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## GENERATION ONE

**Madison Paige Rexwinkle (1998- )** was born at the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Coffeyville, Kansas, on 30 August 1998 to **Rebecca Rexwinkle (1979- )**. Madison's birth was normal and immediately after delivery, Madison and mother, Rebecca, were healthy. Madison's physical, cognitive, and social development progressed typically. Rebecca married **Michael Ray Hill (1974- )** in 2000, Michael took on the role of Madison's father and gained legal guardianship of her. From their marriage, Michael and Rebecca had one other child, **Isaiah Michael Hill (2002- )**. The family made the small town, Edna, Kansas, in a humble house on the corner with a large backyard that Madison and Isaiah spent many days playing in, home. In Figure 7.1 "Community Typology and Percentage of Population, 2000," Fischer and Hout divide the United States into nonmetropolitan areas, small metropolitan areas of less than 1.5 million people, and large metropolitan areas of more than 1.5 million people. Then, the authors divide these three categories into two different dimensions - center and periphery. Examples are given to distinguish the countryside or village as the periphery and the center as a town of at least 2,500 people within the larger category of nonmetropolitan areas. Similarly, small urban areas are split between suburbs in a small MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) and center cities in that same category. Finally, under the umbrella of large urban areas,

communities are also divided by the cities proper and the suburbs that usually form a ring around the city centers.<sup>1</sup>

Edna Kansas falls into the periphery of nonmetropolitan area, having a population of less than 500. The small community seemed to work together as a village to raise all of the children in the neighborhood. Michael's mother and father lived just 3 blocks from Michael and Rebecca's family home, and were very active and influential in the raising of Madison and Isaiah, as were Rebecca's parents who lived on the family farm 7 miles outside of town.

Madison and Isaiah attended the local elementary school and district high school. Both Madison, and her brother, did very well in school. Both were in the top percentile of their class in academics throughout elementary school and high school. Madison played sports, softball, basketball, track, and cheerleading, but her true passion through school was theatre. Madison was active in every theatre production throughout her high school career. Madison remembers her parents being very supportive of her in everyone of her endeavors. Her freshman year, Madison met her very best friend, Joli Sue Ellen Hutto. Joli and Madison were inseparable throughout their high school careers, they were cheerleaders and in theatre together. Joli became like a sister to Madison, and her family accepted her as one of their own. Madison remembers a time when she and Joli were cast as Man #1 and Man #2 in a school play, their characters were silly best friends

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<sup>1</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), 166.

with scottish accents in a train station. The play was a hit and the girls came into character easily.

In Figure 2.2 "High School Graduation Rates for All and by Gender, Region, and Racial Ancestry, by Year Person Turned Twenty-One," the authors show the rapid incline of graduation rates leading to a steady plateau on a chart. In the 'gender' portion of the chart, it is displayed that more women graduate each year, with the exception of 1960. The 'region' chart shows that the West has the highest graduation rates, while the South has the lowest. In the midwest, graduation rates varied by region.<sup>2</sup>

Labette County High School is classified as a 4A school with a enrollment between 265 and 791 students. Madison graduated with a class of 98, however, only 95 of her classmates were allowed to walk at graduation, as 3 boys in her class were being punished for their senior prank of setting chickens loose in the school hallways.<sup>3</sup>

After graduating from Labette County High School in 2016, Madison and Joli moved in to a small apartment in Joplin, Missouri, where they attended Missouri Southern State University. Living in Joplin was a big change for Madison. Joplin is a city in southwest Missouri with a population of over 50,000.<sup>4</sup> After 2 years, Madison moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, and transferred to Pittsburg State

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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), 13.

<sup>3</sup> Williamson, Colleen. "Students Set Loose Chickens in Hall." *Parsons Sun*, May 06, 2016. [http://www.parsonssun.com/news/article\\_b6a40a38-13e9-11e6-abda-b79ba477952b.html](http://www.parsonssun.com/news/article_b6a40a38-13e9-11e6-abda-b79ba477952b.html).

<sup>4</sup> Wikipedia. "Joplin, Missouri." Accessed 15 March 2019. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joplin,\\_Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joplin,_Missouri)

University. In Pittsburg, Madison found a passion working for Crawford County Mental Health with children who are diagnosed as severely emotionally disturbed. She continued to develop her professional skill set as a Children's Mental Health Assistant by leading an afterschool psycho-social group and working in the Pittsburg Public Schools as an Attendant Care.

Unfortunately, in 2019, Madison and her family suffered a great loss when Madison's best friend Joli passed away in a tragic car accident. Madison filled her time with work and school, but struggled to move on after the loss of her best friend. Madison continues to live a life that will honor the spirit of her friend and remains in contact with Joli's family as they grieve this great loss together.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, Madison Rexwinkle, 2019.



