

Day Family History

Two of the pioneer families of De Luz are the Days and Garnseys. The Day and Garnsey properties were originally adjacent and were later combined through marriage. Currently the property is located at 40635 De Luz Road, the Welburn Gourd Farm.

Day Family Homestead Certificate 1892



Day Homestead Certificate West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29 and the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 30

Erastus M. Day (1824-1901)

Born in New York and laid to rest in the family cemetery in De Luz. Married to Caroline Verona Beardsley Day, he is the presence behind the oldest gravestone in the cemetery. Father of five children including Harry Kirk Day (Gramp Day). Relocating to California in 1858, E. M. Day delved into various vocations before establishing the Day ranch in the 1880s.



Erastus Day 1865



Erastus Day 1892

Caroline Verona Beardsley Day (1827-1908)

Born in New York and passed away in San Francisco. The cherished wife of Erastus Day. Mother to Harry Kirk Day, Frank Beardsley Day, Louise M. Day (Behre), Lena Day, and William I. Day.

Erastus Day



Caroline Day 1900



Louise M. Day (Behre)

Daughter of Erastus and Caroline Day. United in matrimony with Fred Behre and rests in the family cemetery. Her life remains wrapped in mystery.

**Harry Kirk Day (1852-1932)**

A Californian from the age of six, he tied the knot with Ida May Belle Finch in 1875. Father to Jessie, Frank R. Day, Edith, and an infant girl. Mourning the loss of wife Ida in 1903, in San Francisco.



Harry Kirk Day (Gramp) homesteaded in De Luz in 1892. Above is his unique headstone in the Garnsey/Day cemetery. Notice the creative lettering and his hand print on the backside.

He was the owner of a productive farm which carried on for nearly a score of years with excellent results. Son of the late Erastus Day, he was born October 4, 1852 in Erie County, PA. His paternal grandfather fought in the war of 1812. He received limited education in Placer and Lake counties. In San Jose, he learned the machinist trade and for years worked in a foundry and machine shop. He was also a printer.

Ida May Belle Day (1858-1903)

Wife to Harry Kirk Day and mother to Jessie, Frank R. Day, Edith Day, and an infant daughter who tragically lived only 14 days. Educational records show that Edith studied at De Luz School between 1890-1899, while Jessie was there from 1890-1896, and Frank from 1890-1895.





Harry Kirk Day and Ida Belle wedding photo



Harry Kirk Day after the Spanish America War



Harry Day and Harry Garnsey circa 1930

Harry K. Day (Gramp Day) and Harry Garnsey in overalls in the De Luz vineyard



Frank R Day (1877-1950)

Frank R Day, wedded to Lulu Adams, was blessed with a daughter named Dorothy.

Professionally, Frank made his mark in Fallbrook as the owner-operator of a Ford garage, specializing in repairing boilers and other mechanical equipment. His garage was distinguishably marked by a 6-foot representation of the Devil, which, in a quirky twist of fate, was found atop the Methodist church one Halloween. In 1918, Frank sold this business venture to Mr. Ellis. He moved to Porterville and later died there in 1950.



Frank and Lulu Day



Lulu Day



Dorothy Day on Wanda

Jessie D. (Day) Tittle (1880-1930)

Daughter of Ida and Harry Kirk Day, Jessie later became the wife of David Martin Tittle, giving birth to Marjorie, Reese, and Edith (who would later be known as Edith Day Mitchell). Jessie's legacy in education shone brightly; both Marjorie and Reese were students at De Luz School during 1911-13. Jessie herself made strides in her career, first as a teacher and eventually rising to become a school principal. The 1920 Census records show her residing in Fallbrook as a widow.



**Jessie Day
Tittle**



Jessie Day Tittle



**Jessie and De Luz School teachers
Jessie is the second from the right**



Jessie Day and Edith Day

Edith Day Garnsey (1885-1964)

Edith Day, daughter of Harry K. Day and Ida Belle Day, a notable figure in local history, tied the knot with Louis James Garnsey. Their union fused two pioneering families of the region, the Garnseys and the Days. From 1890 to 1899, Edith pursued her education at the De Luz School, which was situated on the Wilmot property. Through her marriage to James Garnsey, she played a pivotal role in the intertwining stories of these founding families.





