chorus, composed of ten pretty girls well trained and graceful, did much to make the show a success.

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ALDASOROS TO TAKE LICENSE

Will Fly Before Representative
of Aero Club of America in
Augusta Tuesday Afternoon.

Messrs. John and Edward Aldasoro, the Mexican students in the Moisant School of Aviation, are scheduled to stand their test for the Aero Club of America pilot license Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of Capt. Charles DeP. of the United States Army, who is the Aero Club representative, and other army officers.

John Aldasoro was born in Real del Monte, Estado de Hidalgo, Mexico, Sept. 15th, 1893, and his brother at the same place, Oct. 27th, 1894. Though quite young, both are exceptionally fine aviators.

Having taken their test, they will stand ready to leave for Mexico at a moment's notice.

Mr. C. M. Wood, another student of the Moisant School, will take his test in a few days.

Messrs. Aldasoro have established communication with their parents in Mexico. At the outbreak of the revolution they experienced considerable difficulty in getting word to or from their parents and sisters. By mail has come the assurance that all are well. Their home in Mexico City is occupied by the Diaz forces, who ordered the three sisters to places of safety and place cannon in and about the house.

"WHOSE LITTLE GIRL ARE YOU?" MAKES BIJOU HIT

"Whose Little Girl Are You?" at the Bijou this week, has proved to be one of the most entertaining of all the tabloid musical comedies on the road today.

The show, is a delicious comedy something like "Charley's Aunt" and something like the "Private Secretary." It is a play that would be successful independent of the chorus girls, because of the humor and fun of it; but with them, it is much better, and has an air of distinction that smacks of a "real show."

The musical hit of the show is the song "Whose Little Girl Are You" which like the Dream Melody in Naughty Marietta, runs through the entire performance.

There is no one distinctive hit among the cast—they are all exceptionally fine. William B. Morris, the author of the play, is taking one of the principle parts and is among the cleverest. Lawrence Ackerlind, besides being a mighty pleasing actor, sings a mighty good tenor. Mr. Pat Barrett is the king of comedians—not this slap-stick stuff that forces a laugh, but that real genuine humor and amusement that appeals to the sense of a person more than anything else. Miss Helen Gordon deserves special mention. Miss Gordon has a wonderfully good voice, with an unusual range, both upward and downward. Her upper register notes are the softest most caressing tones, produced with so little effort that it is a great pleasure to hear her. The Misses Reichardt are famous for their little vaudeville skit, and Miss Grace Thurston is "Whose Little Girl," and she has just about made herself everybody's, from a standpoint of popularity and attractiveness. H. E. W.

Mabel Greene Myers Wedding



Mabel Myers Photo as President of PTA



Mabel and Lewis E. Myers



Lewis E. Myers
Lewis E. Myers was Helen's Dad

Lewis E. Myers.

I. YOUTH AND UP TO TWENTY-FIVE

1. Born on farm near Canton, Ohio, December 5, 1882. Descended from German Protestant immigrants, among the first to arrive in Pennsylvania.
2. Family driven to town at beginning of depression of 1893; worked six years in cobbler's shop, shoe store, clothing stores, township clerk's office from forty to sixty hours a week from his twelfth to his eighteenth year while attending elementary and high school, - a very diverse and informing experience.
3. Graduated from high school in 1900; class valedictorian; awarded first honor scholarship, Ohio Wesleyan University; during four years after high school, while assaying to meet home responsibilities and to save money for college, taught school, country and town; sold Chautauqua Desks; worked in Waste Detection Division, Cleveland Water Works System; Deputy Postmaster, Louisville, Ohio. Wooster U. Summer School.
4. Entered Otterbein College, 1904; was at times, Instructor in English and Parliamentary Law; Manager, Track and Baseball Teams; ran student boarding club, and organized sales force of students for summer work; Member, College Athletic Board; President, Senior Class; qualified for Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford; although required to do a little more than to make his own way through college, was seldom or never outranked in scholarship, debate or literary effort, finishing his course in three years residence.
5. If the foregoing account suggests a pinched childhood, and a severe, stressful youth, it may illumine somewhat the nature and success of the subject's business activities in the period next reviewed, and give insight into the conception of the institution he finally sought to establish, and to which he remains committed.

II. THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS.

6. Upon graduation from college in 1907, he became Eastern Sales Manager for the Chicago concern with whom he had been employed at times before and while attending college. Panic of 1907-08 caught the company with a partially financed building project under way in Chicago, resulting ultimately in the bankruptcy of the enterprise. Although the youngest member of the executive staff, he was chosen by the creditors and stockholders to re-organize and to attempt to re-habilitate the remnant of the property, and in this admittedly hopeless task, he was credited with achieving a remarkable success.
7. From 1911 to 1925, he built the business of Lewis E. Myers and Company of Valparaiso, Indiana. Although the Chautauqua Desk had been outmoded and practically abandoned, he re-created it both mechanically and in its educational content and scope, with the result that it gradually became the most widely approved educational equipment ever devised for engaging the free and directed interests and activities

8. Beginning practically without resources, Lewis E. Myers and Company achieved the manufacture and sale of over one million Chautauqua Desks, of a value in excess of ten million dollars. Other ideas and commodities developed, serving new uses and needs, have come to be standard merchandise throughout the United States and at least Canada today. The sales organization came to be recognized as a model in the technique of direct selling, and in the integration of direct selling with the merchantile trade and the larger mail order houses. It is of special significance, that regardless of the varying industrial conditions obtaining during the fifteen years in which Mr. Myers directed this undertaking, the business increased each year over the preceding year and in every year, the business made profit. During the period under review, he was frequently appealed to, and lent a helping hand to several other businesses that had become distressed, and he was successful in every case, in re-establishing the business and conserving it for the rightful owners.

9. Certain financial interests obtained a foothold in the business of Lewis E. Myers and Company, and pledging "unlimited backing" and "barrels of money", purported to make a "great business of it". Mr. Myers was removed from the management in 1927, and the business was brought to ruin by its new control before the break of 1929 which ushered in the depression.

10. It was primarily a publishing house with which Mr. Myers engaged upon leaving college. Aside from its own general, religious and farm publications, it was at that time publishing the AMERICAN ISSUE for the Anti-Saloon League. One of the measures by which he was enabled to break the snarls and jams in which the company had become entangled, was by the sale of a part of the equipment of the Chicago plant to the Anti-Saloon League for their own printing plant then building at Westerville but two doors from where he had lived so recently while attending college at Westerville. Likewise, the property of the company was reduced to its original elements, warring factions satisfied, and the remaining publication disposed of.

11. In 1924, Mr. Myers cleared up the title to MCCLURE'S MAGAZINE, then defunct, and set up the S. S. McClure Company for its publication. A year later, the title to the name was sold to the Hearst organization for \$70,000.00, - said to have been the highest price ever paid for a name in the history of American journalism. Mr. Myers himself sold the lease at 250 Park Avenue where the S. S. MCCLURE Company was a sub-tenant at a profit of \$60,000.00 which was more than twice the investment which Lewis E. Myers and Company had made in the S. S. McClure Company.

12. Mr. Myers's experience in building publishing and manufacturing businesses will be perceived in the foregoing brief review. He served at one time or another, in practically every capacity, and had continuing executive responsibility at all times down to 1925. In factory and field force he employed for years an average of five hundred people, and people whether on sales force or at the bench or machine, invariably took no less pride in, and showed no less loyalty to the business than its executives. Things now demanded on every hand and promising a new era in American business, were all along the common rule and practice of the subject's enterprises, and may be found to make his services all the more valuable in important capacities today.

III. THE CHILDRENS FOUNDATION.

13. To go back a few Years on December 24, 1921, while in his thirty-ninth year, Mr. Myers announced the establishment of the CHILDRENS FOUNDATION. His initial gift of fifty thousand dollars was derived from royalties on his own inventions.

14. The Childrens Foundation made its first public contribution in May, 1924 under the title, THE CHILD: HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS. Many thousands of letters and editorial expressions were recieved from all parts of the world in felicitation of the conception of such an institution, and in approval of the standard set and the service performed to the cause of the well-being of childhood and youth by its first survey.

15. It may be admissible to quote from a memorandum dated December 5, 1929:

"The Childrens Foundation grows out of the background of the childhood of Lewis E. Myers and from the uninterrupted study and business experience from his early youth to his present age."

"Through the ceaseless poundings of personal contacts with parents during and since leaving college and with the far-flung organization he built primarily to interview them, and with having re-created the educational instrument most widely used by children in the home, the net reactions of literally millions of parents since he first engaged in such work at thenage of eighteen, inspired the faith, shaped ultimately the program, and prompted the gift that instituted the Childrens Foundation."

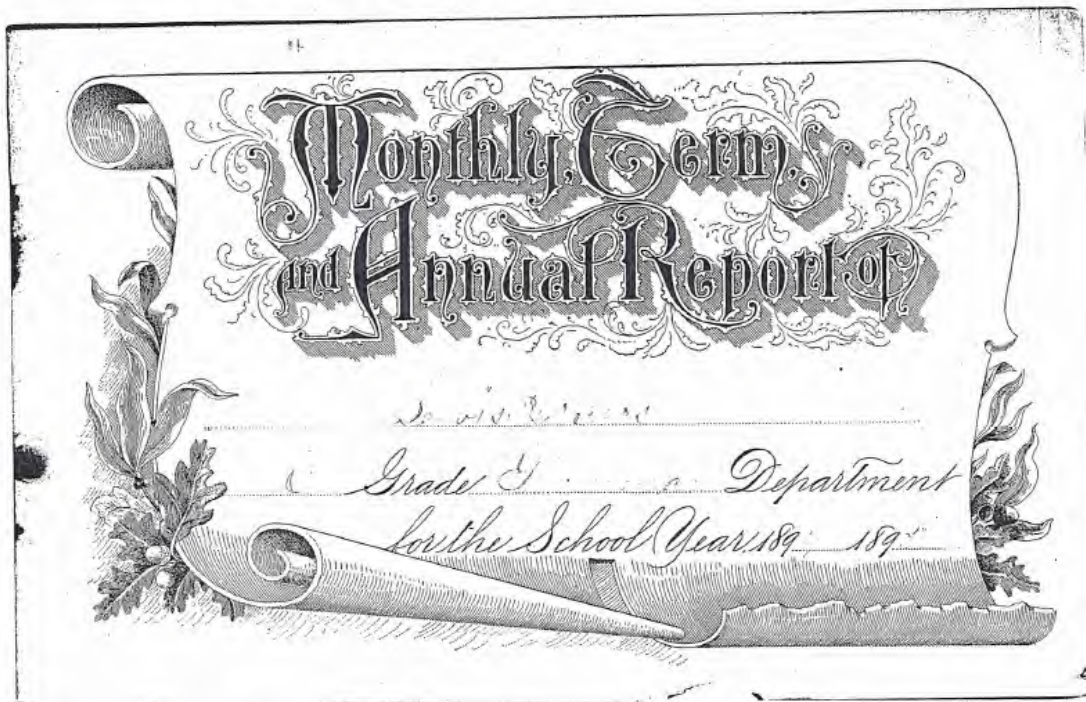
"In its ultimate validity, the Childrens Foundation conceives its mission to be the forging of a new type of institution whose functions comport so completely with the GENIUS OF DEMOCRACY as to make its perpetuation socially and economically useful and desirable - an admittedly difficult problem but one hardly so difficult as to defy solution."

Candor compels the admission that the Childrens Foundation is quite inseparable from Mr. Myers's ultimate interest and objective, even though his present situation does not permit his continuing to devote himself to it.

November 1, 1933.
Lewis E. Myers.
New York City....

Lewis E. Myers 6th Grade Report

LEWIS E. MYER SR 6TH GRADE REPORT CARD 1894-1895 School Year



	Perfect 100	Minimum 75	Required Grade 75	Attendance	Conduct	Department	Spelling	Reading	Writing	Language	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	U. S. History	Physiology	Algebra	Botany	Music	Drawing	Recitation	Examination	General	Rank in Grade	Honor Months
September	20	100	93	90	90	89	90	93	80					70		87								
October	21	100	93	83	86	83	92	87	89					86		88								
November	20	93	92	81	83	87	87	93	88					80		86								
December	22	100	96	86	84	88	88	90	91					90		89								
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Children's Foundation
Lewis E. Myers created this foundation to help parents and their children become educated

CHILDRENS FOUNDATION

55 W. North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
November 23, 1929.

Miss Sally Lucas Jean,
200 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Miss Jean:

This portfolio comprises expressions elicited by THE CHILD: HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS with incidental references to the institution which projected it, the Childrens Foundation.

These expressions are gleaned from only a section of the files of the Childrens Foundation. In only a few instances have complete letters, articles or documents been quoted. Such subject matter as may appear to be frequently repeated will be seen, upon a second glance, to be quoted from widely divergent sources which in itself confirms the unity of the study and gives evidence of the place the work is serving in the economies and the ministrations of our day.

A cursory examination of this body of testimonial, it is believed, will prompt the feeling that this first survey is far from having filled the sphere of its usefulness and that additional funds deserve to be dedicated to the expansion of its distribution and that the institution capable of creating and projecting such values may well claim the attention and co-operation of men and women having a mind for, and impressed with the importance of its objects.

These excerpts may be roughly classified and indexed for mental reference as follows:

Pages 1 - 3 are from parents. The flow of mail indicates that approbations from fathers and mothers are increasing in fervor—perhaps the most critical test of the content of the book and the unique method developed for its distribution.

Pages 4 - 7 reflect the zeal of physicians, nurses and those concerned with health.

Pages 8 - 17 cover expressions from the field of religion. Three characteristic documents are here quoted in full. Page 9 reproduces a personal letter from the Dean of the School of Religion of the University of Southern California while pages 16 and 17 lay side by side the expressions of a Methodist and a leading Catholic organ.

Pages 18 - 30 quote from the Educational World roughly distributed as follows:

- Pages 18 - 20 Superintendents of Schools
- Pages 21 - 27 Various National Organizations concerned with Parental Education and Child Welfare.
- Page 24 Shows a way in which whole religious denominations have promoted and organized child study on this volume.
- Pages 25 - 26 reflect the impulse and direction given to the first really NATIONAL program of Parental Education conducted in co-operation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the largest organization in this field.
- Page 27 Portrays the consequences of these efforts in at least two States. Following the distribution and study of THE CHILD: HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS in Mississippi through the State wide co-operation of the State University the Federation of Womens Clubs and the Parent Teachers Association, our editor, Professor O'Shea was engaged to make a survey of the school system of the State. This s survey has been published in a volume which is now the basis of further educational progress in that State.
- Pages 28 - 33 quote from University Presidents, Schools of Education, Teachers Colleges and prominent Professors of Education disclosing the general reactions from this sector of the Educational World.
- Page 34 suggests its influence and use in Home Economics Education.
- Pages 35 - 38 report from the Educational Journals.
- Page 39 Responses from State and City Teachers Associations
- Pages 40 - 41 Characteristic comments from leading Foreign Journals in English.
- Pages 42 - 43 furnish typical selections from editorials and reviews from the mass appearing in Scientific Journals and magazines of general circulation.
- Page 44 - refers to Bertrand Russell's comment in his SCEPTICAL ESSAYS.
- Pages 45 - 46 give editorials from two leading Womens Journals.
- Pages 47 - 48 present two editorials from the Chicago Evening Post from among the many editorials, special articles and reviews that have appeared in Metropolitan News papers.

The book represents a very collaboration and in my opinion it will become one of the fundamental volumes for students interested especially in the pre-adolescent period of the child. Your Foundation is doing a fine piece of service in arranging for the sale of the book at such a nominal figure.

W. W. Kemp, Dean of the School of Education
University of California, Berkeley, California.

Your plan for distributing the volume of 'The Child' seems to me a valuable contribution to a difficult problem. So many publications that have cost much time and money fail to reach the people for whom they are intended.

Clyde Furst, Secretary, The Carnegie Foundation
for the Advancement of Teaching, New York.

Professor Buswell who gives courses in genetic psychology reports that he will be able to make valuable use of this book in his courses.

William S. Gray, Dean of the College of Education
The School of Education, The University of Chicago, Chicago.

It is a pleasure to commend your efforts in behalf of the most misunderstood creature in the whole world - the child. Yet what we need is perhaps not understanding but insight. The Childrens Foundation will give us insight as well as understanding. In a certain sense understanding comes from an abstract generalization about the average child, but insight can come only through loving care for children as individuals who are of infinite value. It is altogether excellent that you have a Foundation which enables you to publish valuable material and to put it within the reach of all who are interested.

H. S. Townsend, Chairman of the Department of Education
Smith College, North Hampton, Massachusetts.

I am interested in the new and monumental volume that you have published on THE CHILD: HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS. Our work as a teacher-training institution is only just begun but I believe that we can make good use of any of your publications.

Leigh G. Hubbell, C.S.C. School of Education
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

The book is without an equal and its sale at one dollar per copy is indeed a piece of philanthropy which will bring rich returns.

Charles C. Cowell, Director of Physical Education
Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey

I appreciate the type of writers obtained in the preparation of THE CHILD: HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS. I feel that its chief field of service is in the education of otherwise intelligent parents to a practical understanding of childhood. The physical makeup of the book certainly aids in conveying its message effectively.

Ralph E. Brown, Professor of Education
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

Notice of Passing for Lewis E. Myers

THE LOUISVILLE HERALD

LEWIS E. MYERS DIES FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK

Lewis E. Myers, former Louisville resident, passed away at his home at 5511 Washington Blvd., Chicago Ill, last Thursday, June 25. He suffered a heart attack in the absence of Mrs. Myers and their daughter, Helen, who found him upon their arrival home.

In his early years Mr. Myers attended the Louisville Schools and after his graduation from the local High School he taught a year or so in the 7th and 8th grades. Prior to that teaching engagement he taught several terms at Hickory College school.

He spent four years in Otterbein College and graduated from that institution in June of 1907 with high honors after having proven himself as the runner-up for the Rhoades Scholarship for Ohio. He was highly honored as the President of his graduating class and distinguished himself as a college debater of no meager attainments. Wherever he operated in very many extra-curricular activities he always was the born leader. His scholastic attainments were of a very high order and won for himself a teaching position in two summer terms of this college.

He was identified during these years also with the Home Herald Company and later the Chautauqua Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois and Valparaiso, Indiana and became an active influence and manager in that enterprise after his graduation. The final result of his business acumen was the establishment of Lewis E. Myers and Company which gradually took over the entire manufacturing and educational interest of these former concerns. Under his leadership the company became widely known in the educational world and in the early 1920's he incorporated The Childrens Foundation. That institution was dedicated to the welfare of the child throughout the world and had to its credit and as a result of his ability to marshal the educational leaders of America for a wide and enriching program the publication of that remarkable volume **THE CHILD, HIS NATURE AND HIS NEEDS**. That volume became the source book for educational leaders everywhere for several decades and attained a distribution not far from a quarter of a million copies. To this day it is to be found on the shelves of prac-

tically every Library of the country and was translated into a number of foreign languages.

Owing to ill health in his later years it was not his good fortune to realize his ambitions in the field of education and industry. He rounded out in his own way an influence in the political world on account of which it is not possible to record in this brief survey of his notable life.

It is only to be hoped that somewhere and somehow there will emerge a person with the time, the talents, and the financial resources to make a study of his voluminous writings and his multiplied achievements and to secure them for posterity and as a monument to stand forever somewhere in Louisville, Ohio where his character was formulated and his ideals were born at an early age. Truly, Mr. Myers is now and will become more and more as the years run apace an outstanding son of this splendid community whose valiant sons and daughters mount up into the hundreds.

In all his life work Mr. Myers was supported unflinchingly by his wonderful wife, Mabel Green Myers, who together with the daughter, Helen, remains to mourn his departure. A sister Edith of Colorado Springs, Colorado, also survives. He and Mrs. Myers lost their only son, Lewis Edwin Myers, Jr. in World War II. The daughter, Helen, is a graduate of Chicago University and holds a fine position with Swift and Company in Chicago where her exceptional talents in the field of economics are utilized.

His death will be mourned by thousands of young men and young women throughout America and the world of his day who were brought under the touch of his genius to set forth warm, helpful, and attractive interpretations to the youth of his day and generation and to instill into them the desire and the ambition and the determination to mount the ladder of unselfish success in the enrichment of human life everywhere.

Lewis Edwin Myers, — early Churchman and Bible Teacher, Student, Public School Teacher, College Leader, Educational Pioneer and Manufacturer; writer and publisher; a man whose contacts included such famous and influential people as Mr. Gary of U. S. Steel, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Anne Morgan, and their associates as well as the leading educators of the eminent Colleges and Universities of his day and generation; a sensitive soul with a deep love of family and



The above Herald photo shows R. T. Menoux of Benton, Ohio, unloading eleven cars of basic Dolomite lime at the Pennsy tracks in Louisville.

home neighborhood, — — — stands now forth in death an honor to the community that gave him birth and under whose fine influences he rose to manhood.

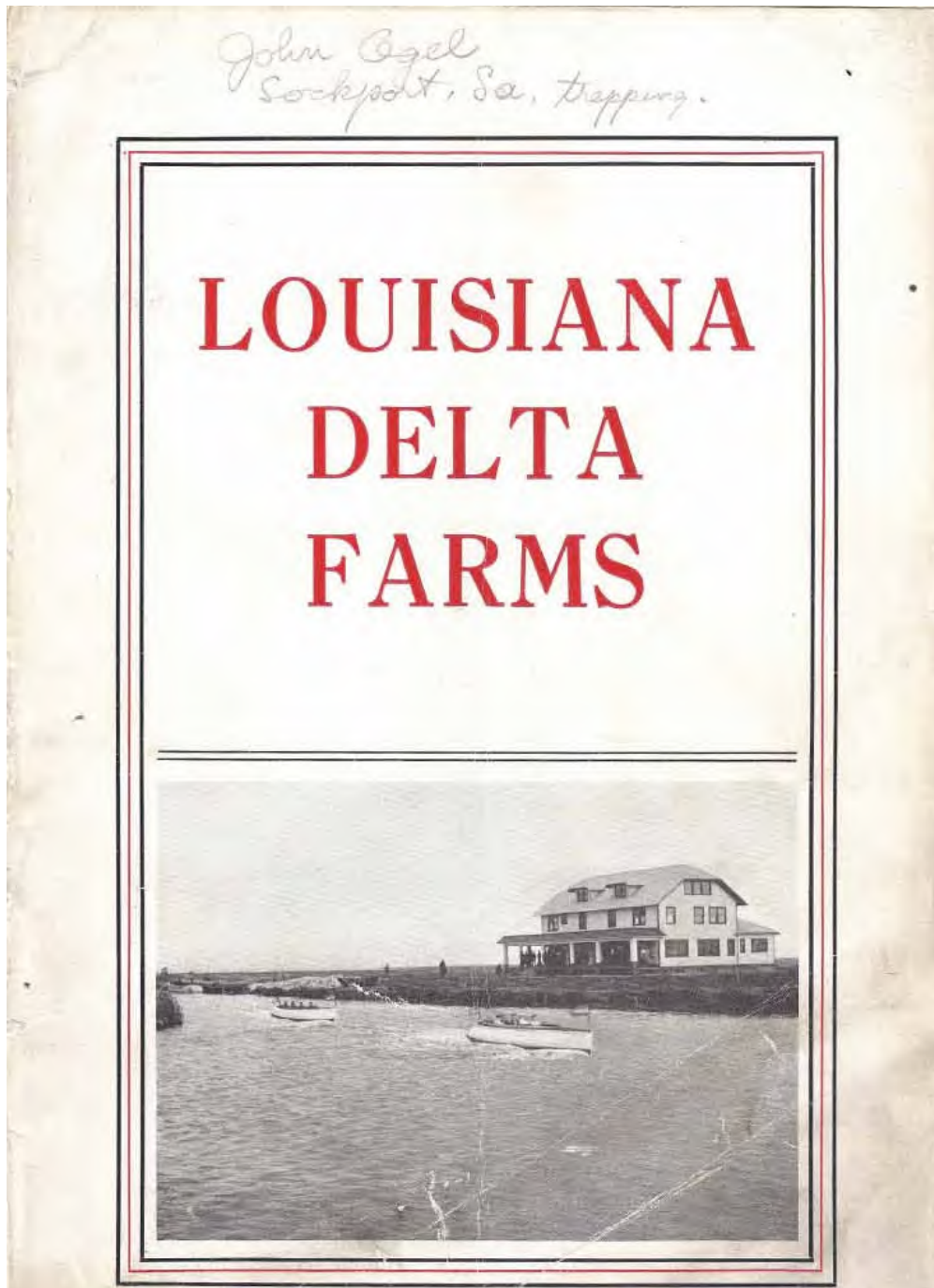
(Information about the deceased was furnished by Leroy Hensel, of Cleveland, who called upon Louisville friends Sunday.)



IN SERVICE

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HOW DELTA LANDS ARE RECLAIMED (DRAINED).

For the information of those who are not familiar with the drainage (or reclamation) methods used in the Louisiana Delta we print the following explanation made by Mr. C. A. Breed, who is very familiar with all of the best and most successful plans now used in Southern Louisiana.

Many Northern people seem to be afraid that the matter is complicated and likely to be expensive, and a few who have not investigated have written to us stating that they are afraid of the yearly cost necessary to keep their lands in first-class condition.

No greater mistake could possibly be made than to think a great expense is necessary. On the contrary, the expense is surprisingly small.

The whole matter is so simple, so plain and so easily accomplished that great numbers of people who see the Delta for the first time are surprised that these marvelously rich lands have lain so long inactive.

Mr. Breed says:

"An owner of land in our tract at Louisiana Delta Farms has a joint ownership with all other land holders in his district in the levees and Pumping Plant. The levees are built and pumping plant installed by the Company (without cost



DITCHING MACHINE DIGGING LATERAL DITCH AT DELTA FARMS.

The principle involved in reclamation of these lands has been used in the City of New Orleans for more than 100 years. We select a district of 500 to 5,000 acres and surround the district by navigable canals usually about 40 feet wide and 8 feet deep. This we connect through other streams or canals with tide water, thus furnishing a perfect outlet. The soil excavated in digging these canals is thrown upon the bank of the canal, making a levee 4 to 6 feet high to protect the district against overflow on account of the varying levels of the waters in the outflow (or navigation) canals and the slopes of the levees are seeded to Bermuda grass to prevent them from washing down during hard rains and against other damage.

Then a canal known as a "Reservoir Canal," 8 feet deep and wide enough to give plenty of storage capacity to hold any excess rain water, is dug through the center of the district, but is not connected with the navigation canals at either end.

to the land holders except the price they pay per acre for the land itself) for the benefit of all. Also each land holder is entitled to free use of all outflow canals installed by the Company as the work of reclamation proceeds.

In other words, the land holders in each district comprise an association which elects its own officers and manages its own affairs. The total net expense must be assessed and each land holder will pay his proportionate share of it. All questions arising before the association will be decided by a majority of the votes cast, each member being entitled to one vote for each acre of land owned by him.

Oil Discovery on Delta Farms

Alvin Greene was Helen's uncle and Helen's mom's brother. Alvin had an interest in the Delta Farms.

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Morris Illinois Farm

This farm is where Helen's grandmother and grandfather lived and in the family. Helen spent summers here.



Helen and Robert Birdsong



HELEN MCLORAINÉ PHILANTHROPY

A list of some of the organization's supported by Helen McLoraine and The Pioneer Fund through her vision and dedication to helping and caring about other people.

- University of Chicago
- Lambs Farm
- Hadley School for the Blind
- House Ear Institute
- Linus Pauling Institute
- Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center
- Institute of Molecular Medical Science
- Louisville Presbyterian Theological Institute
- Salk Institute for Biological Studies
- Cumberland College and College of the Ozarks
- Scott C.A.R.E.S Cleveland Clinic
- The Women's College at the University of Denver
- Sportswomen of Colorado
- Helmar Skating Fund
- DePaul University
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- Children's Museum Denver
- Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation
- St Andrews Church
- Urban Peak
- Casey Lee Ball Foundation
- Colorado Children's Campaign
- Community Child Health Foundation
- Girls Scouts-Mile Hi Council
- Girls Incorporated of Denver, CO
- Kempe Center

- Griffith Centers for Children
- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) - Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC)
- Sewell Child Development Center
- Special Olympics
- Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation
- Bowling Green State University
- Clayton Foundation
- Emily Krzyzewski Family Life Center
- Florence Crittenton/Parent Pathways
- Michael J Fox Foundation
- St Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Summer Scholars
- On Our Own
- University of Colorado Pre-Collegiate Scholarship Program Endowment
- The Gathering Place
- Regis University
- Helen M. McLoraine Nonprofit Employee Scholarship Fund
- Vine Hill Medical Clinic – University Community Health Services
- Doctors Care
- Pituitary Network Association
- Colorado State University -Pueblo
- Myelin Repair Foundation
- T&R Fund
- Mount Saint Vincent Home for Children
- Brain Research Foundation
- House Research Institute
- Women's Health Research Center
- Lewis E. Myers Jr. Endowment to Operation Homefront
- The Helen M. McLoraine Opportunity Scholarship Fund
- United States Figure Skating – Scholastic Honors Award Fund
- United States Figure Skating – Collegiate Championship Award Fund
- International Rett Syndrome Foundation
- Helen McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship Program
- The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Fund for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth Fund
- The Lewis E. Myers Jr. Scholarship Fund for the Denver Center Theatre Academy
- Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt
- Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- The Lewis E. Myers Educational Scholarship at Otterbein College

Major Philanthropic Activity Prior to Her Passing (through January 2003)

Helen's Business Life

Helen Myers attended the University of Chicago, and would have graduated with the class of 1939. Because of family economic circumstances, she left school and worked in the personnel and pension departments of Armour & Company over the next decade. There she developed her business acumen while continuing to go to school, taking night classes. Then something happened that significantly changed the lives of Helen and her mother. An oilfield was discovered on property that had been originally purchased by her maternal grandparents as a simple real estate investment back in the early 1900s. This section of land (one square mile) was located in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana—a marshy area about thirty miles southwest of New Orleans and east of the county seat in Thibodaux (near Barataria). Her uncle, Alvin Greene, (unmarried brother of Helen's mom) and Mable Greene Myers (Helen's mother) had inherited the property upon their parents' passing, and oil was discovered in 1953. Alvin Greene died shortly after the discovery in December 1954. To assist her mother, Helen left her job at Armour & Company to handle her uncle's estate and takes care of its IRS tax matters. She took over management of the estate investments and learned all facets of the oil and gas business. While doing so, she met a lawyer, Frank McLoraine, who assisted her with Alvin's estate. They married in 1957 and originally settled in the northern Chicago suburb of Wilmette, Illinois.

After learning many aspects of the oil and gas business, she began to directly invest in other oil and gas drilling projects and was part of the investor group in the Bell Creek Field in Montana in 1966, which was one of the significant oil field discoveries in North America at that time. Bell Creek was an important event, as it increased Helen's philanthropic outreach opportunities after the field was largely developed by 1976. She subsequently expanded her oil and gas investment business over the course of her lifetime and worked full-time in this trade until her passing in 2003. Helen felt an obligation to share with others less fortunate and measured her wealth, not in dollars, but in her ability to do so. Over the last twenty-five years of her life, she contributed half of her annual income to charitable causes every year.

University of Chicago

The University of Chicago (UC) was Helen's alma mater, and she supported the institution throughout her lifetime. Here is a list of some of her major contributions:

Helen created the Myers-McLoraine Fund in 1976, which provided for infra-structure building improvements and junior faculty support in the Humanities Department.

She established a college scholarship endowment fund that had grown in value to over \$12,000,000 by June 2011. It distributed in excess of \$600,000 in scholarship funding to students in the past fiscal year.

In 1984, she established the Mabel Greene Myers Osteoarthritis Research Fund. Her beloved cousin, Dr. Lawrence Pottenger, was the first recipient of its funding for his research on arthritis, orthopedic problems in the elderly, and the improvement of artificial joints. Larry worked as a clinician and surgeon and was associate professor emeritus of surgery and pathology at the University of Chicago at time of his passing in 2006. This endowment fund had grown in value to over \$5,800,000 by June 2011.

In 2002, Helen provided the major funding for the new swimming pool complex at the Ratner Center (the Myers-McLoraine pool). It is one of the few facilities she allowed to use such personal naming recognition.

Shortly after her passing, two professorships were established with funds she had contributed during her lifetime: the Frank J. McLoraine Distinguished Service Professor, named after her husband, and the Mabel Green Myers Professor in the Humanities, named after her mother.

Throughout her lifetime, Helen gave to the Women's Board at the University of Chicago. An endowed scholarship was created through the Women's Board, partly as a result of a Pioneer Fund contribution, after her passing for one to two students annually.

Lambs Farm

In 1961, two people with extraordinary vision opened a pet store on Chicago's State Street. What was extraordinary about these two individuals was that they employed twelve adults with developmental disabilities to wait on customers, manage inventory, and care for the animals.

The co-founders of Lambs Pet Shop, Bob Terese and Corinne Owen, felt strongly that people with developmental disabilities deserved to lead meaningful and productive lives, and they put their own beliefs into practice by opening a business that would help them achieve this goal.

During the State Street years, Lambs Pet Shop received support and growing recognition for its mission from the Chicago community. Individual donors, as well as corporate and foundation supporters, heralded the work of Bob and Corinne, recognizing that the shop was not only providing employment opportunities and a sense of community for participants, but becoming a model program as well.

In 1965, Bob and Corinne moved their efforts to Libertyville, Illinois, thirty-five miles north of Chicago, when philanthropist W. Clement Stone purchased and donated a seventy acre

farm for the program's expansion. With the additional space and restoration of a century-old barn into one of Lake County's largest pet stores, more adults with developmental disabilities entered the program, which soon became known as Lambs Farm.

Today, Lambs Farm is a premier facility in the United States for individuals with developmental disabilities, providing more than two hundred fifty participants with comprehensive residential, vocational and social support services, and welcoming more than 300,000 visitors each year to shop in their businesses and interact with program participants. The hope is that visitors to Lambs Farm will gain greater awareness of people with developmental disabilities, and further recognize their potential as full members of the community, the workplace, and society at large. Helen greatly admired Bob and Corinne's passions and had provided annual support since the mid-1970s. She left an endowment upon her passing to provide ongoing operating support for this renowned organization that was dear to her heart.

Hadley School for the Blind

The mission of the Hadley School for the Blind is to promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, their families, and blindness service providers.

Founded in 1920 by William Hadley and Dr. E. V. L. Brown, Hadley originally offered courses free of charge to its blind and visually impaired students and their families and affordable tuition courses to blindness professionals. Today, Hadley is the largest educator of people who are blind or visually impaired around the world, serving more than ten thousand students annually in all fifty states and one hundred countries. Hadley is also the largest educator of Braille. In 1983, Helen made a special contribution to Hadley that allowed the school to purchase a then-revolutionary Braille production system that produced Braille one hundred times faster and at one-eighth the cost of all previous systems at that time. She then became an annual supporter to Hadley and left an endowment in her will for this organization for continued operating support.

House Ear Institute

The House Research Institute (formerly House Ear Institute) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with hearing loss and related disorders through scientific research, patient care, and the sharing of knowledge. Established in 1946 by Howard P. House, M.D., the House Research Institute has been engaged in the scientific exploration of the auditory system from the ear canal to the cortex of the brain for more than sixty years.

Dr. Howard House and his son John were close friends to Helen. She was a significant annual contributor beginning in 1976 and subsequently throughout her lifetime, both for operating support and capital campaign funding, and left an endowment in her will to guarantee ongoing operating support for this leading institution. After her passing, The Pioneer Fund made a five-year research grant in support of the Institute's Neural Tumor Research programs

in recognition of Helen's admiration for the groundbreaking work of Dr. Howard House that now carries on under the leadership of his son, John House, M.D .

Linus Pauling Institute

When Linus Pauling died on Aug. 19, 1994, the world lost one of its greatest scientists and humanitarians and a much respected and beloved defender of civil liberties and health issues.

Because of his dynamic personality and his many accomplishments in widely diverse fields, it is hard to define Linus Pauling adequately. A remarkable man who insistently addressed certain crucial human problems while pursuing an amazing array of scientific interests, Dr. Pauling was almost as well known to the American public as he was to the world's scientific community. He is the only person ever to receive two unshared Nobel Prizes—for Chemistry (1954) and for Peace (1962).

In addition to the general recognition as one of the two greatest scientists of the twentieth century, he was usually acknowledged by his colleagues as the most influential chemist since Lavoisier, the eighteenth century founder of the modern science of chemistry. Helen was a supporter of Linus Pauling's research both individually and through The Pioneer Fund during her lifetime. The Linus Pauling Institute now resides at Oregon State University.

Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center

Chicago's Rush University Medical Center encompasses a 676-bed hospital serving adults and children, including the Johnston R. Bowman Health Center, which provides medical and rehabilitative care to older adults and people with short- and long-term disabilities.

Rush University is home to one of the first medical colleges in the Midwest and one of the nation's top-ranked nursing colleges, as well as graduate programs in allied health, health systems management, and biomedical research.

Helen provided on-going support for Rush's research efforts. Helen and Frank McLoraine's good friend and next door neighbor in Winnetka, Dr. Richard Buenger, was the head of Diagnostic Radiology at Rush Presbyterian Hospital. Their support was in recognition of his leadership efforts at this leading teaching hospital.

Institute of Molecular Medical Science

Helen provided support for this organization during her lifetime to provide for the specific research efforts of Emile Zuckerkandl and his associates, a noted research partner of Linus Pauling. Emile's lifelong work was noted by author Roger Lewin in his 1996 book *Patterns of Evolution—The New Molecular View*. The institute performed groundbreaking molecular science research but sadly is no longer in existence after the passing of Dr. Zuckerkandl.

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Institute

Helen's spirituality was very important to her and provided comfort to her throughout her lifetime. She was a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, which was led by Pastor Ray Anderson for many years. Through the church, Helen became acquainted with Dr. John Mulder, head of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Institute from 1981 through his retirement in 2002. It is now known as the Louisville Seminary. She created an endowed scholarship program upon her passing to support students who wanted to embark upon religious studies. More than one hundred fifty years old, Louisville Seminary has been building up the Body of Christ in a tradition rooted in Scripture and the Reformed tradition while developing innovative ways to respond to contemporary society's needs.

Its heritage stems from two seminaries founded by two branches of the Presbyterian Church. In 1853, Danville Theological Seminary welcomed its first students in Danville, Kentucky. In 1893, the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary was founded in Louisville. But in 1901, the seminaries in Danville and Louisville were united. For sixty years, the Seminary ministered to the Louisville community from its downtown home at First and Broadway. During the 1937 flood, after most of the city was evacuated, some seminary faculty and administrators stayed behind to shelter refugees trapped by the flood waters. The institution housed nearly five hundred servicemen during World War II, and seminary enrollment surged with veterans retiring from the military after the war.