## GENERATION TWO

**A1a. Rebecca Lynn Rexwinkle (1979- )**

**A1b. Michael Ray Hill (1974- )**

**A1a. Rebecca Lynn Rexwinkle (1979- )**

Rebecca Lynn Rexwinkle was born on 23 May 1979 in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, to **Cheryl Kay Volz Rexwinkle (1958- )** and **Ronnie Gene Rexwinkle (1954- )**. She had an older brother, **Matthew Paul Rexwinkle (1975- )**. Born after Rebecca was **Kelly Ann Rexwinkle Rupert (1986- )** and as a surprise a few years later, **Andrew Todd Rexwinkle (1990- )**.

Rebecca's family lived on the family farm in Craig County, Oklahoma, where they spent summers working in hay fields and the garden, and winters tending to livestock and farm chores. The family was very poor and relied on their own land and livestock to provide for them. Due to their circumstances, Rebecca's family was very close and the siblings spent most of their time together and with their cousins. Rebecca often remembers spending time with her grandparents and helping her grandmother care for the other children while her parents were working.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Rebecca Rexwinkle, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 10 April 2019.

Rebecca and her siblings attended school in Welch, Oklahoma. Rebecca was never exceptionally good at academic works, but always worked very hard and tried to succeed. In high school Rebecca was active in marching band, color guard, choir, speech and debate, Technology Students of America, Future Homemakers of America, and of course, because she lived in rural Oklahoma, FFA.<sup>7</sup>

In school Rebecca befriended Shelby Wynn and the two became inseparable, more like sisters than friends. Rebecca remembers skipping school with Shelby and spending nights at bonfires and getting into trouble together. Their friendship endured through adulthood and the women are often found together and supporting each others children.

After graduating from Welch High School in 1997, Rebecca attended Coffeyville Community College, in Coffeyville, Kansas, taking classes to be an EMT. In 1998 Rebecca became pregnant. In Figure 6.1 "Shares of the National Income, by Income Segment" the authors of Century analyzed the total income provided by all of the related members of a household, including single households from 1949-1999 based on information gathered from the decennial census. They measured income before taxes and also adjusted data to account for inflation and family size in order to assess standard of living, which is referred to as the "adjusted family income". The authors found that in 1949 the median American had an adjusted family income

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

of \$19,000, in 1999 the median American had an adjusted family income of about \$53,000.<sup>8</sup>

When Madison Rexwinkle was born, Rebecca Rexwinkle was a young, single, working mother. The family lived well below the median adjusted family income. Rebecca worked a minimum wage job, which was only \$2.65 in 1998, and was attending LPN school while trying to raise her daughter. Even when working full time, Rebecca fit into the lowest 40 percent share of National Income, and depended heavily on the support of her parents and siblings to assist with Madison's upbringing, although her extended family was also living below the median American adjusted family income of the time. Rebecca was also thankful to be eligible for government assistance, such as Food Stamps and the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). To make a better life for her young family, Rebecca went to VO Tech in Miami, Oklahoma, and received her LPN.

Rebecca and long time friend **Michael Ray Hill (1979- )** started dating in 1999. They were married in 2000 in Edna, Kansas, at the United Methodist Church. Together they made a home and had one other child together, **Isaiah Michael Hill (2002- )**. In 2003, Rebecca and Michael were separated and divorced. Rebecca relocated with her children to the family farm in rural Welch, Oklahoma, with her parents Ronnie and Cheryl. Shortly after, Michael and Rebecca reconciled and he joined his family at the farm. The family spent

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<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), 140-142.

many years living happily together. Michael worked as a traveling pipefitter and welder for contractors, until finding a comfortable job with CVR Energy in Coffeyville, Kansas. Rebecca worked as an EMT instructor for Coffeyville Community College, then as a firefighter/paramedic, before going back to school to be a Registered Nurse.

**Alb. Michael Ray Hill (1974- )**

**Michael Ray Hill (1974- )** was born in Coffeyville, Kansas to **Candy Lee Vest (1955- )** and **William Leonard Vest (1952- )**. They had one other child, **Michelle Renee Hill (1976- )**. The family lived in Coffeyville, Kansas, for a time before moving to Edna, Kansas. Coffeyville is small town in southeast Kansas with a population of less than 10,000. Coffeyville is rich in history and is best known for its connection with the infamous bank robbers, The Dalton Gang.<sup>9</sup> Michael remembers his cousins and friends constantly being at his parents house and enjoyed growing up with a close family.

Michael and Michelle attended Edna Grade School and Labette County High School. In high school, Michael was active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, wrestling, football, track, and cross country. Michael remembers getting in a lot of trouble in high school and terrorizing his younger sister, Michelle.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Wikipedia. "Coffeyville, Kansas". Accessed 17 April 2019. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coffeyville,\\_Kansas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coffeyville,_Kansas)

<sup>10</sup> Michael Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 17 April 2019.

