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The Family History of

Nicholas L. George

12 November 2017

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A1b2a1. Walburga Pflumm Vanleelwen (1870-1910)

A1b2a2. John Vanleelwen (1865- deceased)

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## GENERATION ONE

Nicholas George was born in Joplin, Missouri at Freeman Health Center to Nancy (1965- ) and Edward George (1963- ). Due to Nancy being pregnant with twins Nicholas was born premature four weeks. During the birth Nicholas was born first, and then followed Nathan. Nicholas and Nathan both weighed a little over five pounds.

Nancy and Edward lived in a small house in Duquesne Missouri where their new family resided. The house had a small back yard with many friendly neighbors. Nancy used to take Nathan and Nicholas on walks around the neighborhood with a little red wagon. The back yard of the house had a small fence that kept Edward's two wrote weilers contained. Nicholas and Nathan were not allowed outside when the dogs were out of the pen because their parents were worried about their protection. Once the twins grew to ages three they often climbed the trees in the front yard.

When Nancy was at work and Edward was attending school, the twins both attended a large daycare center in Joplin, Missouri. Eventually Nancy became pregnant and she later bared another son named Ethan (1998- ). Only a few months later and the George family were moving back to where Nancy originally grew up. Life on the farm was rather different for Nicholas. It was very different then Joplin. Edward also started running the farm operations that John Schifferdecker (1936- ) did back during Nancy's childhood. The farming operations would become a big part in Nicholas's life growing up. Edward had different pastures where the cows were kept at. One place was behind their house. One day when Nicholas and Nathan were home with Nancy, they decided to try and go pet the cows. It wasn't until Nancy saw the cows walking quickly behind house when she realized the twins were not around. Edward came home from work and went out and fetched the two four year old boys from the pasture before anything could happen.

Between attending grade school and athletics, Nicholas and Nathan were very talented at terrorizing their baby sitters. Ethan the youngest brother often lent a hand in provoking the situations through brotherly love. Once they grew old enough Nicholas and Nathan attended a private pre-School in Girard Kansas. A year later as they attended Girard's public school for kindergarten. Kindergarten was a fun year especially since after school Nicholas and Nathan got to stay after class to play computer games on their teachers desktop. Nancy was good friends with their kindergarten teacher since they attended the same church as one another.

Nicholas and Nathan spent much time together playing catch with baseballs when they first had interests in sports. Baseball would be the first sport Nicholas ever played. He first played tee ball with his twin brother Nathan and their interests only grew as time went on. After playing for a few years, Nicholas was asked to play on a traveling team with his brother Nathan. This was very special to him because it was a combination of the best players from four different little league teams. That August Summer in Frontenac, Kansas the little league tournament was held. The all star team won every game until the championship game. It was double elimination for the teams and the final game down to Nicholas hitting the winning run in for their team to advance to the state tournament. After the tournament in Frontenac, Nicholas and Nathan's pictures both made it into the Girard Press Newspaper and the Morning Sun.

When it was the spring of 2005 Edward thought the twins had grown old enough to start hunting turkeys. This was important to him since was a hobby he had done throughout his life and way he could bond with his sons. One morning before school Nicholas was awoken by Edward to go hunting for the first time. This was difficult for Nicholas since he was not a morning person. Eventually they arrived at the hunting blind that was made of old railroad ties stacked together. An hour went by without the sight of anything, but many sounds of turkeys awaking. Once the turkeys first walked out Edward and Nicholas heard something screeching in the blind with them. It was a large pack rat that was more than likely asleep when they arrived. After the turkeys reached the corn in front of the blind, three of the large male turkeys began to fight.

Nicholas found this exciting since he had never seen anything like that before. When the fighting ceased Nicholas shot his first turkey. Edward immediately ran out and shot the large male turkey again to make sure Nicholas's first bird was dead. That morning was memorable for the two of them. Edward was very proud and even more excited. He had Nicholas call his grandpa Donald George (1936- ) and tell him about the good news. Later that day it was Nathans turn to have the same experience as Nicholas.

After a few years Nathan and Edward had many wonderful experiences hunting turkeys together. Together while hunting turkeys the idea of hunting for deer passed along. The idea grew as Nicholas aged too. It was the winter of 2006 when Edward took Nicholas hunting for his first deer. They went and hunted many different times, but were never successful until a very cold, windy day. That afternoon after school Nicholas went home immediately to go hunting with Edward. Nicholas was eager to go again, but mostly because they blind they were going hunting in that day was different than any other blinds they made. That cold day they went to the deer tower. At the tower Nicholas and Edward brought a propane stove to warm the small blind. It was 5:30 p.m. or Deer Thirty as Edward called it when the first buck walked out into the open. Nicholas took his first shot with too much intensity and missed the deer. He was reassured he would have another chance. All he had to do is remain patient and he would get his chance.