Salk Institute for Biological Studies

Helen first visited the Salk Institute in 1988 to attend their annual private foundation tax information seminar and gained insight into the leadership and varied areas of critical research conducted at this leading institute. The organization was originally established by Dr. Jonas Salk (who is credited with leading the team that created the polio vaccine) to further his research efforts. The Salk Institute is still among the world's preeminent centers for basic biological research, and Helen observed exceptionally talented individuals in various areas of research during her visit.

Beginning in 1993, Helen created, and most years thereafter added to, the Pioneer Postdoctoral Fellowship & Scholar Endowment Fund, which currently supports research scientists in various biological research fields. Her support has helped young scientists in the early stages of their careers and supports up to ten postdoctoral fellows and assistants who work on life-threatening diseases annually. The laboratories the scientists work in have varied over the years and include plant biology, molecular and cell biology, infectious disease, gene expression, vision center, chemical and proteomics. Each year the scientists write a letter explaining their work; examples of these letters are included elsewhere in this book. These letters reflect the quality and commitment Helen wished for in people.

Upon her passing Helen also left a specific bequest to establish two endowed professorships: the Helen McLoraine Chair in Molecular Neurobiology and the Helen McLoraine

Developmental Chair in Neurobiology.

Cumberland College and College of the Ozarks

Helen especially encouraged individuals who had come from lower income backgrounds but displayed exceptional initiative and efforts to acquire higher-level education, very similar to her beloved father's hard working path through his educational pursuit's decades prior. Helen was supportive of those types of colleges that attracted such students, and she supported both Cumberland College of Williamsburg, Kentucky and College of the Ozarks of Point Lookout, Missouri during her lifetime. She also provided for an endowed scholarship fund in her will for each college which would support several students annually at each school. These two colleges specifically support students who come from a low/impooverished background to attend school on a work-study program.

Scott C.A.R.E.S Cleveland Clinic

During Helen's last years of her life she contributed to the Scott CARES Initiative at the Cleveland Clinic. The Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative was founded in 1999 as a partnership between Scott Hamilton, Olympic ice-skating champion and cancer survivor, and the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute, where he was treated. CARES was created to promote cancer awareness while raising significant funds for cancer research. Key components of CARES include:

4th Angel Mentoring Program—This program is designed to match newly diagnosed patients with trained volunteers who are also cancer survivors. Emphasizing one-on-one contact, individuals are paired according to age and cancer type in an effort to empower both patients and volunteers with knowledge, awareness, and hope. In addition, the 4th Angel Caregiver Mentoring program is designed to match a caregiver of a cancer survivor to a current caregiver of a cancer patient. A 4th Angel Caregiver Mentor uses her/his experience to help others cope with the difficult caregiver role.

Chemocare.com—This is a unique website designed to help patients better understand the chemotherapy experience. As the first website of its kind in the United States, Chemocare.com is written in easy-to-understand language and outlines everything patients and their families need to know about chemotherapy, side effects, and their management.

Research Funding—A key mission of the Scott Hamilton CARES initiative is cancer research.

Through 2011, CARES has funded more than thirty-three new cancer research projects led by Cleveland Clinic physicians and scientists.

Helen's interest in the Cancer Center stemmed largely from her friendship with Scott Hamilton, who was originally treated at the clinic in 1997. An annual gala and ice show is the primary fundraising event for CARES and is held each November. In November, 2011 the twelfth annual Ice Show attracted over seven thousand attendees, and eight hundred individuals

attended the Gala Dinner, which raised \$1.4 million for the CARES initiative projects. The proceeds from the gala have been largely utilized to support the critical cancer research mission of the CARES initiative the last few years. Key supporters and success of the annual event is largely due to Sam and Maria Miller, Event Chairperson, friends of Scott and Helen. Sam and Maria are longtime significant Cleveland-area philanthropists.

Also, Helen left a specific bequest in her will for the CARES initiative, which was used to create the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center's Patient & Family Resource Center. It is named in her honor. This site includes a library and physical space for other cancer education information resources, and it is staffed by a nurse. (A copy of an article from Cleveland Clinic Magazine follows this section).

The Women's College at the University of Denver

The Pioneer Resource Center is a room within The Women's College that provides students with a place to study, research, work on activities, and use the latest technology. Helen funded the building of the room, initial technology used in the room, and an ongoing endowment to support learning and technology use for women, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

Sportswomen of Colorado

Helen provided an endowment for young women and girls through high school to attend a summer camp. Many of the young women and girls are trying out a sport for the first time.

Helmar Skating Fund

The Helmar Skating Fund was established by Helen McLoraine in 1986 so her financial support of promising young figure skaters would continue beyond her lifetime. The fund is named after Helen's first and middle name, Marguerite.

Helen began providing financial assistance through the USFSA Memorial Fund to promising young figure skaters in the mid-1970s. Her interest in skating began when she invested as a partner in the ownership of the Colorado Ice Arena in Denver as a business investment in 1970. This was Helen's entry into the figure skating world and the beginning of a life-long passion. The rink ownership attracted Carlo Fassi, a renowned international skating coach, to the Colorado Ice Arena to help its economic viability. Carlo was coach of Dorothy Hamill at the time. This rink also served as the home of the Colorado Skating Club for many years until the rink was closed in the 1990s. The Colorado Skating Club then began sharing facilities with the Denver Skating Club at the South Suburban Ice Arena in Littleton, Colorado. Scott Hamilton trained at CIA in the final two years of his amateur career in preparation for the 1984 Olympics under the guidance of his coach, Don Laws, who was also a good friend to Helen.

Helen privately assisted more than seventy skaters from 1975 through her passing, most of which competed at an international level and many became the top skaters in their respective disciplines. Among the thirty years she provided financial support and encouragement to the many skaters over the years directly and through this private fund she established, she was most well known as the sponsor of 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist, Scott Hamilton.

Although Helen continued to run her own oil and gas investment business full time throughout her lifetime, her most cherished pastime was the sport of figure skating. She attended many competitions, events, and ice shows throughout the world each year. The Helmar fund continues to privately assist up to ten top level skaters a year to achieve their skating goals and will continue to do so for many years hereafter in Helen's memory.

DePaul University

Helen's husband, Frank McLoraine, ("Mac" to his many legions of friends) was a gifted lawyer who graduated from DePaul University and the University of Chicago Law School. He chose to open his own private law practice, which specialized in business contractual and operating matters, among other areas of law. Mac was very loyal and supportive to all his friends and organizations to whom he was involved. Helen and Frank provided funds to establish the Frank J. McLoraine Memorial Endowed Scholarship during their lifetime for DePaul University students. Helen added a specific bequest in her will to add to this fund in memory of her beloved Mac.

Trinity United Methodist Church

The gifts made by Helen continue to do "good into eternity" and can be seen through Trinity Church.

The information below is written by members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

The General Obligation Fund Endowment

This fund, established during the pastorate of Rev. James Barnes is used, as needed, to supplement the church's annual operating budget. Overseen by the Finance Committee, this fund has been a dependable source of funding for mission and ministry for approximately twenty years now and will continue to be into eternity.

Operating Budget Cash Reserve Fund

Also established during the tenure of Senior Pastor Barnes, this fund is a true Godsend, as it provides operating funds during lean times of the year, such as summer, when attendance and offerings are below normal. This fund was wisely established as one which must be replenished by year-end. Therefore, much like the above endowment, it is of permanent benefit to the body of Christ. Also, as with the general fund endowment, this fund is guided by the members

of the church's Finance Committee. Again, this fund provides perpetual benefits to the ebb and flow of congregational giving.

Second Century Foundation

Established in 1984 by Trinity members and bolstered by Helen's strong support, this endowment serves the downtown and metro Denver area with annual grants totaling approximately \$40,000. Among recipients of Second Century gifts are vital community ministries such as Urban Peak, Metro Care Ring, and Open Door Ministries. Since its beginning, the foundation has given away close to \$1 million to feed, house, and care for those in need in the city and county of Denver. God only knows how many lives have been impacted by this highly respected foundation. This non-profit foundation is guided by a Board of Directors elected by the congregation. The corpus of the endowment continues to grow through memorial gifts and annual support through a congregational offering. The SCF will remain in place into perpetuity.

Turnabout

This community non-profit was started in 1985 by Trinity United Methodist Church with the mission to reduce recidivism throughout Colorado and create lasting solutions by assisting individuals with criminal histories through career preparation and training. Presently located in the Warren United Methodist Church, the organization provides an intensive four-week job training program, which includes screening, curriculum, assistance, and aftercare. Helen McLoraine's gifts were essential to the establishment of Turnabout. Gifts from individuals, congregations, and foundations continue to provide for the good work of this non-profit organization.

James E. Barnes Iliff Internship

Since the mid-1980s, Trinity United Methodist Church has been assisted by student interns from the Iliff School of Theology. Since 1996, the major endowment for the intern program has been the James E. Barnes Excellence in Ministry Endowed Fund, established by the seminary to honor Rev. Barnes, and generously supported by Helen McLoraine to the tune of \$50,000. The chosen students gain valuable field experience in a large church with particular focus in the areas of discipleship and evangelism. To date, seventeen seminarians have benefitted from this endowed scholarship. Each has been a blessing to the Trinity Church ministerial staff and congregation.

Sesquicentennial Mission Campaign

The Pioneer Fund made an initial commitment of \$60,000 to the upgrade of the Trinity United Methodist Church mission station at 18th and Broadway in downtown Denver in July

of 2009. This generous gift along with those of others to the “We’re Here for Good” campaign marking 150 years of ministry as the city’s oldest congregation is helping to provide needed major improvements to a building that welcomes over 150,000 souls annually. Important areas such as restrooms, the foyer, fellowship hall, kitchen, and offices have been or will be renovated, refreshed, or renewed. These building improvements will benefit new generations of saints who enter the house of the Lord for weekly worship, weddings, funerals, and memorial services, Christmas Eve Candlelight Community Services, daily recovery groups, as well as countless other social, spiritual, and service events and opportunities.

Sesquicentennial Mission Campaign, Part II

In July 2010 the Pioneer Fund stepped up to make an additional gift to the SMC effort. This was a pledge of \$30,000 designated to provide renovation of the youth classroom component of the campaign. This special space welcomes first through sixth graders several times a week for study, fellowship, music, and worship. It is a safe and sacred gathering place for children from all over the greater Denver area. The renovation work is planned to be completed no later than 2012.

James E. and Mary H. Barnes Youth Scholarship

The Pioneer Fund created this honor through the Denver Foundation in 2009 with an endowment sufficient to generate a \$5,000 annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior who is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. This scholarship honors the lives and ministries of Reverend James E. and Mary H. Barnes. This couple came to a fledgling Trinity congregation in 1980 and led the church to much needed renewed growth, vitality, and support in buildings, budgets, attendance, staff, missions, and ministries. The scholarship program is overseen by a five-member team comprised of the senior pastor, director of youth ministries, a member of the board of trustees, and two at-large members elected by the annual Church Conference. The scholarship is announced in the Spring of each year and awarded in two \$2,500.00 installments directly to the recipient’s school in the Fall and Spring of his/her freshman year.

As you can see from these eight strong ministries, Helen has made a lasting impact for the benefit of others through her direct gifts as well as gifts through the Pioneer Fund. Every day countless persons benefit from her generous philanthropic spirit. Thank to Helen McLoraine for her vital role in making some of these gifts possible. I also thank Mary Barnes for advocacy of the projects and programs that Helen held dear. Mary has often channeled Helen’s love for kingdom work through Denver’s oldest community of faith.

By Michael D. Dent, Senior Pastor

Contributions Made on Behalf of Helen M. McLoraine through the Pioneer Fund

Helen McLoraine passed away in January 2003 and made specific bequests to nine separate charitable organizations. The residual assets were transferred into The Pioneer Fund, her charitable private foundation that she and her mother had originally set up in 1960 to manage some of their philanthropic activity during and beyond her lifetime. Helen requested that the assets of The Pioneer Fund be distributed within ten years of her passing “to those charities similar in purpose and operation to those charities that I (Helen) or the Pioneer Fund have made contributions during my lifetime.” All of the following distributions have been made in her name by The Pioneer Fund trustees. Most of the following major gifts were either endowments created for the benefit of the following organizations or gifts made for specific projects requiring annual progress reports as noted below.

Grant Year 2003: Children’s Museum of Denver

In 2003, the Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Children’s Museum of Denver Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation that will help the Children’s Museum Sponsored Admission Program support the underserved youth in the Denver area.

In 2004, her endowment increased the number of sponsored admission children served to 11,264. Typically, the Children’s Museum averaged between eight thousand and ten thousand children through its sponsored program prior to this endowment. Part of the challenge was transportation for the children. The endowment assisted with free bus transportation and an annual membership for the family, which helps extend the benefits of the museum to the entire family unit. The benefits that children receive when visiting the museum include helping the child learn through play using the art and sciences to educate, support, and nurture the child.

In 2005, the number of sponsored children attending rose to 13,335 because of Helen’s gift. This allows the kids to see programs that help them learn and that are also appropriate for the times. One new program added this year is education on preventing bullying. The kids that Helen sponsored were able to see this program and others.

In 2006, the Children’s Museum was able to help some of the Katrina families that had been relocated to Denver with Helen’s funding. Additionally, they hosted four to six preschool groups each month, which were mostly from Head Start facilities. The museum provided 11,866 free admissions as well as educational programs which were partially funded by this endowment.

In 2007, the Children’s Museum was able to provide 14,925 free (sponsored) admissions. The organization is working strategically and has partnered with the mayor’s office to make sure the word is spread to communities in need. The museum also received a grant to have the play environments evaluated for accessibility and will be working on designs that are accessible to all cultures and abilities.

In 2008, the Children's Museum saw an overall 8 percent increase in number of children served. Programs were also supported through Helen's endowments. Thirty percent of the total membership at CMD was comprised of underprivileged children who were offered yearlong memberships for each child and family.

In 2009, total overall attendance was up 6 percent and CMD provided 12,800 free admissions. The museum staff made the Sponsored Admissions Program more flexible to meet the needs of children and families who could not attend during the day or through their schools. These changes provided evening visits to accommodate more people.

In 2010, 14,300 free admissions were provided. On a scale of one to five with five being the highest, the museum received fours for scheduling process, check-in experience, pre/post program and developmental appropriateness of program, and fives for educator knowledge, engagement and curriculum-enhancing elements of programming. Ninety-four percent of the educators participating in the program said they would return again.

In 2011, the total admissions to the museum exceeded three hundred thousand, compared to 293,275 the year before, with 14,800 free admissions provided. Helen's help provided the museum with money to transport the children to the museum and attend. The survey used to determine the museum's effectiveness for those attending showed a positive 4.4 overall rating out of 5 and that 94 percent of the participants would return.

In 2011, the Pioneer Fund also made an additional direct \$300,000 matching grant to the Children's Museum's capital campaign toward a Land Purchase component and toward the Kinetics! Playscape exhibit. This exhibit focuses on vital 21st century learning skills and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects.

In 2012, the museum reported a sixth year of record attendance. Sponsored admissions had reached seventeen thousand, which was an increase of two thousand over the year before. The museum continues to thrive under excellent leadership and staff.

Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation

In Helen's name, The Pioneer Fund provided ongoing funding for one class, The Helen M. McLoraine Class of 2014 beginning in 2004. CIHAD foundation works on preventing high school dropout from at-risk youth in Denver by adopting a class when they are in the third grade and providing ongoing support to that group of student throughout their elementary and high school years with the mission to provide college opportunities for those students continuing on. In 2004, a group of fifty-seven 3rd grade students from Smedley Elementary were chosen to be included in this program as the Class of 2014.

In 2005 of the program, the CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) reading scores reached a seventy percent proficiency, which increased from approximately forty percent from the prior year.

In 2006, CSAPs fell, and the school and program coordinator started focusing more on reading and individual mentoring.

In 2007, Smedley was on the rumored closure list, and as a result many families sent their kids to different schools. However the affinity for Smedley and Helen's Dreamers was deep so thirty of the fifty-seven students stayed at Smedley until it closed and the after-school program continued to be viable and successful for a majority of the students.

In 2008, students were spread across fifteen elementary schools and as far as thirty miles from Smedley.

In 2009, the students continued to span out and test the waters as they started to look toward their high school futures.

In 2010, the dreamers finished eighth grade and started high school in ninth grade during the Fall of 2010. Ten dreamers were selected to go to Washington D.C. as part of their efforts. Students were selected for the trip by attending research classes and presenting a paper of their choosing on some aspect of Washington D.C. history.

In 2011, the dreamers finished ninth grade and started tenth grade in the Fall of 2011.

As part of the program support, The Pioneer Fund has created a scholarship assistance fund for the students who graduate from high school and elect to move on to higher education.

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Helen was a spiritual person and found comfort in ideas that existed beyond what a person can see. Her connection to her very good friends and fellow condominium neighbors, longtime Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, James Barnes, and his wife, Mary Barnes, was the reason she moved her membership to Saint Andrews Church in 2002. Jim and Mary also switched their membership upon Jim's retirement from Trinity the prior year. In special recognition of Helen's spirituality and close friendship and admiration of the work of Jim and Mary Barnes to the religious community, The Pioneer Fund made a significant contribution to the St. Andrew building capital campaign to create classrooms for youth education during construction of a new church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, which was completed in 2005.

Urban Peak

Helen was introduced to Roxanne White, (then Urban Peak CEO) who was a fellow member of St. Andrews church, and she began to provide support for Urban Peak during the last years of her life. The Pioneer Fund, on Helen's behalf, created The Helen McLoraine Urban Peak Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation to provide ongoing operating support to Urban Peak (UP) which works with homeless and runaway youth to permanently exit street life.

In 2003, UP was able to assist four hundred twenty seven youth in leaving the streets. Since the beginning of their fiscal year, eighty-two gained their GED, one hundred eighty-three gained employment, two hundred sixty-three entered a housing situation, and one hundred forty-three returned home. Additionally, a center opened for youth in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In 2004, Urban Peak continued to increase the number of youth served. The Spot, a nightly drop-in center for homeless youth, increased the average from eighty two youths to one hundred twenty-five per month. The UP Housing Corporation is now able to house one hundred youths.

In 2005, over five hundred contacts per month with homeless youth were made.

In 2006, UP worked on a ten-year plan to end homelessness and increased the contact with homeless youth to over seven thousand for the first nine months of their fiscal year. 2006 also saw reorganization for Urban Peak with consolidation of the Spot and Urban Peak Housing into Urban Peak Denver. The organization continued to work on homeless issues for teenagers and attracted between fifteen and twenty-five youths each morning off the streets for breakfast.

In 2007 Urban Peak found success with multiple initiatives. Forty out of seventy-four young people obtained their GED and “crossed the floor” at a graduation ceremony sponsored by Denver Public School and Community College of Denver. Outreach workers made over nine thousand contacts, twenty-one thousand meals were served, ten thousand bed nights were provided, sixty youth per night dropped in at the Spot and one hundred seventy-six obtained employment.

In 2008 and beyond, Urban Peak continued to see increased need for services and respond to youth needing assistance.

Casey Lee Ball Foundation

Beginning in 2003, The Pioneer Fund made annual contributions to the Casey Lee Ball Foundation’s annual fundraising event. This foundation’s initial mission was the support of pediatric kidney research at UCLA, but it has now expanded to kidney research support at various universities and research centers around the United States. The Casey Lee Ball Foundation was created and is operated by Sterling Ball in honor of his son, Casey. He was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease at age two and required a kidney transplant donated by his father, Sterling, when Casey was age five.

Grant Year 2004: Colorado Children’s Campaign

The Colorado Children’s Campaign mission is to create hope for Colorado’s more than one million children. It does so through advocacy on children’s health and education issues and with a wealth of data that is gathered and analyzed to identify needs and promote workable solutions for children’s pressing issues.

In 2004, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Colorado Children’s Campaign Endowment Fund as a designated fund at The Denver Foundation to provide ongoing operating support for the Colorado Children’s Campaign.

In 2005, Colorado Children’s Campaign celebrated their twentieth year and recounted their success with programs that the Colorado Children’s Campaign had started, such as Child Health Plan Plus, the Colorado Preschool Program, and the Colorado Small School Initiative.

In 2006, the funds received from the endowment were used to “promote and support intervention programs for children who are economically disadvantaged, have special needs, or who would otherwise be unable to access programs promoted by CCC,” and the endowment provided 17 percent of funds for advocacy expenditures.

In 2007, the funds continued to be used to “promote and support interventions programs for children who are economically disadvantaged, have special needs, and who would otherwise be unable to access programs promoted by CCC.” Their collaboration was on early childhood care and education, K12 education, and child health. Their goals were to impact legislation on behalf of the above issues.

In 2008, the funds were used to represent the needs of the children at the State Capitol, build public awareness, gather data, and develop coalitions.

In 2010 and on, Colorado Children’s Campaign lists the following as their success stories: helped to pass a childhood hunger bill, provided advocacy for federal health reform to increase the number of children receiving health coverage, worked on a bill that was signed into law ensuring that Colorado kids have an effective teacher and principal, and worked on a bill to improve the continuity and stability of child care for children.

Community Child Health Foundation

Community Child Health Foundation’s (CCHF) primary mission is to care for the overall health of the underserved children and families of greater Denver largely through direct support of the Children’s Medical Center (CMC), providing staff support to CMC, plus providing funding for other outreach medical services at various Denver-area social service organizations. CMC helps to provide medical care, lactation education, mental health, and social services to children and their families.

In 2004, The Pioneer Fund signed a five-year matching support agreement with CCHF and its principal funder, Ken Luff, in support of efforts to create a model for a “medical home” concept of delivering medical services focusing on families and uninsured/underinsured individuals. This agreement was later extended through 2012. These funds were provided to help the CMC’s ongoing operational needs and their work to attempt to serve the targeted population on a more efficient cost and medical outcome basis to minimize ongoing governmental subsidy assistance.

In 2004, CMC worked on improving its billing systems to improve its financial strength. With minimal Medicaid support, it is vital for CMC to become efficient with its billings.

In 2005, CMC was able to increase its low-income population from twenty-four percent of its total patients in 2004 to thirty-three percent in 2005 through financial subsidies through CCHF. CCHF also started to staff a free clinic at Florence Crittenden Center every other Thursday.

In 2006, CCHF/CMC worked on improving administrative tasks and changed to outsourcing billing and improving data tracking. They continued to work on strategic thinking

for supplementing revenue from the Pioneer Fund in order to ensure longevity, explore programs that deal with the cause of “medical indigence” versus symptoms and continued collaborative efforts with organizations that have similar missions. CMC served two hundred twenty new patients in 2006.

In 2007, CCHF improved billing and data gathering and provided medical care services in five locations and nine support services.

In 2008, CCHF determined that the model of providing healthcare to the uninsured at the current level was not sustainable. These patient services and costs were greater than could be sustained by CCHF and CMC at its current level. A transition would occur over the next two to four years in which levels of service to the uninsured would not exceed 15 percent, and a transition of CCHF staff and programs to CMC would occur.

In 2009, the transition from CCHF was occurring to place responsibility for the sustainability of CMC to CMC leaders. A target goal of being able to serve underprivileged children at the level of 25 percent in the practice was not financially sustainable for CMC, and the leaders were working to find a model that would be tenable for all of their goals. CCHF believed that 15 percent was a viable goal and would allow CMC to be sustainable without major government support or grants.

In 2010, the transition requiring CMC leaders to plan and manage CMC sustainability was in progress and its success was still undetermined. The target of having underprivileged children comprise 15 percent of the practice was not achieved and had changed minimally (25.6 percent) from the prior year (26.8 percent). CMC continues to provide medical and support services to those in need of healthcare.

Girls Scouts—Mile Hi Council

The Pioneer Fund made a contribution that allowed the Girl Scouts to create the Helen M. McLoraine Activity Center in a planned new camp located in Red Feathers Lake, Colorado. In addition, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Girl Scouts Scholarship Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by the Denver Foundation. This scholarship fund was established for girls who could not afford to attend camp otherwise. This camp is set in a beautiful mountain setting and will be the first introduction many young girl scouts will have to the outdoors.

In 2006, Mile Hi Council began building the camp near Red Feathers Lake, Colorado, and in 2007 the Helen M. McLoraine Activity Center was completed. The camp had its grand opening in June 2007. The activity center has a climbing wall inside as one of the fun activities. Additionally, they changed their name to Girl Scouts of Colorado with all five councils in Colorado merging into one organization.

During the first year of granting scholarships, eighty-eight girls received scholarships to camps through grants in the scholarship program, and eight girls with very special needs received scholarships. The total cost of the scholarships for 2007 was \$34,711.25, and with a

total of ninety-six campers that totaled \$579.65 per camper.

In 2008, one hundred twenty scholarships were provided to girl scout campers at Magic Sky Camp and one hundred twelve campers at Tomahawk Camp.

In 2009, ninety-nine scholarships were provided to Magic Sky camp and seventy-eight scholarships to Tomahawk camp. Scholarships were offered to girl scouts throughout Colorado. The transportation to the camps was an issue for some parents, so plans were made to begin providing transportation in 2010.

In 2010, a combined one hundred sixty-nine scholarships were awarded to both Magic Sky and Tomahawk camp. The scholarships to Tomahawk camp utilized the funds that accrued during the building phase of Magic Sky camp.

In 2011, seventy-one scholarships were awarded to Magic Sky campers. Because it appeared there would not be sufficient applicants to award future scholarships solely to Magic Sky campers, it was clarified that scholarships can be awarded to campers attending other camps such as Tomahawk camp in future years.

Many of the girls receiving these scholarships are able to go to camp for the first time and experience the outdoors and camaraderie in a camp setting as they never would have otherwise, as a result of Helen's generosity.

Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver

Prior to her passing, Helen was a longtime supporter of the Girls Inc. of Metro Denver and had made several contributions to help grow their endowment fund while also serving on their Board of Directors. Shortly before her passing, she also was a capital campaign financial supporter towards the building of the Girls Incorporated new building located at Julian and West Colfax in Denver, Colorado. In addition, Helen left a specific bequest to this organization to be added to their endowment fund.

In 2004, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Girls Inc. Scholarship Program Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation to support a scholarship program, which provides six college scholarships annually to help women obtain their college degrees.

Three categories of scholarships were created and appropriately named in reflection of Helen:

- Helen McLoraine Girls Inc. Scholarship Fund (\$10,000)
- Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarship Fund (two @ \$10,000 each)
- Teen Leadership Scholarship Fund (three @ \$5,000)

Sandina is one recipient. She attended Colorado University in the Fall of 2005, where she studied film. Her quote is, "I will commit my life to making the changes I see are needed. I, as a girl becoming a woman, can do this by being strong, smart, and bold."

In 2006 Girls Inc. continued to award scholarships to young girls. One young woman had been in and out of foster care and in detention centers most of her life. She attended high school while being detained. She wrote that she “felt lucky” with her life and the scholarship from Helen inspired her to go on to college. The first year three applicants applied, and the second year eleven girls applied.

In 2007, several young women applied for Helen’s scholarships, as the awareness of the scholarship opportunity had grown. Many of the young women have goals that require commitment, such as being a doctor, psychiatrist, librarian, and journalist. Since the origin of these scholarships the application process has evolved so that receiving a scholarship now requires applicants to be in top form for the interviews and written essays. Helen would be proud of these young women.

In 2008, awards were given to six young women. One is attending Regis University and the other five recipients were grades ten through twelve and would be using their scholarships for future education. Some of the girls intend to become a doctor, an educator, or to work on the international level.

In 2009, the scholarships were awarded in all categories. Girls Inc. worked on refining the scholarship process to award grants to the most deserving girls.

In 2010, twenty girls applied, and the six standard scholarships were awarded plus an additional \$5,000 award out of excess funds was made to a deserving girl. Among the schools the girls planned to attend were Eckerd College, University of Denver, Community College of Denver, University of Colorado at Denver, and Metro State College of Denver.

In 2011, these outstanding young scholarship recipients are summarized in the announcement reprinted later in this book—and can be accessed on the YouTube video entitled Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Winners 2011 uploaded by Girls Inc. of Metro Denver.

This scholarship will continue to provide opportunity to the strong, smart, and bold young girls of Girls Inc. of Metro Denver and build strong community leaders in the footsteps of Helen McLoraine.

Kempe Center

The Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Kempe Children’s Foundation Endowment Fund as a designated fund at The Denver Foundation to initially provide operating support for Kempe’s Fostering Healthy Futures Program (FHF). This program works to foster resilience and promote success for abused children placed in foster care. This funding allows Kempe to enroll the maximum (thirty-five to forty) children allowable by staffing levels each year. Fostering Healthy Futures is designed to improve mental health functioning, promote positive adult and peer relationships, reduce risky behavior problems, and increase academic achievement. They randomly enroll the children in one of two groups, an assessment group or an intensive intervention group. The assessment group receives evaluation of their cognitive, mental health, academic, and behavioral functioning. The intensive intervention group receives

the above plus participation in an intervention group that address their risky behaviors and mental health needs.

In 2006, Kempe expanded the program from Denver County to Adams County, added more mentors, enrolled fifty-nine children (up from their reported maximum of forty), surveyed teachers, enrolled eighteen children in their intensive intervention program and completed post intervention interview from the prior-year participants. There results for that year showed the intensive intervention group reported more life satisfaction and close friends, while teachers reported this group as being more socially accepted and thus less likely to receive school suspensions.

In 2007, Kempe reported that FHF was having a positive impact on social and life skills, academic performance, and self-esteem. Specifically, they engaged in fewer aggressive behaviors, participated in more extracurricular activities, and reported greater life satisfaction.

In 2008, Kempe expanded its program to youth in Arapahoe and Jefferson counties. They added sixteen graduate student internships versus eight the prior year and increased the mental health screening to seventy-one children from fifty-one the prior year. Since August 2002, they had enrolled three hundred children and their caregivers into this voluntary program. Kempe continued to receive positive feedback from anonymous program evaluations.

In 2009, Kempe increased their mental health screening to eight-five new children compared to seventy-one from the prior year. They had sixteen graduate student interns who served as mentors for participating youth and their families. Since 2002, a total of 384 children and their caregivers had been enrolled in their program. The program was expanded into Broomfield with continued monitoring of program elements. Quantitative data was available for the baseline interviews with youth. Reports of “positive impacts” were listed for findings after the youth had been in the Kempe programs.

In 2010, Kempe reported it had enrolled four hundred fifty children and their caregivers since 2002. Additionally, they have trained eighty-eight graduate students on methods for working with culturally diverse and high-risk youth in out-of-home care as a result of the abuse the youth have received while living at home. Seventy-one youth were enrolled, down from eighty-five the prior year. Future plans for the year included enrolling another group of students and training sixteen additional graduate students. Kempe also moved to a new home at Anschutz Medical Campus in 2009.

Kempe continues to support children in foster resilience and promote success for abused children placed in foster care, and this endowment fund will continue to support Kempe programs in this area.

Griffith Centers for Children

This center was an interest of Helen’s prior to her passing, and she admired the work of the leadership and staff of this organization on her site visits to the center. The center treats children who are economically disadvantaged, severely abused and neglected, and/or emotionally

troubled within a residential treatment setting. The original main facility was located in Larkspur with additional satellite locations in Rifle and Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Larkspur facility was able to use the care and responsibility of managing horses as a treatment method to assist in the recovery of the more troubled youth. During the last few years of her life, Helen began annual contributions to build up an endowment fund for the Griffith Center Foundation, and The Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Griffith Center Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation in 2004 for general operating support to further honor Helen's intentions and interest in this organization.

In December of 2005, they received their first annual distribution from this endowment.

In 2006, the Griffith Center found that 80 percent of the children receiving services at Griffith Center were able to step down to less restrictive programs due to the treatment plan at the center.

In 2007, the center invested in becoming certified in "evidence based programs" for foster care. They also expanded into Grand Junction and opened a home for troubled girls for the first time in their seventy-nine year history.

In 2008, as with many nonprofits in the difficult economy, funding for treatment services became less available. As a result, a treatment center in Rifle, Colorado, was closed. Successes for the year included 90 percent of the families receiving services through the Family Preservation Program and 80 percent of the children leaving the Residential Treatment Centers to go to a less restrictive setting due to advances made by the children while at the Griffith Center. They anticipated serving one thousand six hundred at-risk Colorado children and families in 2009.

In 2009, Griffith Center redesigned their programs without comprising services to respond to the economy. With Helen's funding they continued to receive operating support for the individuals they serve.

In 2010 and on, the Griffith Center continued to support children in need of therapeutic services to the most troubled youth. Each child that comes is as unique as the family he or she comes from. The economy has been challenging for the Griffith Center, and they have responded by redesigning their programs and staffing to reduce expenses without significantly compromising their services.

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)—Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC)

Throughout Helen's life a major part of her philanthropic support was provided for innovative medical research so that the positive outcomes of the research could go on to influence people for generations to come.

Multiple Myeloma is a form of bone marrow cancer for which there is no cure to date. It has historically received nominal federal funding as is typical with such an "orphan disease" affecting a more limited percentage of the population compared to other more common forms of cancer and illness. The Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium was founded in 2004. It was designed

to rapidly and systematically address critical challenges slowing drug development in myeloma. The consortium is a major project of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation founded in 1998 by Kathy Giusti following her diagnosis with multiple myeloma. The consortium was originally a collaborative effort of six leading research university centers studying multiple myeloma issues. It has grown each year to include additional medical research organizations as its efforts grew.

In 2004, the Pioneer Fund made a significant contribution to help develop and implement a tissue and data bank to the MMRC. The tissue bank is a repository that provides researchers with a critical mass of tissue to rapidly identify and validate new molecular targets for myeloma, and drugs that are active against these cancerous cells.

These funds helped support a tissue and data bank, which help increase the biological samples for researchers. The work has helped to advance research and drug development efforts.

As of May 2005, this funding along with other sources, had helped ignite innovative research by funding ninety-six grants in fifty-one laboratories worldwide to accelerate the development of lifesaving therapies such as Velcade and Revlimid and fund twenty new compounds that show promise in the treatment of this form of cancer. The tissue and data bank became fully operational in 2005.

In 2006, The Pioneer Fund made a second multiyear commitment to provide funds to help provide for the opening of a second proposed tissue bank in France. This tissue bank was to be a repository that provides researchers with a critical mass of tissue to rapidly identify and validate new molecular targets for myeloma, and drugs that are active against these cancerous cells. The plan was for a facility at the University of Nantes, France to support the collection of untreated myeloma patient tissue samples and enable researchers to conduct longitudinal studies of patients and corresponding genomic data throughout the lifecycle of their disease. Additionally, the MMRC expanded to ten leading research centers by the end of the year.

In early 2007, the Pioneer Fund was notified that this tissue bank in France was experiencing some difficulties with regulations and other cultural differences and that MMRF would be unable to pursue this project as originally envisioned. After it was determined that this project would not go forward, the remaining funding commitments were directed to the groundbreaking Multiple Myeloma Genomics Initiative (MMGI) study.

In 2008, MMRF continued to support innovative research with three paths: basic science, validation, and clinical trials. MMRF helped bridged what is termed the “valley of death,” which refers to the funding gap that occurs after promising discovery is made by a scientist and before an investors are willing to take a gamble on it. By end of the year 2008, MMRC had three hundred users of the genomics portal created as part of the MMGI study.

By 2009, The Pioneer Fund support for MMRF had helped establish a state-of-the-art functional tissue bank and databank, and over two hundred fifty patient samples were sequenced.

In 2010, work was continuing on an extensive genetic profile of myeloma, and thirty-eight complete genomic individual profiles had been completed as a basis for further studies.

In 2011, a new major project of the MMRF in the area of Personalized Medicine was begun. It promises to bring even newer and better individualized tools and understandings of the various unique factors that affect multiple myeloma patients in varying ways. It will provide for more efficient and targeted treatment in the future as knowledge of genetic and other individualized factors increases.

Under the leadership of Kathy Giusti, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation is recognized as the leading patient advocate medical organization that serves as a model of efficiency and achievement in their relentless pursuit of bringing new drugs to market in record time through collaborative support of academic centers and the pharmaceutical industry.

Sewell Child Development Center

Helen was a longtime supporter of Sewall Child Development Center during her years in Denver and provided ongoing operating support annually. In 2004, in recognition of Helen's long time interest, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Sewall Child Development Center Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by the Denver Foundation. It is used by Sewell to subsidize early childhood intervention programs for children who are economically disadvantaged, have special needs, and might not be able to access Sewell's education services without economic support. In 2005, Samuel was one child who benefited from Helen's gift. He has Down syndrome and chronic lung problems. Samuel's mom was stabbed to death in 2004 and his father had to enroll both Samuel and Samuel's brother, Neariah, in programs so that he could continue to work and support the family. The difficult placement was Samuel, and he has flourished now that he is attending Sewell. He is an example of one of several who have been helped by Helen's gift.

In 2005, Ouray and Chelsea were helped. These young children come from family backgrounds that are difficult to imagine. In one home setting violence was prevalent, and Sewell staff intervention by social services helped eliminate this threat and provide a stable home environment. With Helen's support the children have found a home that is stable and a school that is nurturing for the kids. Both Ouray and Chelsea look forward to coming to school and receiving support and hot meals at lunch time. Samuel has needed less attention than he did initially due to the early assistance he received and is progressing nicely because of the prior years' funding assistance.

In 2006, this funding helped Evan, who has a genetic disorder and Rose, who is visually impaired with problems walking and eating. Both have progressed as a result of the work by Sewell staff that was made possible by Helen's donation.

In 2007, Rebecca came to Sewall with major delays in speech and engaging with other people. She had a chaotic home life. Sewall family services' work with the family along with classroom intervention has helped to stabilize and improve Rebecca's life. Jamie came from a family with drug abuse, and she had been exposed to drugs in the womb. Work with Sewall has helped Jamie improve. Evan, who was helped in 2006, was six years old in 2007 and enrolled

in Denver Public Schools. His mother, upon a visit to Sewall, said he was walking and eating on his own.

In 2008, this fund assisted Kevin, a young boy with autism. He came to Sewall with emotional outbursts, yelling and screaming, with occasional hitting. He had no language skills or ways to communicate his wants. After three years at Sewall he is able to initiate verbal communication on his own. Kaylee came with a rare genetic condition and was completely immobile with little social and language development. Working with physical therapists she began using a walker and took her first steps ever at Sewall. She has begun to interact more with staff and other students and greets everyone with a “boisterous ‘good morning.’”

In 2009, three youth were assisted. Hanji, Elizabeth, and Robert. Hanji is now saying, “Hi, everyone,” Elizabeth no longer weaves as she walks down the hall, and Robert has started to make friends.

In 2010, Sewall gave an update on the three youth assisted the previous year who had benefited from their work with Helen’s giving.

Overall, Sewall served one hundred forty-five children ages three through five in 2010 with half of the kids living in poverty and unable to afford quality early education.