After graduating Labette County High School in 1993, Michael attended Coffeyville Community College for a short time. He later entered into a serious relationship with Rebecca and they began their family together. After living together for 12 years, Michael finally moved off of the Rexwinkle family farm and back to Edna, Kansas in 2014. Michael continued to provide for and support Madison and Isaiah. Michael's sister, Michelle, played a very active role in Madison and Isaiah's life. After receiving her degree from Washburn University and teaching elementary school in Topeka, Kansas, Michelle moved back to Edna, Kansas, to work as an early childhood specialist and married her soulmate, **Jerry Dale Gregory (19 - )**. Michelle remembers Madison spending many evenings at her home, sharing about their lives and planning big ideas, Michelle and Jerry always believed in Madison and supported her in every activity and endeavour.

In 2017, Michael rekindle a relationship with his middle school sweetheart, **Ashley Baunhofer (1975- )**. They were married a year later in 2018 in a small ceremony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Ashley joined Michael in Edna, Kansas with her two children from a previous marriage, Keller Thomas Wilson and Katherine True Wilson. The family outgrew their small Kansas home and moved south to rural Welch, Oklahoma, where they had plenty of room to grow.



### GENERATION THREE

**Ala1. Cheryl Kay Volz Rexwinkle (1958- )**

**Ala2. Ronnie Gene Rexwinkle (1954- )**

**Alb1. Candy Lee Vest (1955- )**

**Alb2. William Leonard Hill (1952- )**

**Ala1. Cheryl Kay Volz Rexwinkle (1958- )**

**Ala2. Ronnie Gene Rexwinkle (1954- )**

**Cheryl Kay Volz Rexwinkle (1958- )** was born on January 15th in Coffeyville, Kansas, the first child and only daughter of **Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940- )** and **Lowell Ervin Volz (1931-2017)**. After Cheryl was born the family had two more children, Clinton Ray and Martin Duane. The family lived on an 80 acre farm that they rented in Southeast Kansas along Pumpkin Creek. In 1964, Cheryl began school in a two room schoolhouse in Valeda, Kansas. Cheryl attended Edna Elementary school after 3rd Grade, and then went on to Labette County Community High School, now Labette County High School, in Altamont, Kansas. In high school Cheryl was heavily involved in band, she played the trumpet and the french horn. Cheryl worked as a babysitter and takes pride in staying out of trouble during her high school years, she attended Elm Christian Church in Edna, Kansas. Through mutual friends Cheryl met Ronnie Gene Rexwinkle, they dated for a short time and were married in May of 1975.

Ronnie and Cheryl welcomed their first child, Matthew Paul just 8 months after their wedding day. They then had Rebecca Lynn and Kelly Anne and thought their family was complete. In 1980 Cheryl went to the doctor seeking a hysterectomy, she was told that procedure would have to wait because she was pregnant with Andrew Todd. Andrew was a surprise but a welcomed addition to their family. Ronnie, Cheryl, and their 4 children lived in rural Craig County, Oklahoma, very close to Ronnie's siblings and parents.

After being a homemaker and mothering four children, Cheryl went back to school in 1990 to get her nursing degree and has been employed as a nurse since then. In 2016 Cheryl discovered she had breast cancer, she battled her cancer head on and is currently healthy in remission.<sup>11</sup>

**Ronnie Gene Rexwinkle (1954- )** was born on March 16th in Coffeyville, Kansas, to **Fern Lucille Howe Rexwinkle (1925-1992)** and **Lenard Henry Rexwinkle (1921-2004)**. Ronnie was born the youngest of four children, Norma Geraldine, Leslie Lynn, and Jerry Lee. Ronnie and his family always lived on the home place in rural Craig County, Oklahoma. Ronnie began school at Ideal School, a small two room schoolhouse. He then attended Welch High School in Welch, Oklahoma. During high school, Ronnie worked hard as a ranch hand and hauled hay for all of the local farmers. On the weekends, Ronnie worked at the Coffeyville Stockyards. After meeting and marrying Cheryl, Ronnie

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<sup>11</sup> Cheryl Rexwinkle, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 15 April 2019



worked in the coal mines around Northeast Oklahoma to support his young family. He later worked as an ironworker for heavy construction in oil refineries and power plants before becoming disabled and retiring to work from the homeplace as a farmer and rancher. Ronnie enjoyed spending his time during retirement hunting, fishing, cooking barbeque, and teaching his grandchildren ways of living.<sup>12</sup>

During their marriage, Ronnie and Cheryl faced many hardships, but their enduring love carried them through. The couple was heavily involved in the raising of their 11 grandchildren, Madison Paige, Isaiah Michael, Alexander Xavier, Conner Ezekiel, Jared Payton, Gracie Lynn Aiden, Makenzee Amberlin, Marlee Jane, Kenidee Beth, Sadie Fern, and Delcie Raine, and a host of nieces and nephews, they are lovingly known as "Memaw and Poppy". The family grew very close due to the influences and "it takes a village" mentality of Ronnie and Cheryl Rexwinkle.<sup>13</sup>