Shortly after being disappointed, another buck that was smaller than the previous one walked out into the open. The small buck began to eat corn when Nicholas made his attempt. After waiting for a period of time Edward and Nicholas found the deer not far from where he was hit. Nicholas's first deer was three points. Once they found the small buck, Edward made Nicholas say a prayer and thank the deer for being his first deer. If anything this Edward was teaching Nicholas to respect the animals you take and appreciate their being.

Growing up Nicholas always had a great appreciation for sweets. He loved to help Nancy bake cakes and brownies. Nicholas enjoyed it so much he baked cakes for his family's birthdays. Nancy enjoyed watching her son bake. In most cases Nicholas would only pour most



of the batter in the pan and he would save the rest to eat. Nicholas was never very good about getting away with this mostly because he always left batter on his face as evidence. Nancy bought Nicholas cooking utensils and pans for Christmas, so he could start his own collection of cookware items.

Nicholas always carried the same hunting interest as his father. In high school Nicholas often went hunting with friends for waterfowl. Many kids at Girard High School skipped class to go hunting, but Nicholas was never allowed to. Many of their friends had good duck hunting locations. At first when Nicholas first started out duck hunting, he went with Nathan and their friend Caleb Egbert. Nicholas and Nathan always called him Egbert. Together they went hunting of Egbert's land. They first started hunting the ducks by running up on the ponds rather quickly. After many attempts they did have a few ducks bagged.

One cold morning Nicholas was with Nathan and Egbert hunting when Nathan fell down while they were walking on the bank of a pond. Nicholas and Egbert began to laugh because Nathan accidentally shoved the barrel of the shotgun a few inches deep into some mud while he tried to break his fall. It was a good laugh while the three endured the cold. Even though the three never had great successes duck hunting together, they did make many good memories while having fun.

Sports for Nicholas were very important when he grew up. In high school he played football basketball and baseball. Nicholas's senior year was different than any other year in sports. Every other year of Nicholas's high school experiences the football team at Girard was not very successful until his last year. At the beginning of the 2012 season no one believed the team would be any different than they had been before. For Nicholas this season seemed disappointing at first. He previously always played the running back position, but his coach moved him to play on the offensive line since that was a weak spot in the offense. After losing the first game they proved everyone wrong by winning nine straight games and making Girard's first playoff appearance in almost 7 years. Not only was the football team close, but they had a

motto that said “Band of Brothers”. The 2012 Girard football team was a group of brothers. They supported and encouraged one another every day to be better.

Homecoming came the fifth week of the nine week regular football season. Girard played Colgan and had not beaten them in over 25 years. That night Girard won 29-0. That momentum carried the team all the way till the end of the season. At the end Nicholas realized he loved playing no matter what position he asked to because he was a part of a very successful season.

Previously in life Nicholas and Nathan always played sports on the same team, but Nicholas’s senior year Nathan protested their parents until he was able to stop playing basketball and lifted weights instead. It was different for Nicholas doing something different from his brother for the first time. The coaches and teammates all thought it was odd, but Nicholas learned to love it. He enjoyed doing something different from his twin brother.

The spring finally rolled around of 2013 and Nicholas’s senior baseball season began. At first the team’s outlook was looking prominent. The team that year had a new head coach. Due to the new coach being very enthusiastic and strict, many of the players quit. Once the season began the team only consisted of three upper classmen with Nicholas and Nathan being two of them. In other words, the team was not very good since the other positions were all freshman boys. During the first double header Nicholas began to get frustrated with the season even though it was very early on. The third senior dislocated his shoulder during the first game of the season. Throughout the season Nicholas learned what it was like to lose. In life this was important and a maturing test. Nicholas learned to become a leader for the younger boys. Rather than getting irritated with the freshman when they made mistakes during games Nicholas learned to keep positive and support the teammates no matter what the situation was in the game. The new head coach helped Nicholas learn more about the meaning and mindset of the game of baseball than any other coach he had ever had. Nicholas’s senior baseball season he learned how to lose. Girard only won two games that season.

After graduating Nicholas had no idea where he wanted to go to college, but he did know he did not want to go to school for athletics. That summer of 2013 Nicholas enrolled at Pittsburg State University to start the next chapter of his life.