Special Olympics

In 2004, The Pioneer Fund agreed to and has since fulfilled a seven-year commitment to make an annual contribution to support Special Olympics efforts to expand its outreach on an international basis.

Grant Year 2005: Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation

Kristi Yamaguchi and her family were close friends with Helen, and she always admired Kristi’s talents, work ethic, and strong personal character that enabled Kristi to become the 1992 Ladies Olympic Gold Medalist. Helen also admired Kristi’s efforts to give back to the community as Kristi went on to establish the Always Dream Foundation with a mission to inspire and embrace the hopes and dreams of children.

Beginning in 2005, The Pioneer Fund became a supporter of Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation through a matching support grant for its annual fundraiser event. The Always Dream Foundation programs included support for Shoes that Fit for disadvantaged children, Girls Incorporated, after-school programs, reading programs, shelter programs for homeless individuals, and children’s hospital.

In 2006, the Always Dream Foundation helped organizations that empower and prepare children to achieve their dreams. In addition, some reserve funds were set aside for a special playground project in Kristi’s home town of Fremont, California. In addition, funds were given to the novice pair skating team of Tracy Tanovich and Michael Chau. They went on to become U.S. Junior Pairs Champions in 2009.

In 2007, the Always Dream Foundation moved forward with construction of the playground.

Additionally, the foundation engaged in the community by supporting The Children's Day Festival of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center of Northern Colorado, Children's Hospital and Research Center of Oakland, and the Youth Fund of the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2009, construction of the Always Dream Playpark was completed as a unique, state-of-the-art playground that allows children with disabilities to play alongside able-bodied kids in Kristi's hometown in Fremont, California.

In 2009 and 2010, The Pioneer Fund support allowed Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation to rebuild their reserves and start on a mission to focus on support for creating an internal early childhood literacy program in the Bay area.

In 2012, the Always Dream Foundation commenced its Early Childhood Literacy Initiative with involvement in several Bay area schools and plans to expand its "Always Reading Program" and other literacy initiatives in additional locations in future years.

Bowling Green State University

Helen was a strong supporter of figure skating and financially assisted Scott Hamilton in his efforts leading up to his Olympic Gold Medal in 1984. Scott was originally introduced to Frank ("Mac") and Helen McLoraine in 1977, and after Mac's sudden passing in 1979, Scott and Helen became close friends over the years. In honor of their relationship and Helen's giving goals focused on education, an endowment was established at Bowling Green University in memory of Scott's mom and dad at the school's Dallas Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. The Ernest & Dorothy Hamilton Professorships for Entrepreneurial Leadership selected Dr. Gene Poor as their first professor in August 2005.

Dr. Poor is an entrepreneur and professor of visual communications technology at the University. He has taught an introductory course in entrepreneurship and is working on curriculum development. He is working with companies to help them understand the importance of the innovation process. Additionally, he has been a speaker at a variety of companies and community-based organizations.

In 2009, a gift to endow the Scott Hamilton Hockey Scholarship was made to Bowling Green State University as part of the "Bring Back the Glory" campaign surrounding the Building Dreams capital campaign. This is one of the arenas where Scott first learned how to skate while his parents lived in Bowling Green and were professors at the University. In addition, in further support of the business school and recognition of her skating-scholar status, The Alissa Czisny Entrepreneurship Scholarship was established as well. Alissa is a two-time U.S. National Champion and the 2011 Senior Grand Prix Ladies Champion. She is another talented figure skater who started her career skating in Bowling Green and graduated with honors from Bowling Green State University in 2009.

Clayton Foundation

Helen believed strongly in education, and with her foresight, she made long-term investments in education. The Clayton Foundation works to improve early childhood education through programming that advances the child, teacher education and training, and program assessment and development. Clayton Foundation works with child care centers, family child care homes, and early education programs throughout Colorado to improve the quality of early care and education for at-risk children who are one to five years old.

In 2005, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen McLoraine Clayton Foundation Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation to support two programs to receive the benefit of intensive staff and facility training and oversight for their respective early childhood learning centers. One was for the Florence Crittenton Center, and the second was for the Children's Outreach Project. The combination of these two programs helped thirty staff receive training, and they impacted one hundred sixty-eight children in positive ways as a result of the education they received.

In 2006, this fund continued to support focused training and coaching to early childhood programs for teachers and administrators at Parent Pathways Florence Crittenton Center and The Children's Outreach Project located in Adams County, Colorado.

In 2007, Clayton entered the third and final year of work with the Children's Outreach Program. Their goal was to help the program sustain the high levels of achievement after Clayton's final year of involvement. They started work with a new program in Adams County called Little Giants, which serves high-risk youth in four preschool programs.

In 2008, Clayton reported they were able to fill teacher openings with more qualified staff, resulting in better classroom instruction. The Qualistar ratings showed high performance in family partnerships and adult-to-child ratio for the Children's Outreach Project. Training and education was in need of development within both the Children's Outreach Program and Little Giants. Little Giants also needed work on family partnerships.

In 2009, Clayton served one hundred five children in two sites. The teachers reported increased confidence and provided conversations with children that were more positive and encouraging and less directional regarding what not to do. They continued to work on collaboration and teacher training.

In 2010, one hundred five children were served in two sites. Clayton teachers were coached on assisting children to manage conflicts with their peers and preparing the learning environment to offer positive interactions among children.

Emily Krzyzewski Family Life Center

The Emily K. Center serves as an afterschool program and a gathering place for families in Durham, North Carolina in a neighborhood that has a growing immigrant population. The center's mission is to provide support for the children and families by integrating education, skill development, and recreational programs. The Pioneer Fund made a four-year commitment

with contributions to the center directed to the after-school program, which had its first group of attendees in the fall of 2005.

In 2006, the center had a pilot program to discover what worked and what did not work. One area of focus was to support the students through college and help to develop them into future leaders.

In 2007, students who were two-thirds below reading level improved to two-thirds above, world-class pro bono partners “jumped on train,” and a group of economically disadvantaged youth with committed family support, academic promise, and leadership potential was identified. This helps to have an impact with those who need support using the center’s limited resources.

In 2008, The Pioneer Fund voted to continue three more years of funding for the center. A K-College model was developed, which is an achievement-oriented, out-of-school model focused on academic, character, and leadership development from early elementary school through college. In reading, 52 percent were below grade level, but by the end of year only 21 percent were below grade level. In math, 46 percent were below grade level, but by the end of year 31 percent were below grade level.

In 2009–2010, sixty-eight students from nineteen elementary and middle school programs were enrolled in the Pioneer Scholars program. On average, the students performing at or above grade level increased from 51 percent to 85 percent in reading and from 57 percent to 92 percent in math.

Florence Crittenton/Parent Pathways

The Florence Crittenton School is a major project of the Parent Pathways Foundation. The school is a Denver-area school specifically operated to provide opportunity for high school age pregnant teens and teen moms to continue their high school education in an environment specifically able to accommodate their needs and provide the necessary unique support structure not otherwise available in a traditional high school setting. This school is designed to enable teen parents to stay in school, learn proper parenting techniques, raise healthy families, and help to break the cycle of poverty associated with teen moms who do not go on to graduate from high school. The school includes The Early Learning Center, which has six classrooms that each accommodates ten infants and toddlers. The school helps teen moms stay in school, graduate from high school, and give birth to healthy babies. Additionally, the program provides education to the students so they can be nurturing mothers, prevent repeat pregnancies, and acquire jobs skills and work experience.

In 2005, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Parent Pathways Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation specifically in support of the Early Learning Center part of the Florence Crittenton high school, which focuses on the infant’s needs and provides hands-on labs for the parents to learn to support their children.

In 2005, the endowment distributions allowed Florence Crittenton to hire a half-time

administrative person plus one full-time staff person in the infant rooms.

In 2006, the Early Learning Center (formerly known as Infant/Toddler Learning Center) assisted two hundred sixty young mothers and seventy-five infants and toddlers.

In 2007, they increased administrative assistance to allow the Learning Center Director to spend more time in classrooms, hired two more staff for the infant room, reduced the child-to-staff ratio to just below 5:1, hired a program director with more education, and reported increased quality of education and training for early childhood educators.

In 2008, they increased their administrative help by hiring a learning center director. They also had two floating staff in the classrooms to keep classes at ten kids or below. They were not able to meet the 1:5 ratio recommended as best practices because of more parents with children in the school.

In 2009, administrative assistance to the learning center director was increased, additional staff for the two infant classrooms to improve staff-to-child ratio occurred, reducing the number of children in classrooms to less than ten (while not always at a five-to-one ratio), enhanced the Early Childhood Education/parent specialist position to embed parent education, and continued to replace staff that were leaving with staff members who were more qualified in early childhood education.

In 2010, they changed the official name of the organization to Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado. The board decided to fold their Young Fathers Program into a Family Engagement Center. The Early Learning Center and the focal point for Helen's funding had one hundred five individual students and sixty-eight child care slots. The official child-to-staff ratio was 3.67:1. They had hired 1.5 FTE (Full time equivalent) teachers as floaters for the classrooms, acquired new leadership for the Early Learning Center, as well as a Parent Education Specialist.

Michael J Fox Foundation

The Michael J. Fox Foundation supports research on Parkinson's Disease (PD). The Pioneer Fund made a significant contribution to support four projects within the MJF Clinical Discovery Program, which is an investigator-initiated peer-reviewed program, to provide researchers with grants to conduct small, innovative clinical studies designed to obtain the preliminary data needed to merit larger, National Institute of Health funded trials. The funds were provided in 2005. The press release, which discusses these four projects in more detail, can be found at the end of this section.

An additional grant was made to help fund an exciting groundbreaking phase one clinical trial of CERE-120, a novel gene therapy approach to deliver the trophic factor neuturin. The funding allowed for augmented data collection and more robust results, overall speeding progress for phase two clinical trials.

Discovery funds largely distributed through the government funding process overall for PD are approximately \$200 million per year. As of 2007, Team Fox's budget for discovery is \$30 million, and if they see anything promising to help patients with PD they "fund it." They

currently have one hundred eighty-five grants and are working on an efficient discovery model that collaborates with academic and pharmaceutical company research so that discoveries for PD occur sooner. They have advanced the pace of discovery by advancing the best science in the field forward “all the way to the clinic” as quickly as possible. An assessment of impact report shows progress in converting discovery into pre-clinical research, bringing known targets (compounds approved for medications) into clinical testing for PD, driving application of new technologies to PD therapeutics development, ensuring robust data and definitive outcomes from clinical trials, and enabling critical tools and resources.

They continue to work on the vision of “doing whatever it takes to accelerate better treatments for Parkinson’s disease” with 85 percent of their funds going towards research-related activities, as there are over five million people worldwide with PD. These funds are divided between translational research (66 percent), clinical (27 percent), and target discovery (7 percent).

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital was founded by the late actor Danny Thomas in the early 1960s. The Hospital is located in Memphis, Tennessee, and its focus is on children who are very sick. The hospital has a longstanding promise to treat children without any regard to ability to pay. Helen had a longstanding passion for assisting innovative and state-of-the-art medical research and advances. Through the Pioneer Fund, the initial grant provides funds for the Pharmacogenomics Laboratory, where gene expression profiling is used to study how populations of specific genes control an individual’s response to drug therapy. This work has an eye toward the future and assists patients and their treatments to minimize the negative side effects that occur with catastrophic illnesses. The funds were provided in early 2005.

In 2005, the focus of the pharmacogenomics laboratory program was initially in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Prior to Helen’s funding the program focused on a “one-gene-at-a-time target” or a candidate-gene approach. The funding has allowed the program to utilize a genome-wide approach. The majority of the funds have allowed St. Jude’s to apply state-of-the-art SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) DNA chip technology to test SNPs in patient germ line and leukemia samples. Basically, this allows St. Jude’s to find the differences in cells with cancer against a baseline of cells without cancer in children. Additionally, collaboration with other research institutes investigating cancer was initiated in 2005.

Throughout 2006, work continued on this pharmacogenomics research through the leadership of Mary Relling, Pharm.D. and Erin Schuetz, Ph.D.

In 2007, The Pioneer Fund made a second grant to create the Scott and Tracie Hamilton Chair in the Brain Tumor Program to support Brain Tumor Research in honor of Scott Hamilton and Tracie Hamilton’s ongoing support, passion, and efforts for the young patients of St. Jude’s.

Meanwhile, the work on the pharmacogenomics laboratory program as a result of the

initial contribution has allowed St. Jude's to identify candidate genes based upon their prior knowledge of likely involved genes and using agnostic genome-wide tolls with SNP profiles and gene expression arrays. They compare differences between the germ line (inherited) and the acquired genetic changes of leukemic cells.

In 2008, the contributions allowed St. Jude's to further advance the move from an "on-gene-at-a-time" target or candidate-gene approach to the use of genome-wide approaches by investing in gene-chip-array technology. This has allowed them to associate several new genes that were not previously known to be associated with leukemia.

Each year, St. Jude's continues to provide cutting edge research and help to children who are very ill with cancer.

Summer Scholars

Summer Scholars is a community-based youth development initiative to promote literacy and improve academic performance of at-risk elementary students in Northeast Denver principally by providing reading instruction programs in the summer break period when many such children tend to fall behind. They also offer certain after-school reading enrichment programs in selected areas.

In 2005, the Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Summer Scholars Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation. The initial funds were provided in 2005 for general operating funds centering on the Summer Scholars mission. Summer Scholars was able to help a total of two hundred forty-eight children in both the after-school and summer program. They have also enlisted independent researchers from the Center for Public Policy Studies to conduct a formal evaluation of both programs to be made available in early 2006.

In 2006, they partnered with eighteen Denver public elementary schools to provide one thousand seven hundred fifty at-risk youth high-quality reading instruction and enrichment activities outside of school hours. Summer Scholars had goals focused on reading, parental involvement, and social skills for the at-risk youth. No results were given in the report as to the outcome of their goals.

In 2007, they partnered with eighteen Denver public elementary schools to provide one thousand seven hundred fifty at-risk youth with high-quality reading instruction, nine hundred fifty-three were served during the summer, eight hundred twenty-three were served after school, and one hundred twenty-nine parents were included in reading literacy programs. Numeric gains were made by the majority of kids, and approximately half achieved a benchmark.

In 2008, they offered summer programs at eighteen schools for nine hundred fifty-three kids. During the year, they offered an after-school program at three schools and at five recreation centers. They also partnered with Denver Parks and Recreation to provide an after-school program along with recreational activities. A family literacy program was offered at thirteen sites in conjunction with the summer reading program. It was reported that 15 percent of

summer scholar students moved into the proficient reading range and 17 percent did so with math with CSAP scores.

In 2009, Summer Scholars provided one thousand six hundred seventy-five at-risk youth with high-quality reading instruction. Ninety-eight percent of the students made some gain in reading capabilities, with 70 percent moving up one level. Overall, 97 percent of the students made demonstrable gains in reading skills.

In 2010, and on, Summer Scholars has continued to help children become “scholars” through after-school and summer programs.

On Our Own

On Our Own is an acute learning-disability community center, which houses up to sixty-four adults and has been in existence for twenty-five years. It is a residential community that focuses on friendship and care of each other. Each member is chosen by the group, and all members are hardworking, self-directed members who need companionship of likeminded people with good hearts. Helen’s foundation has given a grant to hire one individual on a part-time basis to assist the founder of On Our Own with some of the work. This founder (Rosita) has never received compensation for her work and has been the driving force for this organization.

On Our Own has established a group called “The Forward Thinking Group,” and with the first grant from The Pioneer Fund it has been able to establish a payroll for its employees. The last time they paid anyone was twenty years ago. So the group is able to receive some needed funds for their time and to use the funds as a way to think and work together—all because of Helen’s gift.

In 2006, On Our Own formulated a business plan to carry them into the future beyond Rosita’s tenure and asked the members of On Our Own to help fund raise and match half of The Pioneer Fund’s yearly grant. Each member was asked to participate in asking for and contributing their own funds. They took part in a sponsored Walk for Justice in September, 2006.

In 2007, they were still contemplating how to manage the future for the members.

In 2008, The Pioneer Fund began a discussion with On Our Own regarding the long-term planning for the stability of the organization including feasibility of home ownership for the members as part of the succession plan when Rosita would no longer be with the organization. They have not found an answer to the complexities of involving differently-abled adults in their membership, and achieving sustainability of the organization after Rosita is no longer able lead the organization.

While addressing the long-term needs of the organization they have assisted adults with housing, aging needs, and have successfully raised funds with their yard sale.

In 2009, On Our Own lost one member who was forty-four years old and had been in the program for twenty-two years. Rosita has continued to love and care for the members.

They were able to get identical hard drives in the twelve computers, so the members can use them in their homes. An outdoor living area was being constructed by one of the parents of the members, and Rosita was looking at getting an office/garage combination in 2010 for her office. The long-term plan was put on the back burner because of deaths and illnesses of members as well as ongoing operations.

In 2010, On Our Own experienced many challenges with care giving and member deaths. Rosita found people to assist members who were sincerely attached to the members who had died. Additionally, she has become invested in the need to create a succession plan for the members, because they are family to her and a “will” is necessary.

University of Colorado Pre-Collegiate Scholarship Program Endowment

In 2005, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine University of Colorado Pre-Collegiate Scholarship Program Endowment Fund as a challenge-matching grant designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation. This fund is used to provide scholarships for students who participate in a pre-collegiate preparatory program sponsored by the university with the goal of enhancing the diversity of the university and providing opportunities to historically under-represented groups at the university.

In 2009–2010, CU awarded \$198,000 for pre-collegiate scholarships to eighty-two students representing all three university campuses. The Pioneer Fund Scholars represent forty-one first-time freshmen.

Grant Year 2006: The Gathering Place

\Helen was a supporter of The Gathering Place during her lifetime, and the Pioneer Fund contributed funds for a learning center within the rebuilt The Gathering Place (TGP). The Gathering Place helps homeless women and their children become independent and self-confident. The new building houses the Helen M. McLoraine Learning Center, and it opened in 2007. In addition, The Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Gathering Place Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation to provide annual operational support for the Learning Center within The Gathering Place.

In 2007, The Gathering Place celebrated its grand opening. One of the goals for 2008 was to have The Gathering Place open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm seven days a week.

In 2008, TGP was in the new home and had plans to rebuild their ability to serve women and children in additional areas of assistance. TGP hired one resource advocate and one case manager on a part-time basis. Additionally, volunteer resource hours were added along with a card project coordinator, a data entry and programming specialist, and a GED teacher. The benchmarks for students in the learning center classes were down because of the inability to be in the building while it was undergoing construction. TGP expanded its hours and was open 7 days per week. TGP used the endowment fund resources to spark a 25 percent increase in visits to the new learning center. The following benchmarks were achieved:

- Participation in GED programs/month was 29 students; the benchmark was 24.
- GED subject test passed/month was 3.6; the benchmark was 1.
- Visits to computer lab/month was 542; the benchmark was 98.

In 2009, learning center operational hours were expanded, 15 hours of tutoring a week were added, and volunteer support was expanded as a result of the endowment.

In 2010, TGP added 10 hours to a volunteer position, maintained a card project coordinator, a GED instructor, and a part-time data entry and programming specialist. During the year, 12 women each earned a GED and 226 attended computer classes for a total of 11,688 visits. The Gathering Place continues to support women who are in need of housing and other services.

Regis University

The Pioneer Fund created a designated endowment fund managed by The Denver Foundation to support the Helen McLoraine Regis University Teacher Education Fund. This fund helps non- traditional students with financial assistance during the time they are student teaching if they have a goal of working in schools that are more challenging to place teachers in once they graduate. This fund was created because existing scholarship funds rarely cover the required student-teaching semester expenses.

In 2007, the first recipient to receive a student-teaching scholarship was Kristi H. She was a single mother who would not have been able to complete the student teaching requirement without this scholarship. She accepted a position in a high-needs school in Colorado Springs.

In 2008, four students were able to complete their student teaching semester as a result of this scholarship. These students moved on to teach in schools that find it harder to attract high-quality teachers, as their students have great needs.

In 2009, five students were able to complete their student teaching requirements as a result of this Regis scholarship program. These students planned to teach in schools that find it harder to attract quality teachers as their students have great needs. Four of the five students completed their student teaching at high-need schools, typically defined as those schools where fifty percent or more students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Four of the alumni now teach at high-needs schools as full-time teachers.

Through the 2012 school year, this fund has assisted twenty-two student teachers with scholarship funding since program inception.

Regis University continues to provide “education for leadership in the service of others” and Helen’s endowment through The Pioneer Fund to The Helen McLoraine Regis University Teacher Education Fund enables Regis University’s service to others.

Helen M. McLoraine Nonprofit Employee Scholarship Fund

Through the Pioneer Fund, the Helen M. McLoraine Nonprofit Employee Scholarship Fund, an endowed scholarship fund, was created. This scholarship program is fully operated by

The Denver Foundation. Employees of certain smaller human-service-based nonprofits in the Denver metro area who work at least twenty hours weekly are eligible. This scholarship covers either undergraduate or graduate studies. Helen believed in those who gave to others and in education, so this scholarship fund honors her dedication to those two values.

In 2007, awards were given to the first recipients. They included people working on meals for sick people, people working on homelessness, immigration issues, and other worthy causes.

In 2008, the quality of applicants was strong and awards were made to eleven applicants working in various social related fields.

Scholarships have continued to be awarded annually, and in 2012, fifteen applicants representing thirteen different Denver-area social service agencies received scholarships from this fund.

As a permanent scholarship fund of The Denver Foundation, The Helen M. McLoraine Nonprofit Employee Scholarship Fund will continue to provide scholarships to employees at smaller nonprofits in the Denver Metro Area. The applicants and awardees are individuals who inspire and serve others.

Vine Hill Medical Clinic—University Community Health Services

Scott Hamilton visited this clinic in Nashville, and with his thoughtful eye and caring heart, he saw a need for assistance. Scott recommended that funds from the Pioneer Fund be used to help this clinic that serves twenty thousand patient visits each year. Most of the patients are unable to receive medical care and often travel up to sixty-seven miles each way to receive treatment. Helen's lifelong concern for people in need of such assistance helps these people with basic healthcare needs. The Pioneer Fund has made annual grants to this organization.

In 2007, the needs were assistance with a building expansion and funds to help with their mission of primary care for medically underserved. Vine Hill Medical Clinic continues to serve patients unable to receive proper medical care because of economic challenges or medical insurance issues.

In 2008, the contribution was used to equip the newly-opened dental services room at the clinic to provide basic dental care to those who could not otherwise afford it, and the 2009 contribution was used to expand that new service.

In 2011, the funds were used to help purchase needed supplies and equipment at a second new clinic location that would be opened in Antioch, Tennessee.

Doctors Care

Doctors Care is a program that provides medical assistance for low-income, uninsured children and families in Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert counties. Denver metro-area doctors, nurses, and medical care organizations volunteer their time and resources and provide help to three thousand five hundred patients with five thousand six hundred visits to the clinic annually. Doctors Care provides an integrated case management approach and has success

stories that validate this approach.

In 2006, The Pioneer Fund made a five-year-grant commitment to allow Doctors Care to expand its mission to allow the program to comprehensively and systematically integrate mental health treatment into its primary care services. In 2006 and 2007, the funds received helped Doctors Care with the goal of offering access to affordable integrated care and case management services. They worked in succession planning, fund raising, and examined ways to help other organizations replicate the success of Doctors Care. They moved to a new location that houses all of their operations and inventory. The location is favorable and draws more volunteers.

In 2008, the funds contributed to key staff salaries that supported integrated care programs in the mental care area.

In 2009, Doctors Care served five thousand two hundred patients and leveraged healthcare services by providing \$11 worth of services for every \$1 raised. The clinic offered twenty-five hours weekly of integrated care services, and a clear process for patients to access mental care services had been developed as a result of Helen's giving.

In 2010, they had achieved an organized network of over nine hundred physicians and had outgrown their capacity to serve. They served over five thousand patients annually and leverage healthcare services by providing \$10 worth of services for every \$1 raised. They will be moving to a new home in May, 2011.

Doctors Care continues to provide medical assistance including mental healthcare services for low-income children and families.

Pituitary Network Association

Beginning in 2006, The Pioneer Fund made a series of grants to the Pituitary Network Association. The first grant was in support of the virtual resource center website, which was a pilot project to create resources and awareness for both patients and the medical community regarding the various issues surrounding pituitary-related medical ailments. Later contributions were directed at media information projects and speaking engagements so that the resources offered to the pituitary patient community could be accessed and improved upon through additional support, information, research, and medical community education programs for the benefit of pituitary-related issues for the patient.

Grant Year 2007: Colorado State University-Pueblo

On behalf of Helen, the Pioneer Fund created the Helen M. McLoraine Colorado State University-Pueblo Scholarship Endowment Fund as a designated fund managed by The Denver Foundation to provide financial scholarship assistance to low-income, non-traditional students of underrepresented groups who attended Colorado State University in Pueblo.

In 2007, CSU-Pueblo awarded nine scholarships for a total of \$41,000. The students were not likely to be able to go to college without the grants from this scholarship fund.

In 2008, they awarded eight scholarships to students who were generally averaging 3.0 or higher on a four-point grading scale. The students were in their first or second year of college.

In 2009, they awarded seven scholarships. The awardees came from different backgrounds such as economically-disadvantaged homes, first in the family to attend college, or a non-traditional student who is working and attending school. All are succeeding in achieving GPAs of approximately 3.0 or higher.

In 2010, CSU-Pueblo signed an articulation agreement with all fifteen community colleges in Colorado allowing students with academic credits at a community college in Colorado to align these credits and transfer all to twenty-eight corresponding majors at CSU-Pueblo. Additionally, they announced a commitment to a Colorado campaign that guarantees admission to full-time resident undergraduates (family gross income of \$50,000 or less and who receive a Pell grant) that they will receive enough financial aid grants to cover tuition and mandatory fees starting Fall, 2011.

In 2012, the university reported that it awarded scholarships to twenty low-income, non-traditional students of underrepresented groups since the 2007–2008 academic year, including five individuals who graduated in the 2011 academic year. Similar to all endowment funds, this Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship program at CSU-Pueblo will continue on into perpetuity.

Myelin Repair Foundation

A two-year grant was made for research on the myelin tissue that surrounds the nerve that is damaged in Multiple Sclerosis patients. A collaborative approach to this research is being undertaken.

In 2008, the Myelin Repair Foundation hosted a scientific meeting with fifty scientists from renowned universities. They noted that they comprised the largest research effort in the world on myelin repair. Eighty percent of the experiments came from two or more core laboratories, and this foundation facilitates the sharing of research that is important to myelin repair. This research has identified nineteen new potential myelin repair drug targets and twenty-four new research tools essential for conducting cutting-edge research in neurological diseases. There goals are to:

1. Identify and develop four to six new therapeutic targets
2. Finalize validation of top three targets
3. Prepare and file three to five new patent applications on discoveries
4. Establish an MRF Human Neural Assay Center to test and confirm targets' relevancy in human tissues

Progress was made in identifying two new therapeutic targets, initiating target validation studies on three programs, preparing five new patent applications with one issued in 2008 and decided to redeploy resources for goal number four to target validation activities.

T&R Fund

In 2007, The Pioneer Fund made a grant contribution agreement that helped the T&R Fund provide scholarships to single parents who were at least in the their second year of college. These scholarships were to help with incidental expenses such as day care and gas that sometimes prevent single parents from being able to continue their education. T&R Fund had already been providing assistance to five parents, and with The Pioneer Fund grant, they increased assistance to fifteen parents for 2008.

In 2008, the number of scholarships was increased to twenty-seven, allowing more single parents to complete their education.

In 2009, there were twenty-seven scholars with twelve graduating, ten returning to complete education, three shifting to part-time status, one leaving school for unknown reasons, and one getting married and leaving school. There were twenty-three new scholars entering in the 2010/2011 school year.

In 2010, thirty scholarships were awarded. There were substantially more requests than scholarships available. The program will continue to increase the awards and distribute the funds over a fifteen year period. In 2011 and beyond, the T&R fund will assist single parents who are motivated to achieve by getting an education.

Grant Year 2008: Mount Saint Vincent Home for Children

The predecessor to Mount Saint Vincent Home for Children was originally established in February, 1883 as St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas in West Denver. This organization now serves as a residential home and treatment center to thirty-six children in three cottages, plus it has a separate living area called Aspen House, which is for teenagers. In addition, Mt. St. Vincent operates its own elementary school, which is limited to youth who have been referred needing specialized education and therapeutic treatments. It also operates a summer enrichment program for area youth and operates a pre-school program for children in the West Denver area. Over the past few years, Pioneer Fund grants were made to this organization for partial support toward the construction of an outdoor soccer/football playing field with synthetic turf, playground equipment, a children's outdoor pavilion, dining room furniture, and a circle of peace sculpture that adorns the entrance to the main building. This organization is long-standing, and houses children who no longer have parents or are in need of a home because of a dysfunctional family unit. It also provides special educational opportunities to other area children needing additional therapeutic treatments to address past childhood issues.

Brain Research Foundation

The Brain Research Foundation was established in 1953 with the purpose to achieve greater understanding as to how the brain functions and work toward eventual cures for neurological

diseases through the support of grants to researchers in related fields of study. It was initially established as a supporting organization of the University of Chicago but now operates as an independent foundation.

Dr. Lawrence Pottenger was a cousin of Helen's, and all of the Pottenger family members were longtime friends of Helen and Frank McLoraine. Dr. Pottenger was a noted orthopedic research professor and medical professional at the University of Chicago. He tragically was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease (AD) and passed away at the age of sixty-two in 2006. The Pioneer Fund wished to support the research of Dr. James Mastrianni, who specialized in the study of early AD and who had treated Larry through his illness. In 2007, Pioneer Fund made a four-year grant to support the opening of an Atypical Dementia Center (ADC) created by Dr. Mastrianni.

In 2008, ADC hired a nurse coordinator, established a clinic to treat only patients with Alzheimer's disease under the age of sixty-five, and purchased equipment and supplies. Research focused on the prion protein carrying mutations known to produce disease in patients. Dr. Mastrianni worked collaboratively with other medical professionals who specialize in this area. There were several sources of funding for the ADC, and The Pioneer Fund was one of the contributors through the Brain Research Foundation.

In 2010, the ADC, under Dr. Mastrianni's leadership, established a support staff to evaluate patients with atypical dementia and continued work on the study of early changes within the brains of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

In 2010, The Pioneer Fund established the Helen M. McLoraine Neuroscience Research Fund at the Brain Research Foundation as an endowment fund to continue ongoing support for Dr. Mastrianni's research work and Atypical Dementia Center, which is currently placed at the University of Chicago.

House Research Institute

As previously mentioned, Helen McLoraine had special interest in supporting the House Research Institute (HRI) during her lifetime.

In 2008, The Pioneer Fund made a further five-year grant commitment further help research on hearing by funding a study on neural tumors. HRI hired a recognized leader in neural tumor research. The main goal was to understand the function of the NF2 gene, which is mutated in patients with neurofibromatosis type 2. These tumors affect hearing because of the pressure they place on the hearing nerve. Removal of the tumors can result in complete deafness or damage to facial nerves.

By 2009–2010, HRI developed a biospecimen bank and database with more than three hundred specimens. Additionally, they established a number of preclinical tools to test and screen drug compounds as NF2 therapeutic agents, and those studies have been launched.

The House Ear Institute will continue work on research and education in hearing loss. The organization celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary in 2011.

Grant Year 2009: Women's Health Research Center

The Women's Health Research Center is part of the University of Colorado School of Medicine. It is located in the Anschutz Medical Campus at the University of Colorado-Denver.

In 2009, The Pioneer Fund made a four-year seed grant to support the research of young scientists and physicians whose research focused on women's health issues.

In 2010, the research focused on strokes in infants, and in 2011, research was conducted on novel biomarkers of cardiovascular disease.

Lewis E. Myers Jr. Endowment to Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront is a non-profit that serves military families with wounded warriors. In 2009, The Pioneer Fund established the Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Caregivers Fund as a designated endowment fund managed by the Denver Foundation for the benefit of Operation Homefront in honor of Helen's beloved brother, Lewis E. Myers, Jr. to help caregivers with wounded warriors, served by Operation Homefront.

As the trustees have gone through Helen's treasures, we were moved by the bond she had with her brother, Lewis, and by his commitment to his country. When setting up this endowment, the letter below was written to be given to each recipient in hopes they would be inspired and comforted by Lewis's dedication to his country.



Lewis E. Myers, Jr.

The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Caregivers Fund Letter

When Lewis E. Myers, Jr. took the vows for membership in Phi Delta Theta he stated that he would "wield his sword in defense of justice, glory and righteousness." This is exactly what Lieutenant Lewis E. Myers Jr., USNR did, sacrificing his life along the way. Born in 1916, Lewis, along with his beloved sister Helen, and parents Lewis and Mabel, grew up in Chicago,

Illinois. Lewis, having engaged in amateur theatricals since childhood, was blessed with an exuberant personality and a resonant expressive voice. Theatre and acting were his passion and he gained several accolades with his theatrical skills. Yet the war came a calling and in 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve for four years.

In February of 1941, Lewis accepted appointment as Midshipman and executed the oath of office as Ensign. Lewis was assigned to the U.S.S. Little in June 1941. On September 5, 1942, the U.S.S. Little was attacked by the Japanese and sunk while supporting the landing of Marines at Guadalcanal and Tulagi, opening the Solomons Campaign. While the ship was on fire Lewis was high above in the crow's nest and had not heard the order to abandon ship. With the U.S.S. Little on fire and Lewis the only remaining living soldier on the ship, he navigated his way down the ladder, slide on a guy wire and dropped into the water.

For the next six hours he was alone in the dark of the night and the cold deep waters. As the first streaks of dawn appeared he spotted several rafts from the U.S.S. Little and a sister ship the U.S.S. Gregory which had also been sunk. He climbed on board a raft and into safety, this time.

Soon after the U.S.S. Little sank, Lewis was eager to get back on a submarine. During the next year he was aboard several other submarines before being assigned to the U.S.S. Trout as Gunnery and Torpedo Officer, in August of 1943. During a brief visit home with his mother, father and sister in November of 1943, Lewis was full of pride with the work his fellow soldiers was doing and "wanted to be out there again".

The Trout left Pearl Harbor on February 8, 1944 enroute to her eleventh patrol. She stopped off for refueling at Midway and left there on February 16th, 1944 never to be heard of again. The Navy department's official report states "In February, 1944 the U.S.S. Trout, while on an offensive war patrol in enemy controlled waters, heavily patrolled by enemy air and surface forces, failed to return as scheduled."

In his last letter he writes, "Dear Mother, Father and Helen, I... sit down with a great feeling of satisfaction and preparedness to meet my future problems. I am able to frequently work very long hours for some periods of time and never notice it." Lewis closes his last letter, "Love and Best Wishes all."

The Lewis E. Myers Jr. Caregivers Fund is founded on behalf of the late Helen M. McLoraine (formerly Helen M. Myers) and her beloved brother Lewis E. Myers Jr. The endowment honors those who gave service to their country, were wounded while "wielding his or her sword in defense of justice, glory and righteousness" and the caregivers who nurture them with love. May Lewis' last feelings of satisfaction and preparedness to meet future problems, and salutation of "Love and Best Wishes all" bless you and your family.

The Helen M. McLoraine Opportunity Scholarship Fund

In 2009, The Pioneer Fund established this college scholarship endowment fund held at and fully operated by the Denver Foundation to provide educational scholarships to individuals

who have had to face extraordinary or challenging circumstances, have actively taken steps to improve their lives, and are committed to advancing their education. The first-year applicants were individuals who were working hard to achieve their dreams and might not have received a scholarship had it not been for this scholarship fund. This fund was originally open to applicants who had been connected with or involved with several specified organizations to which The Pioneer Fund had already been granting support for the respective organizations' projects and missions. In 2011, this fund received twenty-seven applications, and the Denver Foundation selection committee awarded \$41,300 to fourteen students from this fund. In 2012, this fund received thirty-eight applications and the Denver Foundation selection committee awarded \$43,800 to fifteen students from this fund.

United States Figure Skating—Scholastic Honors Award Fund

To ensure that this existing program of the U.S. Figure Skating Association would continue to operate on a permanent basis, The Pioneer Fund established the United States Figure Skating—Scholarship Honors Award Fund as a designated endowment fund at The Denver Foundation to support the Scholastic Honors Award program at U.S. Figure Skating. Every year, ten eleventh- or twelfth-grade high school applicants are named to the Scholastic Honors Team and are recognized with an on-ice ceremony at the annual U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Each team member is given a monetary scholarship award and a further contribution is made to a chosen charity of his or her choice as part of this award.

United States Figure Skating—Collegiate Championship Award Fund

In honor of Helen's commitment to education and her passion for figure skating, The Pioneer Fund established the United States Figure Skating—Collegiate Championship Award Fund as a designated endowment fund at The Denver Foundation. This initiative created the collegiate championship award fund whereby the winner of each year's Senior Ladies and Mens events at this annual competition would be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship if he or she continue to meet school attendance guidelines beginning with the 2010 Collegiate Championships annual competition.

Grant Year 2010: International Rett Syndrome Foundation

Rett syndrome (RTT) is a neurological brain disorder affecting development in childhood. It has been identified almost exclusively in females. RTT results in severe movement and communication problems following apparently normal development for the first six months of life. Characteristic features include loss of speech, occurrence of repetitive hand movements, abnormal walking and breathing, and slowing in the rate of head growth. Although there is no cure for Rett syndrome, researchers have heralded a major breakthrough by reversing RTT symptoms in mouse models.

To support some exciting research breakthroughs, The Pioneer Fund made a significant matching gift challenge donation as part of the IRSF's "Research to Reality" campaign in 2009. In addition, a second donation was made in 2011 in support of the Public Service Announcement campaign featuring country singer Clint Black (whose niece was diagnosed with Rett syndrome) as part of October Rett Syndrome Awareness Month activities.

Helen McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship Program

To reflect her love of figure skating combined with her emphasis on education, The Pioneer Fund established the Helen McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship Program in 2010 to provide college scholarships to up to forty awardees each year in her memory. This program is currently administered by Scholastic Management Services, Inc. and a selection committee of past competitive U.S. figure skaters makes the award allocation. This scholarship program is open to any eligible skater who has participated at a novice or higher level in either a Ladies, Mens, Pairs, or Dance U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition at any previous time. Two articles reprinted from Skating magazine (with permission of U.S. Figure Skating) following this section further describe this program. In 2012, this program had a total of one hundred two applicants and \$200,000 was awarded to forty scholarship recipients.

