

SKINNER FAMILY CHEAT SHEET:

Family of Richard Skinner Jr. [1823-1908] and Elizabeth Ann Corson [1828-1896]:

I. William Henry 'Harry' Skinner [1846-1935, Age 88] - Mary Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Sparks [1851-1926, Age 75]

A. Ursula Skinner [1873-1965, Age 91] - Horace Hammell Thoman [1871-1925, Age 53]

B. George 'Warren' Skinner [1877-1970, Age 93] - Viola 'May' Cawley [1875-1963, Age 87], adopted by Mary and Joseph Leap

1. Harry 'Earl' Skinner [1901-1990, Age 88] - Lillian Showalter [1903-1996, Age 92]

a. Lt. David Earl Skinner [1929-] - Annette Elizabeth Frederick [1930-]

1. Kevin David Skinner [1954-]

2. Susan Lynn Skinner [1956-] - Martin John Hernon

2. Mary 'Gladys' Skinner [1909-1994, Age 85] - William Campbell Hughlett [1908-2003, Age 95]

a. William Richard 'Dick' Hughlett [1939-] - 'Peggy' ____

b. Constance 'Connie' Lenore Hughlett [1944-] - (h1) John Abt []

b. Constance 'Connie' Lenore Hughlett [1944-] - (h2) Louis Silver []

b. Constance 'Connie' Lenore Hughlett [1944-] - (h3) ____

C. Lora Skinner [1879-1957, Age 77] - Charles Corson Sheppard [1882-1957, Age 74]

D. Omar Skinner [1882-1886, Age 3]

E. Richard Skinner [1885-1885]

F. Elizabeth Rice Skinner [1887-1975, Age 88] - Franklin Marsden Ungerbuehler [1884-1960, Age 76]

1. Marsden Ungerbuehler [1910-?] - Evelyn Sturgis []

2. Ben C Ungerbuehler [1912-1993, Age 81]

G. Franklin Skinner - died infancy

H. Tubor Skinner - died infancy

II. Mary Swope Skinner [1848-1868] - Isaac King [1848-1872]

III. Anna Frances Skinner [1849-1937] - Arthur Richmond Henry [1846-1899]

IV. Ella Corson Skinner [1851-1919] - Millard F Lloyd []

V. Mizeal Corson Skinner [1855-1856]

VI. Ida May Skinner [1856-1934] - Charles Henry Locke [1851-1922]

VII. Florinda May Skinner [1861 Or 1862-1938] - Louis Napoleon Shreve [1861-19_]

LEAP FAMILY CHEAT SHEET

Children of Thomas Dare and Ruth Clark:

- I. George Dare (1825-1893) – Martha Demaris.
 - A. Magie Davis Dare - Henry Goodwin (1872-1906)
- II. Sarah Dare (1828-1893) – Jeremiah Padgett Mills.
 - A. Atlanta Mills – Levi Garton
 - 1. Ida Garton – John Shull
- III. Mary S. Dare (1929-1920) – Joseph Leap (1829-1904)
 - A. George Leap (1853-?) - Ella Moore (b. circa 1856)
 - B. Ellison Turner Leap (1856 – 1923) - Abigail Allen (b. 1856-d. 1929)
 - 1. Emma Leap (1880 - 1961)
 - 2. Frank Leap (1883 - 1913) - Ella Shreve (b. 1884)
 - 3. Mary D. Leap (1888 - 1977) - (h1) Earl Park (b. 1888)
 - 3. Mary D. Leap (1888 - 1977) - (h2) _____ Wood
 - C. Viola ‘May’ Cawley (1875 – 1963) – George ‘Warren’ Skinner (1887-1970)
May was adopted by the Leap family.
- IV. Ruth Dare (b. 1832)

[end of cheat sheets]

Warren⁵ Skinner (Harry⁴, Richard Jr.³, Richard Sr.², John¹):

GEORGE WARREN SKINNER

"Warren"; "Pop Pop" [KDS]

Son of William Henry ("Harry") Skinner and Mary Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Sparks, she of Gloucester City, NJ

b. Feb. 8, 1877 Glassboro, N.J.

d. Aug 22, 1970 Sanibel Island, FL [KDS]

The obituary says 8/23; H. Earl Skinner's calendar indicates 8/22, the funeral invoice indicates 8/23 but was typed over to say 8/22. [KDS]

Died age 93 [KDS]

Pub. Wed. 8/26/1970 Woodbury Daily Times, Frank Jones, F. D. [KDS]

Buried August 29 Manahath Cem., Glassboro, NJ , graveside service [KDS]

m. 18 November 1900, Philadelphia, PA by George Gaul, Methodist minister [KDS]

w. VIOLA MAY LEAP

"May"; "Mom Mom" [KDS]

Adopted dau. of Mary S. Leap [KDS]

b. May 19, 1875 [Annette]

d. January 6, 1963 Lady of Lourdes Hosp., Camden, NJ, buried Manahath Cem., Glassboro, NJ [Annette]

Died age 87 [KDS]

CHILDREN:**1. HARRY EARL SKINNER**

"Earl"; "H. Earl Skinner" in written form [KDS]

b. May 17, 1901 [KDS]

Born while parents lived at Parish Street, Phila, PA [KDS, per Earl]

d. April 19, 1990 Marlton, NJ [Annette Skinner]

m. June 10, 1927 Norwood Methodist Church, Norwood, PA [KDS]

w. LILLIAN CHARLOTTE SHOWALTER

"Lillian"; she sometimes called herself "MiMi", as did her grandchildren [KDS]

b. Dec 7, 1903 Fairmont, W. Virginia [KDS]

d. Apr 22, 1996, age 92, Marlton, NJ

Child – DAVID EARL SKINNER**2. MARY GLADYS SKINNER**

"Gladys" [KDS]

b. May 9, 1909 Phila., PA

d. January 14, 1994, age 85, buried Willow Street Mennonite Cem., Willow St., PA [Annette]

m. Oct 30, 1937 Aldan Union Church, Aldan, PA by Rev. William Allan Dean

h. WILLIAM CAMPBELL HUGHLETT

Son of Campbell Hughlett and Mary Bryan

"Bill" [KDS]

b. 1908, Trappe, MD

d. living 1966 at 611 Orchard Way, Lansdowne, PA

Deceased 2003 [KDS]

Children:**1. WILLIAM RICHARD HUGHLETT**

"Dick" and "Richard" [KDS]

b. Apr 21, 1939 at Phila, PA

Graduated Drexel Institute, Phila, PA

w. Peggy _____, she was previously married, with (3) children. [KDS]

children: (1) child, Chris, with Dick Hughlett plus (3) previous, two of whom have died as adults.

2. CONSTANCE LENORE HUGHLETT ["Connie"]

Church organist from childhood [KDS]

b. Apr 30, 1944 at Phila, PA

d. living 1966 at 219 Urban Ave., Holmes, PA

h1. JOHN ABT – m. Jun 22, 1963 [per Dick Hughlett]

h2. LOUIS SILVER

h3. _____

children: none

Ref.: Mary Gladys Skinner Hughlett, 611 Orchard Way, Lansdown, PA, 1966

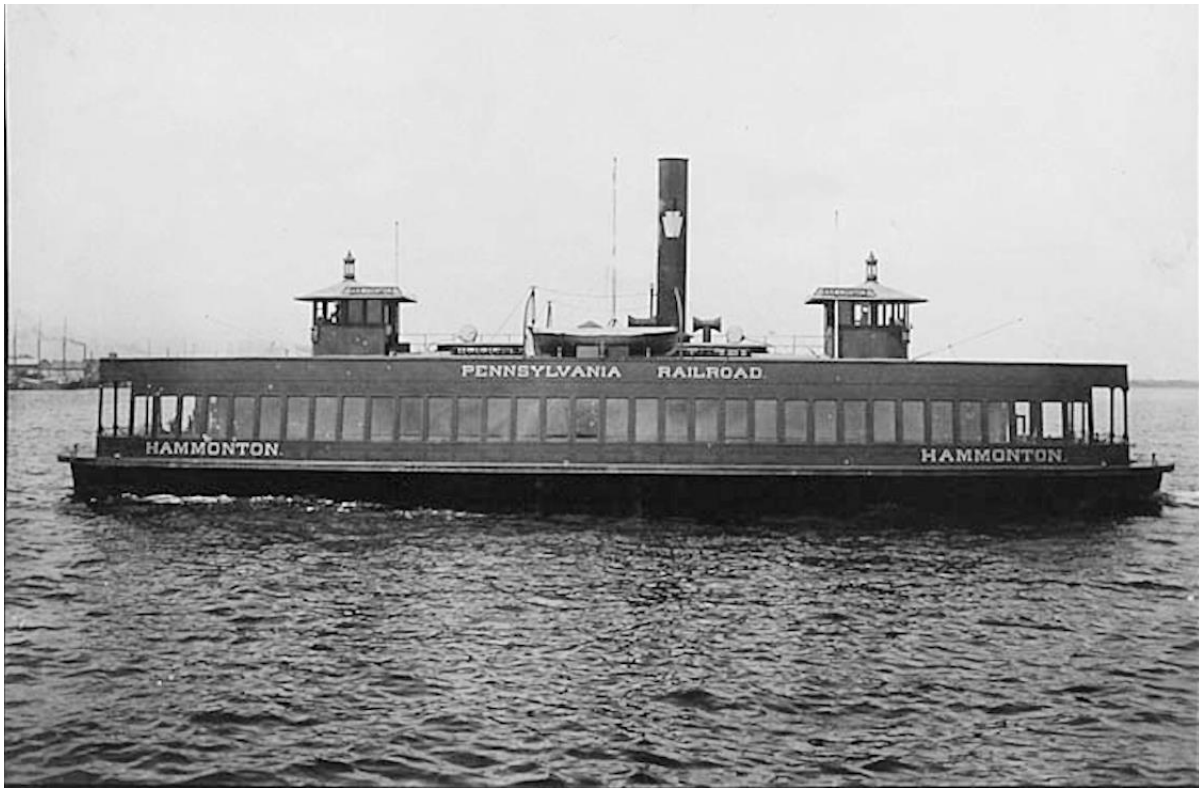
Tombstones, Manahath Cemetery, Glassboro, NJ