Nicholas's freshman year of college he lived in the dorms with Nathan. Their dorm was located in Mitchell Hall which was the oldest dorm on Pitt State's campus. They decided to bunk their bed together because growing up when they shared a room they always wanted bunk beds. Nicholas called dibs on the top bunk, so Nathan had the bottom bed. They met many different people living in the dorms. Nancy called this the college experience and that is exactly why she sent the twins to live in the dorms. Their home was only about 45 minutes from campus, but still too far to commute daily.

Nicholas first entered school as an undeclared major, but eventually declared Biology as his major when he was a sophomore. Two semesters went by when Nicholas changed his major to History and Geography. After doing this he found much more interest in the subjects. Nicholas has family member who also studied history in school and that did help influence him to change his major to History. Nicholas was introduced to Geography by one of his younger brother's friend's mom. Without being introduced to these subjects Nicholas probably would not have realized the interests he had in those fields.

## GENERATION TWO

A1a. Nancy Ellen Schifferdecker George (1965- )

A1b. Edward Leland George (1963- )

Nancy George (1965- ) was born to the parents of John Edwin Schifferdecker (1936- ) and Carol Lehman Schifferdecker at Girard's Hospital.<sup>1</sup> She lived on a farm outside Girard, Kansas. She had one brother who was older in the family. When Nancy was nine her grandpa

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<sup>1</sup> (Nancy, George November 4, 2017, conversation)

William Earl Schifferdecker (1904- 1972) passed away. This made her want to know more about her family, especially about her grandpa Leonard Lehman (1980-1982).

During her childhood Nancy liked to play outside and was very much of a “tom boy”. She first started to drive tractors around the father and grandpa’s farm at age 7. Nancy mowed hay and mainly raked hay for her father. She loved driving tractors with her grandpa and father. The first tractor she drove was a 1954 John Deere with the tricycle front wheels. Her family went to church every Sunday and had family meals afterwards. Nancy loved attending church and the family dinners. She later learned many cooking skills from her mother Carol Schifferdecker. It soon became one of her main hobbies, but was the only her activity she enjoyed to do inside. Music was very important in the Schifferdeck family and Nancy loved to play the piano. There was always piano present in their household. Nancy has always wanted her family to carry on the musical tradition.

Nancy went to Farlington grade school and later went to Girard Public Schools until graduating in 1983. After wards Nancy later went to Pittsburg State University. Her freshman year of college her grandmother Florene Schifferdecker (1908- 2000) and her went to France for two weeks. This was important since traveling was important to her family. She later went to Europe with a travel group that went through five countries. On that trip she met a girl that spoke French. Nancy was intrigued by this and when she returned she enrolled in a French class for the following semester. Later Nancy traveled to study French in Canada for a summer. This was a big learning experience for her and family. Nancy really had to talk her father into letting her go since he was very uncomfortable with her living so far away.

Nancy loves to travel since she believes it is a very good way to learn and experience cultures. Her family always took yearly trips to for family vacations. One time when her family took a vacation to Yellowstone National Park they had an a memorable encounter with a bear. Nancy and her family were camping for a few days while visiting the park when the bear came

to their camp site in search of food. The bear was successful in taking her families breakfast they had cooked since they all ran back into the family vehicle.

Nancy and her brother played with each other often growing up even though they had many different interests. Her brother and she did lots of chores together growing up on the farm. He was four years older than her and taught her how to play poker. During Nancy's freshman year of college she was attending her best friend's older sister's birthday party when she met Edward Leland George. At first Nancy did not have interests in getting to know Edward until a year later. They later dated throughout her college career for five years until they got married in October in 1990. Nancy was married for five years when she got pregnant with Nathan and Nicholas. The twins were born January 3, 1995 in Joplin, Missouri. Three years later and Nancy had another son named Ethan.

Once Nancy was done with college she worked as a bank examiner in between having children. After having the twins Nancy was interested in having a job where she did not have to travel and could be more stable for being near home. She got a job working for her Uncle Martin Schifferdecker at Girard National Bank. At the bank she examined loans and later became the chief advisor of the loan office department in the bank.

Nancy has always volunteered herself for many group activities in the community during Nicholas's childhood. She works for a bank and is a member of the Bank Business board. She has always volunteered for leading social groups throughout my lifetime. One group she helped with when I was younger, was cub scouts. She used to set up meetings with activities and events that our group would take place in. She invested a lot of time into our cub scouts troop for years. Another organization my mom is involved in is our church we have attended my entire life. She has done many things here, but one that particularly stands out to me is the dinners she would help plan and host for our community's high school football team. My mom has always planned out the food and preparations with other parents to help make meals for the team the day prior before game day. In the end, my mother volunteers her time for many

different activities and groups. She taught Nicholas how to grow up and help show the advantages in being involved socially with groups. Meeting new people allows for networking and bonding between people. These examples given have shown Fischer's Group Theme. The large amount of being socially active has given my mom many advantages. She is more independent as a person and a leader. Being involved in many different activities has given Nancy a sense of self pride from all the hard work she has accomplished.