Grant Year 2011: The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Fund for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth Fund

The Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Endowment Fund for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth was created and is fully operated by the Denver Foundation to provide scholarships for foster care youth (emancipated or preparing to emancipate) who are pursuing post-secondary education. The first year's recipients were examples of youth who were outstanding. These awardees did not let harsh life circumstances stand in their way of obtaining an education, work, and maintaining a positive outlook for their future. In 2011, there were forty-two applicants, and the Denver Foundation selection committee awarded \$150,000 from this fund to thirty-one students. In 2012, there were fifty-two applicants, and the Denver Foundation selection committee awarded a total of \$137,500 from this fund to twenty-three students.

The Lewis E. Myers Jr. Scholarship Fund for the Denver Center Theatre Academy

The Lewis E. Myers Jr. Scholarship Fund for The Denver Center Theatre Academy, a program of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts was created as a designated endowment fund managed by the Denver Foundation. The fund makes grants to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts to be used to provide full or partial scholarships for individuals to attend the Denver Center Theatre Academy. Recipients are chosen by The Denver Center Theatre Academy through a fair and objective scholarship process based upon the applicant's

commitment to the field of acting. Preference shall be given to teenagers, working actors, and/or participants of the organization PHAMALY or an organization that has a similar mission as PHAMALY. Actors who have a true aptitude for acting shall be eligible for scholarship support for up to three years as long as they demonstrate that they are committed to acting. In 2012, forty-four scholarships were awarded among adult and teen actors as well eight participants from PHAMALY.

This scholarship is in memory of what Lewis wanted to be when he retired from the Navy. We are grateful to students who pursuing acting, as it helps to keep Lewis's dreams alive.

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

In 2011, the Pioneer Fund established the Scott and Tracie Hamilton Chair in Cancer Survivorship as an endowed research fund to allow for research at Vanderbilt University in this to study cancer survivorship. Due to tremendous recent and ongoing advances in cancer treatments of many types, an increasing number of youths have been cured of various forms of cancer and go on to live normal adult life spans—though these individuals do tend to report an increased number of other health-related challenges in later parts of their lives, possibly because of their childhood cancer. This fund was created in an attempt to research and study causes and possible favorable treatment options for these individuals.

Grant Year 2012: Scott & Tracie Hamilton Scholarship at Vanderbilt School of Medicine

In 2012, the Pioneer Fund established an endowed scholarship fund at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee to provide need-based financial support for deserving M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. students at the School of Medicine. This will provide financial support to aspiring medical students who could not pursue their careers without the financial help provided by this scholarship and is a reflection of Helen McLoraine's lifelong philosophy of "investing in people" to benefit the overall community.

The Lewis E. Myers Educational Scholarship Fund

In 2012, the Pioneer Fund established an endowment scholarship fund at Otterbein College in Ohio in memory of Helen's beloved Father, Lewis E. Myers. A biographical summary of Lewis's life will be distributed to each of the future scholarship recipients, so that they are aware of the circumstances surrounding creation of this scholarship, and that summary is printed below.

Lewis E. Myers

Senior Class



The Lewis E. Myers Educational Scholarship Fund

Born in Canton, Ohio in December 1882 and raised thereafter in Louisville, Ohio, Lewis E. Myers was the a man who believed in education and hard work to achieve his goals. He graduated from high school in 1900 as class valedictorian and from 1900-1903 worked to save for college. From 1904 through 1907 he studied at Otterbein University and graduated in 1907 with an A.B. degree while putting himself through school.

Lewis continued his dedication to education by working at a publishing house as a salesman in Chicago from 1908-1911. For the next fourteen years Lewis worked at and built up the Lewis E. Myers & Company in Valparaiso, Indiana as a company engaged in the production and sale of educational books and products. In 1920, Lewis E. Myers & Company purchased the Chautauqua Manufacturing Company and received a patent in 1926 on the *Folding Educational Device*, called the Chautauqua Industrial Art Equipment. (referred to as the "New Chatauqua desk"). This product "gradually became the most widely approved educational equipment ever devised (up to that time) for engaging the free and directed interests and activities of children in the home" in the recollections of Lewis Myers. Over one million of these desks were sold throughout the United States and parts of Canada during that period.

His passion for youth and education lead him to establish The Children's Foundation in 1921, and Lewis E. Myers personally helped finance a book in 1924 titled *The Child: His Nature and His Needs*; a book in which "the foremost authorities on education, child psychology and allied subjects gave, in lay language, a summary of the present accepted thought in their various fields." Lewis was intent in selling the book for \$1.00 so that educators and parents would have the opportunity to have "every-day use by every-day people the knowledge science has accumulated on the nature and needs of children." Testimonial letters of expression and appreciation for this leading publication poured in from educators, parents, physicians, religious leaders, universities, and various educational organizations from throughout North America.

Lewis Edwin Myers was the essence of an educator and in a letter to his parents about the benefits of the Chautauqua Industrial Art Equipment he stated "The battle of responsible parenthood is won when the natural bent of the child is discovered and the child encouraged and set on his way to achievement in that particular field of endeavor. So long as public school work is by classes, it will remain largely the task and duty of the parent to discover the thing that **each boy or girl is best fitted to do in life.**"

Lewis E. Myers married Mabel Greene (Myers) in November, 1914 and they had two loving children, Lewis E. Myers Jr., who died defending his country in World War II in a submarine lost in the South Pacific in 1944, and a daughter, Helen Myers, who became a successful private investor and philanthropist focusing on education and medical research causes. Later in life, Lewis E. Myers had worked for the Good Neighbor League under the auspices of President Franklin D. Roosevelt until he was forced to retire due to ill health and passed away in 1953. Throughout her life, Helen Myers always spoke of her father Lewis with love and respect and appreciation for all that he was able to accomplish as a leading figure of educational advancement in his time.

In a closing statement to the parents of students Lewis signs, "Yours in the service of American Childhood". As an educator and in the spirit of Lewis Edwin Myers, this endowment honors those who go forth to educate young people to do what "is best fitted to do in life". In a letter to his son on February 16, 1933, Lewis writes, "perhaps in the end, the chief thing we make for ourselves is our own life, each his own life, but with me somehow, my faith in education, early acquired, seemed to lead me to feel that these great universities would make my life for me."

May you make your own life a service to American youth so that it brings you feelings of satisfaction, accomplishment, pride and knowledge that you are preparing the next generation to meet future challenges. The Lewis E. Myers Educational Scholarship fund is founded on behalf of the late Helen M. McLoraine (formerly Helen M. Myers) through her private charitable foundation, The Pioneer Fund, and her beloved father Lewis E. Myers, a graduate of Otterbein University.

Other Charitable Grants made by The Pioneer Fund during 2003 through 2012

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado delivers programs, services, and support for individuals throughout the State of Colorado to families and their loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease. It also supports various research efforts. Helen McLoraine and Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (1998–2012).

Adaptive Adventures

Adaptive Adventures provides progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities. The families of these individuals are also included in these activities. The Pioneer Fund annually supports this organization (2007–2012). Inspiration for investing in this organization was derived from the positive attitude of Tricia Downing, a bicyclist who was hit by a car and paralyzed from the waist down. She is the author of *Cycle of Hope: A Journey from Paralysis to Possibility*.

The ALS Association—Rocky Mountain and Greater Sacramento Chapters

The mission of the ALS Association is to lead the fight to cure and treat ALS through global, cutting-edge research, and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support. Pioneer Fund made general-operating-support grants to the ALS Association (2007–2012).

Arthritis Foundation – Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Arthritis Foundation focus is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and care of arthritis and related diseases for afflicted individuals. Pioneer Fund made several grants for general operating support (2005–2009).

Bayoud Industries

Bayoud Industries is committed to helping people with significant disabilities and other barriers to employment improve their quality of life through job and skills training, individualized support and counseling, community resource navigation, access to transportation and job placement, and follow up. Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (2007–2012).

Best Buddies Tennessee

Best Buddies Tennessee is the state chapter of the national organization whose mission is to establish volunteer movement to create one-on-one mentoring friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Pioneer Fund has provided general operating support in 2011 and 2012.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their full potential through professionally-supported, one-to-one, volunteer matching relationships through community-based, site-based, and sports-buddies mentoring programs. Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (2005–2012).

Bill Dickey Scholarship Association

The Bill Dickey Scholarship Association provides scholarships and continuing education grant monies to college-bound students of color while promoting their participation in the sport of golf. Pioneer Fund made annual grants for scholarship fund support (2004–2012).

Bitterroot CASA

Bitterroot CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children who are under the protection of the Montana area district court system, seeking to assure safe, permanent families. Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (2006–2012).

Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

The eight area Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver provide members with help for homework, teach leaderships skills, develop athletic abilities, explore creative potential, and gain access to technology. Helen McLoraine and Pioneer Fund made grants for general operating support (1993–2009).

Boys and Girls Clubs—Larimer County

This is an umbrella organization for boys and girls club units in Fort Collins, Wellington, and Loveland. Pioneer Fund provided a grant for general operating support (2008).

Boys and Girls Clubs—San Luis Valley

Pioneer Fund provided grant funds for purchase of two mini-buses, which enabled member youths to be transported to various activities and programming opportunities in this rural area with significant travel requirements (2007–2008).

Boys and Girls Clubs—Pueblo County

Pioneer Fund provided grant funds for the purchase of two passenger vans for the Rocky Ford and Avondale clubs to enable members to travel to various club activities (2008).

Bridges Academy—Nashville

Bridges Academy was a newly-opened Nashville school as a model college-preparatory educational institution for inner city youths. Pioneer Fund made general-operating-support grants in 2007 and 2008.

Center for Women's Employment and Education

CWEE fosters personal and professional development for low-income single-parent families through its education and training programs, job-placement and other program support systems. Helen McLoraine and Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (1994–2012).

Chicago History Museum

Formerly known as the Chicago Historical Society, Helen was a longtime member. Both Helen and Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (1998–2012).

Colorado Skating Club

Helen was a longtime member, also having served as officer/board member. Pioneer Fund provided grant support for the annual Showtime on Ice club show jointly hosted by the Colorado Skating Club and the Denver Figure Skating Club for the featured guest skaters (2010–2012).

Cool Kids Campaign—Belanger Federico Foundation

Located in the Baltimore metro area, the mission of the Cool Kids Campaign is to provide pediatric oncology patients and their families with support programs and activities to help facilitate a higher quality of life for youth facing the challenges of cancer. This support takes several forms, including newsletters, care packages, “Cancer Fears Me” initiative, and most recently through the opening of the Cool Kids Learning Center. In recognition and support of the Cool Kids Campaign co-founder and spokesperson, Kimmie Meissner, U.S. and World Figure Skating Champion, the Pioneer Fund has made annual challenge-matching grant contributions for support of their various programs (2006–2012).

Cordillera Foundation—JUCONI scholars—IPODERAC youth home, Mexico

The IPODERAC Orphanage in Puebla, Mexico was founded in the 1970s. It houses seventy-five boys ages six to eighteen on a thirty-acre working farm, where they do chores and attend area public schools. Pioneer Fund made grants for various vocational and higher-level scholarship educational programs for individuals from both the IPODERAC and JUCONI youth homes (2005–2012).

Covenant House—Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles area branch of the Covenant House organization serves the homeless youth from this area through residential shelter and various youth support programs. Pioneer Fund made specific grants to its “Rights of Passage” and “Employment Skills” support and educational programs (2005–2006).

Cross Community Foundation

The Cross Community Foundation is a Denver neighborhood community organization serving the Globeville and Elyria/Swansea neighborhoods through Family Resource Centers providing family support, community involvement, community education, as well as children and youth support programs. Pioneer Fund made two grants to create a “reserve account fund” to create operational liquidity and organizational stability over time subject to annual reporting requirements and fund replenishment when utilized (2005, 2007). Minimal reporting had been done to date.

Denver Area Boy Scouts—Special Needs District

The primary goal of Special Needs Scouting is to challenge youth at an appropriate level, giving them the opportunity to develop their abilities, self-esteem, and character, and helping them to achieve their full potential. Helen McLoraine and Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (1993–2012).

Joe DeLio Award Fund (Denver Foundation)

The entire DeLio skating family has been longtime friends with Helen. Joe DeLio was a long-term board member of the Colorado Skating Club as well. Joe DeLio was also an expert “skate sharpener” with a “little bit of magic” always added to his finished product. In memory of Joe DeLio, the Pioneer Fund created a designated endowment fund managed by The Denver Foundation. This endowment funds an educational scholarship award and a skating assistance award annually for two selected members of the Colorado Skating Club (2007–2009).

Peggy DeLio Showtime on Ice Fund (Denver Foundation)

Peggy DeLio was also a longtime board member of the Colorado Skating Club and was also committee member in charge of putting on the club's renowned annual Showtime on Ice show, which had its 41st show in May 2012. Showtime on Ice was first created at the urging of famed skating coach, Carlo Fassi, the skating director of the Colorado Ice Arena, which was the original home of the Colorado Skating Club. In memory of Peggy DeLio, the Pioneer Fund created a designated endowment fund managed by The Denver Foundation that supports the guest-skater program for the annual Showtime on Ice event (2012).

Alyssa Heberton Morimoto Scholarship Fund (Denver Foundation)

Alyssa Heberton was a bright young lady who had attended the Denver Waldorf School as a child and was a beloved and special member of the community. She had agreed to serve as a math teacher in the high school before she was the victim of a tragic death in 2007. In memory of Alyssa Heberton and the wonderful spirit and concern she had for the youth of the community, the Pioneer Fund created a designated endowment fund to support the "The Alyssa Heberton Morimoto Scholarship Fund at The Denver Waldorf School" (2007).

James E. & Mary H. Barnes Scholarship Fund (Denver Foundation)

Jim and Mary Barnes were both very close friends and neighbors of Helen McLoraine throughout her life in Denver. Jim had been the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. Mary and Jim worked as a team in all of their spiritual missions throughout Jim's ministerial assignments. Helen, Mary, and Jim spent many happy times through trips, dinners, conversations, and just simple fellowship at all times. In honor of the impact Jim and Mary Barnes made on so many individuals they encountered through their lives, the Pioneer Fund created a designated endowment fund to provide an annual college scholarship to a deserving member of Trinity United Methodist Church who displays the charitable ideals that defined the lives of Jim and Mary Barnes (2009).

Denver Public Library

Both Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund made regular general operating support contributions to the Denver Public Library. The Pioneer Fund also made a three-year grant specifically designated to provide support for the Library's Super Saturday family reading programs at its main branch and several outlying branches over the three year period 2006–2008.

Dress for Success

Dress for Success provides support and resources for disadvantaged women to gain

employment through providing appropriate business attire as well as interview and employment-related resources as necessary. The Pioneer Fund made annual grants for general operating support (2007–2012).

Denver Public School Foundation

Pioneer Fund made a grant to support the Fit, Fun, & Literacy afterschool program at Remington Elementary School through the Denver Public School Foundation in 2007.

The Denver Hospice

Pioneer Fund has provided annual support for the Denver Hospice. These funds were specifically designated for the Footprints Children's Grief Center programs. The programs include grief counseling, art therapy, and other services for children who have lost a loved family member and may require assistance in the process of dealing with their grieving (2006–2012).

D'Evelyn Education Foundation

This organization was created to support students in the D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School located in Denver. The Pioneer Fund made a grant to help purchase equipment for the school's math and science rooms in 2008.

Escuela de Guadalupe

Escuela de Guadalupe is a community-based west Denver K-5 school that focuses on providing a quality dual-language English-Spanish education, rooted in Catholic values, for children of families with limited financial resources. Pioneer Fund made a two-year grant commitment towards the school's sustainability program campaign in 2007–2008.

Figure Skating in Harlem

Figure Skating in Harlem (NY) has provided opportunities, education, and empowerment to hundreds of girls in the area's under-served communities over the last fifteen years through afterschool educational programs. Such programs include the newly-expanded Learning Edge Academic Center, while also providing the girls with the opportunity to learn figure-skating skills that create team-building lessons through synchronized team competitions and events. The Pioneer Fund has recognized the outstanding leadership of CEO-Founder Sharon Cohen with funds to provide equipment and service support for the academic center component of the Figure Skating in Harlem programs (2011–2012).

Firefly Autism (formerly Alta Vista Center for Autism)

Firefly Autism serves over one hundred twenty children at its center in Denver and through outreach home-based therapy in the entire Denver metro area to assist the children through innovative, empirical learning treatment programs. Pioneer Fund made a grant to provide center-based technological computer hardware and software materials to update their learning center capabilities in 2011.

Friends of Family with Special Needs

Friends of Family with Special Needs has grown to provide comprehensive programs for thousands of special-needs individuals of all ages and their families in the Fremont, California community area. Pioneer Fund made designated grants to provide musical instruments, equipment, and uniforms for their Music for Special Kids program in 2007. Funds were also provided to assist in the development of employment-related training programs for special-needs adults in 2009.

Friends of the Family

Friends of the Family has been providing a safety net of support for at-risk children and disadvantaged families in Los Angeles since 1972. Through a wide array of prevention, intervention, and strengthening programs, the organization works to lift children and their families out of poverty, protect them from abuse and neglect, and ensure their access to healthcare, quality education, and a supportive resourced community. The Pioneer Fund has provided annual operating support for the Calling all Kids and 4Rs programs (2004–2010) along with other child development and family strengthening services (2011–2012). In addition, The Pioneer Fund made a significant matching challenge grant to replenish this organization's operating reserves under the "Meet the Challenge" campaign (2012).

Friends of Man

Friends of Man is a Denver-area-based community general-assistance program where service agencies or professionals may send referrals of individuals needing immediate general assistance grants for basic needs such as medical equipment, supplies, or assistance to meet other specific emergency living logistical concerns. The entity is run exclusively by volunteers so that 100 percent of all contributions are used for their mission. Pioneer Fund has made annual grants for its general assistance fund (2006–2012).

Girls Inc. of Alameda County

In honor of Kristi Yamaguchi receiving the 2009 BOLD award by the Girls Inc. affiliate in the Bay Area, the Pioneer Fund made a grant to create an endowed-college-scholarship fund at

Girls Incorporated of Alameda County in 2009. This fund has provided scholarship assistance to two or three awardees in each of the last several years.

Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care

The Pioneer Fund made a grant towards the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care Patient Endowment fund in 2008 in recognition of the outstanding services that they have provided to the Kennebec Valley, Maine community and cancer patients with a holistic approach to patient care.

Himalayan Dental Relief Project

The Himalayan Dental Relief Project's mission is to provide first-time dental care to children in Nepal, India, Vietnam, and Guatemala. The Pioneer Fund provided general operating support (2007–2012).

Hospital Hospitality House

The Hospital Hospitality house is located in Richmond, Virginia and was opened in 1984 to provide lodging and non-medical services to families and individuals in medical crisis. The setting is in a caring, supportive, homelike environment and is offered without regard to financial resources. The Pioneer Fund made a grant in 2005 to the Hospitality House to enable this compassionate organization to continue to expand its services.

Ice Theatre of New York

In recognition of its contributions to creative vision within the figure skating world, the Pioneer Fund has made contributions for general operating support to the Ice Theatre of New York (2009–2012).

Inspiring Kids Inc.

Inspiring Kids Inc. is an organization with a mission to create a green fundraising organization that would evolve into a powerful youth leadership and philanthropic awareness program for the benefit of school youth programs. This program offers green fundraising alternatives to traditional school fundraising programs. Pioneer Fund provided initial startup support funding to this organization in 2009 and 2010.

Jefferson Elementary School—MoSAIC program

Jefferson Elementary School located in Helena, Montana, has adopted a mission to create a focused arts curriculum program to infuse art into every aspect of the student experience. As a major supporter for the upfront hardware and implementation cost of this program, the

Pioneer Fund made a grant in 2011 that enabled the school to move forward with its mission to provide its students with this special learning opportunity.

Jennifer Diamond Foundation

The Jennifer Diamond Foundation in Chatsworth, California is dedicated to helping people win the fight against cancer through empowering people with knowledge, as well as supporting research and healing programs that provide the tools to help treat the mind and body as one. The initial projects included the creation of Cancer Research Libraries at various locations as well as cancer support centers in southern California. The foundation has now embarked on the establishment of a Cancer Education Video Broadcast Studio to expand its ability to provide educational outreach. The Pioneer Fund gave challenge-grant matching support for the Cancer Research Library effort from 2004 through 2010 and provided major funding for the Video Broadcast Studio project that was underway in 2011.

Kenya Methodist University Development Association

As an outreach program of the Erie, Colorado United Methodist Church, the Kenya Methodist University has become a viable, stable institution of higher learning located in Kenya. Pioneer Fund has provided general operating support (2005–2012).

Kirkwood Elementary School

The Pioneer Fund made a specific grant to the Kirkwood Elementary School to be used for classroom literacy and family resources in 2007.

Las Virgenes Educational Foundation

The mission of this foundation was to manage programs and generate financial support for public schools in the Las Virgenes Unified School District in Los Angeles County. The Pioneer Fund provided support grants in 2008–2009.

Lifespot Teen Center

Lifespot is an outreach program of St. Andrew United Methodist Church and is a teen activity center in the Denver area with a mission to provide a safe and caring environment where teens can find support and encouragement as they grow into healthy and whole adults within the values of the sponsoring organization. Pioneer Fund provided general operating support (2004–2009).

The Learning Source

The Learning Source located in Denver area provides adult education and literacy programs for individuals needing their services. The mission is to offer resources and support so people can be successful, contributing citizens for themselves and their families. Both Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund have provided general operating support contributions (1994–2012).

Los Cabos Children's Foundation

Los Cabos Children's Foundation provides medical, educational, and humanitarian assistance to children, their families, and supportive organizations in the Los Cabos area through medical treatment both in Mexico and the U.S. The foundation also obtains medical and educational equipment, technology, and supplies for the children of the Los Cabos area. The Pioneer Fund made a contribution pursuant to the Duckett Challenge-LCCF Miracle Bid donation at the annual fundraising event in 2012.

Margaret Hallauer Scholarship Fund

Margaret Hallauer was the mother of Helen's good friend, Mary Barnes. The Pioneer Fund has made annual contributions to the principal of the Margaret Hallauer endowment scholarship fund, which is managed by First United Methodist Church in Ms. Hallauer's hometown of Breckenridge, Texas (2003–2012).

Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum

Located in Hannibal, Missouri, this organization has restored and is responsible for the maintenance of eight area historical properties related to its area of interest. The organization's mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of the life and works of Mark Twain and to demonstrate the relevance of his stories and ideas to citizens of the world. The Pioneer Fund has made general operating support contributions (2009–2012).

Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers

Mile High Montessori serves over six hundred fifty children each year in its six full-day, full-year early-learning centers located in the Denver inner city. This organization utilizes the Montessori Method of Instruction primarily for at-risk youths. The Pioneer fund has provided general operating support (2006–2012).

Mile High United—Homeless Initiative

In 2006, the city of Denver initiated a Homeless Initiative with a goal of assisting the homeless situation within a ten-year time period in cooperation with the Mile High United Way Agency. The Pioneer Fund provided support for this project in 2006–2007.

Mobile Medical Disaster Relief

Mobile Medical Disaster Relief is a spiritually- and medically-focused organization based in Brentwood, Tennessee. It has provided assistance in emergency medical disasters through the volunteer leadership efforts of Dr. David Vanderpool, who has been assisted by many other volunteer individuals since 2006. Past emergency efforts were within both the United States and Honduras. MMDR has focused lately on a major, ongoing mission effort in Haiti as it battles back from the recent devastating earthquake and hurricane that hit this impoverished region. This Haiti “Living Beyond” project is designed to build a permanent medical base where monthly medical mission trips are led by Dr. Vanderpool and his team of volunteers to provide medical treatment and other lifesaving supplies in one of the poorest areas of this impoverished country. The Pioneer Fund has made a matching challenge grant in support of the “Living Beyond” capital campaign project (2011).

Mountain States Legal Foundation

The Mountain States Legal Foundation is a public interest law firm dedicated to protect and uphold individual liberty, the right to own and use property, limited and ethical government, and the free enterprise system. Both Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund have made annual contributions for general operating support for its mission (1993–2012).

Nashville Zoo

The Pioneer Fund provided a general operating support grant in 2010 and made a matching challenge grant contribution in 2012 to help create a permanent tortoise exhibit at the zoo.

National Kidney Foundation of Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming

National Kidney Foundation works to seek prevention of kidney and urinary track disease, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transportation. Pioneer Fund made annual grants to an emergency-assistance fund, which provided various emergency grants to over a hundred patients each year (2005–2012).

NBR Scholarship Fund

Jim Bye was Helen’s longtime tax and legal counsel and philanthropic advisor. He was named trustee of The Pioneer Fund upon her passing in 2003. As a fixture in the Denver-area philanthropic community, Jim provided valuable leadership to The Pioneer Fund grant-making operations until his sudden passing in 2007. The Pioneer Fund made contributions to the NBR Scholarship Fund in memory of his beloved wife, Patricia in 2006 and in memory

of Jim in 2007.

One Day at a Time Camp

One Day at a Time Camp is a program of Children's Oncology Services. Each summer it holds a camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for children with cancer, so they may enjoy some of the simple joys of childhood despite their diagnosis. The Pioneer Fund has provided general operating support (2006–2010).

Opera Colorado

Opera Colorado was awarded a three-year grant in 2006 in support of their Education and Community Outreach program.

Peruvian Hearts

Peruvian Hearts is a Golden, Colorado-based organization with a mission to help enrich the lives of orphans and other children living in poverty in Peru. Assistance is offered through improved nutrition, education, health care and through direct support of the Hogar Mercedes de Jesus Molina orphanage in Anta, Peru. The Pioneer Fund provided grant support for specified educational and activity class projects in 2009 and additional support for four secondary school sponsorships and four four-year post-secondary school sponsorships in 2012.

PHAMALY

PHAMALY (the Physically Handicapped Actors & Musical Artists League) is a Denver-area organization created to provide professional theatre opportunities and artistic development for performers with disabilities. It puts on several such professional performances each year. As reported in 2011, more than 100 performers with disabilities have committed to the challenging work of professional theatre, many finding within themselves deep reservoirs of strength, courage, and sheer joy. The Pioneer Fund has provided general operating support to this amazing theatre group of individuals (2009–2012).

Project Angel Heart

Project Angel Heart has operated a life-saving program of providing nutritious, home-delivered meals for community members coping with life-threatening illness for over twenty years. The Pioneer fund has provided general operating support (2003–2012).

Project C.U.R.E.

Project C.U.R.E. is an organization that is mostly driven by volunteers. The organization provides donated medical supplies and equipment to developing nations around the world. Its

mission is to identify, solicit, collect, sort, and deliver much-needed supplies and equipment through various geographical collection/distribution centers throughout the U.S. according to the specific needs of the designated local medical provider in foreign countries. In 2006, for example, Project C.U.R.E. delivered ninety-three cargo containers valued at more than \$32 million worth of medical relief to developing countries. To enable this organization to expand its services, in 2007, the Pioneer Fund pledged a contribution to assist in the opening of a Chicago-area collection and distribution center as soon as Project C.U.R.E. is able to identify appropriate location and personnel to manage this area center. Efforts to finalize opening of the Chicago area center were still ongoing in 2012.

Progress through Preservation

Progress through Preservation is an Akron, Ohio-based organization focusing on helping to restore part of Akron's rich historic heritage through restoration of an original historic one-room schoolhouse originally built in the 1870s. In honor and memory of one of Helen's longtime skating friends, Bill Rogovy of Akron, Ohio, The Pioneer Fund made contributions toward this project in 2008 and 2011.

Raymond Wentz Foundation

The Raymond Wentz Foundation founded by Dr. David Schrier, M.D. out of Denver was created to provide emergency financial assistance support for low-income cancer patients in Colorado who may be struggling to pay their rent, utilities, groceries, or medical bills. The Pioneer Fund made a designated-endowment grant in 2006 to this organization in honor of Scott Hamilton, who is a cancer survivor.

Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting

The Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting is one of the local Denver PBS affiliates, and both Helen McLoraine and The Pioneer Fund have made general operating support contributions (1986–2012).

Rocky Mountain Senior Games

Rocky Mountain Senior Games is operated by the Colorado Senior Sports Development Council out of their Greeley, Colorado, office. The Pioneer Fund made general-operating-support grants (2007–2012).

Safehouse Denver

Safehouse Denver operates an Emergency Residential Shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Its mission is to assist women, children, and youth in reclaiming

their right to a life free of domestic violence through their residential shelter, educational programs, and other critical support services. Both Helen McLoraine and The Pioneer Fund have provided annual general operating support (1994–2012), and the Pioneer Fund has also provided additional emergency funding support and matching-grant 35th Anniversary Fund support to this organization in 2012.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Second Harvest's mission is to feed hungry people throughout forty-six counties in Middle and West Tennessee and work to solve hunger issues in the communities with the help of four hundred partner agencies. The Pioneer Fund made general-operating-support grants in 2009–2012, and an additional emergency grant in 2010 to assist victims of the tragic flooding in a thirty-one county area that year.

Senior Hub Inc.

Senior Hub Inc. is an Adams County, Colorado, based organization providing various needed support services to the senior residents of the area. The Pioneer Fund has provided annual operating support specifically designated to its Meals on Wheels Program (2005–2012) and also provided designated grants in 2010 and 2012 to upgrade its office telephone system, repair windows, and replace computers.

Sporting Women Community Fund

The Sporting Women Community Fund supports women and girls who want to get out and do something athletic, stretching themselves beyond what they ever believed possible. Pioneer Fund provided annual operating support (2006–2012).

Target House at St. Jude

Target House at St. Jude provides a home for out-of-town children and their families while the children are patients being treated at St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The Pioneer Fund has provided specific designated support for the Target House arts and crafts program (2007–2012).

Teller Elementary

Teller Elementary is an east-side Denver Elementary school, which has utilized the Lindamood-Bell Reading Intervention Program as its principal reading instruction effort since 2002. The Pioneer Fund has provided funding support to enable Teller to train its teachers and hire specifically experienced personnel in the Lindamood-Bell program to assist in the use of this reading program (2005–2011).

Tennessee Golf Foundation

The Tennessee Golf Foundation operates a variety of junior golf programs across the state. Its mission includes giving at-risk youngsters the opportunity to learn life-enhancing values through participation in golf. The youth experience the challenges and learning opportunities inherent in the game of golf. The Pioneer Fund made a contribution in 2011 in support of their endowed-scholarship college fund program.

U.S. Athletic Foundation

The U.S. Athletic Foundation is an organization co-founded by former U.S. competitor Nicholas LaRoche and his sister, Tricia, to help generate financial support for other competitive figure skaters in appreciation and recognition of the support Nick received when he competed. The Pioneer Fund has supported their efforts at their two initial fundraising ice show events (2011–2012).

Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America provides support to various social service programs and residential housing projects as needed for low-income individuals and their families in the Denver metro area, including the operation of the Meals on Wheels program. Both Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund provided annual general operating support (1987–2005).

Wings Foundation

Wings Foundation is a Lakewood, Colorado-based organization working to break the cycle and heal the wounds of childhood sexual abuse since 1982. In 2006, for example, it provided sixteen therapist-facilitated support groups in Colorado for over three hundred individual survivors and provided information and referrals to over one thousand two hundred survivors of childhood abuse. The Pioneer Fund provided general operating support to Wings Foundation (2005–2012).

Women's Board at The University of Chicago

Helen McLoraine was a longtime member of the Women's Board at the University of Chicago and provided annual general support to its programs throughout her lifetime. This support was continued by the Pioneer Fund in her memory. In addition, The Pioneer Fund contributed to the endowed-college-scholarship fund campaign in 2009 and 2010 to the Women's Board.

U. S. Figure Skating—World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame

In recognition of Helen's strong passion for figure skating and its history, the Pioneer Fund has made contributions to support various exhibits and provided general operating support to the World Figure Skating Museum (2006–2010). In addition, the Pioneer Fund has supported the digitization project of U.S. Figure Skating, whereby all issues of Skating magazine will be made technologically available. This documents the past, present, and future history of the sport and honors all the skaters, coaches, judges, and untold number of volunteers whose history may be recorded in the pages of Skating magazine (2011–2012).

XP Society

Xeroderma Pigmentosum is a rare, genetic disease in which children lack the ability in their DNA to repair damage done to cells by ultraviolet light (mostly sunlight). The XP Society was formed by the parents of a child afflicted with XP. The society creates programs to help support education, protection, and research for children who can never see the light of day. It also operates Camp Sundown in upper state New York for children, so they can experience normal camping activity within the parameters of their ongoing care. The Pioneer Fund has provided support for both camp operations and lab research equipment through the XP Society (2005–2010).

Letter From St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch, CO on Helen's Impact

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

A Tribute to Helen McLoraine and Her Generosity of Spirit, From the Members and Friends of St. Andrew United Methodist Church

I had the honor and privilege of first knowing Helen McLoraine when she and her dear friends, the Rev. Jim and Mary Barnes, began attending church here regularly in 2002. Helen was gentle, warm, gracious, and humble in her relationships. She enjoyed worshiping with us and particularly enjoyed the music and the involvement of the children and the youth in our large and active congregation.

As I got to know her better through her attendance at the New Member Information Sessions and through some delightful lunches with Helen and Jim and Mary, I could see her deep commitment to making life better for youth and children and her intent to use her resources to benefit children and youth.

Jesus says that to whom much is given, much will also be expected, and Helen lived that Biblical truth to the fullest. She practiced the virtue of generosity in a most exemplary manner.

One of my vivid memories of Helen is when she came to my office in December of 2002, at a time when our congregation was experiencing our typical end of the year scramble to end financially in the black. Helen had heard the appeal in worship for our members to give generously, and she did. She brought to me, in a plain envelope, the largest check I had seen until that time, a gift of \$100,000 to help us close the gap and to end the year with a little money in the bank!

At the time we were beginning our plans to do one of the hardest things a congregation can do, to pull up our roots from a cherished and lovely location on an inadequate site and to relocate to a much larger location. Helen was very aware of those plans and aware of how ambitious they were, and she often talked about the plans with Jim and Mary.

Another very warm memory I had of being with Helen was when Jim and Mary brought her to our first picnic that was held on the brand-new sixteen-acre church site. Somewhere Judy and I have a picture of the three of them, under the tent, overlooking the incredible mountain view from the church site.

After Helen's tragic death, her memorial service was held in our overflowing church building, and we learned so much more about how the generous spirit of this exceptional woman had touched thousands of lives for good!

It was in that spirit that the trustees of Helen's Pioneer Fund contacted us with another act of extravagant generosity. This extraordinary gift would allow St. Andrew Church to serve even more children, youth, and families in the future. As we were finalizing our building plans with the architects, just a few months before our groundbreaking, we were becoming disillusioned with how cramped our proposed education and classroom space was going to be in the new building. We knew that the influx of new families was going to be very great when we opened

our doors in such a visible location. It was then that Bob Anderson contacted us and said that the Pioneer Fund was giving a gift of four million dollars to the new church building so we could make room for more children and youth! We worked together to structure that gift so that half of it came as an upfront gift and the next half came as the congregation matched it with congregational giving. That exceptional act of generosity allowed us to expand our architectural plans at just the right time and has allowed us to serve a huge number of children, youth, and families.

Presently we are completing our architectural plans for the next forty thousand square feet of space, and a ground breaking is planned in the next few months. The gift of Helen's Pioneer Fund has so far allowed us to serve nine hundred children, five hundred youth, and about two thousand families in our membership and constituent list. The building we have built with the benefit of Helen's generosity and the generosity of our members has made us one of the most active and vital congregations of all the 38,000 Methodist churches in America and has put us in the top 100 churches by average worship attendance.

Because of the additional classrooms we were able to build with the Pioneer Fund grant, we are opening a summer preschool program for the first time this summer, and we are hiring the staff for our first-ever kindergarten classes, which will begin this fall as public schools around us discontinue their kindergarten programs.

In a typical week, in our church building, there is an average of one hundred thirty different groups, meetings, or classes held. This is a sign of one of the best-used church buildings in all of Colorado.

Helen McLoraine has been an example of God's words to Abraham in Genesis 12:2:

Will bless you so that you may be a blessing.

Dr. Harvey C. Martz, Senior Minister,

St. Andrew United Methodist Church,

Highlands Ranch Colorado

less than a year before a teenage Scott Hamilton won his first national figure skating title, he almost called it quits. His family's financial resources were exhausted, and the amateur arena of the late seventies left the future world champion with few options. But

Denver coach Carlo Fassi recognized his talent, and before Mr. Hamilton could hang

up his blades, Mr. Fassi put the Hamilton family in touch with Helen and Frank McLoraine, investors in a Colorado ice rink. Inspired by Helen Meyers McLoraine's love of skating, the couple offered to sponsor the young athlete on his path to Olympic gold.

Before she passed away in January of this year, Mrs. McLoraine aided the careers of more than 50 young skaters, including up-and-coming Cleveland skater, Tim Goebel. But for all the support this perpetually upbeat woman offered young athletes, sponsoring skaters made up only a small sliver of her overall philanthropic contributions.

Her giving priorities included education, medical research and youth social welfare, and her generosity extended to major philanthropies such as the University of Chicago (her alma mater), the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and The Cleveland Clinic. In her estate plan, Mrs. McLoraine generously bequeathed \$5 million to the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center's Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative, the Cancer Alliance for Research, Education and Survivorship at the Clinic, to extend patient education and outreach. Recognizing her tremendous generosity, the Cancer Center's Patient Resource and Education Center will be named in her honor.

Helen Meyers McLoraine's

gift supports cancer patient education and outreach.



Helen McLoraine and Scott Hamilton

Mrs. McLoraine's interest in the Cancer Center stemmed largely from her friendship with Mr. Hamilton, who was treated for cancer at the Clinic. In her life, she was instrumental in the success of the Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative, which Mr. Hamilton launched in partnership with The Cleveland Clinic. In addition to her bequest, Mrs. McLoraine gave more than \$1 million to the Cancer Center during her lifetime.

Mrs. McLoraine, who listened first and talked second, felt directly responsible for how her philanthropic contributions were put to work. She approached giving in the same manner as investment decisions, by meeting an organization's leaders, researching the cause and asking direct, pointed questions. Her clear-eyed perspective not only led to a successful career as an oil and

gas investor, but leaders in the skating sport phoned her for advice as the international skating scene evolved.

The McLoraines' gifts to various organizations and skaters never came with strings or expectations for a relationship, Mr. Hamilton says. But, when needed, the couple's emotional support was readily available to young people. About a year after he had moved far from his family in Bowling Green, Ohio to train in Denver, Mr. Hamilton's mother passed away. During this rough period, Mr. McLoraine's charm and Mrs. McLoraine's maternal nature comforted Mr. Hamilton. From there, a close relationship developed. In particular, Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. McLoraine maneuvered many of life's challenges together, from Mr. McLoraine's passing to Mr. Hamilton's later battle with cancer.