All of the above per files of VEM dated 1/17/1975/VEM, except as noted within brackets [] with other sources.



Portion of South Jersey per 1911 Rail Map

[Mapmaker.Rutgers.Edu]



[www.philadelphiaspeaks.com]

The Pennsylvania Railroad operated ferries between Philadelphia and Camden enabling the Skinners to travel back and forth between Philadelphia and South Jersey by train.

WARREN and MAY SKINNER

Warren and May Skinner represented a generation of Americans that probably saw a greater change in technology and prosperity than any other generation in human history. They witnessed the advent of electricity, running water, heated water, showers, refrigeration, electric clocks, the automobile, airplanes, television, recorded music and the ballpoint pen. They saw the end of the agricultural age of their grandparents that had existed since the beginning of time, a world in which families and live-in help worked the land - attending to the tedious chores of everyday life and performing the odd jobs necessary to augment the food with money. The advent of high-paying, blue-collar jobs in the 1900's provided a new generation of Americans with the prosperity, shorter work week and leisure time that earlier generations could never have dreamed possible. The well-off middle class had arrived in America, and Warren and May Skinner were founding members of it.

Roots

Warren Skinner (born 1877) grew up on Main Street in Glassboro, Gloucester County, NJ. He was the son of Lizzie and Harry Skinner. Warren's father, Harry, had done odd jobs for a living, serving as a laborer and barrel hoop maker, and growing some crops in his yard.

Warren In His Youth

Both my Dad and his cousin Dick Hughlett tell the story of Warren, in his youth, making trips on his bicycle to Atlantic City from his parent's home in Glassboro. This was a distance of about 40 miles on the winding dirt roads that ran from one town to the next. The advent of paved roads, outside of the cobblestones of Philadelphia, was about twenty to twenty-five years away. The best you could find on the main streets in the smaller towns were roads covered with a layer of sand and/or stones. Nothing but dirt lanes would have connected the towns. Bicycling was a national fad of the late 1800's, and bicyclists were very vocal about the need for improved road surfaces.

Warren's bicycle trips to the shore would have been involved some travel on Delsea Drive. This road was called Stone Road in Warren's day and was not paved. A Woodbury Times reporter came up with the name Delsea Drive, which stands for 'Delaware River to the Sea', a name which was not officially used until 1933. [per www.twp.Washington.nj.us/].

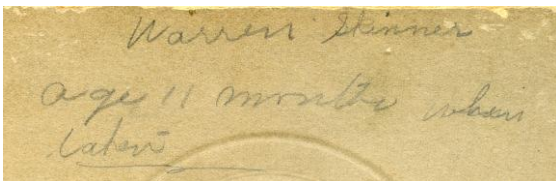
The Jersey shore would remain a favorite destination of Warren for his entire life.



Warren, age 11 months (1878)



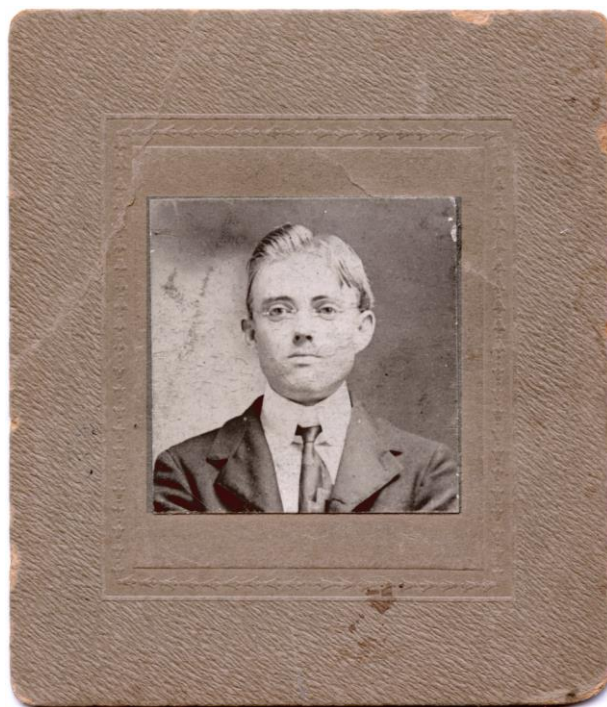
Warren (left) and friend;
Looks age 16, circa 1893
[tintype]



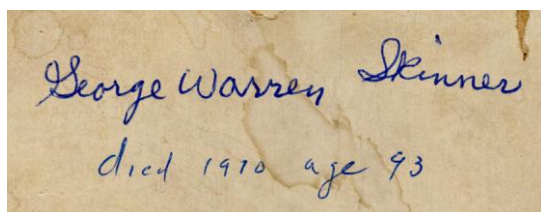
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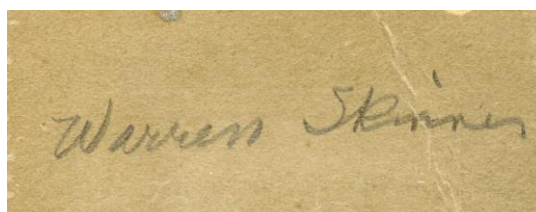
Warren Skinner
guessing age 18, 1895



Warren Skinner
same suit, tie, hair & glasses as at left
[one-inch square photo]



Lillian's writing; Earl's printing



Lillian's writing?

Whitney (Stanger) Glass Works

My father says that Warren worked at the glass factory in his youth. Cousin Dick Hughlett says that Warren or his father worked in the Packing Dept. of the glass plant. The 'factory' would be the Whitney Brothers' Glass Works (originally the Stanger Glass Works) of Glassboro. The Whitney works was one of numerous glass works that dotted South Jersey in the 1800's.

The Whitney (Stanger) glass works started in the late 1700's and survived well into the 1900's. By the second half of the 1800's, Whitney was one of the largest glass works in the country and reached its heyday in the last twenty years of the 1800's. The success of the glass works was based upon the high quality of sand in the area, the proximity to the shipping port of Philadelphia, and initially - the availability of high quality timber in the surrounding woods for the glass kilns.

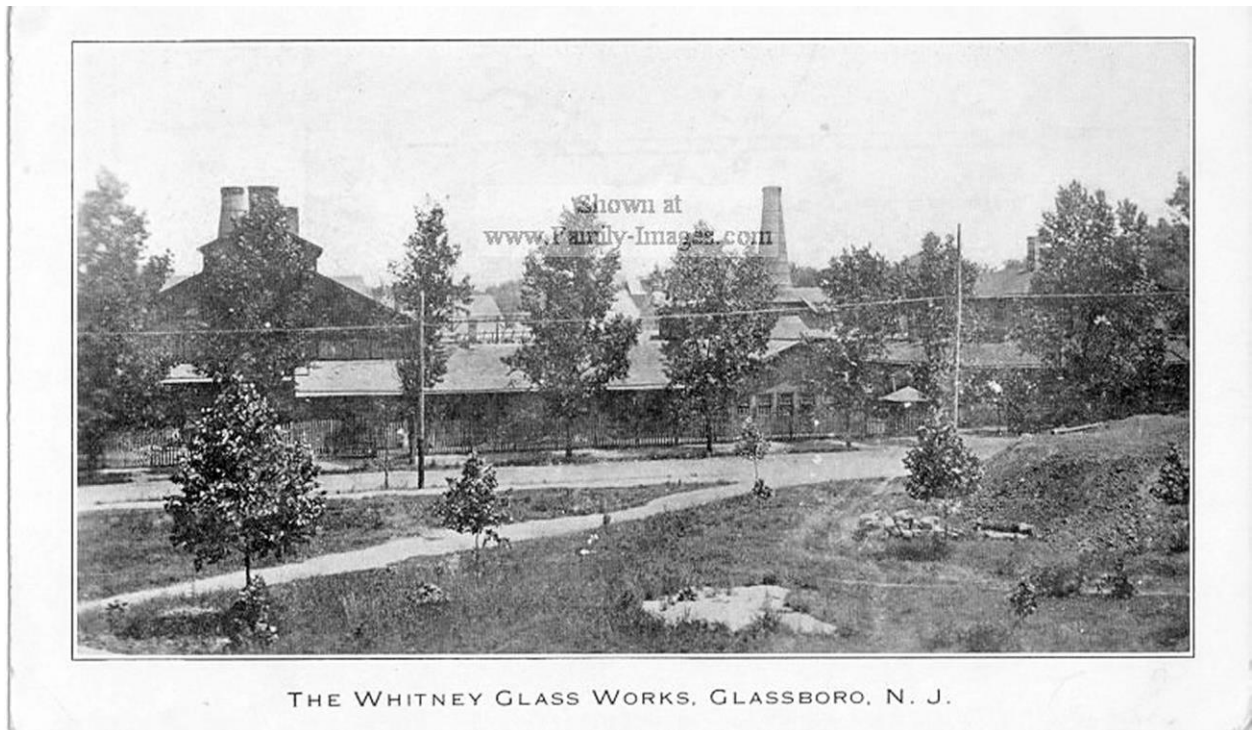
The town that grew up around the glass works took the name of Glassboro and became the most populated town in Gloucester County. Glassboro was a town of smoke from numerous smokestacks, with kilns running 24 hours a day. Glassblowers worked feverishly blowing the glass within molds to create standardized bottles. Numerous businesses were attracted to Glassboro to support the glass works and its employees.

