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GENERATION ONE

Keegan Reese Dawkins (1992-) was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1992 to **Lori Hope Perigan(1962-)** and **James Laverne Dawkins(1973-)**. Lori was thrilled to receive the news she was pregnant as her medical physician told her she probably would not have another child because of her age and biological complications that she had been experiencing for the past few years in the early 90s. Lori was thrilled to have her second child, hoping for a boy.¹ However, that would not come without potential problems, as Keegan was diagnosed with asthma early. However, Keegan would eventually outgrow his disease during his middle school years, so he was able to overcome his medical obstacle. His biological father, James Dawkins, would fall out of the picture after Keegan's birth. Unfortunately, leaving Lori to raise her son Keegan as a single parent while attending Fort Scott Community College in Pittsburg, Kansas.² In his early childhood, Keegan was close with **Autumn Helaine Todd (1986-)** in Pittsburg, Kansas, in a two-story house on 103 W. 9th St. Lori would have to eventually drop out of school and rely on babysitters to watch her children afford to keep a roof over her children's head. Keegan would hardly see his mother during his childhood because of her working hours, so he spent most of his time bonding with his older sister.

Keegan remembers being an inside kid and was rarely let outside to do anything and stayed to himself. Still, he vividly remembers

¹ Personal knowledge of the author, Keegan R. Dawkins.

² Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

watching *Dragon Ball Z* as a child and being fascinated with anime because it was full of action with superpowers. Keegan would spend the rest of his time playing with Black Cat Tonka toys or playing his Nintendo Gameboy Color with the game Pokémon Yellow version that he had received for Christmas. Some of Keegan's Favorite foods to eat were Pizza, Cheeseburgers, and Chinese food. Keegan remembers visiting a little burger place on South Broadway in Pittsburg, Kansas. The restaurant was named 1106, and Keegan remembers they always had the best burgers before they shut down in the early 2000s.

During Keegan's education, he attended a series of elementary schools, starting with Westside Elementary School, where he would attend school until the third grade. Keegan's fondest memories were of Mrs. White, and his best memory of her is he always noticed she would smile and bring a bright red apple to class. The other significant person in Westside elementary school was Mr. King. He would disguise himself as a superhero named Mr. Zero, who gave kids dollars and advice on how children should behave in class and would give children dollar bills on occasion.³

Keegan remembers his only visit to see his grandmother **Robyn Olivia Proctor (1939-2005)** and grandfather **Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020)** during a family vacation trip to Chino, California; where he also visited Walt Disney World during his early childhood years and remembered being fascinated with the actor who was playing Belle from *Beauty and the Beast* and loved her long yellow dress and pretty brown

³ Personal knowledge of the author, Keegan R. Dawkins.

hair. Unfortunately, Keegan had to be dragged away from her by his mother. Another favorite memory was planning to steal money with other kids at Crest Wood Apartments, where his grandmother Roby Proctor was running management operations. The foolish plan was to steal Dillion's sister's purse and try to cross the street to buy some candy at the food store. Unfortunately for Keegan, Robyn discovered what he was doing and chased him inside the house where he would escape the fly swatter, but at the cost of watching several hours of CNN news followed by a ballerina show. Keegan desired the fly swatter after the experience. Unfortunately, for some reason or another, after his family left for Kansas, Keegan knew that would be the last time he would see his grandma before she passed away from health-related issues.

Keegan would attend two more elementary schools named Lakeside Elementary School and Meadowlark Elementary school. Keegan remembers the building looking like an asylum before the remodel was made to Lakeside Elementary. His best friend at Lakeside Elementary was Aaron Adcock, whose dad was successful in the stock market. His mom was a nurse, so they lived in a big house near Via Christi Hospital, so he did not have to work much, if at all, during the late 1990s. Keegan remembers Aaron's father mentioning a big break he had just received from some stock exchanges. He told his wife that he made a profit, and according to Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, "Wealthy families rode the stock market upward in the 1990s, earning considerable investment income"⁴. Keegan remembers wondering what the stock market was

⁴ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 142.