**Alb1. Candy Lee Vest (1955- )**

**Alb2. William Leonard Hill (1952- )**

**Candy Lee Vest Hill (1955-)** was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to **Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (1923-2005)** and **William Lloyd Vest (1920-1992)** on 19 October 1955. Candy met **William Leonard Hill (1952-)** and fell in love. They were engaged to be married in 1973. William and Candy had to travel to Paris, Texas, to be legally wed before

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<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Kelly Rupert, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 15 April 2019

their ceremony in Kansas, because Candy was only 17 years old and still considered a minor in the state of Kansas at the time. Candy and Leonard lived in Coffeyville, Kansas, together for awhile before moving to Edna, Kansas, with their young children. They had two children together, Michael Ray and Michelle Renee, however Candy and Leonard raised many other children as well. They were often keeping their nieces, nephews, and neighborhood kids, there home had always had an open door. Candy had jobs as a hairdresser, a cook, a security guard, and most importantly, as a "Nana". Candy and Leonard had a heavy hand in the raising of their grandchildren, Madison and Isaiah. They also raised their great niece **Cherokee Dawn Allen (1994-2018)**, she lived in their home until her sudden death 17 July 2018. She left behind two beautiful children, Rachael Jeanice and William Donald, who are now being raised by Candy and Leonard on the family farm in rural Labette County, Kansas.<sup>14</sup>

**William Leonard Hill (1952-)** was born 09 August 1952 in Coffeyville, Kansas. He married **Candy Lee Vest Hill (1955-)** in 1973, she was the only woman he ever loved. William is better known as Leonard and even better known as "Papa". Leonard worked as a machinist for FUNKS and then John Deere in Coffeyville, Kansas, until his retirement. In retirement, Leonard spends his days working on the family farm and helping local farmers. Everyone who knows Leonard knows that he is a hard worker and won't stop until the job is

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<sup>14</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, Madison Rexwinkle, 2019.

finished. He also enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and great niece and nephew.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Candy Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.

GENERATION FOUR

A1a1a. Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940- )

A1a1b. Lowell Ervin Volz (1931-2017)

A1a2a. Fern Lucille Howe (1925-1992)

A1a2b. Lenard Henry Rexwinkle (1921-2004)

A1b1a. Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (1923-2005)

A1b1b. William Lloyd Vest (1920-1992)

A1b2a. UNKNOWN

A1b2b. UNKNOWN

**Alala. Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940- )**  
**Alalb. Lowell Ervin Volz (1931-2017)**

**Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940- )** was born 20 December 1940 in Los Angeles, California, to **Juanita Evelyn Folk Ralston Clark (1919-2002)** and **Vincent William Ralston (1914-1960)**. She had one older brother, Clifford Billy, and one younger half-sister, Tami. Sandra was in a auto accident as a child that left her partially paralyzed on one side of her body, she has some mobility issues because of this, however it did not stop her from living a full life, she was active in church and school. Sandra married **Lowell Ervin Volz (1931-2017)** in Mound Valley, Kansas. They had three children together, Cheryl Kay, Clinton Ray, and Marty Duane. The family lived on an 80 acre farm they rented near Pumpkin Creek, Sandra was a homemaker and had other part time jobs in the community. After her husband's death in 2017, Sandra continues to live on the family farm and relies on her children to help with the upkeep, she enjoys getting her hair permed and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also known as "Grandma Cheeto", because she keeps snacks by her recliner for her grandchildren to eat while they sit on her lap.

**Lowell Ervin Volz (1931-2017)** was born 08 October 1931 in Ringwood, Oklahoma, to **Eleanor Belva Darbe Volz (1909-1998)** and **Ervin Henry Volz (1903-1983)**, Lowell was their oldest son. He graduated high school in 1951 and enrolled at Ozark Bible College in Joplin, Missouri, pursuing a degree in ministry, he was a longtime and

faithful member of the Elm Christian Church in Edna, Kansas. After one year of college Lowell was called away to fight in the Korean War, he was a hero and received the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and a bronze star Service Medal for Acts of Heroism on June 11-12, 1953 at Outpost Harry, Sagimak, Korea.