The Whitney glass works operated under several different names in the 1800's and had facilities here and there throughout Glassboro. In the latter part of the 1800's, the main plant of Whitney Glass was located in the center of Glassboro on High Street, between Main and Academy Streets.

Warren would have worked at the Whitney Glass Works in his teens – the mid- to late-1890's. The trip to Whitney would have been a short walk from his parent's house. His parents lived at 255 Main St. at the time, several blocks north of the glass works. His Aunt Rennie Shreve, sister of his father, also lived on Main Street, just a few homes south of the glass works.

The glass era of South Jersey came to an end in the early 1900's. The skilled glass blowers were replaced by automated equipment that could produce large quantities of glass bottles per hour. The wood that was used to fire the kilns was replaced by coal. With the changes in production and easy rail transportation, the geographic advantage of South Jersey was lost and the numerous glass works disappeared or moved elsewhere.

Whitney Glass moved to the outskirts of Glassboro in the early 1900's (Sewell St.) and closed in 1929.



Whitney Glass Works [family-image.com]

Whitney Glass was located on the north side of High St. (shown in photo) between Main and Academy. The diagonal path is a road today. [per glassboroonline.com]



Whitney Glass Works
[www.glassborofiredept.com]



Whitney Glass Works
[www.oldsouthjerseyglass.com]

Wooden Strap Maker

Per the June, 1900 census, Warren, age 23, and his father Harry Skinner were ‘wooden strap makers’. Warren was the third generation in his family to make the wooden straps that were used by barrel-makers as barrel hoops – barrels being the primary means by which goods were stored and transported at the time. The straps were made from young, flexible wood, typically 20’ tall saplings or so. The lumber was cut to the needed width and then shaved in a jig to create the thin, long straps. Three straps were then bundled and sold to the barrel coopers. The coopers would create a barrel by wrapping the straps around the barrel staves, notching the straps to hold them in place.

Warren’s father would go to PA for a month at a time to collect the wood (per cousin Marion Smith, b. 1902). This would have been just a temporary job for Warren in his youth – two months later in August of 1900 he was at his next job at Washington Park, NJ.

Warren On His Own

According to Marion Smith, Warren Skinner moved out from the Glassboro home of his parents when he was twenty (circa 1897). His daughter-in-law Lillian mentioned that he left home at seventeen. The June, 1900 census indicates that Warren, age 23, was still living at home in mid-1900, and was likely still living at home when he married in Dec., 1900.

Key To Map

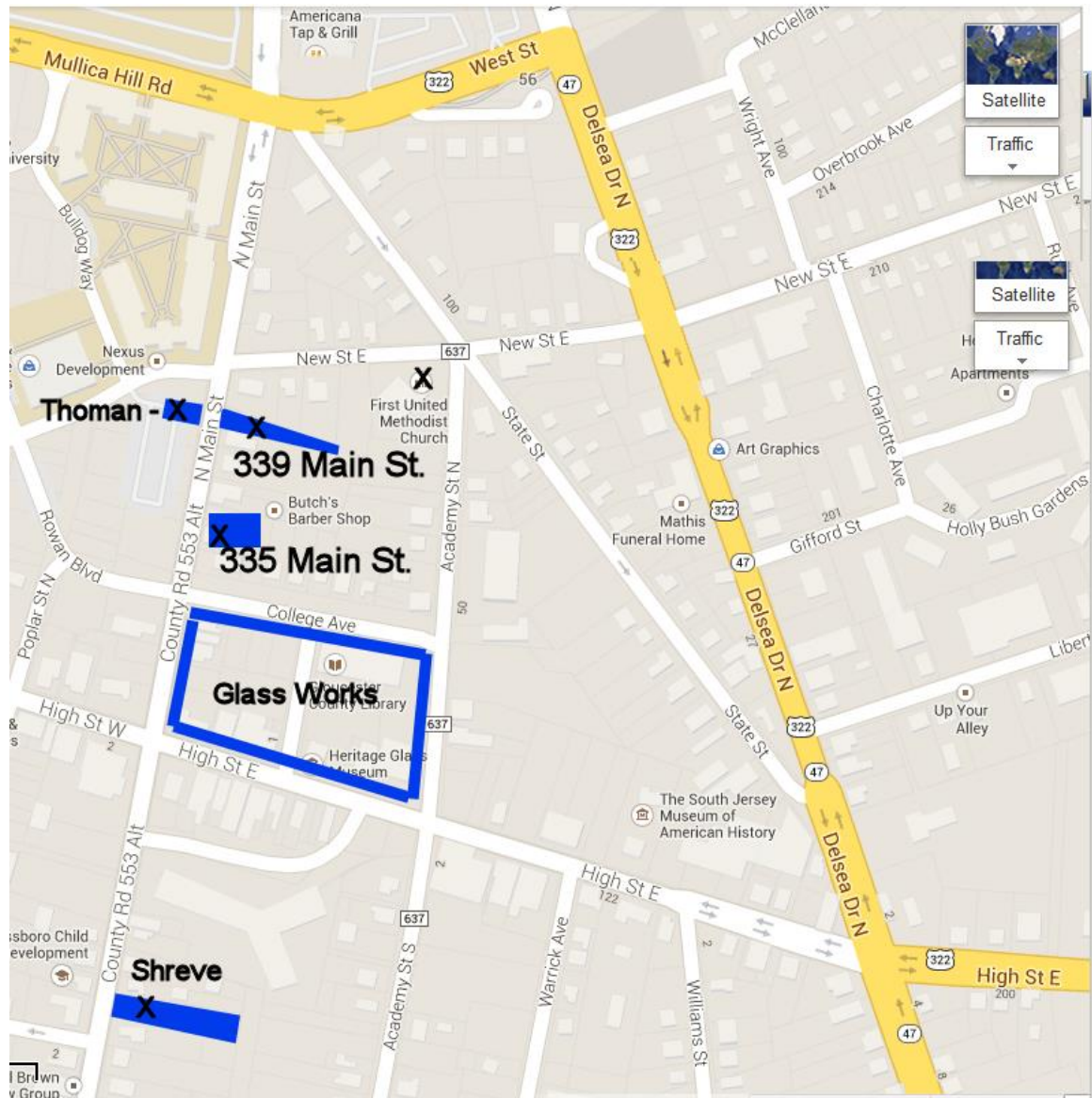
Warren worked at the **Whitney Glass Works** in the 1890’s for a time, as a teenager.

Warren, age 23, was living with his parents at **355 Main Street**, per the 1895 and 1900 census records. The home was a rental. Warren’s eldest sister, Ursula, had married Horace **Thoman**, whose father ran a Main Street pharmacy. After Warren left home, his parents purchased a home at **339 Main Street** (equates to 66 Main St. today), across the street from the Thoman pharmacy.

Warren’s parents were active in the **Glassboro Methodist Church**, the third generation of Skinner Methodists.

Rennie **Shreve**, sister to Warren’s father, lived at 433 Main, about a block south of the Skinners. Rennie’s husband, Louis Shreve, operated a funeral home at their house. The funeral for Mary Leap, the foster mother of Warren’s wife, was handled there. An abandoned rail spur that serviced Whitney Glass in the late 1800’s ran behind the Shreve property.

Ellison **Leap**, son of Mary Leap and foster brother to Warren’s wife, had a poultry farm in the 200 block of High Street with his family, east of Stone Road (Delsea Dr.).