De Luz Orchard and vineyard



Header & header barge with H. K. Day

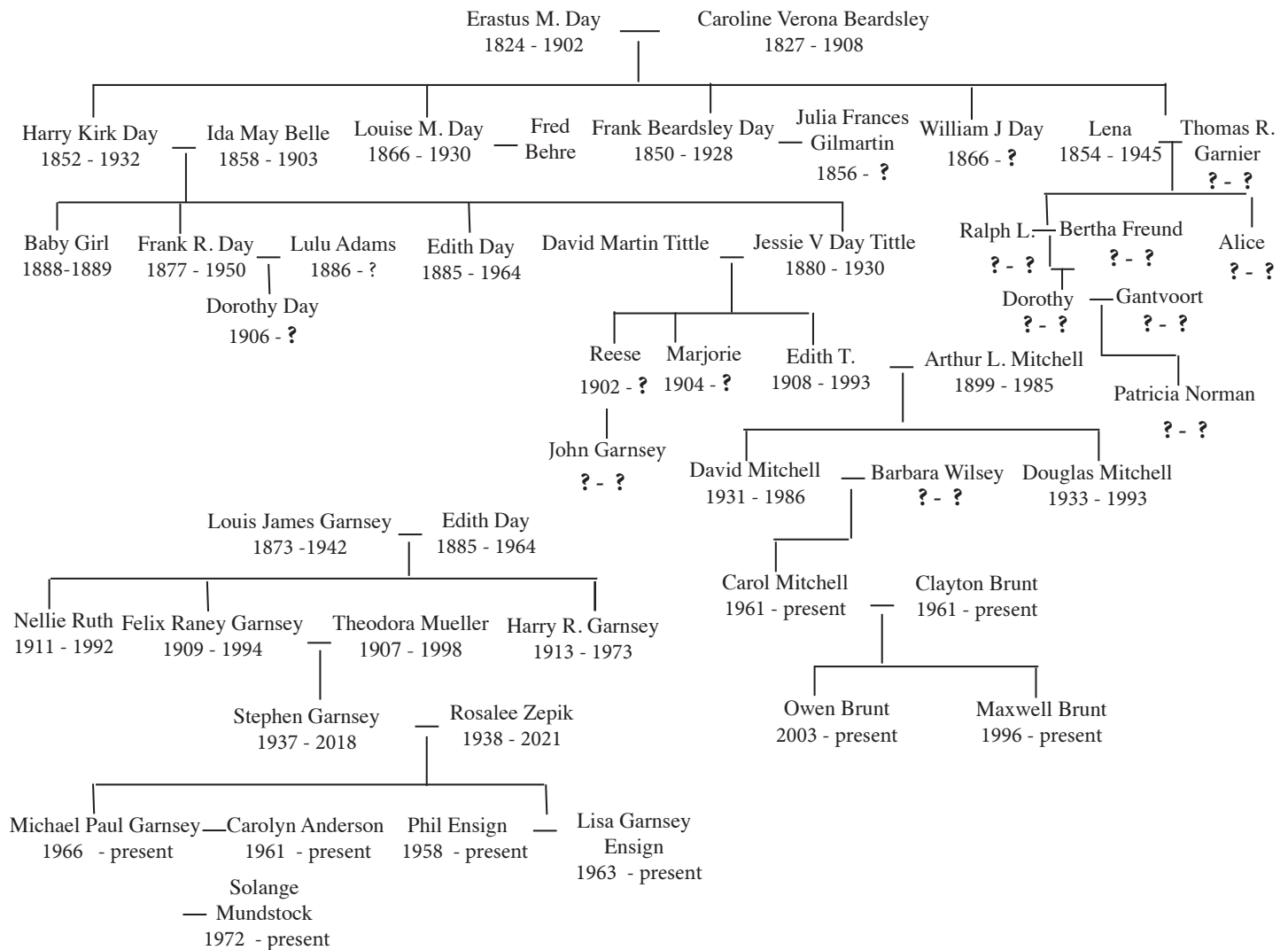


Muscat grapes vineyard



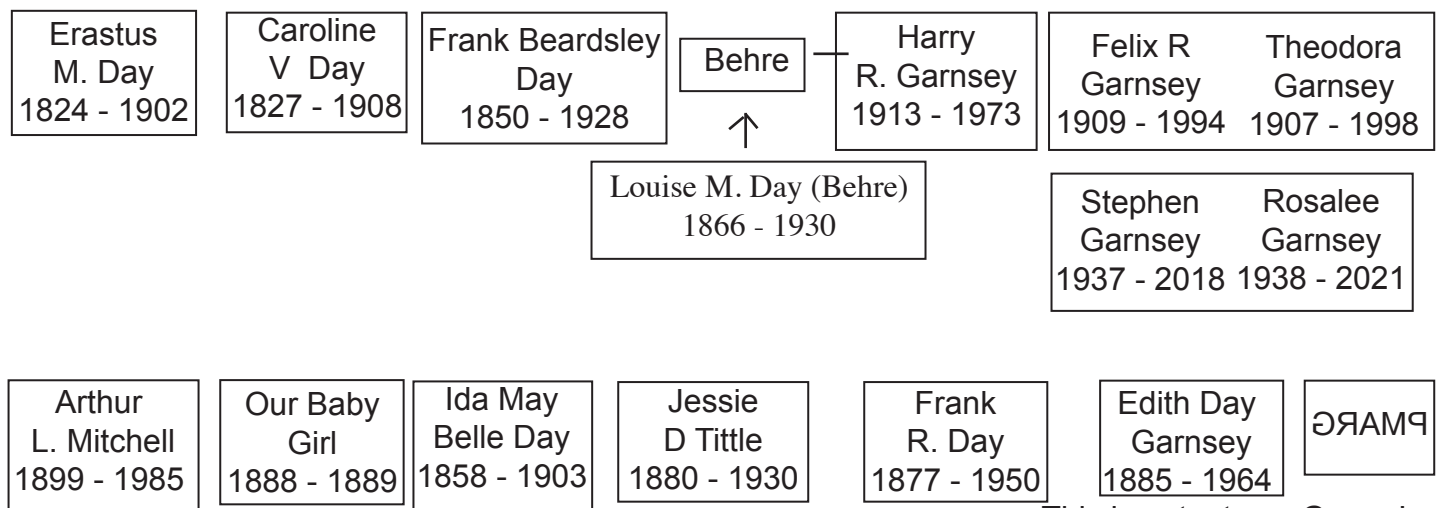
Adobe built by H. K. Day for drying muscat grapes, still standing today