Lowell married **Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940- )** 26 May 1957 and fathered her three children. To support his family, Lowell became a machinist, working many years for John Deere, Boeing, and Cessna. Despite the demands of these jobs, he was still a farmer, maintaining the family farm, which is still operating and has been passed down generation after generation. Lowell retired to the family farm and spent his days woodworking, farming, and tinkering with engines. Lowell died 13 July 2017 in Miami, Oklahoma, after a short illness. He is buried at Richland Cemetery in Angola, Kansas.<sup>16</sup>

**Ala2a. Fern Lucille Howe (1925-1992)**

**Ala2b. Lenard Henry Rexwinkle (1921-2004)**

**Fern Lucille Howe (1925-1992)** was born 08 February 1925 in Craig County, Oklahoma, to **Nettie Jackman Howe (1883-1962)** and **Harry Howe (1885-1964)**.<sup>17</sup> She married **Lenard Henry Rexwinkle (1921-2004)** together

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<sup>16</sup> Lowell Ervin Volz Obituary, 2017. Thomas & Chenoweth Funeral Home. <https://www.thomasfuneralhomewelchok.com/obituary/4225851>

<sup>17</sup> "Find A Grave Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVLM-8MKX> : 11 July 2016), Fern Lucille Howe Rexwinkle, 1992; Burial, Edna, Labette, Kansas, United States of America, Elm Grove Cemetery; citing record ID 83496714, Find a Grave, <http://www.findagrave.com>.

they had children together. Fern died 02 January 1992 at 67 years old, she is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery in Edna, Kansas.<sup>18</sup>

**Lenard Henry Rexwinkle (1921-2004)** was born 17 April 1921 to **Ida Belle Acridge Rexwinkle (1889-1971)** and **Charles Henry Rexwinkle (1886-1970)**, one of their 13 children. He lived in rural Craig County, Oklahoma. Lenard was happily married to **Fern Lucille Howe (1925-1992)** until her death, he married **Virginia Eslick Mitchell Rexwinkle (1924-2016)** in 1992, only 9 months after the death of his first wife. Lenard and Virginia lived in Edna, Kansas. They were members of Elm Christian Church.<sup>19</sup> Lenard enjoyed spending his time hunting and fishing with his neighbors, sons, and grandchildren. Lenard preceded Virginia in death, he died 04 November 2004 in his home surrounded by family. He is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery in Edna, Kansas, next to his wife Fern.<sup>20</sup>

**Alb1a. Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (1923-2005)**

**Alb1b. William Lloyd Vest (1920-1992)**

**Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (1923-2005)** was born 26 January 1923 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to **Mona Lucille Dowell Beck (1902-1960)** and **Leslie Owen Beck (1898-1968)**. She married **Minard Erastus Guinn (1907-1979)**, together they had two children, Raymond

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<sup>18</sup> "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JTQX-DN1> : 20 May 2014), Fern L Rexwinkle, 02 Jan 1992; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

<sup>19</sup> Obituary for Virginia Rexwinkle, 2016. Carson-Wall Funeral Service. [www.wallfuneralservices.com/obituaries](http://www.wallfuneralservices.com/obituaries)

<sup>20</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 24 April 2019), memorial page for Leonard Henry Rexwinkle (17 Apr 1921–4 Nov 2004), Find A Grave Memorial no. 78812915, citing Elm Grove Cemetery, Edna, Labette County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by Margaret (contributor 47526291) .

Minard and Dowell Leslie. They were divorced on Valentine's Day, 14 February 1941. She then married **William Lloyd Vest (1920-1992)**, who was her first husband's nephew. They lived in Coffeyville, Kansas and had six children together, Steven Lloyd, Sheila Margaret, Charles Owen, Candy Lee, George William, and John Clinton. Both Steven and George died as small children.<sup>21</sup> Margaret was better known as "Granny" and, although she was a very small woman, she demanded respect.<sup>22</sup> She raised her children and helped with raising her grandchildren and even influenced the lives of her great grandchildren before her death 11 October 2005 in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Granny is buried alongside her husband at Elmwood Cemetery in Coffeyville, Kansas.<sup>23</sup>

**William Lloyd Vest (1920-1992)** was born 19 March 1920 in Quay County, New Mexico, to **Guthrie Lee Guinn (1897-1984)** and **Charles William Vest (1863-1920)**. William had only a 7th grade education due to his biological father having left the family when he was very young. He was a smart man however and enjoyed reading as a hobby and had an extensive library. In his youth, William enjoyed prospecting and geology as a hobby, he also made jewelry. In 1965 he took up the hobby of CB radio and was active in that for many years. He worked primarily in the aircraft assembly field before it suffered a downturn. He then was the first person hired by Dixon Industries

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<sup>21</sup> Candy Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.

<sup>22</sup> Michael Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.