and why his family was not as successful as Aarons, not realizing that single mothers had to work two or more jobs to support their families. In the coming years, Keegan would attend Pittsburg Community Middle School and reside in Pittsburg until around 2005, when he and his family moved to Girard, Kansas.⁵

Thirty minutes away from the Pittsburg area, which is a rural farming community with several influences from the small towns surrounding them, in a way, it represents Helper, Farlington, and Brazilton, which were the small-town communities of Caucasian descendants, according to the 7.1 reports displayed in Fischer and Hout's book, the majority of residents in Non-Metropolitan were of European descent around 75% shown on chart 7.2 in *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last 100 Years*.⁶

Keegan was a part of the small ethnic population of Girard High School but managed to make friends play football and basketball, and participate in athletic activities during school. During his high school years, Keegan was also a part of the FFA organization and was involved in Girard's High School choir, which required him to act in plays such as "Bye Bye Birdy." Being in the choir would also take Keegan to the state for a singing competition in Salina, Kansas, where they had critics from all over the state judging each group based on performance criteria. Keegan would graduate from Girard Highschool in 2011 and take some time off from school until he enrolled at Pitt

⁵ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJBT-33TT>: 11 August 2020), Lori Perigan, 2008-2008.

⁶ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 167.

State University in 2016. However, Keegan would even more time off school due to personal reasons but return later in 2019. He is now trying to complete his bachelor's in History and complete his minor in Human Communications and plans to graduate in 2023.

During the Covid outbreak in 2020, Keegan was fortunate enough not to get the virus and stayed in school and worked during the epidemic crisis.⁷ The significant changes in Keegan's day-to-day routine compared to his daily task before the virus was following food safety protocols to an extreme, along with new policies, including a mask for his management job in the fast-food industry. Keegan hated the fact he wasn't able to hang out with his friends as much as he wanted, so when he wasn't working, Keegan would be inside of his room working on homework, playing his PlayStation 4, and watching streaming services such as Hulu, Netflix, and Disney Plus. Fortunately, He was still working during the initial closure of businesses as management for Flynn Corporation due to the epidemic, so he could still help pay his bills.⁸

⁷ Personal knowledge of the author, Keegan R. Dawkins.

⁸ Ibid

GENERATION TWO

A1a. James Laverne Dawkins (1973-)

A1b. Lori Hope Perigeon (1962-)

A1a. James Laverne Dawkins (1973-)

James Dawkins was born in 1973, and he would disappear from Keegan's life and be only around to sign his son's birth certificate, which would be the only thing Keegan would receive from his father is his last name. James was born in Illinois in 1973, as stated on his birth certificate. What is known is James can be called a Bird of Passage as he is listed as a resident in three different cities, such as Parsons, Pittsburg, and Salina, in Kansas on the United States Public Record from 1970-to 2009.⁹ James was also a Pittsburg State University football player back in the 1990s, and this is when he met **Lori Hope Perigan (1962-)**. Later, James joined the National Guard after a dispute with the university, and after he left for service, James lost all contact with his child's mother, Lori Perigan. Unfortunately, nothing is known about his side of the family as the last name Dawkins is quite common amongst African American population groups, and even the middle name of Laverne is quite common. James Dawkins's last known location is Salt Lake City, Utah, according to Facebook.

A1b. Lori Hope Perigeon (1962-)

Lori Perigan was the older sibling of three children born in Cold

⁹ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:C8NR-BJW2>; 5 March 2020), James Laverne Dawkins, 2004.

Water, Michigan, to **Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020)** and **Robyn Proctor (1940-2005)** at Wade Memorial Hospital.¹⁰ Lori would remember moving with her parents from Michigan to Brighton, Missouri as a baby, where she would stay in the farmhouse a mile down the road from her Grandparents, and then she moved to Carthage, Missouri, with her Great Grandmother **Mary Idell Horn (1888-1986)**¹¹

Carthage, Missouri, is the county seat of Jasper County with 15,500 residents according to the 2020 census and was the place of the Great Battles of Carthage on July 5, 1861, and October 1863, where Union soldiers and Confederate soldiers clashed. Carthage rapidly grew after the civil war. The town also had route 66 through Carthage in 1920, but route 66 was eventually rerouted later, but the famous drive-in theatre remains today.¹²