Helen Myers McLoraine Scholarship at University of Chicago

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Myers McLoraine Pool at University of Chicago



Myers-McLoraine Pool
View to north wall from second-level spectator bleachers

The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. **Scholarship Fund** for the **Denver Center Theatre Academy**

Born in 1916, Lewis loved acting from an early age, often performing with his sister. Ultimately, Lewis was accepted at The Kenneth Sawyer Goodman Theater at the Art Institute of Chicago. In February 1941 Lewis signed on with the military and was assigned to the U.S.S. Little. On September 5, 1942, the ship was attacked and Lewis, high above in the crow's nest, did not hear the order to abandon ship. He soon dropped into the cold water where he remained for nearly six hours before being rescued.

Lewis was eager "to be out there again" and was ultimately reassigned to the U.S.S. Trout in August 1943. The Trout left Pearl Harbor on February 8, 1944. After a stop for fuel, it was never heard from again.

The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Actors Scholarship Fund serves those who desire to commit to acting as Lewis did and who will strive to learn the craft with the same passion and work ethic he gave to his country.



Lewis (wearing hat), with Mom - Mable, Dad - Lewis (far right), Sister - Helen (far left) and friend (in front)



About the Scholarship Fund:

ADULT AND TEEN actors are invited to apply for The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Scholarship. All funds awarded will be used as tuition at the Denver Center Theatre Academy. Applicants must demonstrate need, aptitude and commitment to the craft. Applications are available at the Denver Center Theatre Academy.

In addition to the Academy's standard curriculum, the endowment allows the Academy to create specific classes and curriculum for PHAMALy members. The Denver Center Theatre Academy recognizes participation in PHAMALy as a serious commitment to the craft of acting .

To receive an application for this prestigious award, please contact the Denver Center Theatre Academy at 303.446.4892 or email academy@dcpa.org.

About the Academy:

LOCATED WITHIN the nation's second largest performing arts complex, which hosts audiences throughout the American West, the Denver Center Theatre Academy is the educational department of the Tony Award-winning Denver Center Theatre Company.

Over the course of its 20 years, the Academy has provided aspiring artists the opportunity to develop their talents and skills under the guidance of a professional faculty. As one of the largest theatre education programs in the country affiliated with a professional theatre, the Academy was a natural choice to oversee this generous gift — The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Scholarship Fund.



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The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. **Scholarship Fund** for the Denver Center Theatre Academy

Before WWII, Lewis E. Myers, Jr. was a serious actor who intended to pursue his career after the war. He once stated that he would "wield his sword in defense of justice, glory and righteousness," which is exactly he what did, sacrificing his life — and his dream — along the way.

Established in his honor by his beloved sister, the late Helen M. McLoraine, The Lewis E. Myers, Jr. Actors Scholarship Fund is intended to help serious actors develop their craft.

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Application process for McLoraine scholarships begin

By Stacey Marsh

The Helen M. McLoraine Skaters College Scholarship Program was established through the Pioneer Fund in December 2009 to assist current and former amateur and professional skaters who have dedicated their lives to skating and now wish to pursue a college education.

The Pioneer Fund serves as the foundation of the late Ms. McLoraine. She established the fund in 1960 as a way to support projects and organizations which she had contributed to throughout her life and, now, through her estate.

Deeply influenced by her mother's dedication to philanthropy, Helen became a generous benefactor to others with a passion for figure skating, higher education and medical research.

U.S. Figure Skating is pleased to announce the first class of scholarship recipients. The scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of Scholarship America.

Initially, scholarships totaling \$50,000 were to be awarded to 10 finalists in increments of \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$7,000. In the end, 126 applications were received from current and former skaters representing 30 states. Due to the overwhelming response, Pioneer Fund trustees increased the scholarship funds available to \$150,000. In July 2010, the first scholarships were awarded to 30 finalists from 18 states.

The Pioneer Fund trustees have recently confirmed that they will award \$150,000 this coming year and plan to keep it at that funding level for future years. Between 30 and 35 scholarships are expected to be awarded annually.

The application process for 2011 scholarships runs from Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, through Friday, Feb. 18, 2011. Visit <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund> after Dec. 14, 2010, for an application and more information.

Stacey Marsh is the director of development at U.S. Figure Skating.



2010 Helen M. McLoraine FIGURE SKATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Abby Engen, Valley FSC
Allannah Barbour, Central Florida FSC
Allison Krein, Champlain Valley SC
Allister Chang, SC of Boston
Ameena Sheikh, Detroit SC
Amy Cuadra, Individual member
Berlin Sohn, Duluth FSC
Blake Rosenthal, SC of Wilmington
Carly Milden, SC of Boston
Christina Coucci, Amherst SC
Colleen Clancy, Kalamazoo FSC
David Lenz, University of Delaware
Dorian Burks, Jamestown SC
Jessica Martino, All Year FSC
Kali Sarcinella, Michigan State University
Kendall Wyckoff, Vermont SC
Kendra Keenan, Salt Lake FS
Kerianne Fernandez, Florida SunCoast FSC
Kevin Sun, University of Delaware
Kirsted Carpenter, Washington FSC
Lauren Nieman, DuPage FSC
Maddison Grogan, Northeastern University
Molly Oberstar, St. Paul FSC
Noelle Cunningham, FSC of Charleston
Quoc-Kha Vu, Individual member
Rebecca Tran, Broadmoor SC
Robert Crawford, Washington FSC
Shayna Richman, Individual member
Stephanie Ellis, Glacier Falls FSC
Tiffany Earl, Cottonwood Heights FSC

MCLORAINES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Helen M. McLoraine Figure Skating College Scholarship program was established through the Pioneer Fund in December 2009 to assist current or former U.S. Figure Skating eligible skaters who dedicated their lives to skating and now wish to pursue a college education.

The Pioneer Fund served as the private charitable foundation of Helen McLoraine as a way to support projects and organizations she had contributed to throughout her life, and now, it continues through her estate.

Deeply influenced by her mother's dedication to philanthropy, Helen became a generous benefactor to others with a passion for figure skating, higher education and medical research.

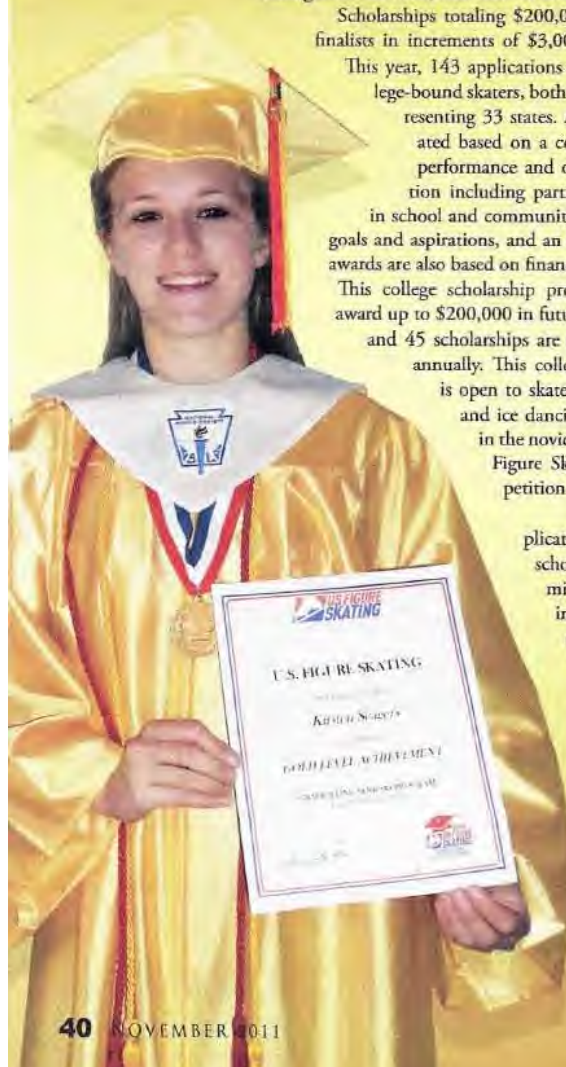
U.S. Figure Skating is pleased to announce the second class of scholarship recipients. The scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of Scholarship America.

Scholarships totaling \$200,000 were awarded to 40 finalists in increments of \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$7,000.

This year, 143 applications were received from college-bound skaters, both former and current, representing 33 states. Applications were evaluated based on a combination of academic performance and other applicant information including participation and leadership in school and community activities, statement of goals and aspirations, and an essay requirement. Final awards are also based on financial need.

This college scholarship program will continue to award up to \$200,000 in future years and between 35 and 45 scholarships are expected to be awarded annually. This college scholarship program is open to skaters in ladies, men's, pairs and ice dancing, who have competed in the novice level or above in a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition.

The two-month application period for 2012 scholarships will open in mid-December. For more information and an application, visit <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund> after Dec. 15, 2011.



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2011 HELEN M. MCLORAINES
FIGURE SKATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bethany Bonenfant, Detroit SC
Christina Caucci, Amherst SC
Samantha Cesario, SC of New York
Allister Chang, Washington FSC
Laura Chavez, SC of San Francisco
Robert Crawford, Washington FSC
Stephanie Ellis, Glacier Falls FSC
Steven Evans, Dallas FSC
Maddison Grogan, Northeastern University
Danielle Monas, Rocky Mountain FSC
Roxette Howe, All Year FSC
Alicia Hsu, Nashville FSC
Eva Huang, East West Training Center
Robin Ishler, Los Angeles FSC
Nicole Johnson, Eastern Iowa FSC
Taryn Jurgensen, Pasadena FSC
Garrett Kling, Chaska FSC
Melissa Li, Cascade Valley FSC
Julia Liao, Rockford SC
Anne Maheux, Champlain Valley SC
Tyeasha Marcell, SC of Oregon
Kelly McInnis, Starlight Ice Dance Club
Erica Miller, Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy
Carley Mitchell, Western Michigan University SC
Lauren Nieman, DuPage FSC
Benjamin Okolski, Ann Arbor FSC
Erin Orchard, Cottonwood Heights FSC
Kaitlyn Scholtz, Strongsville SC
Kirsten Seagers, SC of Wilmington
Matej Silecky, SC of New York
Lauren Skaathun, Skokie Valley SC
David Skuza, DuPage FSC
Flora Su, Champlain Valley SC
Serena Tep, Syracuse FSC
Kelsey Traunero, SC of Wilmington
Kara Vick, Peninsula SC
Ellen Wilson, St. Moritz ISC
Madeline Yin, Houston FSC
Clarice Zhou, SC of Oregon
Karen Zhou, All Year FSC

Example of a Scholarship Fund- Margaret Hallauer Scholarship

Margaret Hallauer

Margaret Hallauer was a long time resident of Breckenridge and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She lived and celebrated her life with meaning and purpose. Her deep personal faith in God was the very fiber that motivated her every act.

Margaret Hallauer was a dedicated Christian, altruistic citizen, talented fund raiser, expert craftsperson, and wonderful friend.

She expended untold energy in every project she undertook. She found joy in her work and inspired and challenged others to achieve their best.

Mrs. Hallauer had been a school teacher and was very interested in young people. She guided and inspired them to further their education and to be and to do their best in every endeavor.

She was born in June 1900, and made her home in Breckenridge, Texas, from July 1935 until her death in January 1991, at the age of ninety plus years.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Margaret Hallauer Scholarship was set up in 1978 to honor Mrs. Hallauer for her many years of faithful and dedicated service to First United Methodist Church and to the entire community of Breckenridge.

The founding group wanted not only to honor Margaret Hallauer, but to make it possible for a deserving senior, who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college.

The selection process for the Margaret Hallauer Scholarship

To qualify, a student must:

- Be a senior
- Have scholastic average of B- or better
- Have good character
- Desire to continue education
- Exhibit some of the qualities of Margaret Hallauer - her moral fiber and desire to achieve
- Return completed application by deadline - approximately April first of each year
- Submit three references:
 - A teacher
 - Two others, not in teaching profession nor a family member

The committee will:

- Review applications
- Review permanent record
 - To evaluate course/interests, and
 - To determine college preparation
- Interview finalists
- Announce winner at graduation ceremonies

Applications are available at
Breckenridge High School
Breckenridge, Texas

The Margaret Hallauer Scholarship

*is sustained by
designated gifts and memorials*

*Margaret Hallauer's daughters
are dedicated to the support
and continued growth
of this scholarship fund:*

Jean H. Steiner
836-D South Vance Street
Lakewood, Colorado 80226

Alice H. Ray
5123 Weatherstone Circle
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Mary H. Barnes
1551 Larimer Street, #3005
Denver, Colorado 80202

and the late
Jane H. Jones
of Fort Worth, Texas

*The family is grateful to the
Helen M. McLoraine Pioneer Fund
for their generous contributions.*

Your gifts and memorials may be made to
Margaret Hallauer Scholarships
First United Methodist Church
419 West Walker Street
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

May 20, 2011

Mrs. Mary Barnes
1551 Larimer St, #3005
Denver, Co 80202

Dear Mrs. Barnes,

As one of the scholarship committee of the First United Methodist Church, I am pleased to tell you about the winners of this year's Margaret Hallauer Scholarships.

The first is Nicole Hart. Nicole is a long time member of our church and has always participated in church activities. Her mother is an accountant that works for an independent oil company and her father is currently unemployed. She has a younger brother, CJ, who will go into high school next year. Nicole will be attending Texas A&M at Corpus Christi, majoring in drama. She received a scholarship from the school, however with her father unemployed and the cost of college/living expenses, we felt she would utilize this scholarship wisely. She comes from a long line of family members who have received their college degree and has that family support to continue college after the scholarships run out. I personally have known Nicole since she was 3 years old and have always admired her ability to not follow the beaten path.

The other recipient is Rosio Araujo. I am not as knowledgeable about Rosio because she is not a member of our church, but I have watched her over the years. She is an excellent student as well as athlete and has been a wonderful example to the Hispanic students. Rosio is loved and accepted by all the students and is one of the hardest working students in this graduating class. She will be studying nursing at Tarleton State University.

You can view a picture of Nicole and Rosio on the church's website. The easiest way to get there is to go to www.firstumcbreckenridge.org. The upper left corner has the box you click to get to the pictures. When you get to the photo site, on the right hand side are several boxes. Click on "Youth!" Then look through the folders shown to "Award Winners". It is the first picture with 2 girls in it. Specifically, the photo is located at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/firstumcbreckenridge/5714608593/in/set-72157626584073749>

Our alternate this year (in case Nicole or Rosio don't finish out the year) is Blake Hamilton. His grades are also excellent and he is an outstanding athlete. His parents have a landscaping business and are extremely hard workers. Blake is their youngest son, and each of his three older sisters has completed college.

Our process this year was similar to past years. Each of us on the committee pick our top choices, and we meet to discuss and decide. This year was extremely difficult for me as my youngest daughter is also a graduating senior. I know almost all of the over 30 applicants. Each was deserving in some way, but we felt that Nicole, Rosio and Blake best reflected the values of the Margaret Hallauer scholarship.

I am going off the scholarship committee, so will not be involved in next year's selections. It has been an honor to assist with this scholarship.

Sincerely,



Laura R Wilson
P.O. Box 69
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

Enclosure: Awards Ceremony Brochure

Copy: Sharon Pendleton, Scholarship Committee Chair
Elaine Goswick, First United Methodist Church

APRIL 11, 2003

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

TO

HELEN McLORAINÉ AND THE PIONEER FUND

WHEREAS, *Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund have had an interest in the research programs and scientific endeavors of The Salk Institute for many years; and*

WHEREAS, *Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund have very graciously and generously provided financial support to the Institute; and*

WHEREAS, *the financial support to the Institute has been \$10 million;*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Trustees gratefully thanks Helen McLoraine and the Pioneer Fund for their friendship and generous financial support to The Salk Institute.*

The Hadley School for the Blind Acknowledgement Letter

THE HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

700 Elm Street • Winnetka, Illinois 60093-0299 U.S.A. • 708-446-8111 • Fax 708-446-8153

December 10, 1993

Mrs. Frank J. McLoraine
1801 California St., No. 4500
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mrs. McLoraine,

I wish you a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. It was about this time, ten years ago in 1983, that you phoned me at Hadley to ask what you could do to help our School.

It was then that your generosity assisted us in purchasing a revolutionary braille production system. Your special gift of \$45,000 enabled us to develop a new system which produced braille 100 times faster, and at one-eighth the cost of all previous systems. The news made national headlines; articles appeared in newspapers throughout the country, from The Chicago Tribune to The Denver Post.

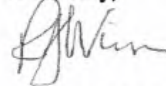
Components to repair the original system are no longer available. Recent technology will allow us to produce braille even more efficiently. The first-of-its-type computer equipment which you helped fund, is now being considered for placement in a national museum of braille, which will include devices dating back to the 1860's.

We appreciate your substantial support of Hadley for so many years. Your special gift aided us in producing braille textbooks for our courses and your subsequent generosity has assisted us in providing educational opportunity for blind students of all ages.

We need your help again. Our student enrollment has increased to almost 12,000. In order to meet the needs of this growing number, we ask for your continued support.

Your relationship with Hadley has spanned almost four decades. On behalf of our students, I thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Winn, Ph.D.
President

RJW/bsl



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Day, Month Date, 2003

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**TAUSSIG CANCER CENTER RECEIVES \$5 MILLION BEQUEST
Scott Hamilton's Mentor Leaves Her Own Legacy Through Her Generosity**

The Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center has received a \$5 million gift from the estate of Helen Myers McLoraine, a mentor and friend to Olympic gold medallist and four-time world champion figure skater, Scott Hamilton.

During her lifetime, Mrs. McLoraine was a major philanthropic supporter of the Taussig Cancer Center and the Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative, the cancer center's patient education and outreach program. A successful oil and gas investor with a passion for figure skating, Mrs. McLoraine also sponsored many skaters who competed at the national and international level, including Scott Hamilton and up-and-coming Cleveland skater, Tim Goebel.

"Mrs. McLoraine's generosity will enable the Taussig Cancer Center to build upon and expand patient education and outreach programs in Northeast Ohio and beyond," said Ronald Bukowski, M.D., interim director of the cancer center. "Mrs. McLoraine had a generous spirit and a deeply held conviction for helping others. Her legacy will touch the lives of many patients and for that we are grateful."

In addition to her \$5 million bequest, Ms. McLoraine gave more than \$1 million to the Taussig Cancer Center during her lifetime. This final gift will help to build an endowment that she established at the center several years ago.

Mrs. McLoraine's interest in the Taussig Cancer Center stemmed largely from her friendship and support of Scott Hamilton, whom she met in 1977 when he was a struggling young skater. At the time, Mrs. McLoraine and husband, Frank, owned an interest in Denver's Colorado Ice Arena. When they learned that Scott was seeking a financial sponsor, the McLoraines stepped in and made it possible for the future champion to train and travel to competitions.

Next to his mom, Scott has said, Mrs. McLoraine was the most influential person in his life.

"I don't know who I would be if it weren't for the way she participated in and shaped my life," Scott says. "I definitely would not have skated beyond the junior level or realized any of my dreams. Without Helen McLoraine, who I am today would not exist."

(more)

Mrs. McLoraine died on January 23. She was born Helen Marguerite Myers on Aug. 19, 1918, in Valparaiso, Ind. She was the daughter of an educational toy manufacturer and a retired opera singer. She grew up in Indiana and Illinois, earning a business degree from the University of Chicago in 1939 at a time when few women attended college. She married her husband, Frank, a Chicago lawyer, in 1954. He died in 1979.

Mrs. McLoraine was an avid philanthropist throughout her life, contributing to many organizations and individuals with a particular interest in education, medical research and youth social welfare. Among the agencies she supported were the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in California, the House East Institute, the University of Chicago, Urban Peak in Denver, Girls Incorporated of Denver and the Louisville Seminary. She also supported the dreams of more than 50 talented young figure skaters.

"The skating world was her pastime and the oil business was her work," said Bob Anderson, Ms. McLoraine's business manager since 1981. "However, investing her time and efforts in people – particularly in young people, to make the next generation a better one – was her passion."

For Scott, Mrs. McLoraine's gift to the Taussig Cancer Center is yet another example of her unconditional support for his aspirations and endeavors. "Helen believed in my ability to accomplish my dreams and goals," he said. "Fighting the war against cancer and giving people the support and information they need to be empowered and educated patients is one goal I'll take very seriously."

Scott launched the CARES Initiative, the Cancer Alliance for Research Education and Survivorship, in 1998, in conjunction with The Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center and IMG, his management firm. Since its inception, the CARES Initiative has raised more than \$5.2 million to be used for patient education and outreach programs. Those programs include "4th Angel," a mentoring program that pairs cancer patients with cancer survivors, and Chemocare.com, a web site developed by Cleveland Clinic nurses and sponsored by Ortho Biotech Products, L.P., to provide patients and their families with a comprehensive resource on chemotherapy.

The mission of the CARES Initiative is to advocate cancer research and education while developing effective strategies to improve the quality of life for individuals with cancer. The initiative seeks to inform, empower and inspire cancer patients and their loved ones by providing the best information available to help them through their illness and to beat cancer's odds.

The Taussig Cancer Center comprises a team of more than 250 expert physicians who provide a comprehensive approach to cancer treatment for any age group and any part of the body. The center offers a full range of services including cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care. The Taussig Cancer Center participates in numerous clinical trials, providing patients with access to innovative treatments.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, founded in 1921, integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education in a private, not-for-profit group practice. Approximately 1,100 full-time salaried physicians at The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2001, there were more than 2.2 million outpatient visits to The Cleveland Clinic. Patients came for treatment from every state and from more than 80 countries. There were nearly 52,000 hospital admissions to The Cleveland Clinic in 2001. The Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org.

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From the Denver Business Journal:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2003/09/29/daily40.html>

Urban Peak gets \$4M grant

Denver Business Journal

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2003, 11:12am MDT

Urban Peak, a Denver-based service organization that assists homeless youth, announced it received a \$4 million challenge endowment grant from the Pioneer Fund.

The fund, which was established 15 years ago by the late Denver businesswoman and philanthropist Helen Myers McLoraine, has pledged to contribute \$1 million per year for the next four years if Urban Peak meets certain fundraising challenges.

Those challenges include raising a minimum of \$200,000 in the first year, \$300,000 in year two, \$400,000 in year three and \$500,000 in year four, for a total of \$1.4 million.

The funds must come from individuals, family foundations or corporations and can go toward operations at any Urban Peak affiliate, for unrestricted Urban Peak operations or for the Urban Peak endowment.

If Urban Peak successfully meets the challenge, the money from the Pioneer Fund will go into a special endowment fund it has established at The Denver Foundation, called the Helen McLoraine Urban Peak Endowment Fund.

"Sustaining our programs and finding the resources to explore new ventures and avenues to expand the services to high-risk youth are critical challenges facing an organization like Urban Peak," said Jim Polsfut, chair of the Urban Peak board of trustees, in a statement. "The partnership with the Pioneer Fund and The Denver Foundation, which will build a significant and permanent endowment for the agency, not only serves the Urban Peak clients effectively, it also provides a model for other not-for-profit alliances."

Sewall Child Development Center Press Release

Date: March 2, 2004

Contact: Kathleen King, Executive Director
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• * * **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** * * *

Sewall Child Development Center Announces \$1,000,000 Endowment Gift

Sewall Child Development Center, a Denver non-profit organization serving preschool children and their families, announced it received a \$1,000,000 endowment gift from the Pioneer Fund.

The fund, established 17 years ago by the late Denver philanthropist and businesswoman Helen McLoraine, made an initial endowment gift of \$750,000, and has pledged an additional \$250,000 to the endowment if Sewall is able to raise an equal amount through its fundraising efforts. Sewall will seek these funds from individuals, companies, and foundations.

The Helen McLoraine Sewall Child Development Center Endowment Fund was established at The Denver Foundation. The endowment fund will help Sewall continue to provide high quality preschool and childcare services to children who are economically disadvantaged, who have disabilities, or who would otherwise not be able to access Sewall's highly acclaimed early childhood programs.

"This wonderful gift to Sewall is in fact a gift to the children of Denver. Helen McLoraine's commitment to Denver's children will be carried out through the establishment of this endowment," said John Orr, chairman of Sewall Child Development Center. "Through this gift, we will be able to serve some of Denver's most vulnerable young residents for years to come."

Established 60 years ago, Sewall Child Development Center is dedicated to serving children (from birth through age five) with special needs in inclusive settings with their typically developing peers. Sewall was the first to earn a four-star quality rating – the highest available -- from Educare Colorado for its preschool and childcare programs. Sewall also provides services for infants and toddlers and training to other childcare providers. Sewall Child Development Center is the disability services provider for the Denver Great Kids and Rocky Mountain SER Head Start programs in Denver, as well.

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Source: Sewall Child Development Center, Inc. 1360 Vine Street, Denver, CO 80206



POWERFUL NEWS:

MMRF PRESS RELEASES

Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium Awarded \$1.5 Million Grant to Support Tissue and Data Banks

Private Family Foundation, The Pioneer Fund, Donates Funds to Newly Created Consortium for Rare Cancer

New Canaan, CT — September 14, 2004

The Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from The Pioneer Fund, a private family foundation based in Denver, Colo. The generous donation was given to the MMRC to support the ongoing development and implementation of the MMRC Tissue and Data Banks. The MMRC also received funding through private donations.

The Pioneer Fund is a private family foundation established by Helen M. McLoraine, a pioneer who broke new ground for women by assuming leadership roles in the oil and gas business in the 1950s. Influenced by her mother, Mrs. McLoraine established The Pioneer Fund to continue her lifelong support of projects and organizations that focus on medical research, education and social welfare. As a philanthropist, Mrs. McLoraine also supported more than 50 amateur skaters along with The Pioneer Fund Board member and Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton.

"We are grateful to The Pioneer Fund for having the confidence in our organization to help us fight multiple myeloma," says Kathy Giusti, president and founder of the MMRC and the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. "The generous funds provided by The Pioneer Fund allow us to move forward aggressively to fulfill our mission in finding a cure for this disease by enabling us to bring together the top people in myeloma research with the most state-of-the-art technology."

Multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cell, is an incurable but treatable

disease. There are approximately 50,000 people in the United States living with multiple myeloma and each year an estimated 11,070 people die from the disease. Multiple myeloma is the second most prevalent blood cancer after non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Helen McLoraine has touched millions of lives without many people being aware of it. That to me is the essence of philanthropy. Through her establishment of The Pioneer Fund, the giving continues," said Scott Hamilton. "As a Pioneer Fund Board member I was touched deeply by the passion and commitment of Kathy Giusti. Inspired by Kathy, this grant to the MMRC allows all of us at The Pioneer Fund to participate in the goal of finding a cure for multiple myeloma. Helen would be so proud to know that her desire to make the world a better place remains hard at work through many amazing organizations like this one," Hamilton added.

The MMRC Tissue Bank will serve as an invaluable resource of tissue and corresponding clinical and genomic data necessary to develop new, targeted therapies. All samples maintained within the Tissue Bank will be collected, analyzed and stored in adherence with government-regulated Good Laboratory Practice standards. This centralized repository will enable scientists from academia and industry to identify and validate molecular targets for multiple myeloma, which will speed up the research and development process for new drugs and therapies against the disease and help to bring these drugs to market faster.

Complementing the MMRC Tissue Bank is the MMRC Data Bank, a state-of-the-art system that integrates laboratory and clinical trial data into one common interface, allowing researchers to effectively conduct early phase trials with a focus on correlative science. MMRC Member Institutions will conduct research in three multi-site research cores: Genomics, Validation and Clinical Trials that will remain highly integrated.

MMRC Member Institutions include Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Mayo Clinic and University Health Network (Princess Margaret Hospital). These institutions were selected based on their National Institutes of Health grant awards, number of peer-reviewed publications, clinical expertise and a collaborative approach to science.

About the MMRC

The Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) is a 509a3 non-profit organization that integrates leading academic institutions to accelerate drug development in multiple myeloma. The MMRC was founded by Kathy Giusti, the founder and president of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, which is an early investor in the MMRC. The MMRC was created to rapidly address critical challenges in accelerating drug development and explore opportunities in the most promising areas of myeloma research. The MMRC is the only consortium to join academic institutions through membership agreements, customized

IT systems and an integrated tissue bank. For more information, please visit www.themmrc.org.



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MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION AWARDS APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION FOR FOUR PARKINSON'S CLINICAL STUDIES

NEW YORK, June 30, 2005 -- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF) announced today that it has awarded approximately \$2 million to researchers to carry out four clinical studies under its recently launched *Clinical Discovery Program*. The *Clinical Discovery Program* is intended to stimulate well-designed clinical research projects focused on potentially high-impact approaches to the field of Parkinson's disease. Funding for the program was made possible by a gift from The Pioneer Fund, a private family foundation that supports endeavors including medical research.

"The Fox Foundation's innovative approach to accelerating a cure for Parkinson's reflects the pioneering spirit of our founder, philanthropist Helen M. McLoraine," said Scott Hamilton, Olympic gold medalist and Pioneer Fund Board member. "We are impressed that The Michael J. Fox Foundation is a lean organization that has chosen not to build an endowment, but instead to disperse the money they raise quickly to researchers on the front line."

The Pioneer Fund is a private family foundation established by Helen M. McLoraine, a pioneer who broke new ground for women by assuming leadership roles in the oil and gas business in the 1950s. Influenced by her mother, Mrs. McLoraine established The Pioneer Fund to continue her lifelong support of projects and organizations that focus on medical research, education and social welfare. As a philanthropist, Mrs. McLoraine also supported more than 50 amateur skaters including Scott Hamilton.

Currently, there is limited funding available for researchers to carry out small-to-medium sized innovative clinical research projects applying current knowledge regarding Parkinson's disease directly to patients and patient care.

"The Foundation is working to bridge the disparity that exists between scientists who don't have the resources to validate their hypotheses in the clinic and industry that has no incentive to support projects before a hypothesis is validated because it's too much of a risk," said Deborah W. Brooks, president and chief executive officer of The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. "We've taken a strategic look at roadblocks to new therapies and this was one of several areas where we think we can make a difference."

The Foundation awarded a grant to a team in China to carry out the first-ever multi-center, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study to investigate the safety, tolerability and potential neuroprotective effects of green tea polyphenols in people with Parkinson's disease. The team will work in collaboration with Foundation Scientific Advisory Board member Caroline M. Tanner, MD, PhD who has extensive clinical expertise. If successful, the study could lead to the development of an inexpensive, non-pharmaceutical therapy to slow or stop the progression of the disease. Green tea polyphenols are natural anti-oxidants found in green tea and used in many countries for the treatment of heart disease and cancer. The study will enroll approximately 400 people with early stage Parkinson's disease. A network of Parkinson's research centers and the Chinese Ministry of Health will collaborate on the project.



Another grant recipient will test a novel strength training technique to improve respiration and swallowing in people who have developed dysphagia, a common condition experienced by people with Parkinson's disease that occurs when the muscles that are involved in swallowing weaken or do not work properly. People with dysphagia have trouble swallowing and are at increased risk of inhaling food or liquids into the airways, which can lead to a condition known as "aspiration pneumonia" -- the leading cause of death in people with Parkinson's. Given that currently there are no treatments for dysphagia, this pilot study has the potential to have an immediate impact on patient care.

Two other teams are using Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging in novel ways to quantify changes in the brain associated with the onset of Parkinson's disease and co-morbid conditions. One project seeks to quantify reductions in cortical acetylcholinesterase (AChE) activity (cholinergic deficits) that occur in people with Parkinson's and Parkinson's-

associated dementia. Researchers believe that reductions in AChEs may be responsible for cognitive impairment commonly seen in people with Parkinson's. Dopaminergic therapies don't reverse cognitive impairment, suggesting that targeting the cholinergic system could be beneficial. AChEs are currently used to treat people with Alzheimer's but may be even more valuable for people with Parkinson's.

The other project will use PET imaging to compare the blood brain barrier of people with Parkinson's disease to those who do not have the disease. It is hypothesized that biochemical changes that occur in the blood brain barrier of people with Parkinson's could allow greater accumulation of environmental toxins in the brain. If researchers are able to quantify these changes they may be able to identify people with the disease early and to track disease progression, as well as enable the targeted development of therapies that may restore normal blood brain barrier function.

The *Clinical Discovery Program* is an investigator-initiated, peer-reviewed program that provides funding for clinical research projects over the course of up to three years. Continuation of funding will be dependent upon the achievement of mutually agreed upon milestones. A scientific review committee consisting of biostatisticians, clinicians, clinical trial experts and others reviewed all applications.

The following is a complete list of researchers who were awarded grants under the *Clinical Discovery Program* initiative:

Nicolaas I. Bohnen, MD, PhD

University of Pittsburgh

Executive, ADL and Cholinergic Functions in PD

Piu Chan, MD, PhD

Xuanwu Hospital of Capital University of Medical Sciences

A Randomized, Double-blind, and Placebo-control Study to Assess the Ability of Slowing Disease Progression and Safety and Tolerability of Green Tea Polyphenols in Patients With Early Parkinson's Disease

K.L. Leenders, MD, PhD

University Medical Centre Groningen

P-glycoprotein Dysfunction of the Blood-brain Barrier in Parkinson's Disease

Christine Sapienza, PhD

University of Florida

Strength Training Patients With Parkinson's Disease for Dysphagia

To date, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research has invested approximately \$52 million in research aimed at finding a cure for the disease. For more information on The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, visit www.michaeljfox.org.

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December 22, 2005

Major New Fund Aimed to Increase Diversity at CU

Graduates of CU's Pre-Collegiate Program Get Assistance to Attend CU

DENVER -- University of Colorado President Hank Brown announced today a \$1 million gift from the Pioneer Fund of Denver, made possible by Helen McLoraine, for the purpose of creating a scholarship program for diverse and historically underrepresented students at the University.

The gift challenges CU to raise \$7.5 million in additional scholarship funds, allowing the University to increase the number of Pre-Collegiate graduates who enroll in CU.

"The Pioneer Fund will provide a shot in the arm to our recruiting of low income students. In the coming months we will be rolling out a focused campaign to raise the \$7.5 million endowment," said president Brown.

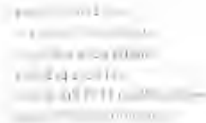
The funds will provide annual academic scholarships to eligible graduates of CU's signature Pre-Collegiate Development Program. The Pre-Collegiate program is one of CU's top diversity recruitment and retention programs. The program provides rigorous pre-college academic and preparation for middle school and high school students with an emphasis on first generation and low-income students from traditionally under-represented groups in higher education.

Since 1987, 96 percent of the graduates from the Pre-Collegiate program have enrolled in post-secondary education. The vast majority of Pre-Collegiate graduates, 97 percent, apply to the campus that hosted the program. However, only 60 percent enroll in either their host CU campus or systemwide.

"We believe the lack of need-based aid is a key impediment for these fine students in pursuing their education at the University. Increasing diversity is a high priority for us and if we are going to be successful, we need to raise our own funds," Brown said.

The new scholarship fund will provide financial assistance to help cover the costs of education, including tuition, books, and fees. Depending on the availability of funds, the University hopes to offer financial assistance for room and board as well. The scholarship will automatically renew each academic year, provided the student maintains at least a 2.5 GPA while enrolled at the University, but not to exceed five years.

International Rett Syndrome Press Release



For Immediate Release- October 26, 2009

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IRSF Receives 1 Million Dollar Matching Gift

Entertainer Clint Black to Chair Campaign to Accelerate Treatments and a Cure

Cincinnati, OH (October 26, 2009) – Inspired by recent breakthroughs in research, today the International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF) announced a major fundraising initiative entitled *Research to Reality: Funding Progress*. Funds raised by the campaign are earmarked to accelerate the progress of crucial research and bring promise to reality. Country music sensation Clint Black, whose niece Courtney lost her battle with Rett syndrome in 2003 at age 16, will serve as Honorary Chair of the campaign. The foundation hopes to raise \$3-5 million in proceeds over and above its annual \$2.5 million research budget for scientists at major institutions who are committed to Rett syndrome research and other neurological disorders. "At this pivotal time, I am honored to serve as chair of this important campaign to help accelerate treatments and a cure of Rett syndrome," said Mr. Black. "My family has experienced first-hand the devastation caused by this neurological disorder and I am eager to support the exciting research on the horizon that can help reverse Rett syndrome."

Additionally, IRSF announced that it is the recipient of a lead one million dollar matching gift challenge donation from The Pioneer Fund, a private family foundation created by the late Helen M. McLoraine, to kick off the *Research to Reality* campaign. This gift came about as a result of a great friendship that developed between Clint and Olympic Gold Medalist Scott Hamilton, who serves on the board of The Pioneer Fund, while the two were teammates on the 2009 *Celebrity Apprentice*. This generous gift will be a defining moment for our foundation and propel IRSF forward in our mission to provide care to families while searching feverishly for a cure of Rett syndrome," said Kathryn Kissam, Chairman of the IRSF. "Breakthroughs in Rett research will help unlock the mysteries of many other conditions including autism, schizophrenia and mental retardation. We invite anyone with a passion for curing neurological disorders to join our campaign to reverse Rett syndrome."

The campaign, announced during Rett Syndrome Awareness Month, also coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the breakthrough discovery of the causative MECP2 gene which was made by the lab of IRSF-funded researcher and key advisor, Dr. Huda Zoghbi at Baylor College of Medicine. "The last several years have been filled with exciting developments in Rett syndrome research and major progress has occurred in the biomedical research arena," said Dr. Antony Horton, Chief Scientific Officer of IRSF. "IRSF has played a critical role in advancing the most important scientific breakthroughs in the last decade, including Dr. Adrian Bird's pivotal research demonstrating the reversibility of Rett syndrome symptoms in mice. This exciting proof-of-concept makes us very optimistic about the possibility of pharmacological reversal of Rett syndrome. This aggressive fundraising campaign will provide a much needed boost for drug discovery and development for this purpose and various target compounds are being identified for testing in a clinical setting."

Around the country at major research institutions is a community of scientists who are committed to curing Rett syndrome and other neurological disorders. They are in position to benefit from funding allocations being finalized by the IRSF's Scientific Review Board and those that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is finalizing. The NIH is the largest single source of medical research funds in the world and has a great influence on shaping scientific research agendas.



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Gift to BGSU "Bring Back the Glory" campaign honors Scott Hamilton

Figure skater Scott Hamilton learned to skate in Bowling Green State University's ice arena. Now, a gift in his name will support the University's scholarship campaign for the hockey program that plays there.

BGSU announced today that Hamilton in partnership with the Pioneer Fund has donated \$500,000 to the University's "Bring Back the Glory!" campaign to endow the Scott Hamilton Hockey Scholarship.

The donation is the largest gift to date to the campaign to support BGSU hockey. Hamilton, the Bowling Green native and Olympic gold medalist in figure skating, is serving as the honorary chair of the campaign.

The campaign, launched in October, will raise \$5 million to endow scholarships for the program and enhance the Ice Arena. Garry Galley and Mike Pikul, members of BGSU's 1984 National Championship team, have reunited to co-chair the campaign.