<sup>23</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 24 April 2019), memorial page for Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (26 Jan 1923–11 Oct 2005), Find A Grave Memorial no. 14206041, citing Elmwood Cemetery, Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by KC0EH (contributor 46840096) .



manufacturing Dixon ZTR lawnmowers, He retired from Dixon Industries in Coffeyville, Kansas. He was a farmer in Spencerville, Darke County Oklahoma before induction on 13 July 1942 into the Army of the United States where he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign as a Cryptographic Technician Headquarters Company 114th Infantry until 28 October 1945.<sup>24</sup> William married **Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (1923-2005)** in Fort Worth, Texas. They had six children together. His children and grandchildren remember him smoking Lucky Strike cigarettes. William and Margaret were together until his death 30 March 1992, when he died in his home from a stomach ulcer.<sup>25</sup> William is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Coffeyville, Kansas.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Charles Vest, interview with Madison Rexwinkle 20 April 2019.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 24 April 2019), memorial page for Margaret Elizabeth Beck Vest (26 Jan 1923–11 Oct 2005), Find A Grave Memorial no. 14206041, citing Elmwood Cemetery, Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by KC0EH (contributor 46840096) .

GENERATION FIVE

A1a1a1. Juanita Evelyn Folk Ralston Clark (1919-2002)  
A1a1a2. Vincent William Ralston (1914-1960)

A1a1b1. Eleanor Belva Darbe Volz (1909-1998)  
A1a1b2. Ervin Henry Volz (1903-1983)

A1a2a1. Nettie Jackman Howe (1883-1962)  
A1a2a2. Harry Howe (1885-1964)

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**Alala1. Juanita Evelyn Folk Ralston Clark (1919-2002)**

**Alala2. Vincent William Ralston (1914-1960)**

**Juanita Evelyn Folk Ralston Clark (1919-2002)**, Madison's two times maternal great grandmother, was born on 16 October 1919 in rural Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, to **George A Folk (1894-1981)** and **Effie E Ward Folk (1898-1990)**. Juanita was the youngest of three children.<sup>27</sup> She married **Vincent William Ralston (1914-1960)** and together they had 2 children, **Sandra Kay Ralston Volz (1940-)** and **Clifford "Billy" Ralston (1936-2013)**.<sup>28</sup> After Vincent William's death in 1960, Juanita remarried and had one other child, **Tammera Clark (1963-)**. Juanita died 12 February 2002 in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas.<sup>29</sup> She is buried alongside her husband at Richland Cemetery in Angola, Kansas.<sup>30</sup>

**Vincent William Ralston (1915-1960)** was born on 02 April 1915 in Montgomery County, Kansas, the oldest son of **Archibald Ralston (1891-1955)** and **Marguerite Long Ryan Ralston (1891-1962)**.<sup>31</sup> Vincent William married **Juanita Evelyn Folk Ralston Clark (1919-2002)** and fathered two children. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a United States Navy Reserve. Vincent William died on 04 September 1960

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<sup>27</sup> "United States Census, 1930." Database with images. FamilySearch. <http://FamilySearch.org> : 27 November 2018. Citing NARA microfilm publication T626. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002.

<sup>28</sup> Clifford W. "Bill" Ralston Obituary, 2013. David W. Barnes Funeral Home. <https://dwbfn.com/tribute/details/247/Clifford-Ralston/obituary.html>

<sup>29</sup> Sandra Volz, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019

<sup>30</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 20 April 2019), memorial page for Juanita Clark (1919-2002 ), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88381006

<sup>31</sup> "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7QP-FVC> : accessed 23 April 2019), William Ralston in household of Archibald Ralston, Coffeyville, Montgomery, Kansas, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 16, sheet 12B, line 77, family 372, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 712; FHL microfilm 2,340,447.

at only 45 years old. He is buried at Richland Cemetery in Angola, Kansas.<sup>32</sup>

**Al1a1b1. Eleanor Belva Darbe Volz (1909-1998)**

**Al1a1b2. Ervin Henry Volz (1903-1983)**

**Eleanor Belva Darbe Volz (1909-1998)** was born 07 September 1909 to **Belva Ann Montgomery Darbe** and **John Darbe**. She worked as a teacher before marrying **Ervin Henry Volz (1903-1983)** in 1929.<sup>33</sup> In other records Eleanor is named Ellen Darbe, she married Ervin 02 April 1929 in Alfalfa, Oklahoma.<sup>34</sup> Together they had six children and lived in Kaw Township, Kay County, Oklahoma. Eleanor later worked as a cook.<sup>35</sup> She died 15 April 1998, just 4 months before her two times great granddaughter was born. She is buried with her husband at Robbins Cemetery in Montgomery County, Kansas.<sup>36</sup>

**Ervin Henry Volz (1903-1983)** was born 26 September 1903 in Blaine County, Oklahoma, to **Lena Volz** and **Peter Volz**.<sup>37</sup> Peter was an

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<sup>32</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 20 April 2019), memorial page for Vincent William Ralston (1915-1960 ), Find A Grave Memorial no. 76968691

<sup>33</sup> "United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKGV-5ZTK> : accessed 23 April 2019), Eleanor Belva Volz, Kansas, United States, 18 Apr 1998; from "Recent Newspaper Obituaries (1977 - Today)," database, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : 2014); citing Wichita Eagle, The, born-digital text.

