**OFFICERS FOR 2014**

Votes are in for the Officers for 2014. We have enough votes to make it official. Every last vote was for the same slate of officers. Thanks to all who took the time to Vote!!

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**CORRECTIONS TO THE SARAH RICH BATES ARTICLES**

Sandy received the following letter with corrections to the articles on Sarah Rich Bates:

Sandy,

What a nice story about Sarah and family that you put in the Bates Bulletin. There were a couple of things that were not really correct, however, for someone reading the story would not make much of a difference in the long run. John Coy's middle initial was "S" for Spurden not "C". Spurden seemed to be a name of Minister folks in New Brunswick, Canada, that seemed to be friends with the Coy family. John's son was named Spurden Bates Coy. Eleanor has no memory of Royal Bates being in the FBI, it was one of the Pattison boys. The census that shows a daughter next to Royal, it was J. Lewis Bates' daughter, not Royal's.

You folks are awesome, it was very well put together. Thanks so much.

Eleanor & Alan Baker

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**KENON KARLEY BATES & FAMILY of NC**

(Grandson of Ben Bates)


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**JEANNE ALOIA of OR**


Still Researching.

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**JOSEPH CLARK BATES of IN**

Line is: Clement --Samuel --Samuel--Barnabas -- Thomas --Thomas --Joseph --Frank (Francis) -- Joseph Clark --Joseph Clark Jr. --Joseph. All info sent to him.

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**KEITH & SHERI BATES of ME (Son of Sandy & Harold Bates)**


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**THE BATES ASSOCIATION FOUNDED IN 1907**
Wm Orlando --Herbert Walter --John Orlando --
Walter George --Harold --Keith.

NANCY ROBERTS GAYNOR of IL
Line is: Clement --Joseph --Joshua --Solomon marr. 
Deborah Studley --Benjamin --Caleb --Relief Bates 
marr Joel Roberts --Wm Buel Roberts --Ellwyn 
Clare Roberts -- Addison Roberts --Nancy Roberts 
marr Gaynor. Sandy sent all info.

JAY BATES of WA
Line is: Francis of Ipswich --Francis --Francis --
Francis --Rev. Stephen --Steven Jr. --Chester --
Lewellyn Zadoc --Leon Alva --Robert L.--Jay.

Second line of Francis of Ipswich --Francis --James 
--Ebenezer --Nathan --Caleb --William N. --Flavella 
--Leon --Robert L. --Jay.

Third line - Clement Line --Joseph --Joshua --
Solomon --Nehemiah --Asa --Jemima marr Hosea 
Ford (of the Andrew Ford Line) --Vesta Jemima 
Ford marr Wm Barager --Wesley Munger Barager --
Wm Barager --Lorraine Barager marr Robert L. 
Bates --Jay.

MAGGIE POFFENBARGER of OR
Line is: Francis of Ipswich --Francis --James --
Ebenezer --Nathan --Caleb --William N. --Flavella --
-Bertha Bates Garheart. (Maggie is Great Grand-
dughter of Bertha)

GERALDINE BATES SMITH of FL
Line is: Clement --Joseph --Joshua --Solomon marr 
Deborah Studley --Nehemiah --Ephraim --Marble --
Austin --Cornelius L. --Orin --Orin M. --Geraldine. 
Sandy sent all info.

MARK BATES of MA
Line is: Clement --Joseph --Caleb --John --Reuben --
-Simeon --John --William Sr. --William Jr. --John --
Mark. Sandy sent info.

JOHN WALTERS of GA
Line is: William of Hanover --Ephraim --Isaac 

JAMES BATES MITCHELL, JR. of MI
James is the son of James Bates Mitchell Sr. who, 
recently passed away. His line is: Edward of Wey-
mouth --Edward --Joseph --Joseph --Eliphalet --
James --Rev. James --Alvan --Ethel marr Horace 
Mitchell --James, Sr. --James, Jr. Sandy sent info.

DALTON M. BATES of PA
Dalton is the Grandson of David Bates of Annadale 
NJ who passed away, and Ruth Jean Bates. Ruth 
Jean has transferred her membership over to Dalton. 
His line is: Clement --Joseph --Joseph --Joseph --
Samuel --Adna --Ambrose --Edwin --David Hume 
Bates --Jerome Finson Bates --David Edwin Bates 
(Dalton Grandson of David).