In figured 5.7 The Socioeconomic status of persons age twenty-five to Sixty-four, by year and Gender chart displays the growth of men and women in higher professional jobs in the last century. The charts show that over the last century, the people have started to work towards a higher job status. Women did not have the same equality in job status until 2000. The first half of the one hundred years the growth was minimal in higher jobs statuses. The charts shifts show little to how high of a status each job held actually was, but does show their significance in their workforce area.

Nancy George worked as a bank examiner after she first graduated college in 1988. This job was not at a high status in the workforce of banking, but it was an important profession. She worked for as a bank examiner travelling around the four states until she decided to move to working as a loan examiner at Girard National Bank. She was hired by Martin Schifferdecker, who was her uncle and President of the bank. This position was significant for her since she already had quite experience in the examination field of banks. She was recommended to apply at Girard National bank by her old boss. Nancy George has worked as a loan examiner and has held the position of chief loan examiner of the bank for about ten years. She now has worked to a position that is in charge of the whole loan branch area of the bank. This is a job that stands a high status. She has worked in this position since the early 2000's and the charts have shown that females now have similar numbers as the men do in the workforce. Nancy still works as the chief loan examiner at Girard National Bank. The charts showed females were always lower in

the quartiles than males until the 2000's. She is an example of how women have gained more popularity in higher job statuses. <sup>2</sup>

Edward Leland George (1963- )

Edward Leland George (1963- ) was born December 17, 1963 in Wichita, Kansas. <sup>3</sup>He was the third child of four born to Donald George (1936- ) and Helen Bradshaw George. Edward spent the first two years of his life as an infant living in Wichita, Kansas until his family later moved to St. Paul, Kansas. The farm they moved to was where Donald George had grown up as child.

Edward spent his life attending St. Paul schools until he graduated in 1981. When Edward was 10 he ordered a small booklet that taught him the skill of taxidermy. He started a small business and hobby shortly afterwards in his parents small dog shed. Other friends of his helped contribute interests to the cause. Throughout Edward's life hunting has been a large hobby he has participated in with his family and friends often.

At first Edward attended a technical program for auto body work. He did this until later moving back home with his parents. He later attended went back to college after meeting Nancy Ellen Schifferdecker George (1965- ). At first Edward graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal law and later studied biology until he received a job at Crawford State Park as a park ranger. Right after he graduated with his first degree Edward was married to Nancy. When Edward got the job he and Nancy moved to her family's farm near Hepler. Kansas.

The figure 5.16 of Job Satisfaction by year and Education is shown on the chart. The chart displays the data showing the less educated the people have been in the last thirty years,

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<sup>2</sup> Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 111.

<sup>3</sup> (Edward, George, November 2, 2017, conversation)

the more likely they are to dislike their profession.<sup>4</sup> All education levels are similar on the map, but the people who never received high school diplomas. Their ratings are much lower and signify that they are the least happy with their jobs that they have chosen for careers. The ratings of the lowest point for the non high school diploma people were in 2000. The unemployment levels for the people in the U.S. were also at an all time low.

Edward George graduated high school and attended Pittsburg State University's auto body program for a year until he went to work for a company that manufactured bush hogs. He did this in the 1980's and later went to work for a company that made stock trailers for farmers. Edward George relates to the map as he did a variety of jobs for employment, but was never truly satisfied to pursue one as a career. For one, he did not have any further education the one year degree of an auto body program. <sup>5</sup>Until the middle 1990's, Edward worked for Blair's then he finally moved to Joplin and decided to further his education. Eventually, Edward graduated with three bachelor degrees and almost a fourth. Once he was done with college, he started employment for Kansas Wildlife and Parks at Crawford State Park. Here, he worked as a Park Ranger and also oversaw many construction projects within the park. He worked there for 17 years until he retired. Edward became well educated and in the process of receiving his education, he was able to find a career path that he wanted to pursue. Edward George has different impacts all over the charts as he experienced different levels of education shown on the charts.

### GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Carol Anne Schifferdecker (1940- )

A1a2. John Edwin Schifferdecker (1936- )

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<sup>4</sup>Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 132.