"Looking back on the first days on the ice at the BGSU Ice Arena, I never could have imagined what they would bring," Hamilton said. "The Ice Arena has given me many of the most incredible moments of my life. I am excited to help bring the facility back to those glory days where other young people from BG can build their own memories and dreams. I have no idea who, what or where I would be without the BGSU Ice Arena."

Arguably the most recognized male figure skating star in the world, Hamilton has won 70 titles, awards and honors including an Emmy Award nomination, induction into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame and a privileged member of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

He captured the attention of the world 25 years ago with his Olympic Gold medal performances in Sarajevo and since has shared his love and enthusiasm for the sport as a commentator and professional performer.

"Scott Hamilton's name is synonymous with the BGSU ice arena," said BGSU President Carol Cartwright. "Scott has been tremendously generous to the University over the years. He represents the heart and soul of the arena and the skating community. We're delighted that Scott and his supporters have generously stepped forward to support BGSU once again."



Gift honoring Alissa Czisny to benefit business students

Bowling Green, O.—Olympic hopeful and reigning U.S. women's figure skating champion Alissa Czisny graduated with honors from Bowling Green State University in 2009. Now, a gift in her name will fund scholarships for business students interested in entrepreneurship.

BGSU announced today that the Pioneer Fund has donated \$500,000 to the University to endow the Alissa Czisny Entrepreneur Scholarship.

"BGSU has been such an important part of my life and career," Czisny said. "I am very humbled and excited to have this scholarship fund named in my honor."

The skater added that she is pleased that the funding will assist business students. "Entrepreneurship plays such a vital role in all aspects of our society today," Czisny said. "It's gratifying that the scholarship will help launch the entrepreneurs of tomorrow."

Czisny, 22, graduated from BGSU in May with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies. She won the women's figure skating crown in January 2009 at the U.S. championships in Cleveland. She is competing this week in the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Wa., to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team. The Olympics begin next month in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"We're all extremely proud of Alissa for what she has accomplished both on the ice and in the classroom," said BGSU President Carol Cartwright. "She's an outstanding representative of the University."

According to Dr. Rodney Rogers, dean of BGSU's College of Business Administration, the scholarship funds will be available both to current students and incoming freshmen.

"This will help us continue to attract the best and brightest," Rogers said. "It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the quality of our business and entrepreneurial programs and provides much-needed assistance for our students."

Helen Myers McLoraine, the late Denver businesswoman and philanthropist, established the Pioneer Fund. McLoraine, a supporter of amateur skating and a strong advocate for education, loved all things related to skating and ice.

"Scholarships are a vital part of keeping a BGSU education affordable," said Marcia Sloan Letts, interim vice president for University advancement. "We appreciate the continued support of the Pioneer Fund and a young alumna like Alissa demonstrating the importance of giving back to the University."

In December, BGSU announced that figure skater Scott Hamilton and the Pioneer Fund had made a \$500,000 contribution to create the Scott Hamilton Hockey Scholarship.

Czisny has performed well heading into this year's championships, winning Germany's Nebelhorn Trophy, placing fourth at the Rostelecom Cup in Moscow, and winning the silver medal at Skate Canada.

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Girls Inc. 2011 Scholarships Winners Announcement



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

2011 Scholarship Winners!

McLoraine Scholarship

The Girls Inc. of Metro Denver Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 in memory of Helen M. McLoraine, a pioneer in the oil and gas industry and a woman who embodied the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be **strong, smart, and bold.** The scholarship fund was established to carry on her legacy by inspiring girls to become leaders and to be active in community service, strive for higher education, and gain the advanced skills and knowledge they need to realize bright futures. The Fund provides competitive scholarships to girls who have participated in Girls Inc. programs and are designed to make post-secondary education more accessible to young women by offsetting the financial costs and to inspire them to pursue rewarding careers.

Teen Leadership Scholarships - \$5,000 Awards –

Awarded to high school girls exhibiting leadership in Girls Inc. of Metro Denver programs in the

Allie Alarcón

"I am strong mentally and physically. Today I live in a society where women need to be more confident and strong minded to overcome everyday life and tough decisions. I have been in Amateur Boxing for four years and have been able to keep myself physically and mentally disciplined while maintaining a strong, healthy attitude. I am strong, smart and bold... spending my years with Girls Incorporated has brought me confidence and has been able to show me more of how I am confident as a female and able to be strong physically and mentally, smart educationally and decision wise, and bold accepting challenge and doing above and beyond."



Georgette Gbekie

"To be strong, smart, and bold, you need to have motivation and inspiration. I am not only strong physically but I am strong mentally as well. I am the last of eleven, so I believe I should be the one to make my parents proud and graduate from a university. I am strong because I understand how important education is and will not let anything come in my path to success. I am smart because I have dreams. I have plans. I have goals and I am striving for success. I am bold because I am not afraid to do anything in order for me to receive a higher education and to make my dreams come true. Overall, education is the key to life. Being strong, smart, and bold helps me get closer to the key."



Ashley Gilson

"From the day you are born you want to become a wonderful young lady and turn into one of the best strong, smart and bold adults. Over the years at Girls Inc., they taught me many things to become a strong, smart and bold woman. I learned leadership skills and how to become a leader. They showed me how to become a role model to younger girls and help them become strong, smart and bold. Girls Inc. made me a strong woman from the field trips we went on, to the dances and plays we produced. I became a smarter person by learning about all the different cultures around the world. Girls Inc. made me a bold woman by teaching me how to speak in front of audiences and by making me an adventurous person. Girls Inc. not only made me a strong, smart and bold woman but they made me a leader, a role model and a wonderful woman."



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Summer Celebration
Friday, June 1st, 2012
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Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

2011 Scholarship Winners!

Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarships - \$10,000 Awards -

Awarded to outstanding high school girls who have participated in any Girls Inc. of Metro Denver programs in the 10th-12th grade.

Aziza Mustefa

"Girls Inc.'s mission to make every girl Strong, Smart, and Bold has inspired me to achieve great accomplishments. I am involved in the ING Investment Challenge at Girls Inc.. This is an innovative three year pilot program that has empowered me to take charge of my financial future. This is my third year participating and currently I hold the position of President. Not only do I enjoy being a part of the ING program, but I love to network and engage in conversations. Through my involvement in [a number] of extra-curricular activities I have found that University of Colorado Boulder offers me the accessibility to pursue my desire of improving the quality of life for individuals. I will not fall short of the expectations set by the Helen M. McLoraine Scholarship Fund. With the support of the scholarship, I can further what I do now in my community. I want to continue to unleash this urge to go the extra mile and lead community task forces that promote health awareness."



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"The dictionary defines strong as 'having strength or power greater than average or expected,' smart as 'showing mental alertness and calculation and resourcefulness,' and bold as 'fearless and daring.' To some, it seems rather impossible to have possession of all these characteristics, but I say otherwise. I am proof that anyone from anywhere can possess all these and so much more. Recently I received a call from the Aurora Medical Center and was offered the position of being a teen volunteer. This hospital was ironically the same one I was a patient at eight months previous. This experience didn't only help me overcome my fears, or allow me to contribute back to my community, it helped me use my time constructively to observe, learn, listen and ask questions. I look forward to being able to share my experience as I branch out into the world and give back to the people who helped me see that I do possess all these characteristics, and so much more."



Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship - \$10,000 Award -

Awarded to a young woman enrolled in higher education who participated in Girls Inc. of Metro Denver programs and is currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study.

Cristina Uribe Reyes

"For a very long time, I believed that community involvement was limited to volunteering. I have come to understand, however, that it encompasses so much more. I now know that I can help my community by representing them in the activities that I am involved in. By doing so, I am able to raise awareness about the issues the community faces, and contribute to solving these issues by increasing familiarity and understanding of the community."



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Letters From Salk Institute Scholarship Recipients



SALK INSTITUTE
FOR BIOLOGICAL STUDIES

Seth Schechter

Senior Director, Foundation Relations

February 9, 2012

Robert Anderson
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Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find our annual research and endowment reports to The Pioneer Fund. Included are six reports from postdoctoral fellows that are currently being supported through the Pioneer Postdoctoral Endowment Fund. The Pioneer Fund Developmental Chair was vacant in 2011, but will be assigned to one of the newest members of our faculty, Assistant Professor Dr. Xin Jin. Dr. Jin received his undergraduate and graduate training in China, first training as a physicist as an undergraduate, and then in the area of systems neuroscience for his Ph.D. Since 2007, he has served as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health where he worked with Rui Costa on circuits in the basal ganglia that are involved in the planning and execution of motor movements. In this relatively short postdoctoral training period, he has emerged as a rising star, not only in this area, but generally in the field of circuits and behavior. Dr. Jin will help to strengthen the interface between molecular and system neurosciences. He is the first author on a Nature article and more recently has had a second first author paper under revision for publication in Nature. He was recently awarded the 2011 Gruber Prize for the best young neuroscientist by the Society for Neuroscience.

The Pioneer Fund's generous support has a tremendous impact on the ability of our scientists to excel in their fields of discovery. We hope this is evident as you read the enclosed research reports and updates.

On behalf of all of us at the Salk Institute, thank you and all the members of The Pioneer Fund for your extraordinary support and continued partnership. Please let me if you have any questions and we would love to have you visit the Institute.

Best regards,

Seth Schechter
Senior Director, Foundation Relations

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Scientific Research Update to The Pioneer Fund

Sofia Aligianni, Ph.D.
Laboratory of Genetics

January 2012

The Pioneer fellowship award allowed me to pursue and conduct important research that is still ongoing on the role of autophagy in the *Drosophila* intestinal stem cell maintenance and homeostasis. My project hypothesis states that autophagy is likely to play an important role in sustaining a pool of 'healthy' stem cells that are capable of maintaining tissue homeostasis throughout life and in response to metabolic stress. Based on this hypothesis, I have been using intestinal stem cells in *Drosophila* to explore the role of autophagy in stem cell maintenance by investigating the interplay between pathways known to regulate stem cell behavior and autophagic processes.

I used selective cell type (stem cell and differentiated cells) knock down of autophagic regulators in order to investigate the effect of autophagy block in intestinal integrity. Amongst those factors were the kinase Atg1, an upstream regulator of the autophagic pathway as well as Atg6/Beclin1. Our results suggest that ablation of those factors in stem cells via RNAi leads to a premature aging phenotype in intestines as young as 10 days old. The aging phenotype was rapidly accelerated compared to control animals with a severe dysplasia occurring as early as 25 life days. Concomitant with the accelerated aging phenotype, we discovered that the total number of intestinal stem cells along with their immediate differentiating progenitor enteroblasts was increased but it is unknown whether there is a defect in the stem cells themselves. Currently we are trying to dissect whether there is a downstream inhibition of the correct differentiation pathway by carefully analyzing the identity of the cells upon autophagy block. We are further investigating the

role of mitophagy, a selective autophagic process, in the same paradigm in order to more specifically probe the role of autophagy in the maintenance of the intestinal stem cell niche.

Overall, this funding opportunity from the Pioneer Fund gave me ample time to explore, conceptualize and develop a viable project with a great potential in the area of aging research. This project is still ongoing and we are hoping to publish our novel results in the near future.



Scientific Research Update to The Pioneer Fund

Zheng Wang, Ph.D.
Molecular and Cell Biology Laboratory

January 2012

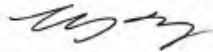
Thank you again for choosing me as a recipient of the Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Scholar Award for the past year. I am happy to share an update with you on my research proposal titled *Genetic and biochemical study of SUMOylation*.

There were two specific aims in my proposal. For the first aim, I performed a genomic suppressor screen, looking for mutations that can suppress the phenotypes (high temperature-sensitive, and hydroxyurea-sensitive) caused by deletion of the SUMO gene (*pmt3*) in fission yeast, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. The screen isolated 102 suppressor strains that fall into three categories, (1) those that only reverse the high temperatures-sensitive phenotype, (2) those that only reverse the hydroxyurea-sensitive phenotype, and (3) those that reverse both phenotypes. After backcrossing with a wild type strain to segregate out unrelated mutations, 5 suppressor strains were sent for whole genome sequencing at BGI (Beijing Genomics Institute). High-quality sequencing data with an average of 80 times coverage of the whole yeast genome were recently obtained. They are now being analyzed in order to identify the suppressor mutations.

For the second aim, I performed a reversed suppressor screen, looking for lethal mutations that can be rescued by the Q56K mutation in SUMO in budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. This screen identified lethal mutations in *RPC160*, which encodes for the largest subunit of RNA polymerase III enzyme complex. RNA pol III is responsible for transcribing tRNA and some rRNA, and is highly conserved from yeast to

human. Importantly, it has been implicated in various human diseases, such as cancer and systematic sclerosis. The finding that a lethal mutation in RNA polymerase III can be rescued by a mutation in SUMO suggests that RNA pol III may be modified and regulated by SUMO. Current effort is focused now on elucidating the mechanism behind this genetic interaction, which might provide the molecular basis to develop novel therapies for related human diseases.

In summary, the financial support from the Pioneer Fund has led to important findings, and laid the ground for the future of my biomedical science research. I would like to thank the Pioneer Fund again for your generosity. Your support of my research at the Salk Institute is truly appreciated!



Zheng Wang, Ph.D.
Research Associate



Scientific Research Update to The Pioneer Fund

Jing-Ke Weng, Ph.D.

Jack H. Skirball Center for Chemical Biology and Proteomics

January 2012

I was one of the recipients of the Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Scholar Award in 2011. Here, I would like to thank you again for the Pioneer Fund's generous support, and briefly report on the research progress that I have made during the past year.

I have been working on a family of plant hormone receptors, known as the PYR/PYL/RCAR family of ABA receptors. ABA is an important plant hormone ubiquitously present among all land plants, which plays important roles in plant growth and development as well as plant responses to biotic and abiotic stresses. PYR/PYL/RCAR family members are key players in ABA signaling in plants. Upon ABA binding, these receptor proteins undergo conformation changes that create interaction surface for binding and inhibiting the downstream type 2C protein phosphatase (PP2C) effectors. During the past year, I have identified a unique PYR/PYL/RCAR family member from thale cress *Arabidopsis thaliana*, which behaves distinctly from those previously characterized ABA receptors both in vitro and in vivo. Crystallographic data suggest that this newly identified ABA receptor may undergo a drastic conformational change upon ABA binding, involving a transition from a cis-homodimer to a trans-homodimer. Such rotation greatly reduces the surface area of the contact interface between the two protomers, therefore enhances the dissociation of the ABA receptor dimers, which further facilitates their binding to the downstream PP2Cs. Consistent with these results, transgenic *Arabidopsis* plants with over-expression of this ABA receptor exhibit a phenotype indicating constitutively active ABA signaling. We have also identified a key residue that dictates the ABA receptor dimer conformational change. The above-mentioned results will soon be ready for a manuscript aimed at high profile journals, which I look forward to submitting in 2012.

Thank you for your support

Jing-Ke Weng, Ph.D.



Scientific Research Update to The Pioneer Fund

Lora Sweeney, Ph.D.
Molecular Neurobiology Laboratory

January 2012

The Pioneer Fund has enabled me to set the groundwork and secure the future of my research project. I proposed to explore the changes in the spinal cord that underlie a frog's locomotor transition from swimming to walking during metamorphosis.

Although researchers have long used frog eggs as a developmental model of embryogenesis, very little research has been done on older froglets. I have made substantial progress in growing, visualizing, and genetically manipulating late-stage frogs and their tissues, and am building a more detailed picture of how neurons are added at limb levels in the spinal cord during this fascinating developmental transition.

My progress towards this goal has enabled me to receive a Damon Runyon Fellowship for the continuation of my research. I sincerely thank you for your support.



Scientific Report to

The Pioneer Fund

Karthik Bodhinathan, Ph.D.
Peptide Biology Laboratories

January 2012

The long term goal of my research project is to understand how a particular class of ion channels (the GIRKs) that are widely expressed in the brain's reward center, respond to alcohol. Ion channels are literally tiny "channels" in the cell membrane, which can open and close in response to drugs. In this case, alcohol opens these ion channels and lets potassium out of the cell. Based on animal studies in several labs around the country, we believe that alcohol binding to GIRK channels (GIRKs) is a pivotal step that leads to alcohol addiction and abuse in the long-run. However, we do not yet understand how alcohol activates the GIRKs. Hence, the first step in treating alcohol addiction is to understand how alcohol binds to and activates GIRKs.

With the help of the postdoctoral fellowship from the Pioneer Foundation, I have successfully created a "docking site" in the GIRK channels that can dock several chemical agents and reveal the chemical properties of the alcohol pocket. In addition, I have created "gene fusions" of the alcohol pocket in an attempt to crystallize the protein, and obtain atomic-level view of how alcohol is accommodated in the three-dimensional structure of the GIRK channel. Finally, I have validated a cell-based assay to identify novel chemical compounds that will bind to this pocket. In the following sections I have described the results of my work in further detail.

The "docking site" experiment involved the introduction of a point mutation in the alcohol pocket. So far, I have introduced 10 mutations separately, which have shown interesting effects with a wide variety of chemical agents. Based on rigorous testing, we have concluded that the alcohol pocket is hydrophobic in nature. In addition, current experiments are revealing a novel mechanism for alcohol activation of the ion channel which involves not just local changes around the pocket, but global protein-wide changes. This new finding promises to unfold a whole new area of investigation that would reveal the changes that happen to the ion

channel upon alcohol binding, and how these changes are propagated throughout the channel.

The crystallization experiment was designed to directly fuse the regions of GIRK that form the alcohol pocket. The regions were identified by comparison to the closely related IRK channels, which also bind alcohol. Briefly, I used the overlap PCR technique to selectively amplify the alcohol binding regions and fused them into a single gene. The fusions are now cloned into a mammalian expression vector for expression and crystallization. This strategy is based on previous reports that have successfully crystallized closely related ion channels. The future plan is to maximize the yield of proteins and solve their alcohol-bound structure through X-ray diffraction with the help of the Choe lab at Salk.

Finally, the cell-based assay was an attempt to create a system that can be used for high-throughput screening or HTS. HTS is a standard procedure that uses a specific format (96-wells) to identify novel chemical agents, which can open and close ion channels. In this case, I was interested in identifying drugs that can block alcohol activation of the GIRKs. In order to accomplish this, I expressed the GIRK channels in mammalian cells (HEK293T cells) and loaded them with a dye. This dye emits a signal when the GIRKs are activated. Using known blockers and activators of GIRKs, I was able to demonstrate that this assay works for 96-well format used in HTS. The future plan is to screen FDA (Food and Drug Administration)-approved chemical libraries in HTS, and identify drugs that can affect alcohol activation of GIRK channels. We believe this strategy will take us a step closer towards identifying treatments for alcohol addiction and abuse.

In conclusion, I am extremely grateful to the Pioneer Foundation for supporting my work with the postdoctoral fellowship. The fellowship helped me pursue bold ideas and high-impact research. In fact, to my knowledge many postdoctoral fellows with traditional funding mechanisms refrain from riskier projects like drug screening. However, projects that involve drug screening are the best way to find a cure and treat a disease based on sound scientific knowledge. The fact that I was able to incorporate this critical and clinically-oriented component in my research speaks volumes of the impact that the postdoctoral fellowship from Pioneer Foundation has had on my work. Furthermore, based on the current progress of my research, I was able to secure independent postdoctoral fellowship funding from the American Heart Association (AHA) for 2012 and 2013. Securing this highly competitive and NIH-style, peer-reviewed fellowship would not have been possible without the initial support from the Pioneer Foundation. I wholeheartedly thank the Pioneer Foundation for supporting me with the postdoctoral fellowship and enabling me to carry out bold and transformative research at Salk.

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January 17, 2012

Dear Pioneer Fund,

I am writing this letter to update the progress of my research in the past year. First, I want to express my sincere appreciation for giving me the Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Scholar Award, which has been a fantastic support to my research.

Last year, I successfully identified an essential role for the Alzheimer's disease-linked gene presenilin in building neural circuits during development. This Presenilin-mediated signaling regulation establishes an important molecular link between neural circuit formation and disorders causing degeneration. This work was published as a cover article in the journal *Cell*. I believe this finding will contribute to revealing an unexplored developmental window, before disease onset, in familial Alzheimer's disease where potential therapies could be successfully employed.

Along this line, my current research is focused on examining the developmental features of motor circuits in mouse models of two motor neuron degenerative diseases. Meanwhile, I am studying the Presenilin-mediated signaling regulation and reprogramming of adult motor neurons in the context of neural injury. These investigations aim to discover the mechanistic relationship between developmental pathways and disease pathways, thereby laying the foundation for developing promising therapeutic approaches for neural disorders and injury.

I'm sure this award will continue encouraging me to pursue my future studies, which I truly appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

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February 29, 2012

Dear Members of the Pioneer Fund,

I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the Postdoctoral Scholar Award of the Pioneer Fund. I am also most grateful for your support of my research. My project will reveal how the retina functions when we see the world. The retina has five neuron classes that each contain many morphological subtypes. Amacrine cells are inhibitory neurons and have about 30 subtypes. Little is known about how they are involved in information processing in the retina. To understand the roles of particular subtypes of amacrine cells, I will inactivate specific cell types using innovative genetic methods. I will develop a bridge-protein mediated system to target a particular cell type, and combine it with a multi-electrode array to simultaneously monitor neural activity. I hope that this understanding will facilitate the development of new strategies for treating blindness and mental diseases including gene therapy and regenerative medicine.

Sincerely yours,



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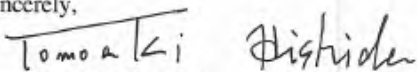
February 23, 2012

Dear Members of the Pioneer Fund,

I am extremely honored to have been chosen as a recipient of a Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Scholar Award and I am very grateful for your confidence and support of my research. My project will focus on the role miRNAs play in determining proliferation versus differentiation. Towards this goal, I will isolate established iPS cell lines, as well as cell lines lacking protein reprogramming factor(s), before and immediately after they have been reprogrammed, and then perform miRNA profiling analysis. Various gene clusters will be analyzed in order to determine the most ideal miRNA candidates. The selected candidates will be used in reprogramming experiments in which we will examine the efficiency of the identified microRNAs in regulating the various stages of the reprogramming process. By finding regulatory factors and mechanisms, such as miRNAs and their binding preferences, that can substitute for and regulate pluripotency factors, we may gain insights into the mechanisms of somatic cell reprogramming as well as cancer progression and regulation.

I would like to thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,


Tomoaki Hishida, Ph.D.

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Dear Pioneer Postdoctoral Scholar Award foundation,

It is a tremendous honor to have been selected as a recipient for the Pioneer Postdoctoral Scholar Award. I sincerely thank you for this unique opportunity. This award is well received because it will provide me with the opportunity to undertake our hypothesis that astrocytes and interneurons maintain a dynamic relationship within the mammalian central nervous system.

The overall goal for the proposed project is to begin a strategic dissection of the molecular constituents involved between astrocyte and interneuron communication. The importance of this project arises from the recent growth in our appreciation for astrocyte biology, and how the proper functions of neuronal circuits are highly dependent on the state of associated astrocytes. Secondly, much less attention has been given to a specific, but equally as important class of neurons, inhibitory neurons, also known as GABAergic neurons. These classes of cells are important for maintaining levels of excitatory neuronal networks, keeping them at bay and forbidding them to lose control. These characteristics suggest that astrocyte-interneuron communication may play significant roles in neurological disorders such as ataxia, stroke, and epilepsy. Since the health-related implications are currently broad and not sufficiently explored, one of my longer-term goals is to study the functional consequences of altered astrocyte-interneuron signaling in behaving mice. These experiments hold potential to emerge previously unforeseen cellular mechanisms involved with neurological disorders, thus providing novel information that may prove beneficial in the consideration and design of future therapeutics. The Pioneer Postdoctoral Scholar Award will help to lay the foundation by accomplishing the proposed aims, the results of which will be used to identify potential roles in both the healthy and diseased nervous system.

Being able to conduct this research at The Salk Institute, while being under the guidance of Principal Investigator Axel Nimmerjahn, Ph.D., provides an environment designed for impactful science and success. The Pioneer award will provide a driving force to accelerate our initial projects and allow them to develop into significant contributions to the scientific and medical fields. Thank you again for the prestigious award.

Sincere regards,



Yusuf Tufail, Ph.D.
Research Associate
Waitt Advanced Biophotonics Center
The Salk Institute for Biological Studies

February 23, 2012



Dear Pioneer Fund,

Thank you so much for your generosity in funding the Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Scholar Award. It is an honor to have received this significant award which will greatly benefit my research with Sreekanth Chalasani here at the Salk Institute.

This research focuses on understanding the connection between neurons and how they transfer information. These connections are easy to monitor in the nematode worm *C. elegans*. The worm has only 302 neurons, many of which have been genetically altered to express a fluorescent dye making it easy to monitor their activity. One of the challenges in studying this information transfer is to activate the first neuron in the chain. Light is currently being used to selectively stimulate that first neuron, but this requires the genetic expression of light sensitive membrane channels that are not native to *C. elegans*. The challenge is that these foreign channels create a mismatch between what we observe and what the worm naturally does. What we are proposing is a new method to activate that first neuron by using channels that are native to *C. elegans* itself. The channels of interest are sensitive to pressure which means we could use ultrasound to activate them. By over expressing these channels in the neuron of interest we aim to make it extremely sensitive allowing us to use low intensity ultrasound to activate that first neuron.

Even though this work is being conducted in the worm, it has major implications for human health. If successful, this ultrasound triggering process can be adapted to mice. Certain regions of brain tissue can be genetically engineered in mice to over express this same ultrasound sensitive channel. Without having to do any surgery in the mice we could activate those neurons with an external ultrasound pulse and monitor the mouse's subsequent behavior. This could be done completely non-invasively which would be beneficial to the entire field. This would revolutionize the way neurological studies relevant to human disease would be conducted without causing any complicating stress in the mouse.

Once again, I want to express how much I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Ibsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart Ibsen, Ph.D.
Post Doctorial Fellow
Salk Institute
10010 North Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla CA 92037



Dear Pioneer Fund Members:

I would like to thank you for your generosity in funding my proposal: "Targeting Common Mutations in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma". Your donations will fund this research project to study frequent pancreatic cancer mutations and how these might be targeted in the presence of the local tumour "microenvironment" for the benefit of many patients.

Pancreatic cancer remains one of the most deadly forms of cancer. More than 90% of patients diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma will not survive beyond 5-years; for those with metastatic cases, the average survival period is less than one year. Treatment options are limited and often ineffective, with therapies successful in many other types of cancer not significantly affecting pancreatic cancer cells. In order to improve the future of pancreatic cancer patients, we must look to what makes this cancer different from others. In the proposal, we consider how to improve therapies in the presence of the local tumour environment – a candidate for this difference.

Microscopic analysis of surgically removed tumours reveals that surrounding non-cancer cells, including star-shaped "stellate" cells, infiltrate these tumours, secreting proteins such as Collagen that surround the tumour in an impenetrable "shell". This may be a major factor in patient mortality by significantly increasing tumour size, preventing lifesaving surgery, and preventing treatments from accessing tumour cells. We propose to investigate chemotherapeutic drugs in the presence of these stellate cells to determine how they influence drug sensitivity. In the future, inhibiting the cancer-supporting stellate cells may enable better access of chemotherapeutics to pancreatic tumour cells.

Recently, the DNA of cancer cells from pancreatic tumours has been examined, revealing that although there is significant variation between tumours, there are common mutations in key genes that may be driving pancreatic cancer development. For example, the *kRas* gene is one of the earliest mutations occurring in as many as 95% of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas; therefore, a successful *kRas*-targeting treatment could treat up to 95% of patients. We propose to investigate mutation-targeted treatments that target cells with these mutations directly or that can specifically sensitize such cells to other drugs. Because non-cancer cells do not carry the mutations being targeted, such treatments could help avert some of the common side effects caused by common DNA-damaging chemotherapeutics.

Our research method will use powerful live-cell microscopy to study the effect of treatments on cancer cells and stellate cells grown together. To do this, I have begun to construct versions of these cells in which stellate cells express blue fluorescence and cancer cells express red fluorescence, as this will allow direct observation of treatment effects. Following treatment with these mutation-specific drugs we will observe changes in how stellate and cancer cells interact and study signals that indicate reduced ability of cancer cells to multiply and increased cancer cell death.

Thank you again for your contribution to this research, which will hopefully become a significant contribution towards curing this fatal disease.

Yours sincerely,
Miranda Cox, PhD.
Postdoctoral Research Associate,
Salk Institute, Gene Expression Laboratory

COLLECTION OF PHOTOS OF HELEN AND OTHER FIGURE SKATERS & FRIENDS

Scott and Helen



Helen McLoraine getting a hug from Scott Hamilton



Helen McLoraine with Scott Hamilton at her home in Winnetka, Illinois



*Top: (left to right) Ernie Hamilton (Scott's Dad), Helen McLoraine,
Scott Hamilton, friend, Kathy Casey
Bottom: Judy Blumberg, Helen McLoraine*



*Top: Carol Heiss Jenkins & Hayes Jenkins, 1960 & 1956 Olympic Gold Medal Champions
Bottom: Kristi Yamaguchi & Rudy Galindo, 1989 & 1990 U.S. Gold Medal Pairs*



*Top: Don Laws (Scott's coach), Scott Hamilton, Helen McLoraine
Bottom: Scott Hamilton, Helen McLoraine (standing), Jim & Mary Barnes (sitting)*



Helen McLoraine, Judy Klopp, Kristi Yamaguchi and Patty Harris (left to right)



Top: Janet Champion, Helen McLoraine, and Steven Baker (left to right)
Bottom: Dr. Howard House and Helen McLoraine



*Top: (Left to Right) – Helen McLoraine, Scott Hamilton, Judy Klopp, Cleveland area Reporter
Bottom: (Left to Right) – Friend, Judy Klopp, Helen McLoraine, Patty Harris*



Tracie Hamilton & Helen McLoraine



*Michelle Kwan, Nine time U.S. Champion,
Five Time World Champion, 1998 & 2002 Olympic Medalist*



Kim and Wayne Seybold, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team Pair Team



Shannon & Jason Simon

1994 U.S. Novice Dance Bronze Medalists

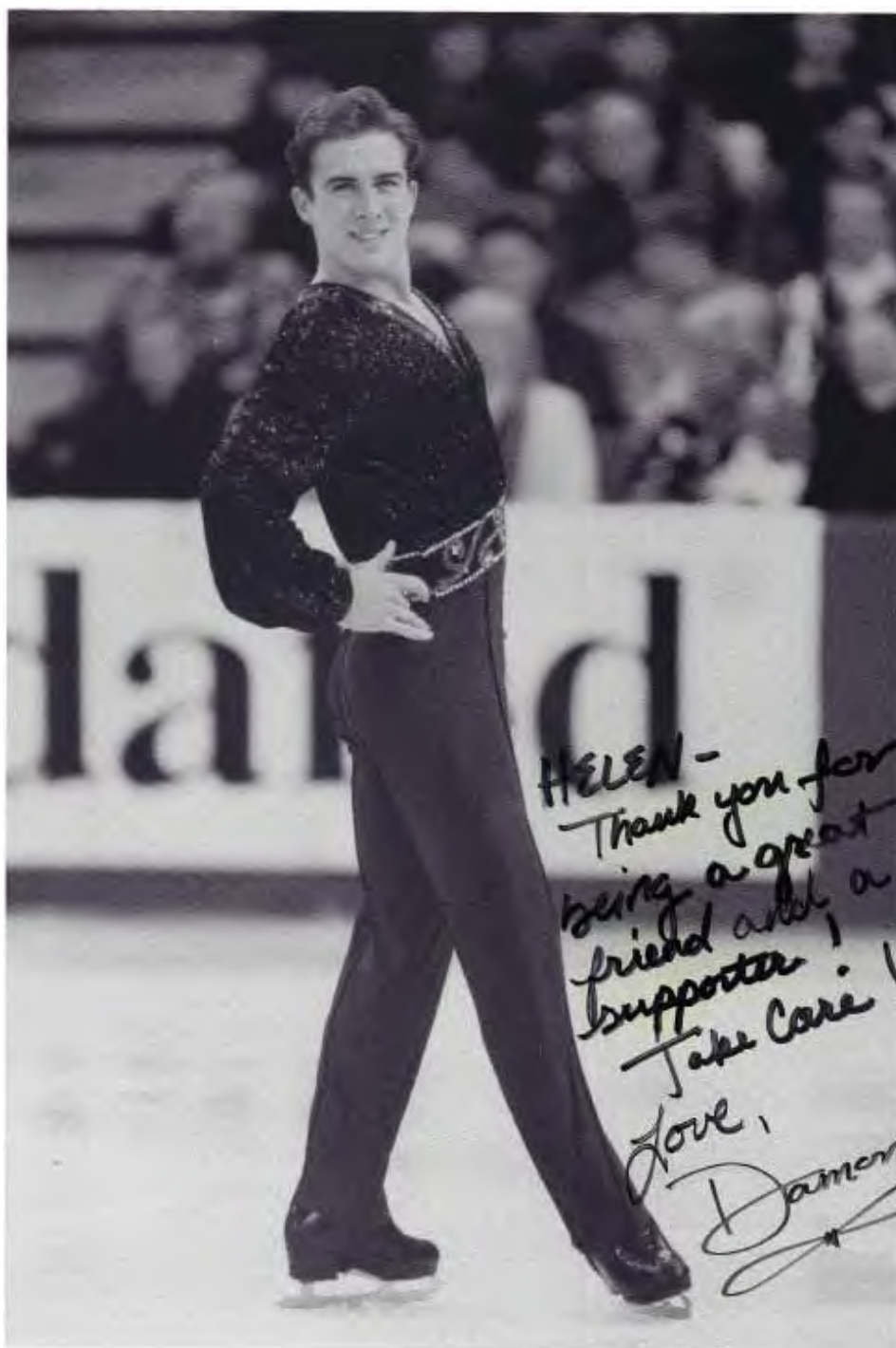


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Damon Allen



Caryn Kadavy, 1988 Olympic Team member



Top: Scott Hamilton
Bottom: Doug Wilson, Helen McLoraine, Scott Hamilton



*Top: Scott Hamilton with Maria Miller, Helen McLoraine, Tracie Hamilton
Bottom: Scott & Tracie Hamilton*



*Top: John Seybold, Kim Seybold, Helen McLoraine, Wayne Seybold
Bottom: Helen McLoraine with Friends at 1988 Olympics in Calgary*



*Top: Sandy Lamb, Helen McLoraine, Kathy Casey
Bottom: Bob Allen, Sharon Allen, Helen McLoraine*



*Top: Scott Davis, Helen McLoraine, Kathy Casey
Bottom: Helen McLoraine, Steven Cousins, Judy Klopp*



*Top: Helen McLoraine and Shelby Lyons
Bottom: Tiffany Chin, Bebe Liang, Helen McLoraine*



*Top: Sasha Cohen, Helen McLoraine, Galina Cohen
Bottom: Sasha Cohen, Sara (Wheat) Moore, Evan Lysacek*



*Top: Ruth Fritskey, M.S.N., R.N., Director of Patient Education,
Scott CARES Initiative at the Cleveland Clinic*

*Bottom: Scott Hamilton & Sasha Cohen at the Helen Myers McLoraine Patient
& Family Resource Center at the Cleveland Clinic*



Top: Kathy Casey and Kimmie Meissner Bottom: Kathy Casey and Helen McLoraine



Top: Carolyn Kruse and Helen McLoraine
Bottom: Helen McLoraine and Dr. Howard House



*Top: Helen McLoraine – at home in the skating rink!
Bottom: Judy Blumberg and Sasha Cohen*



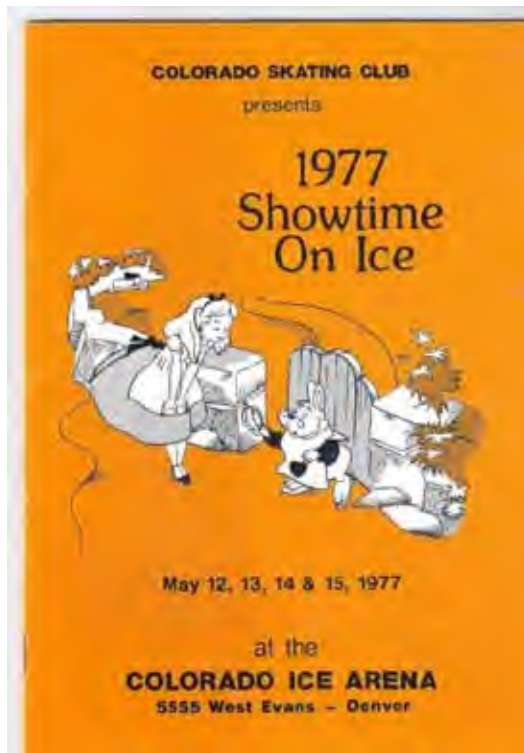
*Top: Caryn Kadavy and Kimmie Meissner
Bottom: Helen McLoraine*



*Top: Peter and Kitty Carruthers, Four Time U.S. Pair Champions,
1984 Olympic Silver Medalists in Pairs*

*Bottom: Michael Seibert (Five Time U.S. Dance Champion
with Judy Blumberg, 1984 U.S. Olympic Team member)*