JACKIE BATES LAWYER of IL
Says line is: Henry of Ct. --Elias --Benjamin --
Lyman --Charles A. --Phillip Hamilton --Fred Mil-
ton --Merle Ray --Jackie.

SUSAN RICHARDSON of MA
Was a new member in a past Bulletin. Sandy sent 
er Clement info. Line is: Clement --James --John --
--Susan Cook Bates --Simeon Bates McLoud --
Sherman Newton McLoud --Charlotte Foster 
McCloud Taylor --Susan.

(This line is Not proven. Could be Clement --Joseph --
--Caleb --John --Reuben and onward.)

Simeon Jr. marr Jane Bates Young dau of Abigail 
Bates who marr Reuben Young, back to the May-
flower and Perigrine White --Sarah White marr 
Thomas Young --George Young marr Mary Frank --
-James Young marr Mehitable Hatch --Reuben 
Young marr Aquilla Bates --Jane Bates Young marr 
Simeon Bates.
OBITUARIES

Elsie M. Finch of West Bridgewater

Elsie May (Bates) Finch died Friday, November 8, 2013 at Island Terrace Nursing Home & Rehab in Lakeville after a courageous 13-year battle with metastatic breast cancer. Daughter of the late William Harvey Bates, Jr. and Grace Elizabeth (Marble) Lidi, Elsie was born January 19, 1927 in Brockton, grew up in the Marshalls Corner section of the City, and was educated in Brockton schools. She worked at the Brockton Gas Company plant while in high school, and then later as a Floor Lady at both Dartmouth Shoe and Commonwealth Shoe. She married her late husband, James L. “Pop” Finch of West Bridgewater in 1945, and they bought their first house in West Bridgewater in 1964. Elsie was an avid lifetime learner, and was rarely seen without a book or crossword puzzle. She enjoyed trivia, history, politics, classic literature, and current events, and would require anyone who was at her house in the evening to stay and play Jeopardy with her when it came on TV. She had an amazing memory and the capacity to retain endless amounts and odd bits of knowledge. With her own unique sense of style and humor, she was a daily fixture on the corner stool of Donuts Deluxe in West Bridgewater, proudly holding court there for over 25 years enjoying lively conversations, jokes, debates, and sports chats (particularly the Red Sox) with owner Alfred and her ever-growing crowd of friends there. She loved her town, and was a mainstay at town meetings, summer gazebo concerts, Park Day, library lectures, church suppers and bazaars, and anywhere else that her little blue Toyota would carry her. She was an active and faithful member of West Bridgewater Baptist Church since 1970, where she enjoyed coordinating church newsletters, missionary news, and basically staying on top of virtually everyone and everything going on there. Elsie was also Vice President of the non-profit Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association in West Bridgewater as well as a lifetime member and part of the Executive Board of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society, a proud member of the National Rifle Association, and a life member of The Bates Family Association. Now reunited with her beloved husband James who predeceased her in November 2004, as well as her daughter Roberta J. (Finch) Fritz who died in November, 2003, Elsie leaves behind three children, James E. Finch Sr. of Middleboro, Jacqueline M. (Finch) (Sheehan) DiBlasio of Taunton, and Lauren A. (Finch) Delaney of Lakeville. Other survivors include a brother, Robert Bendell of Brockton; a stepsister Millie Blackmar of Rhode Island; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; two cousins, Barbara Tillson of Raynham and James Wyman of Rhode Island, as well as many faithful friends. A memorial site has been created at www.ElsieFinch.Memory-of.com where the family would appreciate the sharing of your photos and stories. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, November 13 from 4-7 pm at the Dahlborg-MacNevin Funeral Home, 647 Main Street, Brockton MA. A celebration of Elsie's life will take place at 10 am on Thursday, November 14 at the West Bridgewater Baptist Church, 83 North Elm Street, West Bridgewater, followed by burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, West Bridgewater. In lieu of flowers, donations in Elsie's memory may be made to your choice of the favorites she personally supported--West Bridgewater Police & Fire Departments; Old Bridgewater Historical Society, or West Bridgewater Baptist Church. Dahlborg-MacNevin Funeral Home 647 Main Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 586-4391

Published in The Enterprise on Nov. 12, 2013

(Her line is Edward of Weymouth--Increase--John--Jonathan--Samuel--Elijah--Lucius--Samuel--William--William Jr.--Elsie)
HARRY A. TOOPS
(Husband of Member Louise Toops).