A1b1. Helen Bradshaw George (1936- )

A1b2. Donald George (1936- )

Nicholas grandmother Carol Anne was born in Mulberry, Kansas. Her father was a truck driver and dairy farmer in Mulberry.<sup>6</sup> Carol was the youngest of five children. She had three sisters and one brother whom were all much greater in age than her. Her older sisters often did things in their mother's place. Carol attended Mulberry schools and was able to skip the second grade since she was ready for third grade a year early. She later graduated from Mulberry High School in 1957. Carol had her two older sisters take her prom dress shopping in her mother's place. Carol and her sisters were extremely close despite their great age differences. That summer after graduating high school my nana was attending a high school friend's wedding rehearsal. At the wedding rehearsal she met John Schifferdecker. It was John's older brother who was getting married to Carol's close friend. John later asked Carol if he could take her home and she said no, but the next evening after the wedding she said yes. When they were dating Carol used to drive by John's house on the way to work every morning during the summer and she drove very quickly. This forced John to walk outside and raise his hand in the air so he could hold it making it look like he was waving at Carol since she drove by so fast. Carol drives much like her daughter Nancy.

Carol lived in Mulberry while attending Pittsburg State University for two years until she went to work at Girard National Bank. Carol was married to John before working at the bank and later became pregnant with their first child in 1961. Later in 1964 they became pregnant with Nancy. Later in life Carol endured many life changing medical experiences. In 1984 she became disabled due to a medical error. Throughout her life, Carol has enjoyed playing the piano and

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<sup>6</sup> (Carol, Schifferdecker, November 15, 2017, conversation)

traveling with her family. Music and traveling were two very important aspects in life to Carol. She made sure her family went to church every Sunday and she often played the organ during the church services.

John Edwin Schifferdecker (1936- ) was the grandfather to Nicholas George. John was born in Girard, Kansas in 1936.<sup>7</sup> He was the youngest of three children. His brother, Martin, was his best friend growing up. John attended Girard schools growing up and eventually went on to graduate from Kansas State Teacher's College. He met Carol and shortly afterward was married to her. Once he was married he bought a farm and a house that Nicholas grew up on also.

In figure 5.5, "Americans' Jobs Became Much More Specialized over the Century", used census data to show the changes of American jobs during the 1900's.<sup>8</sup> The graph shows the growth of specialized jobs as farming became scarcer. Farming took a started to decline between 1900-1970 mostly. This was due to rural areas forming into urban areas throughout this time period. More jobs became to placement as the urban areas grew and farmers left their livelihood to pursue a different lifestyle.

This area was heavily supported by the agriculture industry. My grandfather's family was involved in the agriculture profession. They had cattle for milk and beef production, plus land for crop production. Later in life, his siblings went to college as did he and moved into more specialized professions. Throughout his life till he grew into his 60's, my grandfather was always involved in farming. This was always a part of his life in this area, but it was not his main profession. The Schifferdecker family was involved in banking with farming as a hobby.

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<sup>7</sup> (John, Schifferdecker, November 15, 2017, conversation)

<sup>8</sup> Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 108.

After John Schifferdecker graduated college in the 1950's, he returned to farming and working as a school teacher. Before the Vietnam War started, my grandfather served in the army reserves before returning to teaching. He was not a part of the population who moved to the growing urban areas. The schools he taught at were nearby in small towns that no longer have the schools open. After many years of serving as a principal and teacher, he retired and returned to the family's business of banking. The bank is located not far in a larger town named Girard. John and one sibling both worked together at the bank till retirement. The family consisted of one more sibling who was a part of the urban growth and the 1950's and moved to Kansas City, Kansas. John not only was involved with farming, but also with many specialized careers during his professional career in rural areas.

John enjoyed having cows on the farm and working at the bank. In his spare time family is who he would like to spend it with. John has a great appreciation for traveling and music. He always has pushed for learning and education. John believes traveling is a great way to first hand learn things. He sent Nancy and Carol to Paris France after he said Carol had to be able to walk one lap around the track under her own power. This was important since Carol was disabled and Nancy was the only one who would go with her. In the end John sent them to Paris so they could experience France. John's hobbies include checking cattle and reading funny jokes in newspapers.

Helen Bradshaw George (1937- ) was born was Nicholas's grandmother from his father side She was born in 1937 in Walnut, Kansas.<sup>9</sup> Growing up she often did farm work for her parents and often took care of her younger siblings. Her parents were Leland Bernard Bradshaw (1911-1987) and Regina Westoff Bradshaw (1909-2003). Helen grew up as the second oldest of nine in her family. On the family farm her parents had dairy cattle and hogs. She has one instance in

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<sup>9</sup> (Helen, George, November 18, 2017, conversation)

when she can remember her younger brother who was two years old at the time fell into the hogs pen. It was wet and deep enough her younger brother, Donnie, could have drowned if she didn't jump in and pull him out.