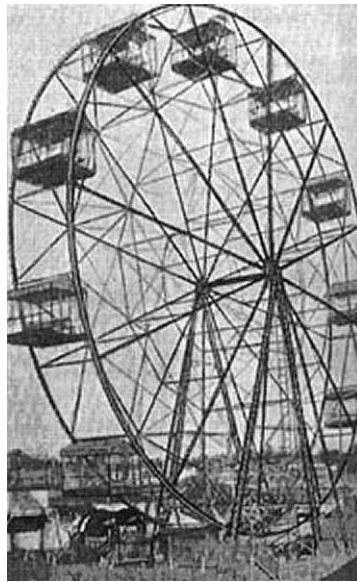


Glassboro, NJ

"Washington Park On The Delaware":

My grandfather Earl had said that his father, Warren, worked at Washington Park, NJ in his youth. Warren was likely working there in August of 1900 when he sat for several photographs at the park that survive today.

"Washington Park On The Delaware" opened in 1895 and was one of the largest and most popular amusement parks in the world. The park was located on a two-mile stretch of the Delaware River, between the towns of Red Bank and Westville, NJ. It extended inland to today's Rt. 130. Today, the site is occupied by a refinery and is located just a mile or so from my parent's home at Woodbury.



Washington Park history and images per www.westvillenj.com/wonderfulwashingtonpark.html

The park featured every major amusement ride of the day and included space for traditional park activities like playing ball, swimming and barbecuing. Many amusements were first introduced to the world at this park, and many were the largest of their type in the world.

The park featured a 100-ft. tall Ferris wheel and numerous gravity trains (roller coasters). The park also included the "Shoot the Chute" in which boats carrying sixteen persons traveled down greased skids into a pool. Major entertainers performed at the park. The first flickers - movies played on a white sheet, were at the park. The nightly fireworks were preceded by skits performed at the world-famous electric fountain, a lighted water fountain that included a glass cage for the actors.

Billy Thompson, the Irish owner of the park, ran trolley tracks to Woodbury (Delaware Street) with spurs to Almonesson (Cooper Street) and Mantua, NJ (South Broad Street). Those tracks are still buried below the paved streets today and are occasionally visible. The park was undoubtedly connected to the Camden and Westville trolley lines. And Thompson operated a series of large ferry boats to bring in people from Philadelphia and eastern PA, across the Delaware River.

The deep river channel of the Delaware River was far from the banks of the Jersey side of the river. As a result, Thompson built an 1800-ft. long pier into the river to achieve the 10-ft. draft necessary for the ferries. Numerous sailing vessels from elsewhere on the Delaware River were employed to ferry people to the park. Both a trolley and a gravity-train system carried passengers from the ships to the park.

The park burned to the ground in 1909 and was partially rebuilt. It burned a final time in 1913.

During World War I, the site became home to the Woodbury Bag Loading Plant, which packaged powder for the army. Today, the Eagle Point Refinery occupies the entire original site. This is a refinery that my father worked at one summer in the 1950's during his college years.

Photographs, Washington Park, Summer of 1900

In August of 1900, Warren sat for several photographs at Washington Park.

The photographs are tintype metal photographs, in which numerous photographs are taken on a single metal plate and crudely-cut apart with metal snips. The ‘negatives’ taken from the camera are the final photographs. These photographs were typical of the “nearly-instant” tintype technology one would have paid for at carnivals and fairs. Warren received one of the photographs in a case with a glass front - a ‘deluxe’ presentation.



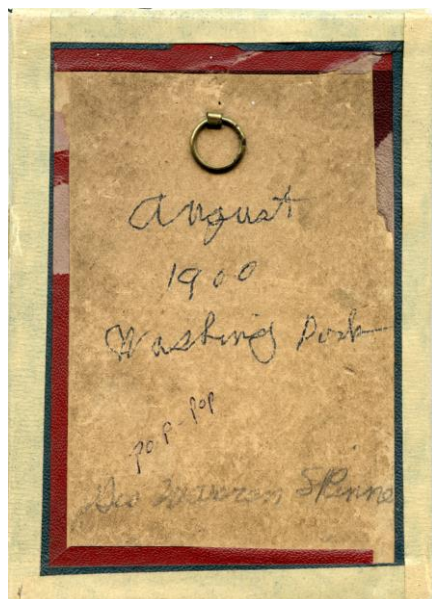
The Delaware River beach at Washington Park, NJ
[www.westvilenj.com]



Warren Skinner, Wash. Park, 1900
[tin-type image]



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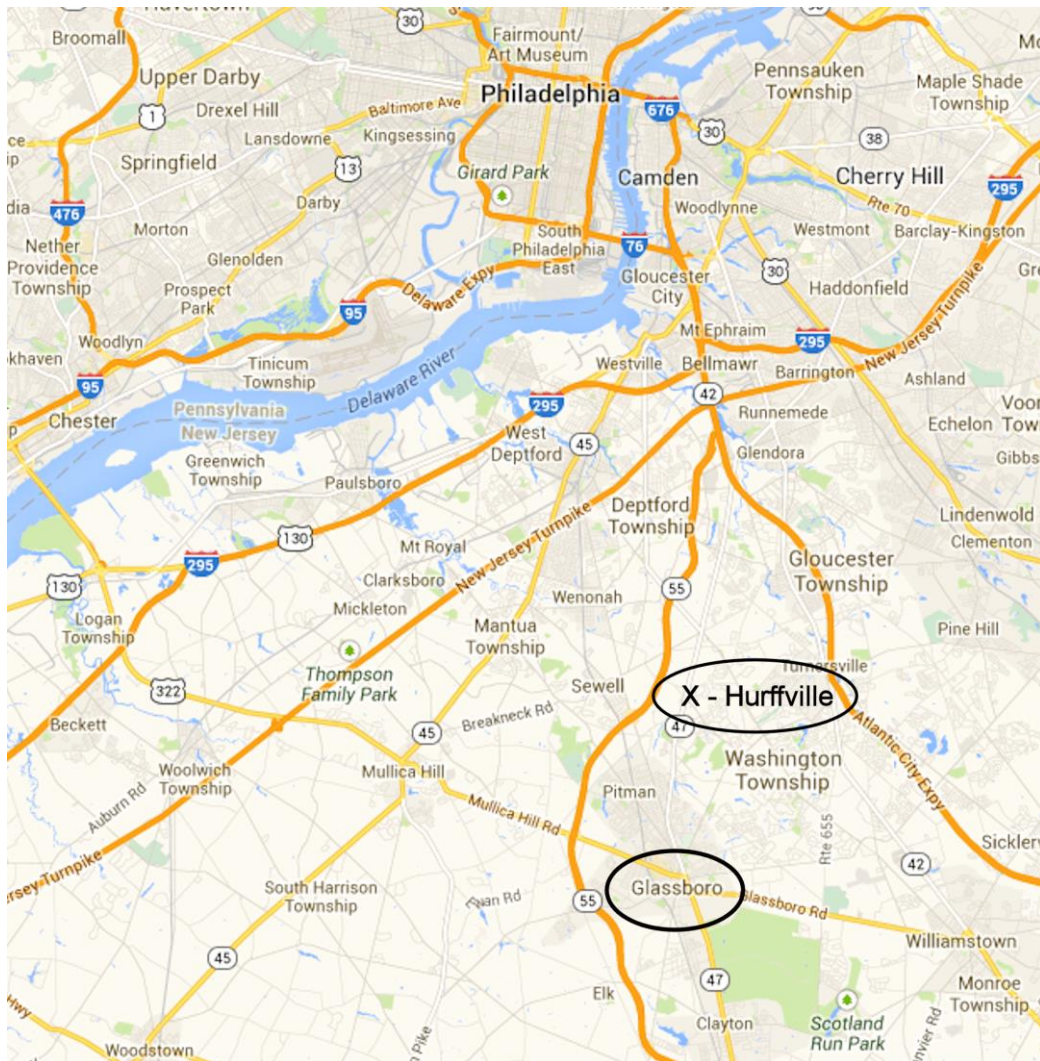
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Earl's printing – 'pop-pop'
Lillian's writing – 'Geo Warren Skinner'



Wow!
Cosmetic ring on right hand.