Toops, Harry A age 72 of Kettering passed away, Dec. 8. 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents: Eugene and Marie Toops and a son Mark Toops. Harry is survived by his loving wife, Louise Toops; daughter, Marie Toops; sons; Brian and Scott (Jodie) Toops; brothers; Karl, Robert (Linda) and Eugene (Kathy) Toops; sisters. Carol (Larry) Wellner and Kathryn Toops; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and stepdaughters; Joanne (Phil) Henry and Carol (Mitch) McElroy.

Harry retired from Lau Blower Industries. Visitation will be Wed. 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Westbrook Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton. Published in Dayton Daily News on Dec. 11, 2013

MARJORIE BATES HEALEY
(Sandy received a note from a friend of Marjorie’s Anne Dawson, telling of Marjorie’s passing).

Marjorie’s line is: Clement--James--Joseph--Seth--Amos--Orin--Oren Francis--Oscar Francis-Carol Ardis Bates Smith--Preston).

Marjorie B. Healey, 95, of Bedford, died on Christmas morning at the Carlton-Willard Village in Bedford. Miss Healey was born in Quincy, Mass. on March 6, 1918, and she was the daughter of the late Albert D. and Rubina M. (Bates) Healey and sister of the late David Healey. She was raised in Quincy and was a graduate of Simmons College, Class of 1939, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree. She received her master’s degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1943. She completed that her internship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio and worked at Massachusetts General Hospital, as a hospital dietitian before enlisting in the Army. Miss Healey served in the 30th General Hospital in the European Theater from 1943 until 1945 as a hospital dietitian. She was honorably discharged with the rank of first Lieutenant. Following her discharge, she was employed by the Veterans Administration and was a dietitian at the E.N. Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford. At the time of her retirement, she was responsible for food services for the VA and supervised 200 employees.

She is survived by her niece Robin Healey and nephew Eric Healey and many devoted friends. Her funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, December 30 at 10:30 AM. Interment with military honors will follow at Mt. Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Carlton-Willard Employee Appreciation Fund, 100 Old Billerica Rd., Bedford, MA 01730.

JAMES BATES MITCHELL

Sept 3, 1922-Jan 8, 2014


Visitation Monday 12-1 pm with service at 1 pm at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home 22546 Michigan Ave. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery in Ann Arbor MI.

COL. KENNETH BATES SMITH

Bulletin had been going to Ken’s house for several years, and Sandy was only notified of his death last month. Kenneth had passed away on October 7, 2011 at the age of 90 in Columbus Georgia. It is stated he passed away at Spring Harbor. Col. Retired Kenneth Bates Smith was born June 8, 1921. His parents were Preston W. Smith and Carol Bates Smith and his wife was Nancy E. Smith. Ken served in the Military. Had 3 Grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, October 10, 2011.

(Kenneth’s line is: Clement--James--Joseph--Seth--Amos--Orin--Oren Francis--Oscar Francis-Carol Ardis Bates Smith--Preston).
SUCCESS FOR DON BATES ON HIS FAMILY
Continued from Winter 2013 Bates Bulletin.

The story continues with Clifford H. Bates born June 17, 1906 and some personal notes about Clifford.

Some Personal Notes
Among other things, Clifford was...

- Good piano player, had a good singing voice and was a terrific social dancer.
- Physically tough, real tough, but seldom cursed around his family.
- Recruited to play for Boston University, Notre Dame and other colleges, for what sports we don't know; we also don't know why he refused the offers.
- Known as a gentleman in everything he did.
- Good candle pins bowler and bowled in several leagues around Lynn.
- Avid sports fan throughout his life. He loved the Celtics and had a love/hate relationship with the Red Sox. He also loved the New York Yankees. His all-time favorite athlete was Harry Agannis whom he spoke of with great admiration a few days before he died.
- Brought up Protestant (don’t know what faith?) and was a life-long Republican.

Parents, Grandparents & Brothers
Helen G. MacCormack was born February 24, 1910 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the second child of Augustus Miles MacCormack (born Boston, November 13, 1884) and Genevieve McCauley (born Dublin, Ireland, November 23, 1882). Augustus and Jane were married at St. Augustine’s Church in South Boston, August 28, 1907. Her parents brought Jane G. to Boston when she was six months old.