Helen recalls her mother spoiling her most of the all the girls in the family since she was the oldest female. She attended a catholic school in Walnut for high school. Her best friend was her closest sister in age, Clara. They did many things growing up together such as attend street dances in Walnut where they would dance with boys. At one time a group of boys from St. Paul came to a street dance in Walnut. St. Paul, Kansas is roughly 8 miles away from Walnut, Kansas. Donald George (1936- ) was amongst the group of boys from St. Paul that night. Helen did not know who Donald was when he asked her on a date on night. They dated one another until they were married in 1956. They had four children with Edward, Nicholas's father, being the third born.

Helen has always enjoyed scary movies throughout her life. When she was a teenager she would force her father, Leland Bradshaw, to attend the scary movie at the drive in theater in Walnut, Kansas. After getting married, Helen became a cook in the cafeteria of St, Paul schools. When she retired she continued to volunteer at the grade school as a paraprofessional for the third grade.

Donald Joseph George (1936- ) is the maternal father of Nicholas's dad.<sup>10</sup> Donald was born in St. Paul Kansas to Thomas Albert George (1893- 1975) and Marry Vanleelwen. (1897-1975). Donald was the youngest child of four. He grew up on the farm is presently resides on today. His family owned hogs and dairy cattle. Donald did chores growing up to help his family. He was too busy with working in high school to participate in sports. In high school after attending a street dance in Walnut, Kansas, Donald walked three miles to the home of Leland Bradshaw to

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<sup>10</sup>( Donal, George, November 18, 2017, conversation)

ask Helen Bradshaw George on a date. They were married and have been married for 61 years.

Donald Attended St. Francis high school in St. Paul until he graduated in 1954.

Once they were married they moved to Wichita, Kansas right before they had their first child. Donald worked for Boeing on B-47 and B-52 airplanes as a modification technician. His family lived in Wichita, Kansas for ten years until moving back to his family's farm in St. Paul, Kansas. When they moved back he started to work in an ammunition factory while farming beef cows and hogs. Donald does go hunting when he has free time, but mostly enjoys playing with their dogs.

#### GENERATION FOUR

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A1b2b. Thomas Albert George (1893-1965)

Addie A. Jameson Lehman (1903-1990) was Carol Anne Lehman Schifferdecker's mother. She was born October 11, 1903 in Mulberry, Kansas. She was a very religious woman and raised her kids with the same values as she had. Addie belonged to the Pentecostal Church in Mulberry. The church had a dress code and a hair code. She would never cut her hair, but

maybe twice in her life and she always would wear dresses. Her hair was always wrapped together into a bun.

She attended school in Mulberry until she was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go help the family on the farm. Four years later she was married to Leonard Lehman on June 18, 1920 in Lamar, Missouri. Afterwards she had five children and raised them on the farm. Addie worked on the farm and she loved to quilt blankets and knit crochet different house hold items. In her spare time other than knitting she enjoyed cooking for her family. Addie passed away in 1990 at the Girard Hospital. She was buried in Mulberry with her husband Leonard.

Leonard Lehman (1900-1982) was the father of Carol Anne Lehman Schifferdecker. He was born in the Muskogee, Oklahoma territory September 9, 1900. Growing up Leonard had six siblings. His family moved to Mulberry, Kansas when he was a young boy. Leonard attended school until he was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so he could help his parents on their family's farm. Even though he did not make it to high school, he loved to read and owned two books. He vowed to have his children graduate high school since he was not able to. Education was instilled as a big deal to his children.

After getting married and starting a family, Leonard worked in the coal mines near Mulberry while farming too. Once Carol, the last child, was born Leonard was thirty-nine. By this time in his life was he was farming while selling crawdads and minnows for a small business. On his farm he milked cows and sold the milk in Girard. Leonard enjoyed traveling and in his spare time he would often visit one of his daughters in California. As his wife, Leonard was religious and was a very open person. He passed away at Crestview Nursing Home in 1980.

Florene Morrison Schifferdecker (1908-2001) was John Edwin Schifferdecker's mother. Nancy Schifferdecker George was the granddaughter to Florene. She was born in 1908 in Girard, Kansas and had six other siblings. Florene graduated high school from Girard and went on to teach in Ringo, Kansas. This town now hosts the Chicken Annie's east of Girard. She taught there for two years. At this time period teachers had to be single. Florene was married to

William Earl Schifferdecker while she taught at Ringo. The school district allowed her to continue to teach, but she had to use her maiden name while at school. In her free time she enjoyed making clothes for her family and cooking new kinds of foods. She had three children with John being the youngest.