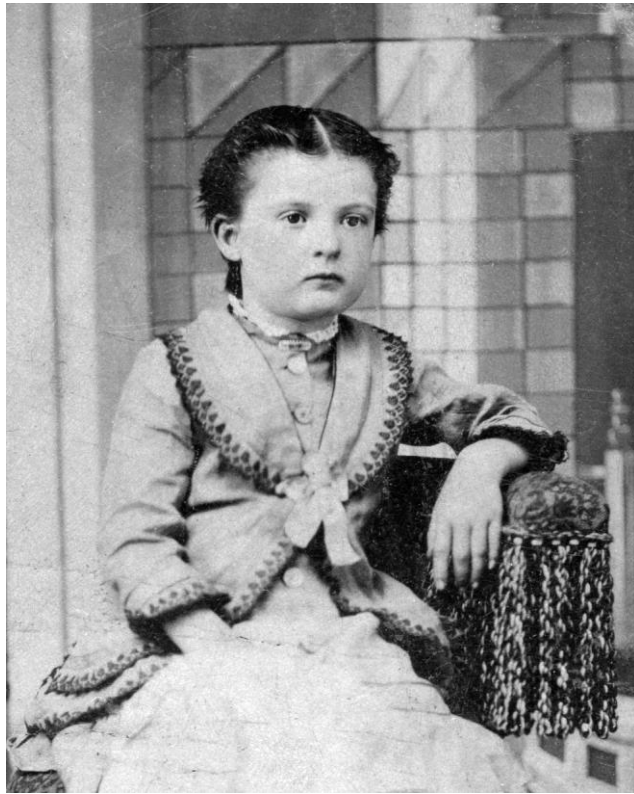
Warren Skinner lived grew up in Glassboro, NJ. His wife, Viola May Cauley, grew up with the family of Mary and Joseph Leap, farmers at Hurffville, NJ

Warren's Wife - Viola May Cauley

Viola May Cauley went by her middle name of 'May'. She was born in 1875 with the surname of Cauley or Cawley.

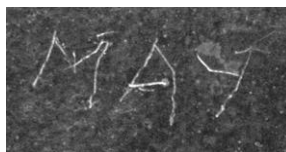
May's mother left May to be raised by a middle-aged couple named Mary and Joseph Leap. The Leaps were farmers who lived at Hurffville, Washington Township, NJ. Hurffville was a small farming area located northeast of Glassboro.

May was first documented in the records in the 1880 census, when she was age five, and living with the Leap family.



Viola May Leap (born 1875)

[tin-type image]



Earl's printing

Murky Past

Little is known of the family background of Viola May Cauley. It was only about a decade ago that I was able to determine that Cauley was her surname at birth. May was not raised by her birth family and she choose not to associate with her birth family as an adult. That fact, coupled with the passage of time, has erased her roots.

May's Birth Mother

Most of what we know of May Cauley comes by way of Lillian Skinner, her daughter-in-law. After Lillian married May's son Earl Skinner, May and Lillian struck up a good friendship and talked a lot.

Per Lillian Skinner - May's birth mother was a live-in housekeeper for the family of Mary and Joseph Leap. The Leaps had a farmhouse and farm in Hurffville, NJ, near the intersection of today's Delsea Drive and Barnsboro Road. The Leaps also had a house on Barnsboro Road - the house was technically within the boundaries of the neighboring town of Deptford. The time frame would have been the mid- to late-1870's, when May was an infant or a couple of years of age.

Per Lillian, May's birth mother was a widow and had two or three children, including youngest daughter May. All of them lived with the Leap family. The birth mother wanted to remarry and move on. To facilitate that, youngest daughter May was left with the Leaps. The Leaps had money and Mrs. Leap had grown fond of the young girl. Lillian believes that Mr. Leap probably had little to say in the matter.

Lillian believes that May Cauley had one or two older sisters who went with the birth mother. They were older, required less care and were less likely to be an impediment to a future husband of the birth mother.

There is no information as to the name of the birth mother, her deceased first husband or her second husband, assuming she remarries.

Cutting Ties With Her Family

As an adult, May ended up cutting all ties with her birth mother. And it does not appear she had any relationship as an adult with siblings. Lillian often told me the story of the last time May visited her mother. This story may have been told to Lillian years or decades after it happened.

As the story goes - May and husband Warren Skinner drove from their home in Pennsylvania (Norwood) to South Jersey to visit May's birth mother, who was then running a boarding house out of her home. Stopping in front of the boarding house, May saw something she did not like - Lillian says it was children playing cards on the front porch on a Sunday. Whether it was the cards or the general appearance of the house and kids, the conservative Skinners left never to return.

Methodist Strictness

This Methodist strictness of May Skinner originated from her foster mother - Mary Leap, and continued down to May's daughter - Gladys Skinner. This did not seem to rub off on May's son - Earl Skinner, my grandfather.

Lillian spoke to me in the 1990's (recorded on DVD) about the conservatism of May and Warren Skinner, Lillian's in-laws. Lillian said - "They were so religious - the Skinners, that they bought the Sunday paper on Saturday and read it on Monday". Lillian laughed, but I don't think she was kidding.

May's Sister(s)

Lillian Skinner believes that May Skinner's birth mother had other female children (one or two), who were old enough that they did not represent a problem in terms of the birth mother remarrying. Those unknown sisters of May stayed with the birth mother.

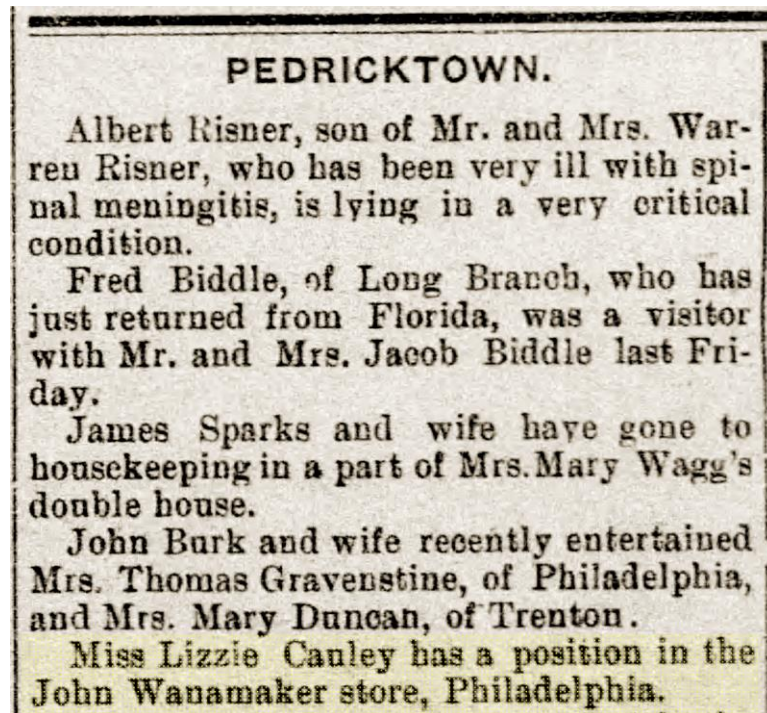
The subject of the existence of sister(s) of May was highlighted by a story that Lillian often told me. This story involved something that happened in a Philadelphia department store. Per Lillian - she saw a photograph in the store of a store employee. The store employee resembled May and Lillian questioned May about it. May said it could have been an older sister. This confirmed to Lillian that May had an older sister, though Lillian also thought that there may have been a second older sister as well.

Passing On the Family Lore

When Lillian married Earl Skinner in 1927, the couple shared their home with Earl's parents - May and Warren Skinner. This continued for four years until 1931 when Earl's parents bought their own home.

Lillian and her mother-in-law May Skinner became friendly and spent much time talking with each other. Lillian recalls May showing her the old family photos in the attic. May did not drive, so Lillian was her driver, often taking May on shopping trips to downtown Philadelphia.

Earl Skinner told me many stories about his father's side of the family but never said much about his mother May. I never thought to ask him about the adoption of his mother and he never mentioned it. Most of what I know about Earl's mother comes by way of Lillian. Lillian had a strong interest in the history of her own family as well as that of her husband Earl- and she liked to talk of it. I think she was fascinated by people.



7 May 1908, Gloucester County Democrat [nespapers.com]

A little bit of nonsense here by me. Lillian had said that May (Cauley) may have had a sister who worked in a Philadelphia department store. This story helped to reinforce the belief that May had at least one sibling. The above newspaper article mentions a Lizzie Cauley of Pedricktown (South Jersey) working in a department store, affirming the story told me by Lillian and the existence of a sibling of May. However, I believe this Lizzie Cauley was born about 1890 – 15 years after May was born. This Lizzie Cauley would not be an older sister to May, and probably not a sister at all.

This article intrigues me, nevertheless, as this Cauley family of Pedricktown had one relative, born a generation earlier, who was born into a broken family and ultimately raised by grandparents. That person could well be a sister of May. I have to hold out hope that DNA testing will reveal the birth family and relatives of May. And my unknown cousins of today.

Federal Census, 1880

Viola May was first documented in the 1880 census at age 5. She appears in that census with the Leaps as Yolah or Viola M. Cauley. The census shows her living with the Leap family. Her birth mother had already left the Leap farm and does not appear in the census, though a replacement housekeeper – Mary North, is there.

Enumeration Date: 1880

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Washington Township, in the County of Clowister
enumerated by me on the 24th day of June, 1880. *Ph*

Name / Race / Sex / Age On 1 June 1880 / Relation to Head of Household / Occupation:

184	185	Leap	Joseph A.	M	52		Farmer
			Mary S.	F	50	Wife	Housewife
			Cauley	Yolah	M	5	Help
			North	Mary	F	17	Help

1880 Census, Leap Household

Move To Glassboro

In October of 1892, at age 17, church records show that May achieved full membership in the Glassboro Methodist Church in 1892, following a probationary period. Undoubtedly, she had left the Leap farm where she was raised and was now living on her own in Glassboro

Her future husband, Warren Skinner, had been born and raised in Glassboro and had attended the Methodist church since childhood. Warren achieved full adult membership in the church at age 20 in 1897, a few years after May. The two were now living in the same town and attending the same church.