Lori attended Columbian grade school on Macon Road in Carthage. Lori remembers riding the same bus until the age of 16 when she remembers Mr. Day, her bus driver and a history teacher. Lori also remembers the discipline by her principal as a disciplinary action for throwing a tantrum in class and attacking older 4th-grade boys. Lori recalls the accident that would cause her to rip her knee cartilage from trying to stop herself from falling off a barrel her brother **Chris Perigan (1965-)** pulled from underneath her while she was trying to log walk on the barrel. Lori would suffer from an injury they called football knee, and nothing could be done to fix her Cartlidge. Unfortunately, she would suffer from this injury for the rest of her life,

¹⁰ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Wikipedia. "Carthage, Missouri." Accessed 21 April 2022.

but she still smiles and is optimistic regardless of her mobile limitations. Lori would attend Carthage Junior High School, and their mascots were the hornets, and the rivals of her school were the bulldogs from Sarcoxie, Missouri. Lori remembers going to the Carthage Skating Ring with her friend **Lori Engles**, and she remembers the golf course, the swimming pool, tennis court, and the fairground during her teenage years in middle school, but her favorite place was River Falls.

Lori would attend Carthage High School and remembered her first jeep as her first car. Lori remembers hanging out with her friends who rode horses, mudded, and swinging on her family bull named "Joe," a bull who would win her a grand champion award at the 4H FFA competition. Lori also learned how to weld from FFA and remembers participating in theatre during her high school, where she played the grumpy dwarf in the play *Snow-white* and worked at a place called Whistler Burgers as the cashier. Lori also remembers putting little candy bags in the customers' food orders with children to show appreciation. Lori would enjoy her High school experience and meet her friend Carla Dyer who would become the godmother of her daughter **Autumn Helaine Todd** (1986-).¹³

Lori remembers the house where the family farm used to be across from the elementary school on H&H highway just off the chapel road. And recalls a windmill close by and the exact details of how the house was designed; it was a two-story house with a sleeping porch. Lori remembers seeing the stars on top of the courthouse swing they had set

¹³ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

up. She also remembers the stone couriers were worked on by Walter, who worked on the house and used Carthage stone for the building process. Unfortunately, Lori also remembers how her family had to sell their half when the will was never reevaluated from the original intention of Charles Johnson, and his land was split between all relatives.¹⁴

Lori would graduate in the year 1980 and receive a ride from her father to her graduation, and it was her favorite memory of her father as it was an old-school Model T truck. Lori would eventually move to Chino Hills, California, in 1982. Still, she would move back and forth for two years until she decided to stay in Carthage, Missouri, after the passing of **Mary Idell Horn (1888-1996)** from health complications. Lori would eventually move to Pittsburg, Kansas. In 1986, where she gave birth to **Autumn Helaine Todd (1986-)** and worked human communication jobs as a customer service representative, and then in 1992, she gave birth to **Keegan Reese Dawkins (1992-)**, where she would reside in Southeast, Kansas until 2012, when she moved to a small town just on the outskirts of Joplin named Duenweg, Missouri¹⁵ a small town with only 1,495 people with her boyfriend, Mike.

¹⁴ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

¹⁵ Wikipedia. "Duenweg, Missouri." Accessed 25 2022. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duenweg,_Missouri.

GENERATION THREE

A1a1.Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020)

A1a2. Robyn Proctor (1939-2002)

A1b1. Unknown

A1b2. Unknown

A1a1.Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020)

A1a2. Robyn Proctor (1939-2002)

Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020) Unfortunately, little about Gene Perigan is known; Gene grew up on a small farm with his dad, who suffered from alcoholism and would treat Gene harshly by overworking him like an adult at a very young age. He went to live with his mom to get away from his dad but after suffering abuse at the hands of his new stepdad.¹⁶ Gene would move back in with his father and work a few odd jobs. However, he had conflicts with his dad over the house rules, which ultimately ended with Gene running away and joining the army, where he lies about his age and enlisted in the Army at the age of 16. Gene would be sent overseas to accommodate Vietnam advisers before the actual deployment of U.S armed forces but was ultimately discharged after a dispute with a superior officer over the treatment of the locals, which resulted in his superior officer getting hurt severely. However, the military court dismissed the trial after the military discovered Gene was not old enough to be in the Military.¹⁷ Gene's service record was erased, and he never talked about his military service until his final years of life, when he told his grandson Keegan what

¹⁶Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

¹⁷Ibid.

incidents occurred during his service. Gene was adamant about him, stating he would always say to his men that he was not coming home with missing limbs. He desired to be put to death versus coming back like a wounded veteran if that happened to him. Gene also mentioned during a combat encounter that he and his platoon were under heavy fire leaving the Landing Zone, and it was the only time in his life he was scared that he might not make it out of the jungle back home.

Gene would eventually meet **Robyn Olivia Perigan (1940-2005)** at A&W restaurant. The two would meet and ultimately decide to get married in 1961¹⁸ in the presents of Andrew, the recorder of deeds for the county seat of Jasper, which was in Cartage, Missouri.¹⁹ Gene would work several factory jobs during the remaining years of his life, and he would eventually own a feed store. Still, with credits being a way to pay for something, many people saw the opportunity to abuse my grandfather's system, so he would decide down the road in the '80s that he would work for a furniture company as a full-time truck driver because he was always on the road, and he seemed to make more money by being a trucker. Gene would move his family out to Chino, California,²⁰ where he would reside until 2015, when he moved to Duneweg, Missouri, under his Daughter **Lori Perigan (1962-)**. Gene would eventually die of breathing complications brought on by his smoking and alcoholism due to the passing of his beloved wife, **Robyn Proctor (1940-2005)**

¹⁸ "Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPZ2-DH8N>; 20 April 2021), Homer Gene Perigan and Robyn Proctor, 17 Apr 1961; citing Marriage, Jasper, Missouri, United States, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City; FHL microfilm 007029273.

¹⁹ Wikipedia. "Carthage, Missouri" Accessed February 22, 2022. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carthage>.

²⁰ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KY9K-8MC>; 24 June 2021), Homer G Perigan, 1994-1997.

2005²¹. Unfortunately, Gene was never the same after her death. Joplin's funeral service cremated Gene Perigan, and his ashes reside with his daughter Lori.²²

Robyn Oliva Proctor (1939-2005) Grew up in Carthage, Missouri, with her Grand Mother, **Mary Idell Horn (1888-1996)**, because her mother, **Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940)**, passed away from complications caused by the deadly disease tuberculosis when her daughter was just a year old. Because her mother passed away, she was relocated to Carthage, Missouri, from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Furthermore, her father worked as an airline pilot, so he could not be around his daughter as much as he wanted. Robyn spent her time with her grandmother **Mary Idell Horn (1888-1996)**, who took her in and raised her on her farm, so she could also be closer to her father's side of the family, the Proctors who also resided in Carthage, Missouri. Robyn attended Liberty Elementary School in Liberty, Missouri, an hour away. Eventually, she would grow up and attend school in Kansas City, Missouri, named William Woods High School. She learned to play the piano at a very young age from an unknown gentleman who taught her the keys, so Robyn could introduce herself to the sound of music, listen to radio hits, and play them note for note. Robyn was also a wild child²³ and spent her time in the '50s being a rebellious young teenager. Robyn, after attending school, would sneak off against her mother's wishes to

²¹ "The United States Social Security Death Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JTGD-D31>: 11 January 2021), Robyn O Perigan, 22 Feb 2005; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

²² Personal knowledge of author, Keegan R Dawkins.

