

Pannebakker Familie Views

A Newsletter for the Pannebakker Family Association

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GUY FLANDERS PANABAKER SUBMITTED BY PEGGY JEAN PANABAKER MAGLIO AND EDWIN JAMES PANABAKER

Like many Panabakers, our father, Guy Flanders Panabaker, born January 4, 1880, in Sumner, Illinois, traveled and experienced many adventures during the course of his life. He was born on a 250 acre farm owned by his father, Hugh Adam Panabaker and his mother Emma Elizabeth Flanders Panabaker. Both of Guy's grandfathers, William Ephriam Panabaker and Jonathan Leavitt Flanders were physicians who lived on nearby farms. This very likely influenced Guy to attend medical school at Oxford, Mississippi from 1897 to 1898. His father had sold the farm in Illinois and bought a 500 acre farm in Mississippi in 1895.

Guy left medical school after a years attendance to follow other pursuits. (The sight of blood nauseated him). Thus, he took a position as a telegrapher in Rives, Tennessee in 1899. He left there in 1900, and he was employed as a telegrapher at Illinois Central Railroad in Cairo, Illinois. In 1906, he headed to the west coast and the San Francisco Bay area, where he was employed by the Pacific/Santa Fe Railroad dispatching boats across the bay between San Francisco (Mason Rock) and Oakland County. This, of course, was the time of the "Great Earthquake" which destroyed much of San Francisco and resulted in fires which also took their toll on the San Francisco landscape. This forced our father, Guy, along with a vast number of residents to take refuge in tents which were erected in Golden Gate Park.



Golden Gate Park Relief Camp

One of scores of such relief camps opened in parks and squares throughout San Francisco. This camp was run by the U.S. Army.

The famous tenor, Enrico Caruso had a singing engagement at this time in San Francisco and after the quake, he vowed never to return to San Francisco again!

Guy's mother and father also moved west about this time to a Pasadena suburb of Los Angeles. His father as a semi-retiree enjoyed a position as a conductor on the Red Car Line (streetcar) which ran through the then, orange trees between Los Angeles and Ontario in San Bernardino County, California.

In 1918, Guy was employed with the Western Union Division of the Union Pacific Railroad in Cima, California.

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ANCESTOR SEARCH

I recently received an e-mail from Laurie Baker. Laurie is searching her family's ancestry and has run into a stone wall concerning an ancestor named Conrad Pennybaker, who received a land grant in the Bahamas from the King in 1789. Laurie says, "So far all records I have found for a Conrad Pennybaker say he was a friend of Joseph Yadon and died in the Revolution. Joseph eventually changed sides and married Conrad's sister, Susannah. Possibly, this Conrad didn't die but escaped or was exchanged and made his way to the Bahamas."

The family database lists a Conrad Pannebecker, son of Jacob, son of Peter, son of Hendrick, who was born around 1760. His residence is listed as Virginia and his occupation as: Fife Major, 4th VA Regiment, 1778. Died in the army. Our Conrad did have a sister named Susannah who married Joseph Yadon. The Yadon family apparently moved to Union County, Tennessee.

Laurie's "Conrad" had daughters Susannah and Nancy. He had a son named Philip and possibly a Samuel and a John. All seem to have changed their names to Baker when they immigrated to Key West. There are many Bakers in the Keys group recorded with the middle initial "P". One is listed on a passenger list as John Perry Baker. Laurie says, "Of course this could easily be a transcription error from John Penny Baker." One is named William Penny Baker.

Laurie continues, "My brother did the DNA test and matched a descendant of the Conrad Pennybaker who was in the Bahamas. Documentation for our line goes back to a Samuel Baker, born 1794 in the Bahamas."

Laurie has asked for someone in our line to take a DNA test to see if there is a match to her brother. Since our Conrad's grandfather, Peter, is in my line, I've agreed to do the test. If there is no match, Laurie will know that she is still hitting the wall. If there is a match, she is willing to share all information she has on the descendants of the Conrad Pennybaker in the Bahamas. She says that, "the house of my great grandfather, Samuel Baker is a National Historic Site in Florida.

If anyone out there has any information on either the Pennybaker line or the Yadon line it would be much appreciated if you would forward it on to me to be included in the family database. I will let you all know the results of my DNA test and any connection to Laurie's family in a future publication.

The Family Association does maintain an extensive genealogical database, compiled over many years by several dedicated family researchers. Since the database includes living individuals, we are reluctant to "give away" the entire database, or publish it on the Internet. However, we are willing to help those who have a specific question about their lineage. Please send requests for information to the editor of this newsletter.

Each edition will feature stories about our family members. We'd love to hear about you! Let us know what you've been up to. Articles could be autobiographical or tell us about the kids, grandkids or maybe about that big trip or the book you just had published. Send your story, with pictures if you wish, to the editor.

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During this time in Cima, he joined with some fellows who planned to strike it rich as gold miners. Guy spent some amount of time in this pursuit. It is probably safe to say that he didn't strike it rich, but he undoubtedly received a great deal of satisfaction in this pursuit.

In 1928, he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in Elgin, Nevada. He had since met our mother and had a son. Finally, due to poor health, he moved to the west coast in San Diego County, California. There he bought two and a half acres of land in Del Mar, California and started an avocado and chicken ranch. He had several hundred White Leghorn chickens which produced a great amount of eggs which he sold to markets and to people of the surrounding neighborhood.



April 20, 1943, Guy passed away in San Diego, California. He was buried in Oceanside, California. My brother and I grew up on the ranch and fondly remember it as a lovely place to be.

FROM THE PRESIDENT RON MITCHELL

Another summer has come and gone. We here in eastern Wisconsin have had one mild frost and are enjoying mild weather. The leaves will be gorgeous very soon. Time to drive up and enjoy this beautiful scenery.

Bruce, (Editor, Bruce Pennypacker), has asked me to outline the lineage of the Tennessee Pennybackers. I won't list all the ancestry, but will just provide a narrative format.

We are descended from Hendrick's and Eve's son John and his wife Annette Keyser. John and Annette's first child was Dirck Pennybacker. I do not know why or when Dirck altered the spelling of the family name. Dirck was the one who built the iron foundries in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.

Dirck married Hannah DeHaven while still in PA. It also appears that all their children were born in PA. Their 5th child was also a John, like his grandfather. John had an older brother, Benjamin. Both of these men are my ancestors in this fashion. Benjamin married Sarah Margaret Samuels and their 8th child was Mark Pennybacker. Mark married Catherine Kratzer and had a daughter, Sarah R. Pennybacker. Remember her name! John married Phoebe Fugett. They had many children and the 10th was a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Pennybacker. She married James Wigginton Mitchell. They had a son, John Mark Mitchell. John Mark Mitchell married his second cousin, Sarah R. Pennybacker. Remember her? John and Sarah's last child was my grandfather, Charles Earl Mitchell. Hope I haven't confused you too badly!

I would like to personally thank a couple of people. Ms Nancy Hamilton donated a gem to the organization. It is a book entitled, "A History of Texas Revised", by Anna Pennybacker. It is the revised 1912 edition. Anna was the wife of Percy V. Pennybacker. I really appreciate this donation and will keep it safe with other papers and items which I have for the PFA.

The other thank you goes to Ms Jody McPherson. She sent in \$100 to pay her dues up to the time she turns 80, and is no longer required to pay dues. Thanks, Jody!!

I also wish to thank all of you whom are our faithful members.

Remember, when you turn 80, you no longer have to pay dues. So, if you've already turned 80 or are about to, please let us know so that we can make the proper adjustment in our records.

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The Pannebakker Family Association is an out-growth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699.

In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."

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