Alphabetical Record of				Members		
Names.	State in Life	When Received.	How Received.	When Received.	No. of Class.	
Abbott Jephtha S.	S	Oct. 20 th 1892	From Probation			
Cauley Viola M.	S	" " "	" "			
Crane Lena	M	" " "	" "			

Glassboro Methodist Church Record

May had now achieved full adult membership in 1892.

State Census, 1895

May appears in the 1895 NJ State Census at age 20 as May Cawley. She is now going by her middle name of 'May' as she would the rest of her life. The census shows her last name as being Cawley, with a 'w'. The previous census of 1880 had spelled her name Cauley, with a 'u'.

This 1895 census shows May residing with the family of William B. Simpkins.

Church Record, late 1890's

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7	8	9	10	11	12	Names.		State in Life.	No. Class.	Residence.	
M	O	Q	S	U	X						
N	P	R	T	W	Z						
						9	Conway, Lola.				
						10	Conway, Lallie E.	x m			
							Crawley, Viola M.	x less		Main	"
						x a	Chapman Viola	m		"	"

Glassboro Methodist Church Record

May 'Crawley' is living on Main Street at the home of W. B. Simpkins [barely readable]. Two years earlier, the State Census of 1895 also showed here living in the Simpkins household.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Glassboro

Per Lillian Skinner, May met her future husband Warren Skinner at church – the Glassboro Methodist Episcopal church (today known as the United Methodist Church). May and Warren first appear in the Methodist church records as young, single adults in the 1892-1900 time frame and were still recorded in the records for a time after their marriage in 1900.

Warren's family had been members of the Glassboro Methodist church going back as far as two of his great/grandparents - Mizeal and Mary Corson. Warren's great/grandfather - Richard Skinner, had been a Methodist preacher and Church Elder in the rural areas south of Glassboro. Warren's grandfather Richard Skinner Jr. had taught the church choir at Glassboro. And Warren's father had been a custodian of the Glassboro Methodist Church for years.

Church records show that Warren had been baptized at the Glassboro Methodist Church, year unreadable (looks like 1879 when he was age two) and that he had achieved full church membership ("Member in Full Connection") on July 4, 1897 (age 20). His address is shown as being Main Street, Glassboro (his parent's address).

Probationers'				Record.				
Names.	State in Life.	No. Class.	Residence.	When Baptized.	When Received.	By Whom Received.	When and by Whom Recommended.	When and How Disposed of.
Richard Skinner	S	5	72. Ebon St.	infant	Dec 22/96	L. J. Hammon	June 3/97	Full membership July 4/97
Warren Skinner	S	3	Main St.		" "	" "	" " S. S. Lippert	July 4/97 Full membership

Warren Achieved Full Church Membership in April of 1897

May's birth and foster families had no background in Glassboro. But she had a foster brother named Ellison T. Leap who had moved there as an adult and was raising a family there. Ellison lived on High Street in Glassboro where he operated a 38 acre poultry farm. Ellison was a foster brother to May, but nearly a generation older than her.

Philadelphia "Notions" Store

Per daughter-in-law Lillian, May was working at a Philadelphia 'Notions' Store (needles, thread and material) while dating her future husband Warren Skinner. This would have been in the late 1890's. Lillian's information is confirmed by May's marriage license that shows her occupation as that of 'Sales Lady'.

Courtship of Warren and May

Per Lillian, Warren courted May, sometimes traveling from Glassboro to Philadelphia where she was working.

Per Lillian, May was not particularly fond of Warren at first and they had a long courtship. My sense is that Warren and May were quite different people, which may explain why May was slow to warm to him. May was at least two years older than Warren and taller. May had light black hair and a serene but confident demeanor, mature beyond her years. Warren had brown hair and somewhat boyish looks. May was very independent. She had been a working gal, living and working away from home, and as far away as Philadelphia, probably since age 17 in 1892. Warren, on the other hand, was still living with his parents in 1900 at the time of their marriage. May was religious and conservative. She may have taken a second look at the decorative ring that Warren wore on a finger of his right hand.

June, 1900 Federal Census

May is missing from the 1900 census. The census shows that her future husband Warren was still single and living with his parents at Glassboro.

License To Marry, Philadelphia, 1900

The City of Philadelphia issued a license for the marriage of Warren and May on Saturday, November 17, 1900. They were married on Sunday, the next day.

The marriage license indicates that Warren was a resident of Glassboro, NJ and that May was a resident of Hurffville, NJ, the rural town where she had grown up.

Hurffville was May's home town, but she was not living at Hurffville at the time of her marriage. May had been living on her own in Warren's home town of Glassboro by the time of the 1895 state census, and probably as early as 1892 when she appears in Glassboro church records. And the aging Leap family who had raised May, were no longer living at Hurffville when May was married.

On the marriage license, Warren's occupation is difficult to interpret – looks like a Latin phrase 'Adeus Ex'. However, church records of the wedding clarify that he was working for the Adams Express company, the equivalent of today's FedEx or UPS. He was probably a 'runner' taking mail and packages to and from the Philadelphia railroads or Philadelphia businesses.

May's occupation is that of 'Sales Lady'. This is in line with Lillian Skinner's recollection that May had been working in a 'Notions' store in Philadelphia when dating Warren.

The marriage license confirms that Warren was born in Glassboro, NJ. The license shows that May was also born in Gloucester County, NJ, though a particular city is not mentioned. Unfortunately, this is the only clue we have as to May's place of birth.

The marriage shows that Warren is age 23, May is age 20. She was actually age 25!

State of Pennsylvania,

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, ss.

Geo. Warren Skinner Personally appeared
who hereby requests the Clerk
of the Orphans' Court, for the said County, to issue a License for the Marriage

of *Viola May Leap* and who, being duly sworn
according to law, doth depose and say: that
was born in *Glasboro W. J.*, on the
day of *age 23* A. D. 18...; that he
resides at *Glasboro W. J.*; that he
occupation *Adams Exp.*; that he
is *not* related by blood or marriage to the person whom he desires to
marry
that he has *not* been married before, and the marriage was dissolved
by*

that *Viola May Leap* whom *he*
is about to marry, was born in *Phila. Co. W. J.*
on the day of *age 23* A. D. 18...; *W. J.*
that she resides at *Stafford's Philadelphia Co.*
occupation *Sales Lady*; that she has
not been married before, and marriage was dissolved
by*

that he knows of no reason why the said marriage may not be lawfully made.

Sworn and subscribed before
me, this *17th* day of *Nov* A. D. 1900
J. S. W. J. Geo. Warren Skinner
Ass't Clerk of Orphans' Court.

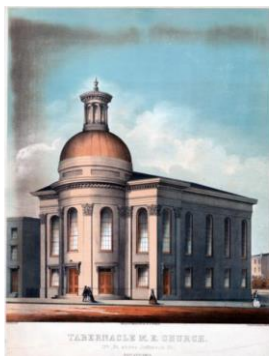
*If Marriage was dissolved by Divorce, state when, where, and on what grounds, Divorce was obtained.

City of Philadelphia Marriage License

Shot Gun Wedding

The records of the city of Philadelphia show that Warren and May were married in Philadelphia on Sunday, 18 November 1900. This was exactly six months before the birth of their first child Earl in May of 1901.

The marriage was carried out by Rev. George Gaul of the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church located on 11th Street in Philadelphia above Jefferson Street. The marriage took place in the church parsonage at 1332 N. 12th Street.



Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church
[loc.gov/item/2021670368]

Marriage					Record.			
Full Names.	Residence.	Age next Birthday.	Place of Birth.	Occupation. Color.	Place of Marriage.	Date and Time.	Officiating Clergyman.	Witnesses.
George Warren Skinner	Phila., Pa.	23	Glassboro, N.J.	Student ..	Parsonage	Nov 18th 1900	Geo. Gaul	L 130341.
Viola May Lafer	" "	23	Gloucester, N.J.	" "				

Marriage Record, Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church
[familysearch.com]

The marriage in Philadelphia is a paradox. The Skinners had no relationship with the Philadelphia church where they married. There is no record of them belonging to the church and, as far as can be determined, they were commuting to Philadelphia from their residences in Glassboro, NJ at the time. At Glassboro, they were both members of the Methodist Church, a church with which Warren's family had a long relationship going back generations. Warren, in particular, was a newcomer to Philadelphia, starting to work in the city just a short time before being married there.

One has to wonder if a surprise pregnancy was a factor.