²³ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

a nightclub in Kansas City, where she would play the piano for the club owner, who in return would let her drink soda pop throughout the entire night if she played the piano for the whole of the night. She remembers when she was caught sneaking back in one night by her grandpa and was spanked for attending the club without permission.²⁴

Robyn would eventually start working at 20, where she would meet **Homer Gene Perigan (1940-2020)**. The couple would get married in 1961²⁵ and be together until her premature death. During her later 20, s while Gene was busing working, Robyn would run the feeding store for Gene while working on the road, and she was able to stop the credit abuse, but the damage was already done. Therefore, she and her husband Gene moved to Chino Hills, California, which borders several California county lines and is in southern California. According to a 2020 census, Chino Hills has a population of 78,411 and is known as an attraction for tourists coming out of Los Angeles²⁶ Gene and Robyn moved to a residential area known as Crest Wood Apartments in the middle of the city. She would run the complex as house manager and make a career out of it by calculating the numbers and keeping track of the current tenants living inside the premises. Robyn was an excellent house manager and was able to keep her job there from

²⁴Ibid

²⁵ Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPZ2-DH8N>: 20 April 2021), Homer Gene Perigan and Robyn Proctor, 17 Apr 1961; citing Marriage, Jasper, Missouri, United States, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City; FHL microfilm 007029273.

²⁶ Wikipedia. "Chino Hills, California," Accessed April 25, 2022.

1988 to 2005. Robyn was good with numbers, getting reliable prospects, and maintenance issues. Robyn was a very determined woman who could get her job done and maintain her piano skills as a hobby. Robyn stayed married to Gene until her premature death from a heart attack in 2005. Robyn's wish was to be cremated instead of buried, so the family acknowledged her wishes.

GENERATION FOUR

A1a1a. Homer Perigan Sr. (1911-1986)

A1a1b. Unknown

A1a2a. Robert Lewis Proctor (1910-1998)

A1a2b. Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940)

A1b1a. Unknown

A1b1b. Unknown

A1b2a. Unknown

A1b2b. Unknown

A1a1a. Homer Perigan Sr. (1911-1986)

A1a1b. Unknown

Homer Perigan Sr. (1911-1986) Homer Senior was from a line of Irish immigrants who came to this country back in the 1880s,²⁷ and thus the name Perigan is Irish in origin; figure 3.3 states that most of the White heritage would identify as German, British, and Irish. Therefore, the Irish were in third place because of early immigration at 11%. Homer's son and grandchildren would all identify as Irish in their lifetimes and be well over 18 years or older during the 2000s. Furthermore, to support these claims in figure 3.2, the mapping census shows the south is a lot more diverse, and Michigan is on a scale of 0.01 to 0.14, meaning that white immigrants dominated this area.²⁸

Not much is known about Homer Perigan senior, except he had a small farm, which did not produce much profit, and was only employed

²⁷ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

²⁸ Claude S. Fisher and Michael Hout Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 26-27.

by his son Homer. Homer would, unfortunately, push his son out of his house from physical and mental abuse. Furthermore, according to Lori, the only thing Gene received from Homer Senior was a buffalo he received from a trade-off from a gentleman who needed a bike from his son.²⁹ Unfortunately, nothing is known about Gene's mother, so his mother is not included in the family tree. However, Homer Senior would re-marry a woman named Phebe, who is buried alongside him in Michigan.³⁰

Ala2a. Robert lewis Proctor (1910-1998)

Ala2b. Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940)

Ala2a. Robert lewis Proctor (1910-1998)

Robert Lewis Proctor (1910-Uknown) was born in Carthage, Missouri. Not much is known about Lewis's proctor life, except he was the class president of Carthage High school in 1928 and had a victory cup to show the wins that the class of 1928 could secure.³¹ Robert was a pilot who served in World War II, and he was the first commercial air pilot for Tran World Airlines from Carthage, Missouri. Robert also had two sons who served in the Vietnam war Robert Junior Proctor in the army air corps and Larry Proctor, who served in the United States Green Bray Special Forces during the height of the war.³² **Oliver E**

²⁹ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

³⁰ Find a Grave, database, and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/190201716/homer-perigan>: accessed

³¹ Joe Proctor, "Robert Lewis Proctor," Robert Lewis Proctor b. 20 Jul 1909 Carthage, Jasper, Missouri, United States d. 19 Oct 1998 Missouri, United States: House Of Proctor Genealogy, January 2012, <https://houseofproctor.org/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I18144&tree=hop>.