Day Family Tree



Cemetery on the Garnsey Ranch *

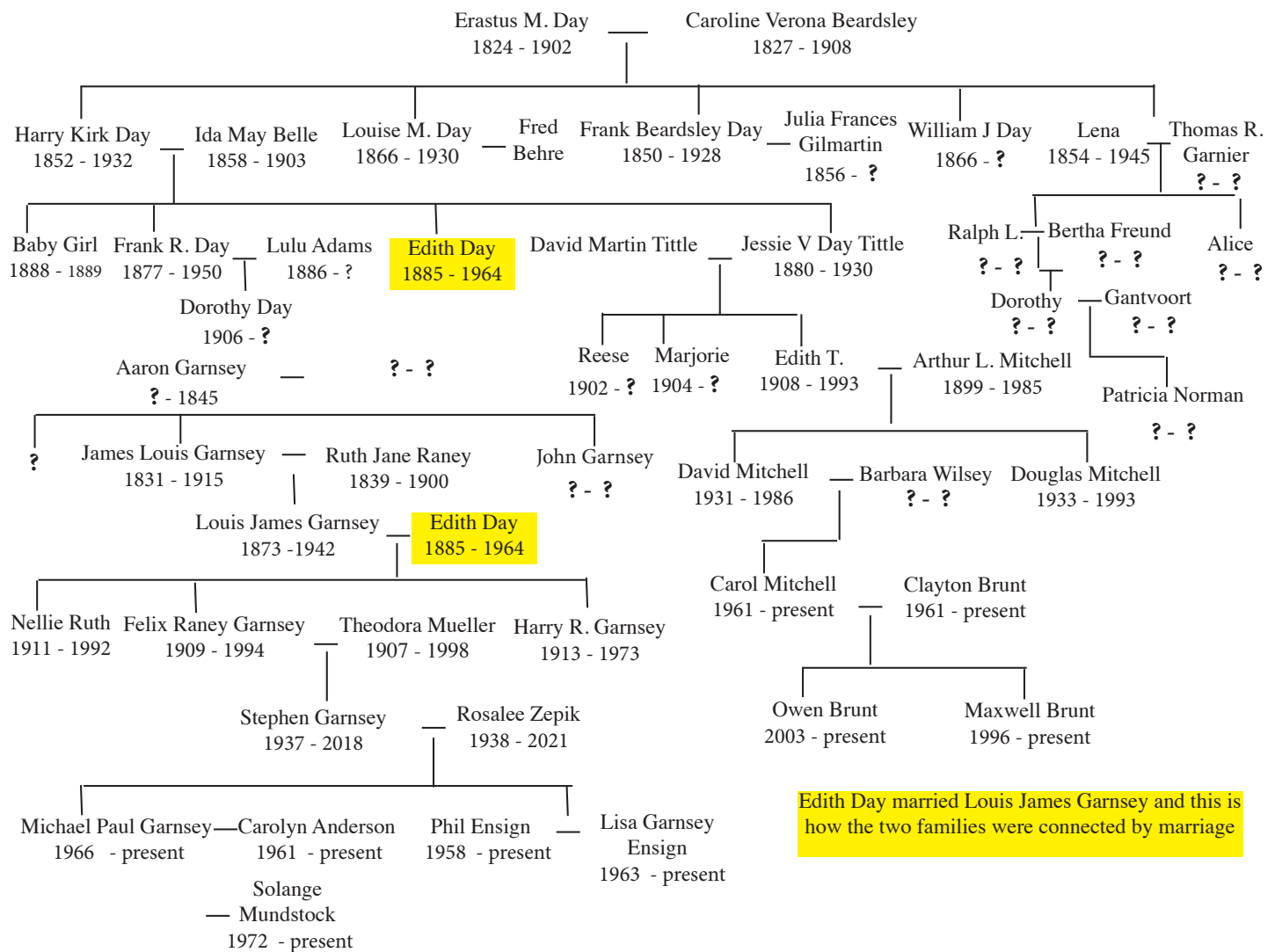
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*Cemetery is located on the Welburn Gourd Farm

This is not a typo. Gramp's headstone does look like this. His hand print is on the back.

Day and Garnsey Family Trees



Louis Garnsey's 1914 original post office shed, the pioneering Day house nestled behind the classic picket fence.