NOV 20 1900

No. 130341 **DUPLICATE.**

I George Gaul, Minister of the Gospel hereby certify
 that on the Eighth day of November one thousand nine hundred
 at Philadelphia, Mr George Warren Skinner and
Miss Viola May Leap were by me united in marriage, in
 accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania,
 numbered 130341
1332 W. 12th George Gaul
 Minister of the Gospel, ~~Justice of the Peace, or Magistrate.~~

City of Philadelphia Marriage Record
 Submitted By Rev. Gaul

Glassboro Methodist Church Record, early 1900's

May appeared in the records of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Glassboro, NJ several times in the 1890's. In the early 1900's, after her marriage, she appeared a final time in the church records. The church records show that she was now married with the name Viola M. (May) Skinner with the maiden name of 'Crawley'.

Alphabetical Record of			
Names.	State in Life.	No. Class.	Residence.
Skinner Viola M.	(Crawley)		married Warren Skinner

Members in Full			
When Received.	How Received.	If by Letter, From Where?	By Whom Received.
			" " "

{no entry here}

Glassboro Methodist Church Record

Woodbury-Glassboro Road – 1900/1901

In 1995, I spoke with cousin Marion Smith (1902-2004), a niece to Warren and May Skinner. Marion said that Warren and May moved into a large house on Woodbury-Glassboro Road after their marriage. The house was located on a hill on the right side, just before the intersection with the road to Sewell. This would be the intersection of Woodbury-Glassboro Road with Center Street in the town of Sewell.

Marion's memories seem to be perfect in terms of the house. A drive down Woodbury-Glassboro Road today shows several old homes on a hill on the right at Center Street. Per Marion, the house had a spring, an important attribute in the age before water systems.

Marion would have gotten her information second-hand, as she was born in 1902, a year after May and Warren left New Jersey for Philadelphia.

If the story of their Sewell rental is true, May and Warren would have been living at Sewell for only a brief period of time – they were married in November of 1900 and were living in Philadelphia by the time of the birth of their son in May, 1901.

Map Key:

May (born 1875) grew up with the Leap family in **Washington Twp.**, NJ, but was boarding in **Glassboro** by 1895. In the late 1890's, Warren would supposedly motorcycle into **Philadelphia** where May was working at a "Notions" store.

Warren (born 1877) grew up in **Glassboro**.

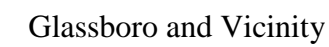
June, 1900 census - Warren was still living at Glassboro with his parents.

Aug, 1900 - Warren working and photographed at **Washington Park**, NJ.

November, 1900 – Warren and May married and moved into a rental on Woodbury-Glassboro Road, near the intersection of **Center St., Sewell**, NJ.

Relocated to **Philadelphia** by May, 1901 where their first child was born.

Returned to South Jersey (**Alcyon Lake, Pitman Grove**) for annual Methodist Church picnics, and were photographed at one picnic circa 1905.



Glassboro and Vicinity

Relocation To PA - 1901

Warren and May Skinner were residents of South Jersey when they were married in Philadelphia in November of 1900. Per cousin Marion Smith, they moved into a rental home near Sewell, NJ after their marriage.

May was commuting to Philadelphia to a retail store at the time, most likely taking the train that ran thru Glassboro, Sewell, Woodbury and other towns many times a day to Philadelphia. Warren, who had been working at Washington Park, NJ in the summer of 1900, had also started working in Philadelphia. Warren and May were living in Philadelphia by the time of the birth of their first child in May, 1901.

Birth of Earl and 1419 Parrish Street

Earl Skinner, first child of Warren and May, told me in the 1970's that his parents were living at Parrish Street in Philadelphia by the time of his birth in May, 1901. Earl's birth record shows that he was born at 1419 Parrish Street. The house was a rental, and was located one block west of North Broad Street, near the corner of Parrish and the 800 block of Carlisle St. This was about 1 1/3 mile up North Broad Street from Philadelphia's City Hall.

Earl's birth record shows that father Warren was a 'Clerk'.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION VITAL STATISTICS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
FEE FOR THIS CERTIFICATE ONE DOLLAR

RETURN OF BIRTHS, in the City of Philadelphia, under
my care for the month of May 1901
Made to the Health Officer in Conformity with the Act of Assembly.

DATE OF BIRTH		NAME OF CHILD			
<u>May 17th</u> <u>1901</u>		<u>Harry Earle Skinner</u>			
SEX		COLOR		PLACE OF BIRTH	
Male	Female	White	Black	Ward	Number and Street
<u>M</u>		<u>W</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>1419 Parrish Street</u>
NAMES OF PARENTS					OCCUPATION OF FATHER
<u>George Warren & Viola May Skinner</u>					<u>Clerk</u>

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

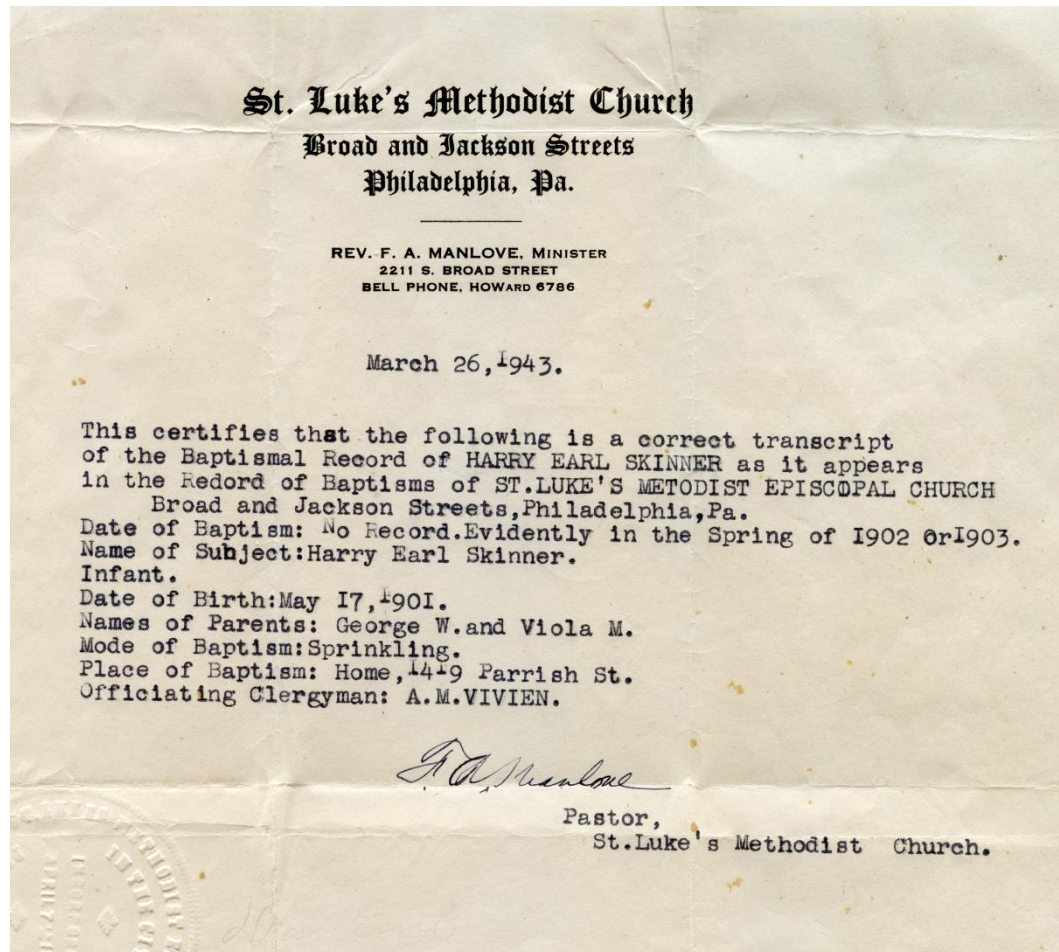
Dr. J. Seaman

Residence 832 N. Broad St.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certificate of birth on file in this office.

filed - June 1901
Date Mar. 31, 1943 John B. McCann
mmh Registrar.

Earl's Birth Record



Earl's Baptismal Record

Earl was baptized at home by preacher A. M. Vivien of St. Luke's Methodist Church. St. Luke's was located in South Philadelphia on South Broad Street. This was several miles from the Skinner home off North Broad Street. Today, this church is gone, though the Methodist Hospital founded by the Methodist organization remains nearby. This church was different from the Tabernacle Methodist Church of Philadelphia where Warren & May had been married six months earlier.

Earl requested these copies of his birth and baptismal records in 1943, perhaps relating to his drafting work at NY Ship fulfilling government contracts.

2415 N. Carlisle Street – circa 1904 – 1912

Earl told me that his parents had relocated from Parrish Street to 2415 Carlisle Street by the time of his earliest childhood recollections. Carlisle Street runs north and south parallel to Broad Street, just a half block to the west. The home was about a block from the old Reading Main Line. Like Parrish Street, the house was a rental.

Map Key and Timeline:

Warren worked and was photographed at **Washington Park**, NJ in August, 1900.