She was religious throughout her life and attended the Christian church in Girard where two of her children were married at. Florene later passed away at Heritage Nursing Home in 2001 at Girard, Kansas. She was the last grandparent to be alive for Nancy Schifferdecker George. Florene was also the only great grandparent Nicholas was ever acquainted with.

William Earl Schifferdecker (1904-1975) was the grandfather to Nancy Schifferdecker George. He was born 1904 in Girard, Kansas. He attended Girard schools until he graduated. Later after high school he started working at a bank in Girard. Eventually he was the president of the bank and started a long line of family generations to work there.

Earl was married to Florene Schifferdecker in 1928 after they had first met at the Christian church in Girard. He had three children with the last child being born in 1936. Outside working for the bank he enjoyed farming on the side. His hobbies consisted of playing horse shoes games. Sometimes he would have friends come over to play one another. John, Nicholas's grandpa, can recall seeing his father outside playing in the dark using car headlights to see where they were throwing.

He never hunted much in his free time, but when he did it was always for quail. At his farm he always had a large garden. Earl took pride in his large luscious garden. Earl passed away in 1975 after buying a blue farm truck that he used for almost a year. That blue truck is still used today on Earl's old farm.

Regina A. Westoff Bradshaw (1909-2003) was Edward George's grandmother. July 13, 1909 Regina A. Westoff Bradshaw was born in Walnut, Kansas. She grew up on a farm with her family and attended country school until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Once she took the 8<sup>th</sup> grade one time she

took it again. This was considered to make her more educated than people who only took that grade one time.

When she was 17 she was married to Leland Bernard Bradshaw. Regina had a large family with Leland. Together they had eight kids and lived on a farm near St. Paul. On the farm they raised dairy cows and hogs. Later on in life Regina always had Christmas Eve parties at her house in which all of her children and their families attend for one large gathering. This event continued on until she passed away in 2003. She lived at the house she raised her kids in until she died.

Leland Bernard Bradshaw (1911-1987) was the father of Helen Bradshaw George and the grandfather to Edward George. Leland was born in 1911 near St. Paul. He attended school until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when he was forced to enter the work field to support his family. After meeting Regina, Leland and her were married and had a large family together. They raised the family on the farm with hogs and dairy cows. Leland bought one new tractor in his life and it was a Minneapolis Moline. Besides working as a farmer, Leland would also rent land out to other people.

Leland was described as having large hands with long arms. His resemblance is seen in Edward and his siblings. He was often forced to go to the drive in movies with his oldest daughter Helen. Leland loved being on the farm. October 29, Leland Bradshaw passed away in 1987.

Mary VanLeelwen (1897- 1975) was the mother of Donald George. She was born in 1897 and attended neutral country school until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She dropped out so she could go help her family on their farm. She later married Thomas Albert George and together they moved to their own farm in 1918. In 1921 Mary was pregnant, but lost the child due to stress from her husband's major health problems. After the miscarriage, they had five other children.



She liked to knit and make quilts in her spare time. Mary often helped out on the farm. They had a large garden which they took some produce to sell around the neighborhood. Mary worked with Thomas to support their families living on the farms products.

Thomas Albert George (1893- 1980) was born in 1893 near St. Paul. He went to school until the 5<sup>th</sup> grade when he was forced to support his family on their farm. He had five siblings and was described to be quite ornery growing up. On one occasion Thomas and some of his friends took an old farmer's horse buggy apart and hoisted it into his families barn loft an put it back together in one night. Of course they were forced to reduce the doings and return the buggy back to the farmer.

Thomas was married to Mary in 1918 and bought his farm in 1920. One day Thomas was sharpening the blade of the plow when he scraped rust into an exposed wound on his arm. He later suffered from blood poisoning and was forced to have his arm amputated from the shoulder down. Due to this he had an extra strong grip compared to other people. He was able to milk cows twice as fast as other people since he had such as strong grip. Besides farming, Thomas had a large garden and many fruit trees which he used to go around a sale in his Ford Model-T. In 1980 Thomas Albert George passed away.