<sup>34</sup> "Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995." Database with images. FamilySearch. "Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XVKN-D2N> : 4 November 2017), Ervin Valz and Ellen Darbe, 02 Apr 1929; citing Oklahoma, various county courthouses, Oklahoma; FHL microfilm.

<sup>35</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VBV8-L5P> : 13 March 2018), Eleanor Volz in household of Henry Volz, Kaw Township, Kay, Oklahoma, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 36-16, sheet 5A, line 9, family 91, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 3300.

<sup>36</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 23 April 2019), memorial page for Eleanor B Volz (7 Sep 1909-15 Apr 1998), Find A Grave Memorial no. 36702959, citing Robbins Cemetery, Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by Will (contributor 46861132) .

<sup>37</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ML7T-K89> : accessed 23 April 2019), Ervin Volz in household of Peter

immigrant from Germany and Lena was from Nebraska, so both German and American English were spoken in the family home. Ervin was the oldest son of the first generation of Volz's born in America.<sup>38</sup> He was married to **Eleanor Belva Darbe Volz (1909-1998)** for 54 years before he died on 16 May 1983 at 79 years old. He is buried at Robbins Cemetery in Montgomery County, Kansas.<sup>39</sup>

**Ala2a1. Nettie Jackman (1883-1962)**

**Ala2a2. Harry Howe (1885-1964)**

**Nettie Jackman Howe (1883-1962)** was born April 1883 in Benton County, Missouri, to **Missouri A. Green Jackman (1853-1925)** and **John Jackman (1835-1920)**. John and Missouri were farmers and it is likely that Nettie was raised on the Jackman family farm. Nettie was the middle of Missouri and John's seven living children.<sup>40</sup> She married **Harry Howe (1885-1964)** 21 March 1906 in Benton County, Missouri, she was almost 3 years his senior.<sup>41</sup> Together they had eleven children with an age difference of 20 years between their oldest and youngest

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Volz, Homestead, Blaine, Oklahoma, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 38, sheet 2B, family 41, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 1243; FHL microfilm 1,375,256.

<sup>38</sup> Cheryl Rexwinkle, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 15 April 2019.

<sup>39</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 23 April 2019), memorial page for Ervin H. Volz (26 Sep 1903–16 May 1983), Find A Grave Memorial no. 36702960, citing Robbins Cemetery, Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by Will (contributor 46861132) .

<sup>40</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3HK-FBV> : accessed 24 April 2019), Nettie Jackman in household of John Jackman, Alexander Township, Benton, Missouri, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 1, sheet 8B, family 138, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,839.

<sup>41</sup> "Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKZ7-FNWL> : 4 November 2017), Harry Howe and Nettie Jackman, 21 Mar 1906; citing Marriage, Benton, Missouri, United States, p. 310, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

children.<sup>42</sup> Nettie died in 1962, she was 79 years old. Nettie is buried at Martin Cemetery, Nowata County, Oklahoma.<sup>43</sup>

**Harry Howe (1885-1964)** was born 17 March 1885 in Benton County, Missouri, to **Thursea Howe (1847-UNK)** and **William J Howe (1844-UNK)**<sup>44</sup>. Harry married **Nettie Jackman Howe (1883-1962)** and they lived in rural Craig County, Oklahoma. Harry was a tall man of medium build and he had blue eyes and light hair. Harry was a self employed farmer and is listed as an enumerator on many community documents.<sup>45</sup> He died September 1964 at 79 years old and is buried with his wife in Martin Cemetery, Nowata County, Oklahoma.

**Ala2b1. Ida Belle Acridge Rexwinkle (1889-1971)**

**Ala2b2. Charles Henry Rexwinkle (1886-1970)**

**Ida Belle Acridge Rexwinkle (1889-1971)** was born in Indian Territory on 22 December 1889, the oldest daughter of **Clara M Runkle Acridge (1866-UNK)** and **Henry L Acridge (1865-1941)**.<sup>46</sup> Ida Belle married

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<sup>42</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VBJR-C5L> : 14 March 2018), Nettie Howe in household of Harry Howe, Township 10, Craig, Oklahoma, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 18-20, sheet 3A, line 28, family 48, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 3287.

<sup>43</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 23 April 2019), memorial page for Nettie Jackman Howe (1883-1962), Find A Grave Memorial no. 21077418, citing Martin Cemetery, Childers, Nowata County, Oklahoma, USA ; Maintained by Will (contributor 46861132) .

<sup>44</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3H2-36D> : accessed 24 April 2019), Harry Howe in household of William J Howe, Alexander Township, Benton, Missouri, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 1, sheet 10A, family 167, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,839.

<sup>45</sup> "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZD7-VWK> : 13 March 2018), Harry Howe, 1917-1918; citing Craig County, Oklahoma, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 1,851,699.