³² Ibid

Proctor (1879-1949)³³ and **Grace Proctor (1879-1961)**³⁴ were his parents. After moving To Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his pregnant wife Wilma, she, unfortunately, died from tuberculosis, but fortunately was able to have his daughter **Robyn Oliva Proctor (1939-2005)**. Robert figured the best course of action to take would be to take his daughter back to Carthage, Missouri, to be with his side of the family, and since he worked as a pilot, her grandmother would also be able to help. At the same time, he worked for the company Trans World Union.³⁵

Ala2b.Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940)

Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940) Wilma was a quiet girl who dealt with two grandmas constantly bickering about the simplest things. Wilma stayed on her father's farm with her mother, **Mary Idel Horn (1888-1986)**, where she obtained a farmer's permit to drive to and from school in a Model T truck during her childhood and helped with the daily farming jobs of feeding and watering the animals along with household chores she would attend to before going to school. Wilma attended Wesley Ann College of Carthage, Missouri, and at this institution, even juveniles were to participate in her school from grade school to college.³⁶

³³ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/237121834/oliver-e-proctor>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Oliver E Proctor (1876-1949), Find a Grave Memorial ID 237121834, citing Park Cemetery, Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Shane (contributor 48869130).

³⁴ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/237121821/grace-l-proctor>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Grace L Proctor (1879-1961), Find a Grave Memorial ID 237121821, citing Park Cemetery, Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Shane (contributor 48869130).

³⁵ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022

³⁶ The Jasper news. [volume] (Jasper, Missouri), 20 April 1922. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn90061052/1922-04-20/ed-1/seq-1/>>

Wilma took advantage of her education, received her teaching license, and taught at a small townhouse school on the outskirts of Carthage, Missouri. Wilma had a broad talent for music as she also taught music in the small town of Carthage. Wilma was offered a conservatorship in Colorado but turned down the position to stay closer with her mother after fearing her mother would be left alone. **Mary Idel Horn (1888–1986)** would later say she regretted asking her daughter to tell because she might not have caught tuberculosis if she had left for Colorado.³⁷

Wilma would marry **Robert Lewis Proctor (1910–1998)** and have **Robyn Oliva Proctor (1939–2005)** as her only child. Unfortunately, Wilma contracted tuberculosis while pregnant and lose her left lung. A disease that took multiple parts of the world by storm and directly resulted from Influenza during its time in 1929, and newspapers would be published describing symptoms of the disease.³⁸ Wilma would move to New Mexico, where she caught Pneumonia that ended up killing her³⁹, but she was able to have Robyn before she passed away in 1940.

In figure 4.2, a woman's life span would increase dramatically, narrowing the arithmetic Pattern of Short-lived life spans of only a 10-year differential. Wilma, unfortunately, would succumb to the statistics of women who died before the average lifespan of sixty years in her time of the early age of 28 years and was part of the short-

³⁷ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022

³⁸The Jasper news. [volume] (Jasper, Missouri), 02 Jan. 1919. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn90061052/1919-01-02/ed-1/seq-5/>>

³⁹ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101034368/wilma-helaine-proctor>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Wilma Helaine Johnson Proctor (13 Jan 1912–7 Dec 1940), Find a Grave Memorial ID 101034368, citing Dudman Cemetery, Sarcoxie, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Wayne & Janet (Proctor) Brawner (contributor 47163288).

lived women's statistics shown on the graph. However, her mother, **Mary Idel Horn (1888-1986)**, would live well past the average life span of both the 2000s of 95 and 1900's 75 at the age of 98, so making it to this age but being born in the 1800s speaks wonders for the life span of **Mary Idel Horn (1888-1986)**, considering she was able to beat the odds of illnesses that targeted children at an astonishing rate before the 90% drop reported in the text, which she experienced Scarlett fever first hand by losing her hearing and witnessing it take the life of her niece when she was younger.⁴⁰

⁴⁰ Claude S. Fisher and Michael Hout Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years (New York: Russell sage Foundation, 2006), 64.