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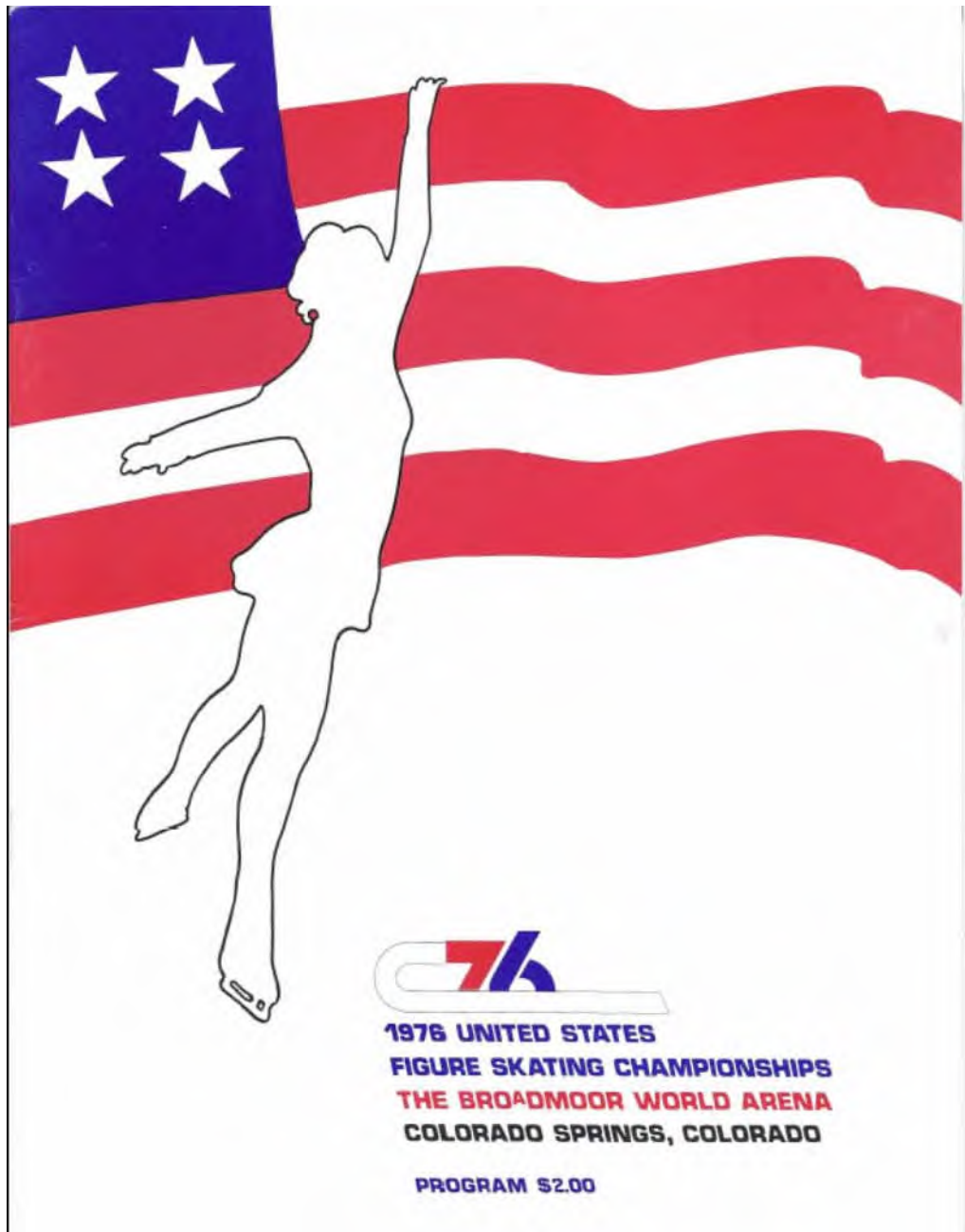


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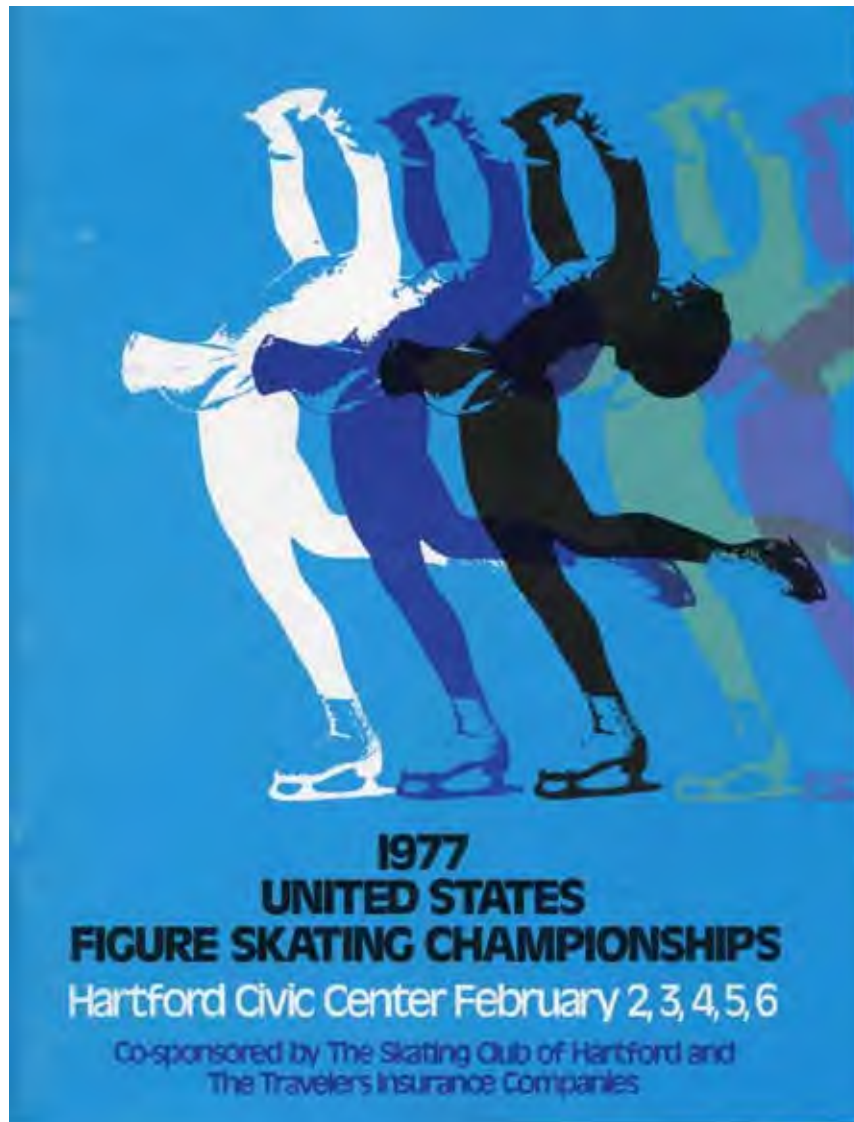
Scott Hamilton to Helen

1976 United States Figure Skating Championships



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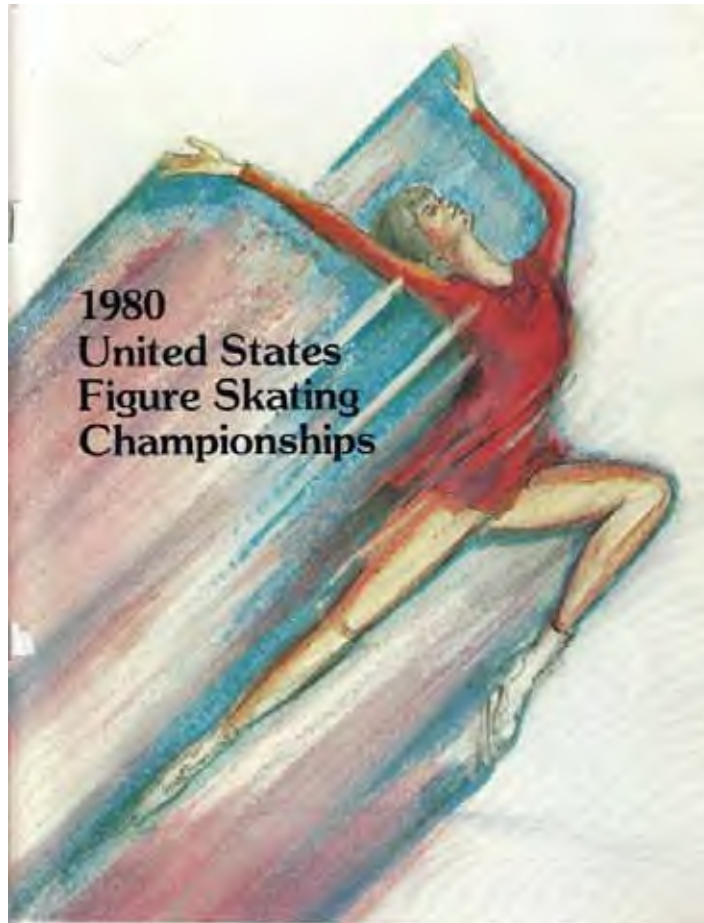


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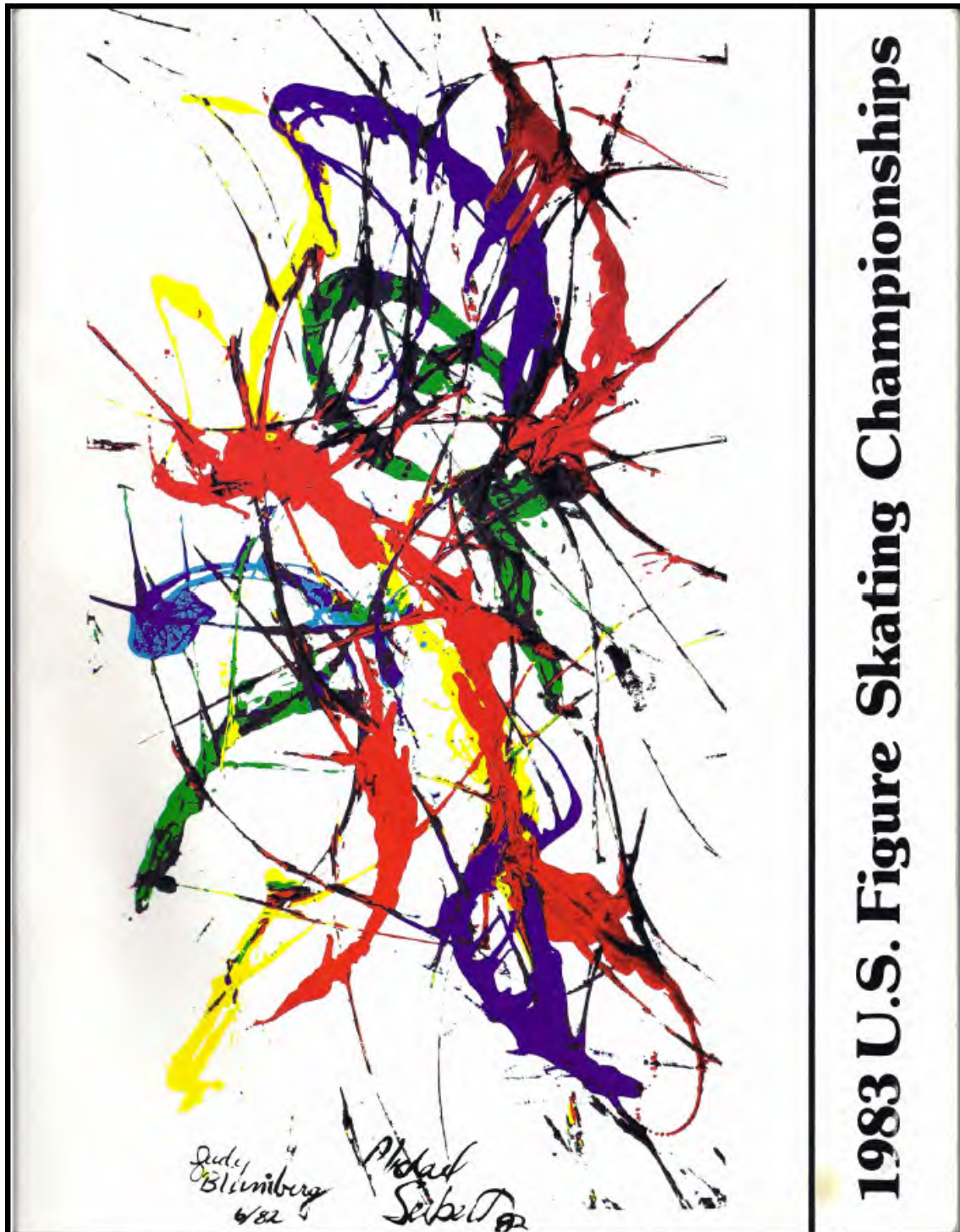
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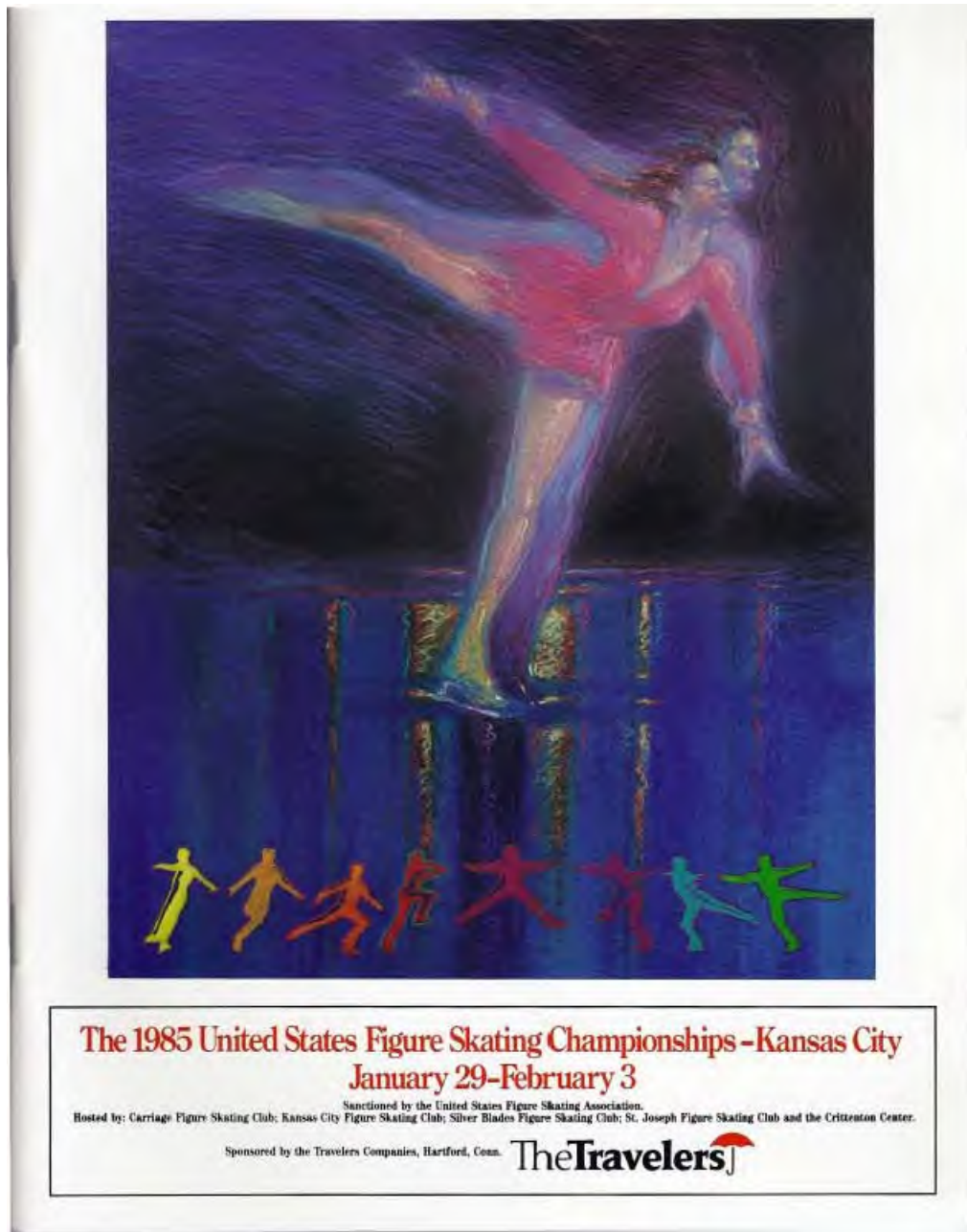
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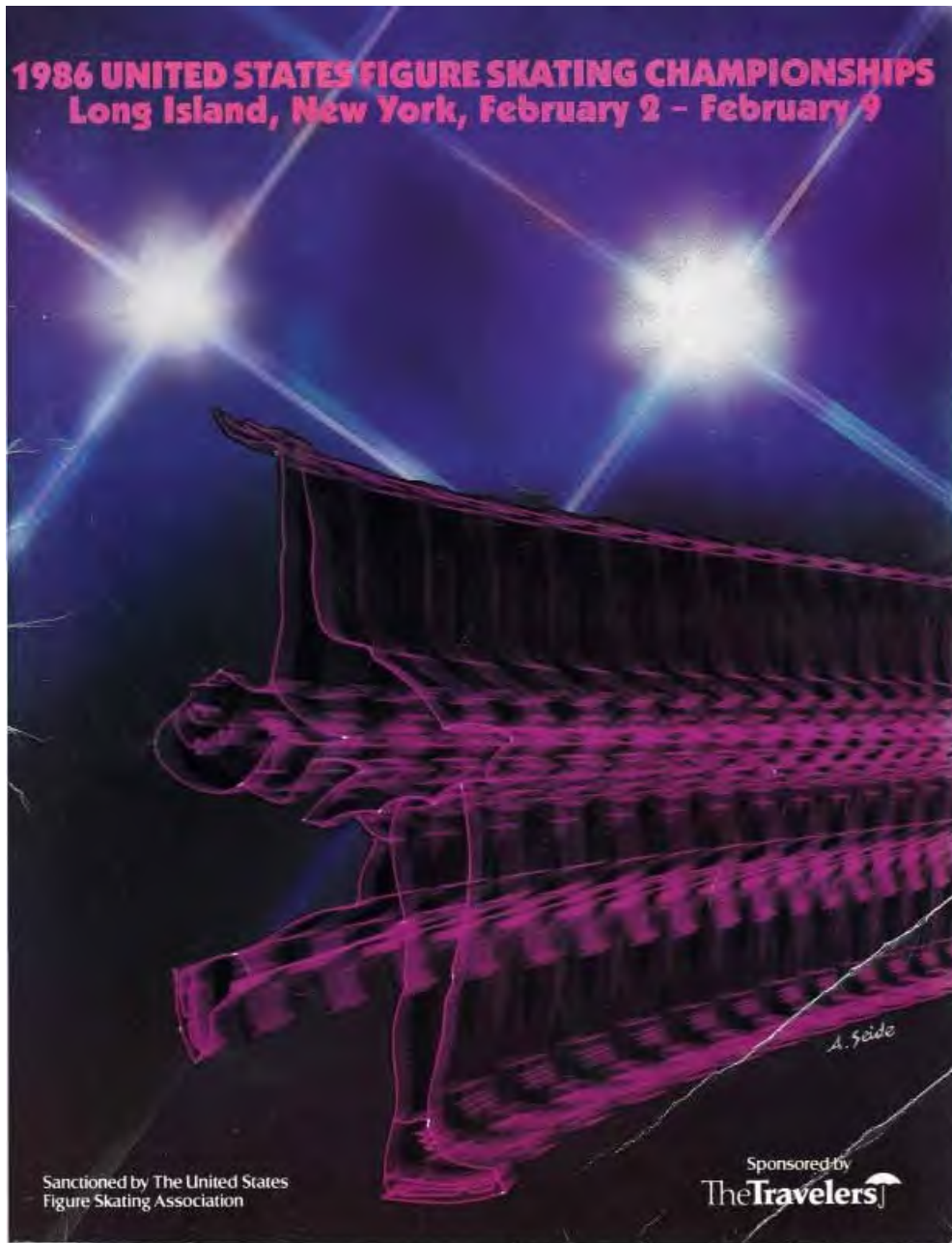
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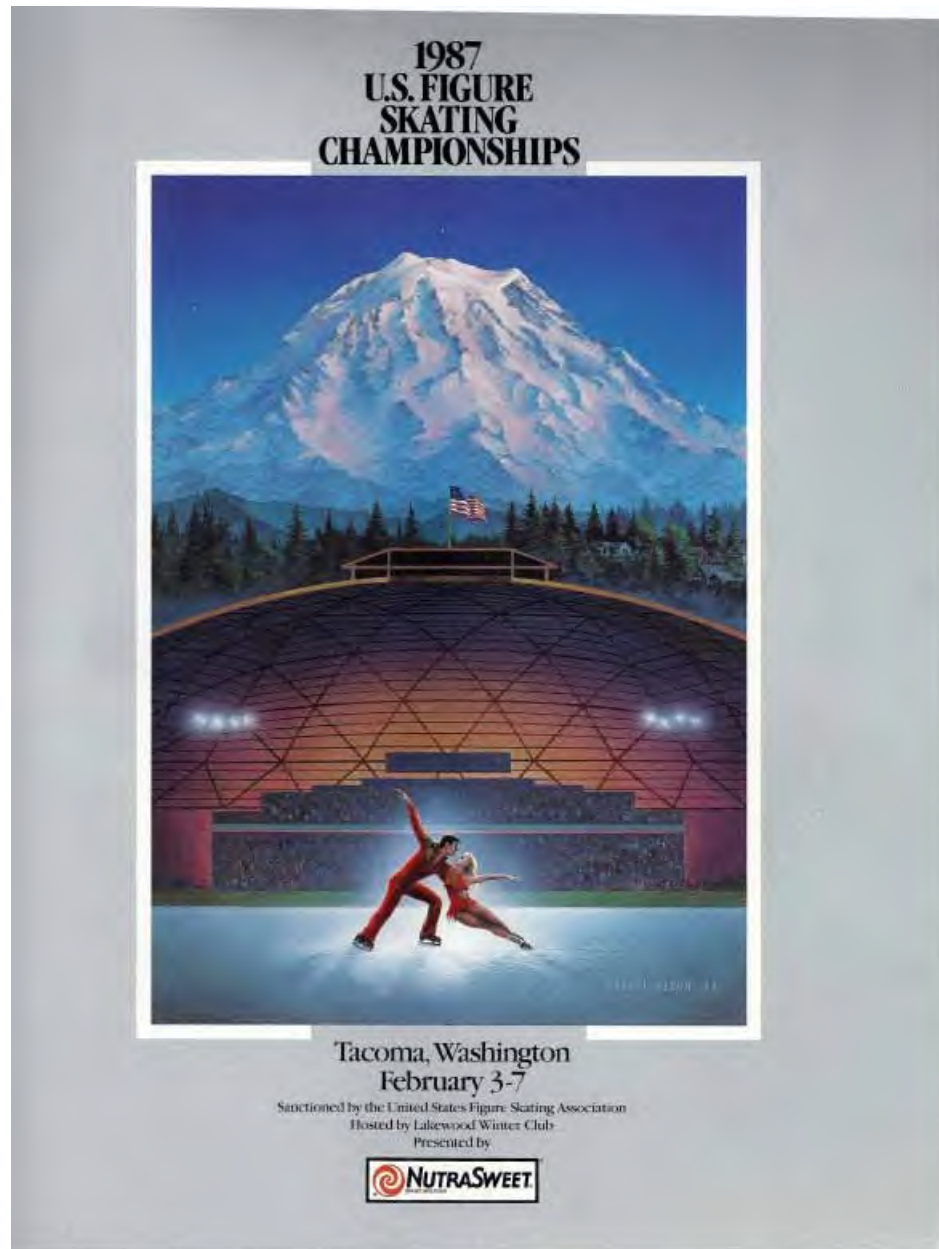
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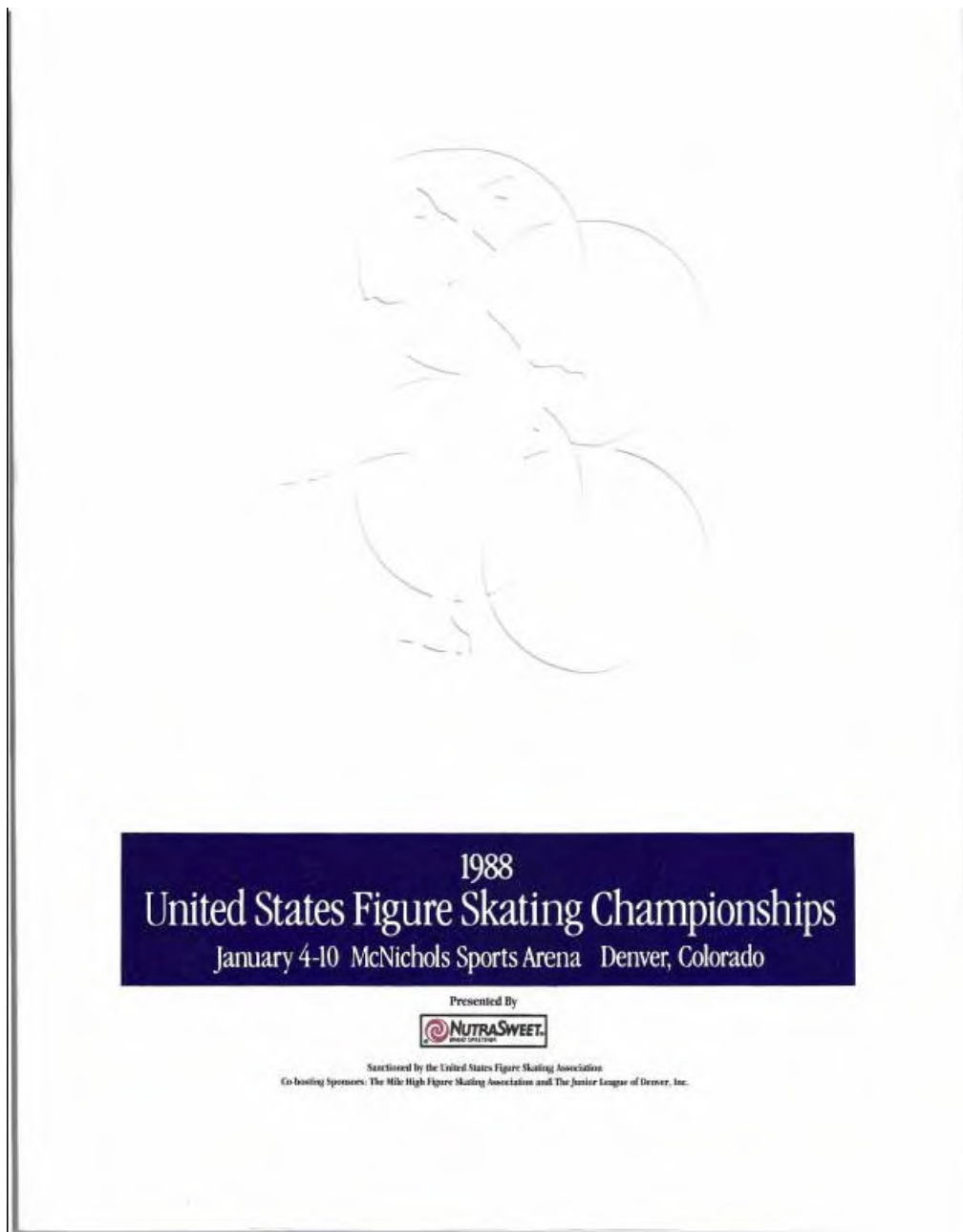
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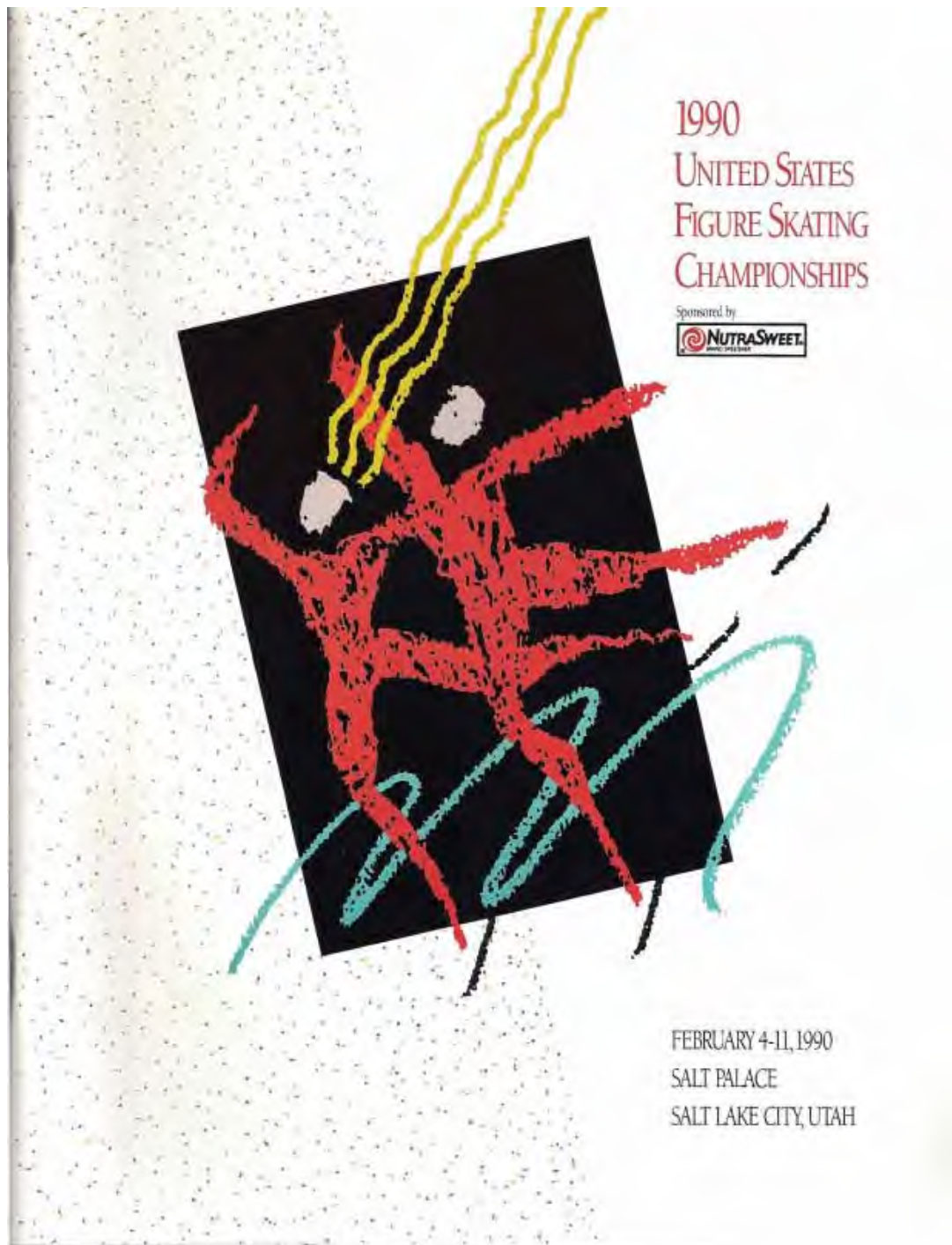
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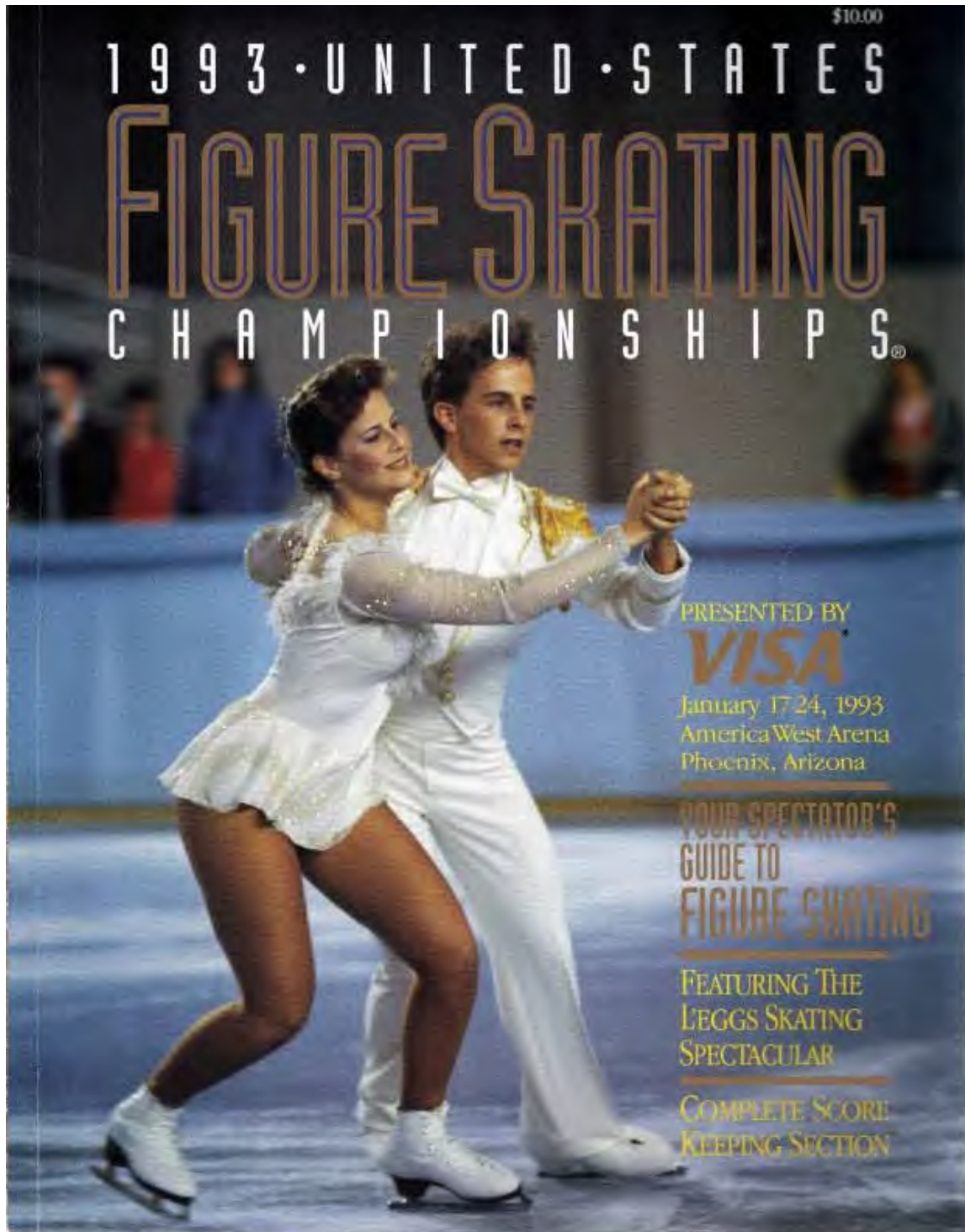
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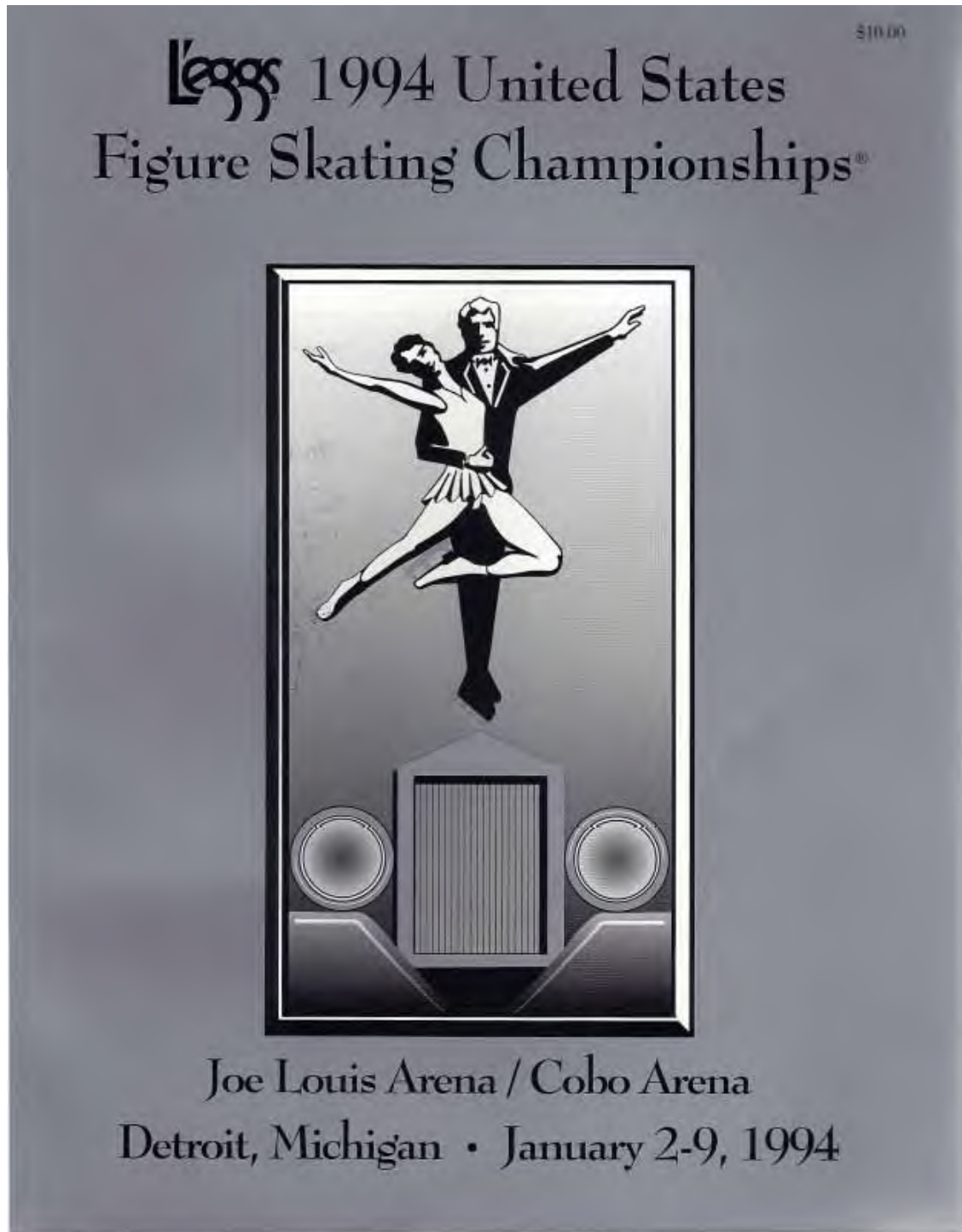