In 1993, I checked official records in Dublin, including the records in a Catholic church in Donnybrook, a section of the city in which Jane G.’s family is said to have lived, and found no record of her birth, although records for those days are in very good order in Ireland. However, Helen G.’s birth certificate from the State of Utah, where she was born, clearly states that her mother was born in Dublin and her father in Boston. It is most probable that Jane G., like most children in those days, was born at home, and that her parents, already planning to come to America, didn’t bother to register the event. But what about her baptism, which would have been a given at the time? Where was it done? Who has the record? Another church somewhere in Dublin? Maybe a church in South Boston?
Jane G.’s father was James Thomas McCauley, born in 1858 in Dublin. Educated by the Christian Brothers in Dublin (everyone was educated by the Christian Brothers well into the 1970s), he came to Boston in his early 20s and eventually worked as an engineer for the City of Boston. Before coming to the U.S., he married Jane G.’s mother, Ellen Carroll of Dublin, who might have been his housekeeper after the death of his first wife (name unknown), to whom he was married for three years (?1878-1881?) and with whom he had two children, Marcella and Peter. Jane G. and her brothers and sisters knew Peter because he came to live with the McCauleys in Boston when he was a young man. He said to have returned to Dublin after he was chastised by his grandmother for noisily interfering in a discussion with some visitors to the house. Apparently, he was never seen again. Marcella remained in Dublin and it is unclear whether anyone in the family ever saw her. Other members of the MacCormacks have visited Ireland, so it’s possible they looked her up when they were there. (Much needs to be done to trace the McCauley’s and Carroll’s in Ireland). James Thomas McCauley never went back to Ireland.

Jane G.’s brother James married Alice Walsh, a graduate of the Conservatory of Music who played piano, organ and sang. James and Alice had four children: Richard who married a debutante from Bryn Mawr and lived in the Philadelphia area where he worked for the Justice Department; Elmer; Edward who worked as an executive for American Airlines and died at age 50 of an infection; and Paul who also worked as an executive for American Airlines in New York.

Agnes had nine children: John, James, Walter, Edward, Gerard, Claire (Crowley), Helen (Wesson), Rita, and Joseph who died in childbirth. Helen Wesson had two sons: Charles who worked for John Hancock Insurance, and Robert who graduated Merrimack College, became a priest, then left the church to marry, relocating to Washington, DC area.

Augustus Miles MacCormack was a master mechanic/tool and die maker who learned his trade in a
button factory where he started working at age 12. Augustus M’s mother died when he was 13 years old while giving birth. The MacCormack’s lived in South Boston and Dorchester. Augustus M. worked for major machine manufacturers in Lynn. At one time, he invented a machine for making rounded corners, but the company wouldn’t pay him for his invention so he left their employ. His father, George Augustus, who was born in Boston or Charlestown around 1864, was also a machinist and is said to have invented, among other things, the snap on gloves and the metal tips for shoe lacing.

George, who died at age 87 or so, married Mary Skiffington who is thought to have been Portuguese owing to her hair and skin color. The Skiffingtons, according to Helen Bates, were “very peace loving people” according to those who knew them. From the Skiffington part of the family, there is some connection in Ireland to the name Donleavy which historically I am told comes from the Spanish Jewish family, the Don Levis or Don Levites, so way back we may have some Jewish connections. There may also be a Portuguese link; many of the MacCormack’s had black wavy hair, dark complexions, deep set eyes, high cheekbones, etc., which may attest to the descendancy.

Augustus M. had seven brothers: William, a mechanic who served in the U.S. Navy; Frank, a CPA who eventually died from the effects of gassing from his service during World War I; George who was a chef; Frederick or Theodore (known as Ted) who was a Boston policeman; Mark who was a florist and window decorator with his own business in Copley Square; and Robert, a Navy man who moved to Maine where he set up a farm in Bellegrade Lake (Waterville) and was a toll taker on the Maine Turnpike.

Jane. G. read music and played the piano in recitals. Augustus M. played the piano by ear.

Augustus M. and Jane G. had seven of their own children, including Helen: We need the families of each of the following individuals to provide details for this family profile.

Augustus (Gus) who after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, returned to Lynn, MA, where he retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Gus married Muriel Doswer (SP?). He married Jill ? after Muriel died and they had three daughters: Sandra who is a lawyer; Susan, and April.