GENERATION FIVE

A1a1a1.Unknown
A1a1a2.Unknown

A1a2a1. Charles G. Johnson (1865-1939)
A1a2a2. Mary Idel Horn (1888-1986)

A1a2a1.James Horn (Unknown-Unknown)
A1a2a2.Unknown

A1a2b1. Unknown
A1b1b2. Unknown

A1a2a1. Charles G. Johnson (1865-1939)
A1a2a2. Mary Idel Horn (1888-1986)

Charles G. Johnson (1865-1939) Grew up with seven siblings and was born in Union Township in Sarcoxie, Missouri.⁴¹ His parents were from Tennessee, and he grew up to be a deacon at the church in Carthage, Missouri, where he owned a significant portion of the property on Route 4, where now is Chapel Road; he would come from a long line of Johnsons who were a religious group. Not much is known about his young life. Still, his wife would be born in a cabin on his property as he and his wife Mary had a twenty Gap age difference. He was a well-established man within the community of Carthage, Missouri, and desired a wife, which would be **Mary Idell Horn (1888-1986)**. Charles would produce one child with his wife, **Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-**

⁴¹ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6XD-JR9>; 14 January 2022), Charles G. Johnson in the household of Wiley B. Johnson, Union Township, Jasper, Missouri, United States; citing enumeration district, sheet, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), FHL microfilm.

1940)⁴². Charles would come down with unknown sickness in 1939 and unfortunately pass away due to complicated health issues.

Mary Idell Horn (1888-1986) was born into a sharecropping family in Paris, Texas, and would help her family harvest cotton during these times. During Mary's Childhood, she remembers how hot it was during the summer and how her family hung wet blankets over the farm door so when the breeze would blow, it would cool down the barn house. Mary lived in a dangerous area in Texas full of outlaws that would steal their horses and leave them the broken-down horses they had nearly ridden to death. She helped her father on the farm by collecting eggs from the chickens and milking the cows whenever her family needed her. Mary received her education from the homeschooling system since there was not a schoolhouse around her farm for her to attend. When her dad **James Horn (Unknown-Unknown)**, moved his family from Paris, Texas, to Carthage, Missouri, Mary Idell remembers almost drowning during a river crossing during the move to Missouri and being pulled up by a tall man running the raft operation who saved her from nearly drowning to death. Mary lived with her cousins for a while, where she would catch Scarlett Fever that would cause her to go deaf temporarily, and sadly remembers it taking her young niece's life. Fortunately for Mary, she would regain her hearing back in her teenage years.

When Mary got older, she was involved in numerous activities such as the Red Cross Volunteer Program, the Eastern Star, and starting the

⁴² "United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHF2-8HD>; accessed 26 April 2022), Willma H Johnson in household of Charles G Johnson, Union, Jasper, Missouri, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 61, sheet 7A, line 12, family 155, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1206; FHL microfilm 2,340,941.

Bethel Church in Carthage, Missouri. Marry was very proud of the pen she had received from Red Cross as a reward and always kept the pen close to her. Mary would marry **Charles G. Johnson (1868-1939)**⁴³, Charles was twenty years older because Mary wanted an established husband in the community, and Charles was at the top of the list and would honor their vows until 1939. Upon his death, Mary would remarry his brother **Walter Caswell Fletcher Johnson (1879-1966)**,⁴⁴ who was also widowed by his previous wife, **Ruth Tennessee Weir Johnson (1886-1937)**,⁴⁵ who he lost to cancer. Walter would help Marry run her ex-husband's affairs on the farm. It was common to marry a deceased family member's wife, especially if they owned property or operated a business within the family group. Mary would have one child **Wilma Helaine Johnson (1912-1940)**, who she would, unfortunately, lose later due to health-related problems caused by tuberculosis⁴⁶. From 1939 to 1940 were hard years for Mary because she lost her husband and daughter in two years, but luckily, she would get to help raise her granddaughter **Robyn Oliva Proctor (1939-2005)**.

During the rest of her life, Mary would stay an advocate member

⁴³ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101036608/charles-grant-johnson>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Charles Grant Johnson (10 Apr 1868–28 Jan 1939), Find a Grave Memorial ID 101036608, citing Dudman Cemetery, Sarcoxie, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Find a Grave (contributor 8).