## GENERATION FIVE

A1a1a1. Susie Ellen Garret (1883-1974)

A1a1a2. Hannibal Jay Jameson (1875-1916)

A1a1b1. Elizabeth Evans (1881-1952)

A1a1b2. George B Lehman (1863-1950)

A1a2a1.Nancy A. Whitely Morrison (1872-1958)

A1a2a2 Moses Hiram Morrison (1862-1936)

A1a2b1 Hattie M. Van Ness (189-1956)

A1a2b2. Martin Schifferdecker (1875-1936)

A1b1a1 Rose Anna Schulz Westoff (1882-1963)

A1b1a2. Phillip L Westoff (1870-1946)

A1b1b1. Caroline Philomena Schoenofer Bradshaw(1890-1975)

A1b1b2. Benjamin Bernard Bradshaw (1887-1954)

A1b2a1. Walburga Pflumm (1870-1910)

A1b2a2. John Vanleelween (1865-1916)

A1b2b1. Johanna Jane Clinch George (1851-1939)

A1b2b2. John Nicholas George (1847-1924)

On my mom's side of my family, my relatives invested a lot of time and money into small businesses and some of those businesses were breweries located in Missouri. It is possible that my relatives may have read this news paper and seen the discussion of positives and negative opinions over the increase of beer taxation in Missouri. This would have affected their breweries and workers as it was starting to lead up to other issues with alcohol and the Prohibition Era. <sup>11</sup>

Susie Ellen Garret (1883-1974) was Carol Lehman Schifferdecker's grandma. Susie was born March 19, 1883. She was remarried after her first relationship with Carol's grandfather

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<sup>11</sup> *Scott County kicker*. (Benton, Mo.), 04 July 1908. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress, 1908

Hannibal. She took then took the last name Proctor and became known as grandma proctor. During her life she cleaned and ironed for people until she died in the 1970's. When she was younger her parents owned a restaurant in Mulberry and every Friday they would clear it out and hosts dances for teenagers.

Hannibal Jay Jameson (1875-1916) was the grandfather of Carol Lehman Schifferdecker. He worked as a coal miner in Mulberry until one day the mine collapsed and he was crushed under the rock. A few days later and he passed away at his home. He had four children with Susie Ellen Garret.

Elizabeth Evans (1881-1952) was the grandmother of Carol Lehman Schifferdecker. She loved to travel and had a major influence on her son Leonard. She most commonly went to Arizona. She normally would only take one suite case full of clothes and supplies and thought it made her appear more professional in public. She always wore a hat in public. She was divorced one time and traveled mostly after the divorce.

George Brenton Lehman (1863-1950) called Carol "Callie" as a special nickname. He enjoyed writing poetry and eventually published a small book. He later married Elizabeth Evans on February 13, 1896 and was divorced in 1917. He never married again. It was said he was a very smart quiet person. He was supposed to be rather odd to most people. When he lived after the divorce, he owned one plate and one utensil to eat with. George had seven children with Elizabeth. George went to school until 8<sup>th</sup> grade when he went to work.

Nancy A. Whitely Morrison (1872-1958) was the grandmother of John Schifferdecker. She went to school till the 4<sup>th</sup> reader instead of grade since they did not have grades then. Later on she was married to Hiram Moses Morrison and her main job became to take care of the seven kids they had together. Her first memory when their family first moved to Walnut was the flag was at half mast since President Garfield had been assassinated. Nancy lived with her children after her husband passed away. She would often go house to house and stay from time to time. She passed away in Girard, Kansas in 1958.

Hiram Moses Morrison (1862-1936) was John Schifferdecker's grandfather. During his birth his mother tragically passed away. He told stories of remembering his older sister crying because she was watching her boyfriend fight down in the valley in the Civil War. He relocated his family to stay away from the battles of the way. Hiram went to school at an academy and was very well educated. He worked as a blacksmith in Walnut and was self employed the whole time. Hiram took part in the Christian church in Girard after he married Nancy in 1887. He raised seven kids on a farm and passed away in Girard.

Hattie M. Van Ness (1894-1956) was William Earl Schifferdecker's mother. She grew up on a farm outside of Girard. She had four children after marrying Martin Schifferdecker in 1928. She worked around the house and cared for the family during her life. She passed away in Girard in 1956.

Martin Schifferdecker (1875-1936) was the grandfather to John Schifferdecker. His dad was from Germany and came to the United States with the help of his brother. Martin went to school until he graduated from Girard. He later went to a pioneer college in Pittsburg Kansas. After college he got a job at a bank in Arm, Kansas. With the money he inherited from his brother Uncle he was able to buy the bank. In 1928 Martin married Hattie and had four boys together. Martin worked at Girard National Bank until he passed away in 1936.

Nicholas was unable to receive more information through interviews and websites. Donald Joseph George and Helen Bradshaw George did not know their grandparents growing up. John Nicholas George (1847- 1924) had family that was from Belgium and later immigrated into the United States. John was the grandfather to Donald Joseph George.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> (Donal, George, November 18, 2017, conversation)