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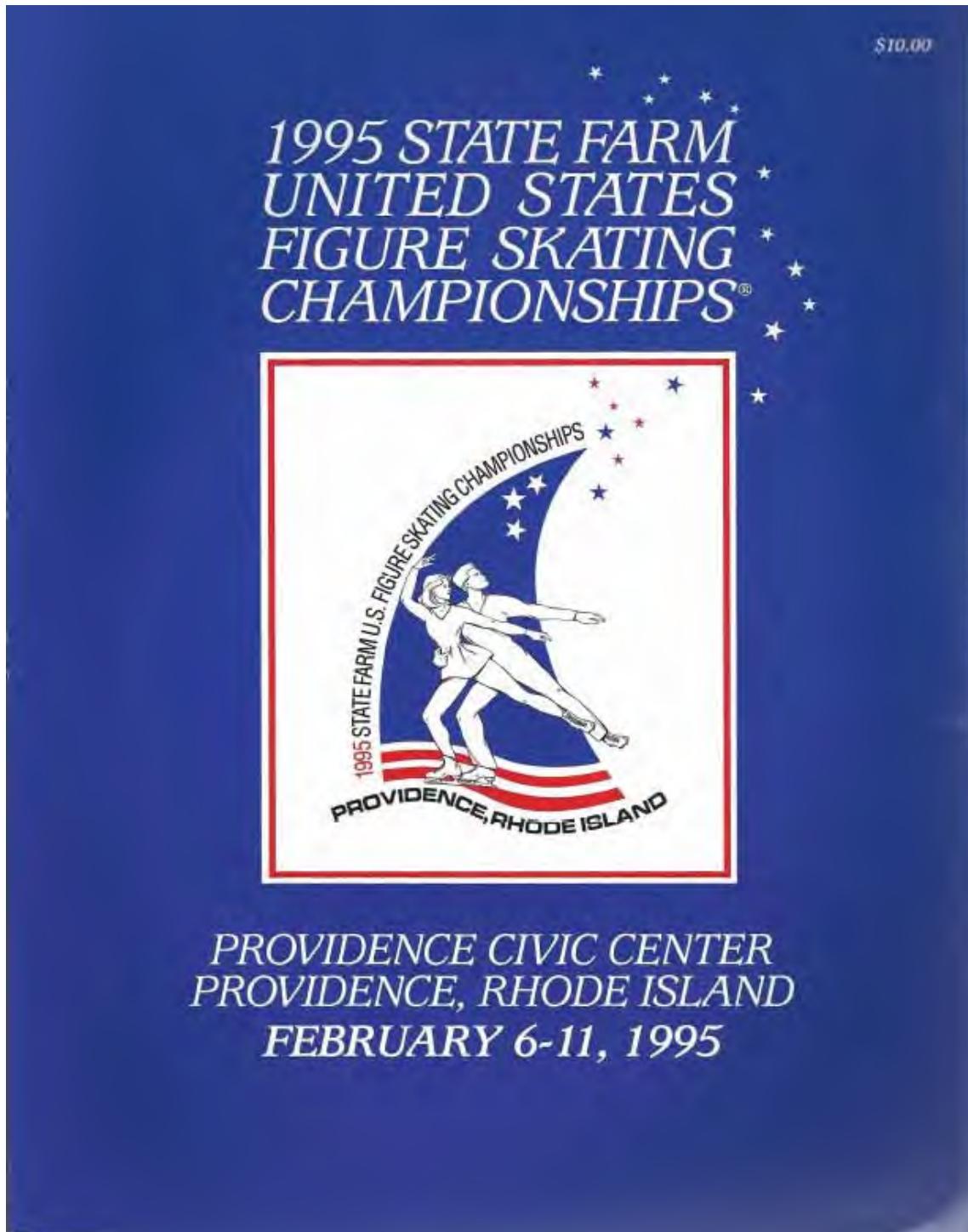


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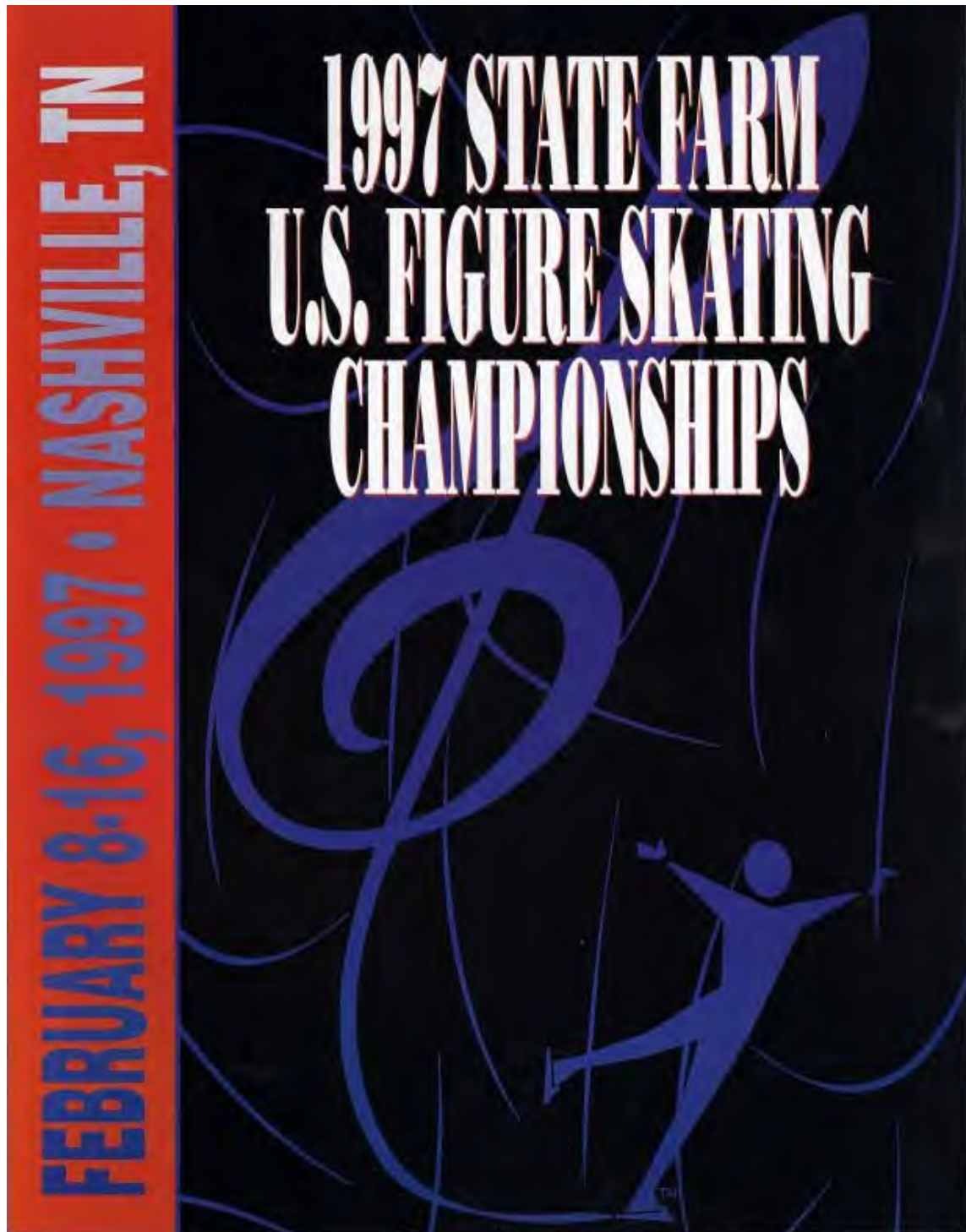
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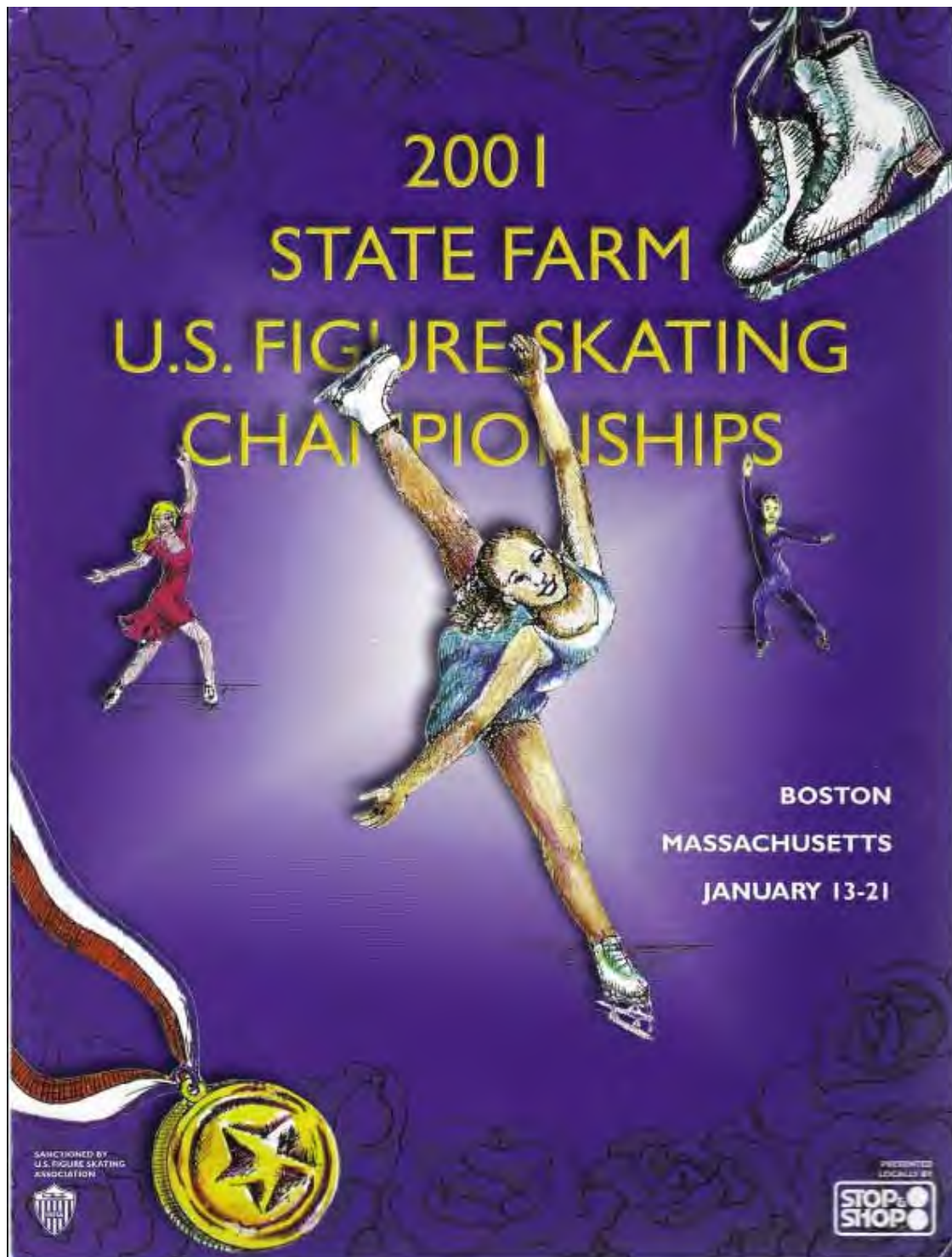
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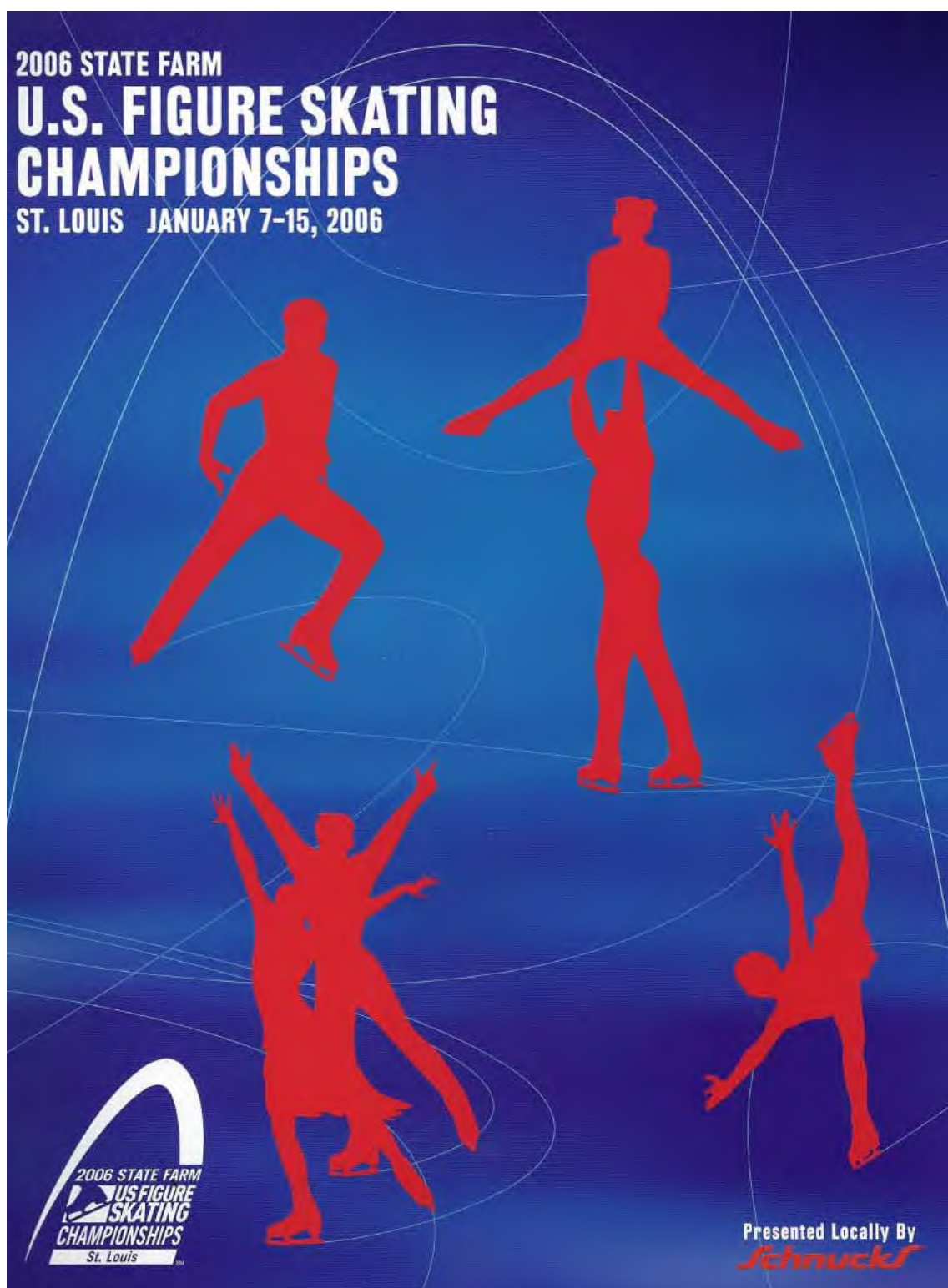
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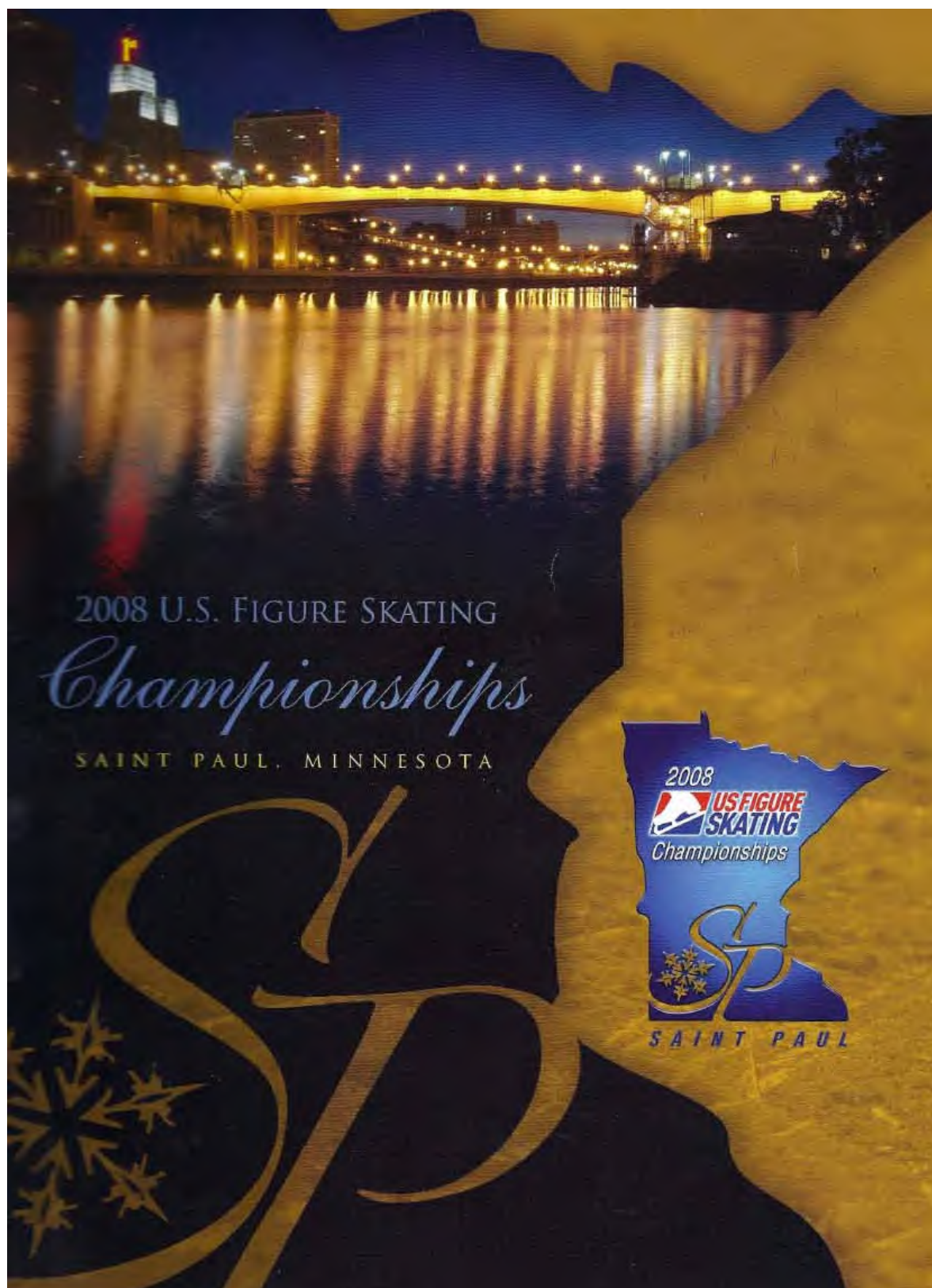
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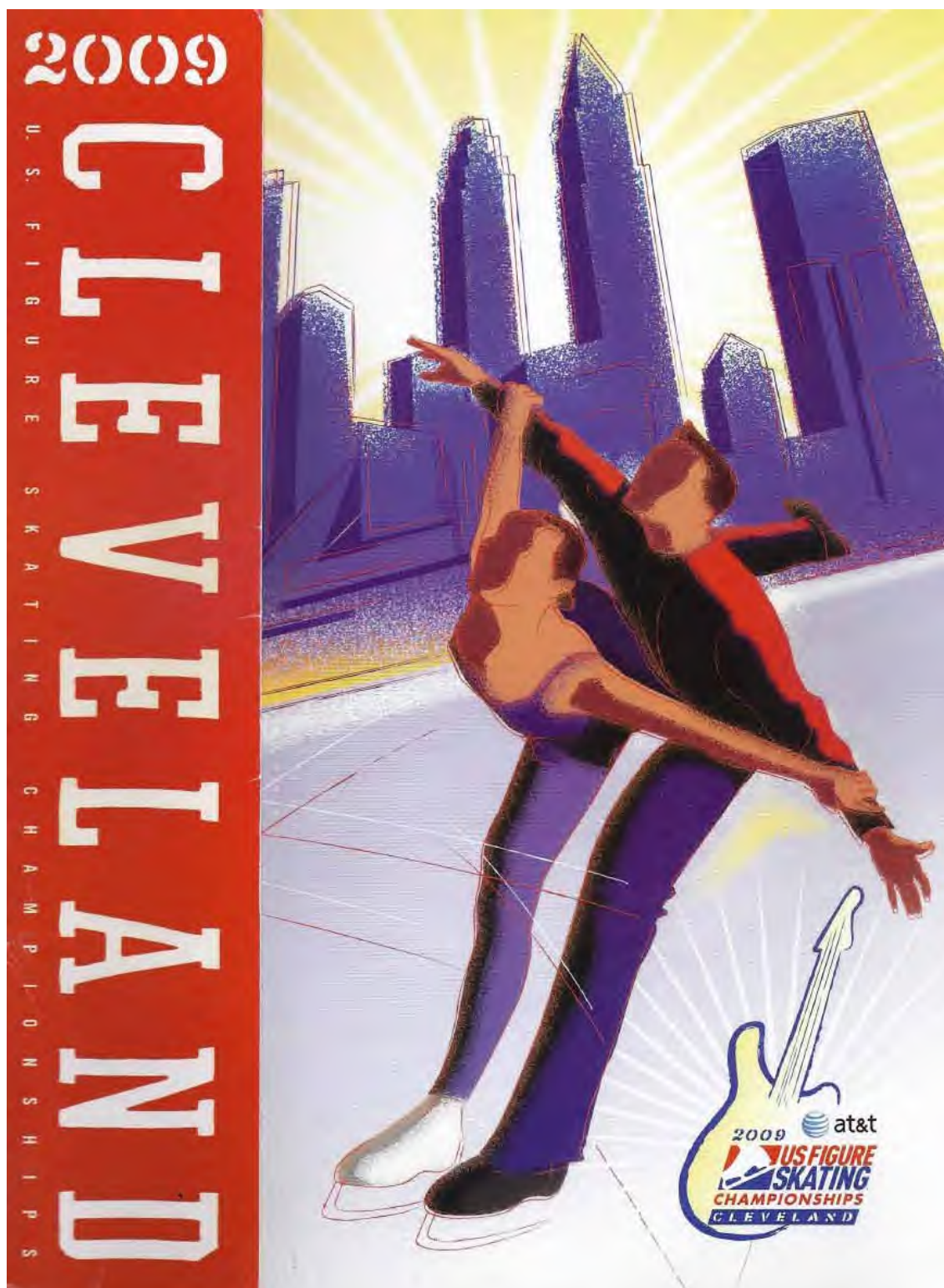
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HELEN'S SERVICE 2003

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for
Helen Myers McLoraine
 St. Andrew United Methodist Church
 January 31, 2003 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Ministers
 Organist
 Soloist

The Rev. James Barnes and Rev. Dr. Harvey C. Martz
 Mark Zwilling
 Roberta Hamilton Griggs



PRELUDE

The family and friends of Helen McLoraine invite you to join them in Fellowship Hall for a light meal and a time of sharing and fellowship immediately following the service.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Harvey Martz

The family wishes to thank Drinkwine Family Mortuary for their services.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 103



SCRIPTURE READINGS The Rev. James Barnes
 Dr. Harvey Martz

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Pallbearers

POSTLUDE

Bob Birdsong, Jr. Joe DiLeo
 Dr. Mahlon Bradley Scott Hamilton
 Jim Bye Brent Landis

*Those who are able, please stand.

Eulogy at Helen's Service

I'm here to help answer four questions.

WHO was Helen McLoraine?

The skating world was her pastime. The oil business was her work. But investing in people - particularly in young people - her time and efforts and resources to make the next generation a better one was her passion.

WHAT did this Helen McLoraine do in between attending skating events?

She helped people. She helped skaters. Dozens and dozens and dozens of skaters over the last 30 years. She helps friends who are having severe medical problems. She helps a young man finish his medical studies. She helps students at a major leading private university. A dozen students or so of them each year. Every year. She helps medical researchers at various leading research facilities study and work on our most troubling medical issues of our generation - like at The Salk Institute in California founded by Jonas Salk - the man who virtually wiped out polio in the world. She helps build buildings - and swimming pools so that we are not only strong of mind but of body. She finances purchases of state of the art medical equipment. She builds endowments. She encourages people. She is the anonymous angel to countless nameless people in all walks of life.

WHY did this happen now?

She was in great health. The doctor said so just the week before. Well, we all know that when she talked about that special kid from Bowling Green, Ohio, the sparkle in her eyes and heart would lite up an entire city. The angels above us must have been waiting for a certain Tracie Rose to come into Scott's life before they reached down to take away our own little angel here on Earth. And she loved Tracie Rose Hamilton very much. Her work was now done.

BUT what can we do now - she has left us?

Be cheerful. Be gracious - especially when we might have disagreements with another. And we all know our Helen had her strong opinions sometimes! Reach out to others in need. Don't be impressed by appearances - but be impressed by effort and achievement. Have a sense to the community at large. Work hard. Play hard. Be humble. Give a little more and take a little less. Be just a little more like Helen.

Her skate in life is over. And when the good Lord tallys up all her marks, I'm sure its all 6.0s across the board. And not a French judge on the panel!

She lived a good life. I think we lost a great one last week. On behalf of Helen, Thank-you for sharing each one of your lives with her.

Online Guest Book at Helen's

Helen Myers McLoraine



Sign this Guest Book



Keep this Guest Book
online

This Guest Book will remain online until February 25, 2003.

We Loved her. She will be missed by many.

Richard & Shelley

*Richard & Shelley Dalley (Grosse Ile,, MI)
January 30, 2003*

Helen was up beat, happy and enjoying life as we hugged, laughed and reminisced at nationals in Dallas. We will always remember her that way! The world of friends who were fortunate to know her will miss her dearly.

*Bob & B.L. Wylie (Sugar Land, TX)
January 30, 2003*

We have lost an incredible friend. One minute Helen was there in her seat at the arena doing what she loved to do--watching those young people out on the ice in pursuit of their dreams. Dreams she helped many to achieve. The next minute she was taken from us. Her loss leaves a void in the figure skating family, but her legacy will continue in those she helped and inspired.

*Mary Cook (Madison, WI)
January 29, 2003*

Our family enjoyed when Helen would come and stay with us during her visits to Chicago. We were her "date" for many University of Chicago functions and we would have such a grand time. My children enjoyed spending many hours talking and laughing with her. Our family has a yearly reunion Memorial Day weekend at the family cemetery in Dayton Illinois and Helen always enjoyed visiting with the extended family. Helen always helped me cook for the potluck lunch that was served at the reunion. We shared many a faux pas in the kitchen. We will miss her visits, her laughter, the twinkle in her eyes. But now she will be closer to us and we can visit her more now.

Bobbie, Larry, Katie and Lindsey

*Bobbie Pottenger (Chicago, IL)
January 29, 2003*

Having known Helen long before I became a skating fan, I am at a loss to be able to express my sorrow by her passing. She wouldn't let me take her arm and I couldn't catch her as she fell. She will be missed.

William (Bill) Rogovy (Akron, OH)

January 29, 2003

Friend of Helen's for more than 50 years, I will miss her happy smiles and good notes.

Helen Koch (Honolulu, HI)
January 29, 2003

Helen was an incredible woman of strength and compassion. It was an honor knowing her and she will be sorely missed by all. We are all better people for having known Helen.

Allen Birdsong (Florence, MT)
January 29, 2003

Helen was an inspiration to many people and their dreams, outside of skating as well. She so generously supported the House Ear Research Clinic in Los Angeles, California. Thanks to Helen's generosity and the House Ear Clinic "I can hear skating music"! Thank you, Helen

Darlene Bell (Los Angeles, CA)
January 29, 2003

Helen's radiant smile and enthusiastic greetings will always be remembered. She enjoyed her role as a quiet, yet vigilant supporter of the sport. We have all been gifted by her presence.

Gale Tanger (Wauwatosa, WI)
January 29, 2003

Helen McLoraine made an enormous contribution to the sport, especially through her sponsorship of Scott Hamilton, Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, among others. She will be sorely missed and long rememebred. Mary Louise and Ben Wright

Mary Louise & Ben Wright (Belmont, MA)
January 28, 2003

Helen will be greatly missed by so many. Her encouragement led me to college and helped shape my life. May she rest in peace.

Donna McLoraine Watson (Louisville, KY)
January 28, 2003

Helen made the skating world a happier place. Her smile, her enthusiasm, her support and her many kindnesses will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

Joan Gruber (Wyomissing, PA)
January 28, 2003

Even though I only met Helen once at a National competition several years ago, I was always a fan. For those whose lives she touched in such a positive way, my deepest condolences. Helen's special radiance and friendship will be greatly missed in the skating community.

Dorian Valles (Carlsbad, CA)
January 28, 2003

It is hard to imagine what skating would have been without Helen's emotional and financial support of so many of our top skaters in the past and present.
My husband and I were fortunate to be at breakfast with her just hours before her untimely death.
Helen was engaged in the delicious task of enjoying fulfilling other's dreams. She was a sentient lady.

Ricky Harris

Ricky Harris (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)
January 28, 2003

Helen was a wonderful, inspirational and very intelligent woman who enabled many, many skaters to realize their dreams. Her passing will create a gap that will not easily be filled, and we will all miss her.

Taffy Holliday
January 28, 2003

I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Helen. I met her at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. I remember fondly watching the battle of the Brians with her. Our paths did cross several times over the years. I will miss her, and her warmth and caring that she presented. My condolences to her family and friends

ellen cameron (lexington, MA)
January 28, 2003

What a wonderful lady who touched so many lives so positively. She was a delight to be around and the skating world will never forget her!

Sam Auxier (Glen Ellyn, IL)
January 28, 2003

Helen was and still is a great inspiration to many people. Her work with sponsering young figure skaters, as well as her work with other chairities speaks highly of her devotion to mankind. Over the years I've read hundreds of articles on skating and she's tied in to a huge percentage. So for that I thank her as a fan of the sport! God Bless you, Helen! :)

*Toni Reitter (Kenai, AK)
January 27, 2003*

I was privileged to know Helen for many years. We often sat together at regional, sectional, national and world competitions observing the skaters. To all the skaters she sponsored, she truly became a guiding force in their lives. I shall miss her and her wonderful smile. I am glad I had a chance to visit with her in Dallas.
Audrae Gillespie

*Audrae Gillespie (Kamsas City, MO)
January 27, 2003*

I am sorry to hear about great loss to the skating community she will always be remember

*Vincent Diuguid (St. Louis, MO)
January 27, 2003*

Helen was a great friend to the women's athletic community at the University of Chicago. Her generosity and support in the foundation of the Graduate Women's Athletic Association will always be remembered.

*Rosalie Resch (Chicago, IL)
January 27, 2003*

Helen...

For all the lives you touched in such a positive way...for all you gave so others could live their dream...for the VERY SPECIAL PERSON you are to each of us...you will be missed, but NEVER FORGOTTEN.

*Diane G Miller (Highlands Ranch, CO)
January 27, 2003*

Mrs. McLorlane's kind and generous spirit will be greatly missed by all of us who help high risk and homeless youth.

*Roxane White Urban Peak (Denver, CO)
January 27, 2003*

A great loss to the skating community. My condolences

*Joelle (IA)
January 27, 2003*

The warmth and generosity of Helen will be sadly missed by all. Her nurturing and supportive qualities ment so much to so many, but more than anything, we will miss her radiant smile when she would sit in the stands to applaud each and every skater.

*Paul Martini (Toronto, ON)
January 27, 2003*

Thank you Helen for all the years of love and support for skating. You have been a very important person in the development of young skaters in attaining their goals. You will be missed dearly. Thanks for all your help!

Tracey Poletis

*Tracey Poletis (Baltimore, MD)
January 27, 2003*

Helen, thank you once again and always, for the support that you have given Doug and I in our skating career together. We will always remember your contribution to us, as well as all the skaters that you have been a "Fairy God Mother" to.

Always,
Sharon Carz

*Sharon Carz (Los Angeles, CA)
January 27, 2003*

Helen had an enormous impact on my life. She gave me strength just knowing that she believed in me. Recently, I wrote to tell her how special she was and that I named the "Lady with the Parasol" after her. (I bought that Monet painting with the wedding gift Helen gave us) To me the "Lady with the Parasol" is beautiful, passionate, and angelic, and will forever be "Helen."

*Amy Jaramillo-Lambert (Hamilton, NJ)
January 26, 2003*

I will always cherish the night Mrs. Mac. took a group of us to a German Restaurant in Chicago and the unbelievably odd entertainment we all laughed through. Thank you for your large arms. So many have felt them around our lives.

*Cindy Perpich (Chicago, IL)
January 26, 2003*

Helen was a wonderful person whom I will miss greatly. She has been a great help to myself and my family with my son's skating career up to this point. I am so glad that I got to see her in Dallas before this terrible accident happened. And I'm glad she was doing something she loved. The Weir family will miss her alot. May God Bless and watch over you Helen. You were truly a shining star to alot of people.

*Patti Weir (Newark, DE)
January 26, 2003*

I owe so much to Mrs. McLoraine. Just when I thought I could not afford medical school, she supported me. She was a true friend and supporter of so many good people in skating. My family will miss her.

*Mahlon Bradley (Boston, MA)
January 26, 2003*

Helen, was one of the finest people, I have ever known. Never did she think of herself, she only thought of giving to others. Her joy in life was in giving, never expecting any return for herself. It was a true pleasure to be a friend, and an honor to be in her company. She will be greatly missed by so many people of all walks of life.

*NancyMeiss Meiss (Cincinnati, OH)
January 26, 2003*

Helen will be remembered by all for her unfaltering support of many skaters, her enduring friendships with many judges and coaches, and her generosity to figure skating in the United States.

I personally will miss her wise advice and keen interest in my coaching and my children and family life.

For my family, we will miss her presence at Thanksgiving and Easter dinners, and on those days, we will remember her a little more fondly.

I am grateful for her friendship with my parents and I know they will miss her a great deal, as many others will as well.

*Heidi Dello Thibert (Fort Collins, CO)
January 26, 2003*

Helen was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. I'm glad I was able to see her, even if it was brief, prior to her death.

Becky Calvin

*Becky Calvin (Colorado Springs, CO)
January 26, 2003*

Letters from Helen's Friends

Helen McLoraine

Helen and I became friends when we traveled together with Duxbury Travel to Copenhagen for Worlds in 1982. That was the first of many Worlds we attended together: Ottawa, Helsinki, Budapest, Halifax and Paris, to name just a few. We also enjoyed many Nationals over the years, where we spent hundreds of hours sitting side by side in cold arenas watching practice sessions and competitions.

To me, Helen's greatest legacy was her sincerity, her integrity and her unwavering friendship. They say that one's life is a rich tapestry, made up of materials of all colors, shapes and textures. These are the threads of friendships, relationships, experiences, both happy and sad, that stay with us forever. Through this great lady, I met some of the most amazing people I've ever known. I will always treasure her friendship.

Judy Klopp

Helen McLoraine

Rudy and I were very young skaters. Up and coming but we had a real need for support. We were so honored when Helen became our sponsor, not only did her support help us financially for ice time, lessons and travel expenses, but her support gave Rudy and I the confidence that someone believed in us, in our dreams.

Helen showed nothing but love of skating to us. She was unassuming in her giving and joyful, never making us feel any added pressure. Just pure support. Helen had such a bright smile and no matter how the skating was going, she seemed to have words of encouragement always on hand.

I remember a time when Rudy and I took part in some shows in Denver. Helen opened up her home to us and we were welcomed guests. Her hospitality and patience to deal with such young, rambunctious skaters still amazes me. We weren't looking for trouble, but the desire to have some fun as young skaters away from home with other skaters was inevitable. Helen did have to "settle us down" maybe once, but it was a good lesson in responsibility and maturity. A mutual respect was born out of that experience! Rudy and I definitely attribute that the success we had in pairs was in large part made possible because of Helen's support.

Helen's elegance, integrity, standard of excellence- gave me something to strive for. Her approval wasn't necessary, but something that meant the world to me. Even as a professional Helen's opinion still had an influence on me. Every year in Lake Placid for the Opening of Stars On Ice, I would wait to get word from Scott. He would always let me know what Helen thought of the show and I would of course be tickled when she liked my programs. Scott always told me how proud she was of me. I hope she knows what a role model SHE has been for me.

I cherish the memories that skating has given me and feel that Helen is a big part of those memories. I cherish those times we shared together, taking in the triumphs and tribulations of a sport that brought her so much joy.

Her love of skating and passion for helping those who need the support within it, continue to inspire me to carry on her legacy the best I can. Helen's smile and bright spirit has touched our sport of figure skating forever. Thank you Helen <3

Kristi Yamaguchi

Helen was a partner with my husband, Robert, in the oil business. I know he admired her sharp business acumen and her many philanthropic endeavors. They shared a mutual respect for each other. At one point, she asked him to be an executor of her will. Later he asked to be replaced because of his declining health but appreciated the trust she placed in him.

Because of Helen's involvement in ice skating, we had the opportunity to have early contact with skaters Scott Hamilton and Kristi Yamaguchi. We enjoyed following their progress as they became world champions.

Helen once joined us on a fly fishing trip to Alaska that had pretty Spartan accommodations. She was a great sport about it and was fun to have along. She was an interesting person and a good friend and will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Shirley Birdsong

3/1/2012

I first met Helen McLoraine in 1975, I was a junior accountant at Webb Resources and Helen was one of the company's key investors. Webb was primarily involved in the generation of high-risk oil and gas exploration plays in the Rocky Mountain region. By high-risk, I mean the drilling of wells that had a very low probability of finding oil and gas. Another word associated with what we did is "wildcatting."

As I continued to advance at the company, my involvement with Helen increased. I ended up running the land department and several times per year was involved in presenting prospects to Helen for her consideration. We eventually sold, Webb Resources to Standard Oil of Ohio (later merged into British Petroleum). At that point, Webb's senior management started Bird Oil Corporation. Helen was one of Bird's investors and an original shareholder. Ultimately, Helen was the controlling shareholder. Again, as at Webb, at Bird we were tasked to be a wildcatter.

As I look back now, after spending some 35 years generating oil and gas exploration projects, I can only name a handful of people that I have met who had the fortitude and commitment to a set of beliefs that allowed successful participation in the high risk oil and gas wildcat exploration game. Helen was one of the few who really understood the game. You had to drill a lot of dry holes, and lose the money doing so, waiting for the discovery that paid for all the dry wells. Sometimes the wait could be very long. Helen was very successful at the game and lived through many a dry spell without complaint.

One of the many wonderful things about Helen was that she wore her wealth well. She was forever understated and very charitable in a quiet way. Early on, she planned to commit the vast majority of her wealth to charity. I watched and learned about the importance of giving by observing people like Helen.

As I sit here today, I can say she not only set a good example but that in a small way her goals are living on through people she has touched with her generosity. My wife and I find ourselves in that camp.

Because of Helen's financial support, through The Pioneer Fund, we have been able to substantially expand our Flying Solo Scholarship Program. The program provides \$5,000 per year, in unrestricted funding, to single parent scholars, under severe financial distress, who are seeking a four-year college degree. Once in our program, the scholarship is renewed annually until graduation. To date, 79 scholars have entered the program and we already have 31 graduates. We hope to increase the number of scholarships awarded to 60, or more, for the 2012/13 school year. None of this would have been possible, absent Helen's mindset of giving back.

Helen is deserving of high compliment. She left the world a better place by having been here. Something more of us should strive to do.

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Bob Birdsong

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It was a distinct honor for my late husband, The Reverend James E. Barnes, and me to count and be counted as very close friends of Helen M. McLoraine.

We were privileged to know Helen, and to share many wonderful and meaningful experiences with her during her years in Denver, Colorado. This close friendship bloomed:

- through mutual long-time friends**
- through her active involvement at Trinity United Methodist Church where my husband was the Senior Minister**
- through travels to Europe, Asia, and Australia**
- through living in the same condo in downtown Denver**
- through interest and involvement in many charitable Organizations**
- through sharing together past experiences, present concerns, and dreaming of future ways to give and serve**

I often think of Helen McLoraine when I recall these words written in 1739 by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

The world is a better world because of our friend, Helen M. McLoraine.

**Mary H. Barnes
and The Late James E. Barnes, Sr.**

23rd Psalms

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters;
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.



I am the resurrection and the life;
they who believe in me shall live
even if they die.
John 11:25

Helen Myers McLoraine

August 19, 1918 – January 23, 2003