⁴⁴ Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101034301/walter-caswell_fletcher-johnson: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Walter Caswell Fletcher Johnson (21 Feb 1879–11 Nov 1966), Find a Grave Memorial ID 101034301, citing Dudman Cemetery, Sarcoxie, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Find a Grave (contributor 8).

⁴⁵ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71210580/ruth-tennessee-johnson>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Ruth Tennessee Weir Johnson (19 Jan 1886–20 May 1937), Find a Grave Memorial ID 71210580, citing Mountain View Cemetery, Mountain View, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, USA; Maintained by sha9876 (contributor 46523609).

⁴⁶ Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101036645/mary-idell-johnson>: accessed 25 April 2022), memorial page for Mary Idell “Della” Horn Johnson (16 Feb 1888–20 Sep 1986), Find a Grave Memorial ID 101036645, citing Dudman Cemetery, Sarcoxie, Jasper County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Find a Grave (contributor 8).

of the church and donate 10% of her earnings to the church house. Mary would live the rest of her life on the farm, where she would raise both of her granddaughters, Robyn and Lori, when they were children. Mary lived a long-fulfilled life and passed away peacefully in 1986. She even had an article posted about her for her services during the Red Cross, published in the Carthage Press, where she would make bandages from scratch for the wounded soldiers in World War II, The Korean War, and Vietnam.⁴⁷

A1a2a1.James Horn (Unknown-Unknown)
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James Horn (Unknown-Unknown) Nothing is known about the early life of James horn, except his Military service during the Civil War when he fought on the side of the Union. James's brother fought for the confederacy, which was customary because the Civil War divided families over the controversy of north and south rights regarding the representation of states' seats and slavery abolition.⁴⁸ During my research, I was able to find a James Horn registration of Military service card for a James Horn⁴⁹ this placed him around the St. Louis area and during the civil war, during the Battles of Carthage that occurred involving union soldiers from St. Louis in both battles, and was not

⁴⁷ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022

⁴⁸ Anderson, Margo J. The American Census; A Social History (London: Yale University Press, 2015),

⁴⁹ "United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:7ZS2-NVZM>; 25 October 2019), James Horn, 6 Sep 1865; citing Military Service, NARA microfilm publication 76193916 (St. Louis: National Archives and Records Administration, 1985), various roll numbers.

documented until 1864 by Ward L. Schrantz.⁵⁰ However, it's hard to connect without further research without a specific middle name, date of death, date of birth, or a census record in Jasper County, Missouri.

James would go on to have 11 children, which he raised on a farm near Paris, Texas. James was not making enough money to support his family as a sharecropper by cutting cotton and growing corn in his fields. He only had his family to help him with sharecropping operations because he could not afford to hire extra hands financially. Issues kept reoccurring. Therefore, James decided that after horse thieves kept taking his horses and leaving them near death horses. James had enough of the hardship. Furthermore, just before he left Paris, Texas, on a family trip to the closest town, James and his family witnessed a lynching during the abolition of slavery; it was a common thing in the south for African Americans to be brutalized publicly.⁵¹ James had decided to move towards the Midwest in the Missouri area.⁵²

James finally took his family to the Midwest, where he would give them a new start in the Ozark area away from the harsh life in Paris, Texas. He moved his family to Carthage, Missouri, where he had bought a small farm and let his family take care of it upon his death somewhere around the 40s. Not much else is known about James's horn life, and nothing is known about the mother of his children or his siblings of Mary either. James Horn would end up dying somewhere around the

⁵⁰ Wikipedia. "Carthage, Missouri" Accessed February 22, 2022. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carthage>.

⁵¹ The Houston daily post. [volume] (Houston, Tex.), 21 May 1899. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86071197/1899-05-21/ed-1/seq-18/>>

⁵² Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.

'1940s from Pneumonia, and according to Lori, in his 70s, he experienced the disease known as shingles during the remainder of his life.⁵³

⁵³ Lori Perigan, interview with Keegan Dawkins, 17 February 2022.