John (Jack) who after serving in the Army Air Force, possibly as a tail gunner in a bombers, returned to Lynn, where he worked for the Postal Service, remained single, moved in with his father Augustus M. after Jane G. had died, and died at the age of 40. From my own memory of Jack, he was a very pleasant Uncle, had movie star looks, and appeared to have suffered great mental strain from his war duty in Europe as a kid of 17.
George, an engineer by profession, worked for all of his adult life in the Boston Navy Yard where he became a supervisor. He married Margaret Casey and had four children: Margaret (Peggy); George, Jr., who became an engineer and now works as an executive for Dow Chemical; Mary Claire; and Ellen.

Isabelle (Belle) who married Don Hamill who worked for and retired from General Electric in Lynn. The Hamill’s had five children: Daniel, Dwayne, Lawrence, Donald (Attorney) and Denise.

Frances (Fran) who married Bob Clifford who worked for most of his adult life as a salesman for Boomer Breed Oil in Lynn, MA. The Clifford’s had four children: Timothy, Donna, Blaine and Karen.

Alice who married Roy Rolfing. She had seven children: James, who retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Major and now lives in Spain; Joanne (Jody) who retired from the Air Force and now lives in Florida; Roy, Robert, George, Alyce (Cookie), Jacqueline (Candy). Alice was a singer, dancer and actress.

Helen Genevieve graduated St. Mary’s High School in Lynn in 1927. She played beautiful piano. After high school she worked in Filene’s Department Store, Boston, then for a Beacon Street ophthalmologist, Dr. Morris Kraft, in ?. She also became a practical nurse later in her life, working for several families in the Lynn-Swampscott-Marblehead area, including at least one, Dillingham, which was a relative of Clifford H. Bates’s father John.

On March 23, 1932, Clifford married Helen (McCormack) at the Justice of the Peace in Sea- brook, NH. They had four sons:

John Benjamin (Jack b. July 17, 1933) who graduated Lynn English High School, attended the Massachusetts School of Fine Arts for two years, joined the U.S. Air Force, and returned to MA to live and work in the Chelmsford, MA, where he owned and operated his own successful engineering job placement service, Engineering Services United (ESU). Jack was a professional opera singer who sang in the Boston Opera Company and many local and regional opera companies in New England. He was also an avid golfer who after his retirement at age 58 became New England Tournament Director for the U.S. Professional Golfers Association and now lives in Florida. He married Elizabeth Deneen, a nurse from Syracuse, New York. They had seven children: Marie, Lorraine, John, Joanne, Linda, Clifford, and Jennifer. Elizabeth died of cancer in ?

Richard Allen (Dick b. April 4, 1936) who graduated Lynn English High School, attended Northeastern University at night for many years, served in the U.S. National Guard, and worked in banking and finance in Boston (State Street Bank & Trust), then worked for and finally bought ESU from Jack. He and Jack golfed regularly with another and had many heated arguments on the links.

He married Sandra ? and they had four children: Rick, now retired from the Miami police department where he was a policeman, is a private investigator in Florida; Lynn Marie who died ?; Paula; and Dee Dee. Richard died October 27, 1990 of cancer.

Donald Francis (Don b. May 16, 1939) who graduated Lynn English High School, Northeastern University (BA degree with High Honors in 1965), was a reporter for two years for The Patriot Ledger newspaper in Quincy, MA, then moved to New York City where he began his lifelong career in professional public relations, starting with Western Electric and AT&T in NYC, then A&M Records and McDonnell Douglas in California, the National Association of Social Workers, Planned Parenthood International and the United Nations Association in NYC, his own PR firm in NYC, The Bates Company, for 12 years, which he merged with Sumner Rider & Associates in 1992. Don has a daughter Kelly, now a lawyer in Boston, from his first marriage to Carolyn McGill, a daughter Francesca from his third marriage to Silvia Freschi of Florence, Italy. He was also married to Helen Minkoff of NYC. Don now teaches at the George Washington University and is an international consultant in strategic communications.