<sup>46</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MMTT-ZR2> : accessed 24 April 2019), Isabell I Acridge in household of

**Charles Henry Rexwinkle (1886-1970)** together they had children and lived in Northeast Oklahoma. Their children were all enrolled in school at some point.<sup>47</sup> Ida Belle died 26 December 1971, she is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery in Labette County, Kansas.

**Charles Henry Rexwinkle (1886-1970)** was born 08 August 1886 in Labette County, Kansas, to **Ellen S Triebel Rexwinkle (1864-1933)** and **Leonard Rexwinkle (1857-1934)**, who were both from Illinois. He married Ida Bell Acridge on June 22, 1910 at Oswego, Labette County, Kansas. They had 13 children, namely: Clare Mable, Earnest Loyd, Edith Louise, Ethel Mae, Ella Arlene, Opal Lucille, Leonard Henry, Virgil Dale, Ruth Darlene, Charles Clifford, Billie Dean, Annabel, and Ralph Russell.<sup>48</sup> Charles died 07 October 1970 in Washington County, Oklahoma, at 84 years old.

**Alb1a1. Mona Lucille Dowell Beck (1902-1960)**

**Alb1a2. Leslie Owen Beck (1898-1968)**

**Mona Lucille Dowell Beck (1902-1960)** was born 16 August 1902 in Illinois to **Margaret Evens Dowell (1881-1953)** and **Raymond Dowell (1875-1930)**. Mona married **Leslie Owen Beck (1898-1968)** 08 January 1921. They made their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and had two

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Henry L Acridge, Howard Township, Labette, Kansas, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 111, sheet 2B, family 34, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,485.

<sup>47</sup> "Oklahoma, School Records, 1895-1936," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2TH-3WZ6> : 17 March 2018), Belle Rexwinkle in entry for Lucille Rexwinkle, 1931-1932; citing School enrollment, Craig, Oklahoma, United States, various County Clerk offices, Oklahoma school district offices, Oklahoma; FHL microfilm 1,290,552.

<sup>48</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 24 April 2019), memorial page for Charles Henry Rexwinkle (8 Aug 1886-7 Oct 1970), Find A Grave Memorial no. 78811550, citing Elm Grove Cemetery, Edna, Labette County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by Margaret (contributor 47526291) .

children together, Margaret Elizabeth and Roberta Lucille. Mona was an excellent homemaker and housekeeper. She loved spending time with her grandchildren when they came to visit. She died in her sleep of an apparent heart attack 10 December 1960, she was 58 years old. Mona is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.<sup>49</sup>

**Leslie Owen Beck (1898-1968)** was born 02 October 1898 in Fayette County, Illinois, to **Mary Elizabeth Pope Beck (1865-1954)** and **Phlegmon Sanders Beck (1858-1936)**. Leslie married Mona Dowell in a double wedding ceremony in 1921 at the Decatur Courthouse. Leslie worked as an auto mechanic and is reputed to have been employed by some of the infamous Chicago gangsters. In his later years he was a mechanic for cars in the Indianapolis 500. Leslie died 03 February 1968 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was 69 years old.

**Alb1b1. Guthrie Lee Guinn (1897-1984)**

**Alb1b2. Charles William Vest (1863-1920)**

**Guthrie Lee Guinn (1897-1984)** was born 01 May 1897 in Oklahoma to **Virginia Alma Williams (1879-1967)** and **James Russell Guinn (1878-1951)**. Guthrie was married to **Charles William Vest (1863-1920)** 07 September 1915, Together they had 4 children, Alma Irene, Francis Cleo, William Loyd, and J.T. Russell, all born in New Mexico. After Charles' death, Guthrie married Fred Callison, who was almost 20 years her senior, 16 June 1923 and 3 other children. After Fred's death she married George Buchanan, they were later divorced. In 1929,

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<sup>49</sup> Candy Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.



Guthrie married Lucion Jack Massey and together they had 3 children. After Lucion's death, Guthrie again remarried. She married Bert Lee Tate, Sr. he became a father figure for all of her children, along with his own 7 children from a previous marriage, creating a family of 17 children.<sup>50</sup> Guthrie died 16 August 1984 in Turlock, California, she was 87 years old.<sup>51</sup>

**Charles William Vest (1863-1920)** was born 22 December 1863 in Nebraska to **Delila Cook Vest (1822-UNK)** and **Johnson Vest (1819-1896)**. He married **Guthrie Lee Guinn (1897-1984)**, he was 34 years her senior, and fathered four of her children before his death in 1920, Cambridge, Nebraska, he was 57 years old.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> Charles Vest, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.

<sup>51</sup> "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V3P9-6XS> : 19 May 2014), Guthrie Tate, Aug 1984; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

<sup>52</sup> Candy Hill, interview with Madison Rexwinkle. 20 April 2019.