Paul Hugh (Paul b. September 29, 1940) who attended Lynn English High School, then worked for Cushman’s Bakery and for many years before his death in 1989 for Raytheon in Waltham, MA. Paul married Nancy Diamond and had two children,
Christopher Paul and Jarrod Scott, both of whom attend Lynn English where they play varsity sports. Paul died February 11, 1989, of a heart attack brought on my am enlarged heart. As a family, the Bates lived in several apartments in the following order: Newhall Street, Wardwell Avenue, 189 Chatham St., 75 Collins St., and 42 Lewis St., in that order.

In 1982, Clifford and Helen G. moved from Lynn to Lowell where they resided at the time of his death from pneumonia at St. John's Hospital, Lowell, October 16, 1995. In fact, Clifford was killed in the hospital after being administered the wrong medication. His death led to a major lawsuit which was ruled in favor of Helen G. for a sum of more than $300,000 which was distributed to her heirs.

**Some Personal Notes on Helen McCormack Bates:**

Among many things, Helen was…

- Good piano player, although she stopped playing after marriage.
- Great dancer. She could dance the night away at weddings and family parties.
- Devout Catholic.
- Super caring mother and wife who works non-stop around the house, cleaning, cooking, paying bills, worrying about everything said, done, planned, rumored, imagined, dreamed, desired. Son Donald nicknamed her “Our Lady of Perpetual Motion.”
- Workaholic who sleeps only a few hours a night (three to five hours on average).
- Believes that caring for your children and family is first and maybe only priority in life.
- Strong willed.
- Friendly and caring.

Don has this to add. Sandy, everything seems correct except in one form (Census 1910) indicates my immediate grandmother on my father’s side, Jennie Brieter; was born in Mass. And then in the 1930 Census she is listed as Jennie M. Hinsberg and born in Germany. She was born in Germany. She had told me in Berlin. I’m guessing the Hinsberg name was her maiden name before she married John B. Bates.

Thanks so much for this. You’re amazing. You’ve helped me and my family dot some important I’s and cross some important T’s.

Don Bates.

**MEMBER, MICHAEL GOULD & FAMILY**


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James Leonard Bates

Amelia Caroline ‘Pyle’ Bates
wife of James Leonard
Minnie Bates & Charles Gould Wedding Day, July 23, 1903

The picture to the left is of Minnie ‘Bates’ Gould and was taken in 1950s.

Orville & Madeline Gould

The picture to the right is of Charles Gould and was taken in the 1950’s

Michael & Norma Gould
LUELLA ‘BATES’ COATES. FAMOUS 4 WHEEL TRUCK DRIVER

James Leonard Bates had a daughter named Luella Bates, who is the Great Aunt to Michael Gould. Luella was the first woman truck driver. Luella was born October 17, 1897, and she died on November 25, 1985. Luella worked for the four-wheel drive auto company from 1918 through 1922 during World War One. She was a test driver, traveling throughout the state of Wisconsin in a Model B truck. After the war, she remained as a demonstrator and driver. In 1920, Luella traveled to New York City where she attended the New York Auto Show. During her stay, she met with the secretary of state Francis Hugo and became the first woman truck driver to receive a driver’s license in New York. She was such a hit in New York that the four-wheel drive decided to utilize her skills even further. They sent her in 1920, on three transcontinental tours throughout the United States. The advertising scheme introduced the idea that a four-wheel drive truck was easier to steer as evidenced by a woman driver. She represented Francis Hugo’s safety-first campaign. Touring 25 towns, beginning in Kansas City Missouri, and finishing in Bellefontaine Ohio. While in Erie Pennsylvania, she flew over the city in an “europlane”. In late July of 1920, she returned to Clintonville Wisconsin and toured the state fairs throughout the eastern United States. In September, she drove her truck loaded with coal through the streets of Utica, New York. She was both an expert driver and mechanic, and she was capable of completing all maintenance on her truck. During her final tour in 1920, she took the Southern states by storm. She was known as “our girl driver”. In Oklahoma, she took her truck across a flooded road, hauling meat for a packaging plant; even though the police had told her not to do it. This courageous venture led to the sale of 10 trucks for the four-wheel drive, and much admiration for Luella. For two years, she traveled as a demonstrator trucker, both locally and throughout the US demonstrating the model B truck and the newly developed fire trucks. In December of 1922, she moved to Milwaukee. Later marrying Howard Coates and had two sons. Luella’s descendents include a granddaughter and three great-grandchildren, one of whom is actress Ashley Henshaw. Luella has been included in several books and in the history of trucking. She played a very important role in the history of women in the history of women in trucking.
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