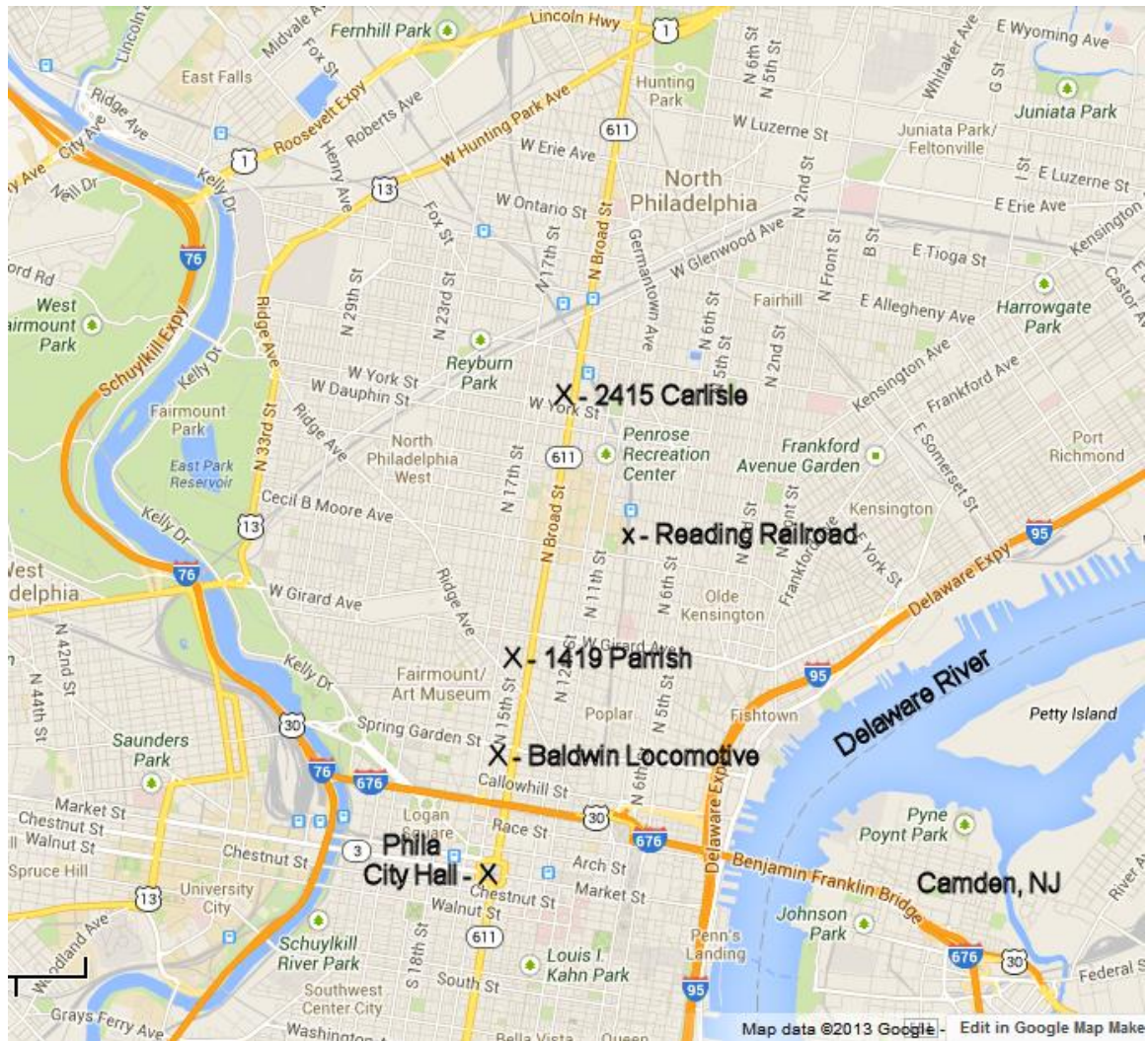
Warren and May were residents of Gloucester County NJ when married in November of 1900 and lived near Sewell, NJ after their marriage.

Warren and family were living at Philadelphia when first child Earl was born in May, 1901.

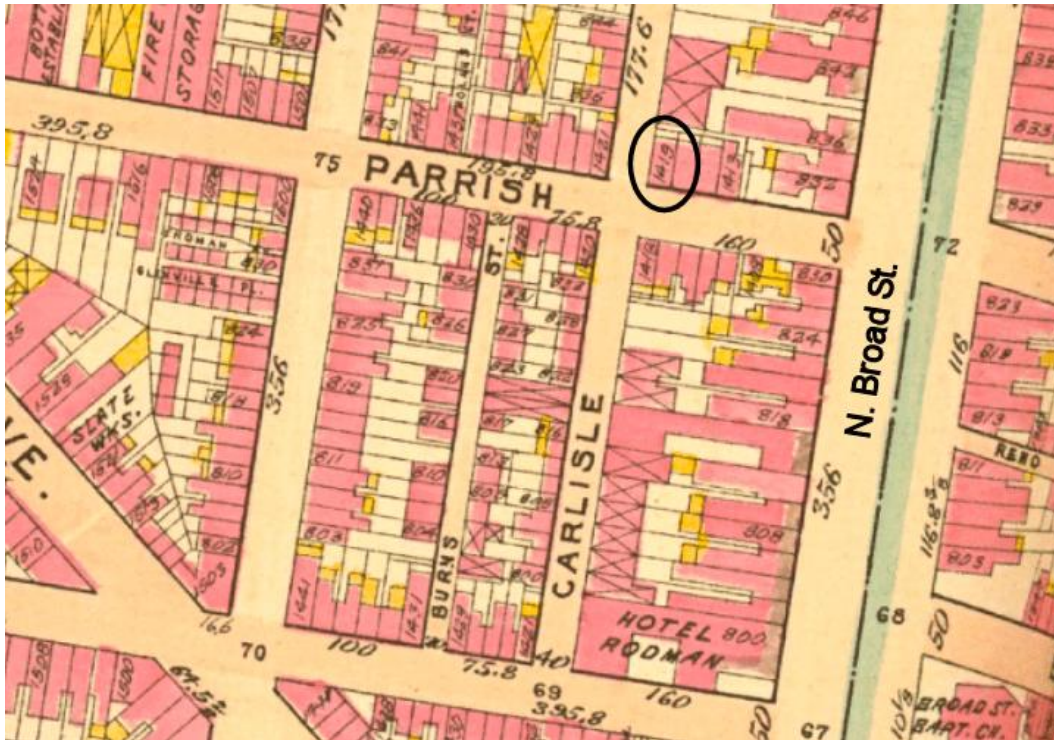
Warren was working at the **Baldwin Locomotive Works**.

Baldwin was located at the corner of Spring Garden and North Broad Street about a half mile north of Philadelphia's City Hall (Broad Street is 14th St.; also called Rt. 611 today).

The Skinners first rented on **Parrish Street** (intersects North Broad) and later **Carlisle St.** (parallels North Broad)



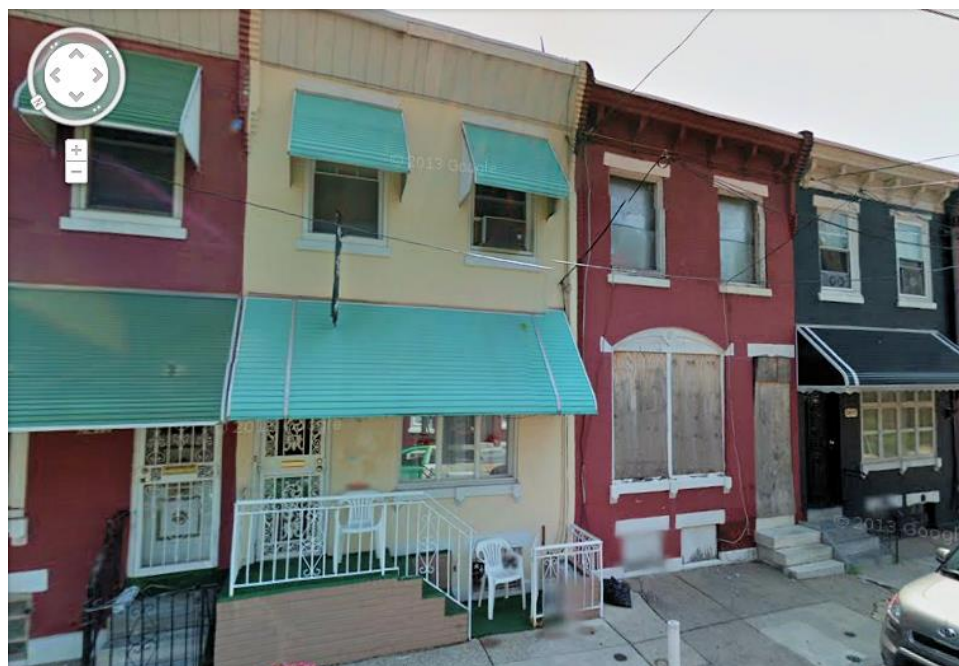
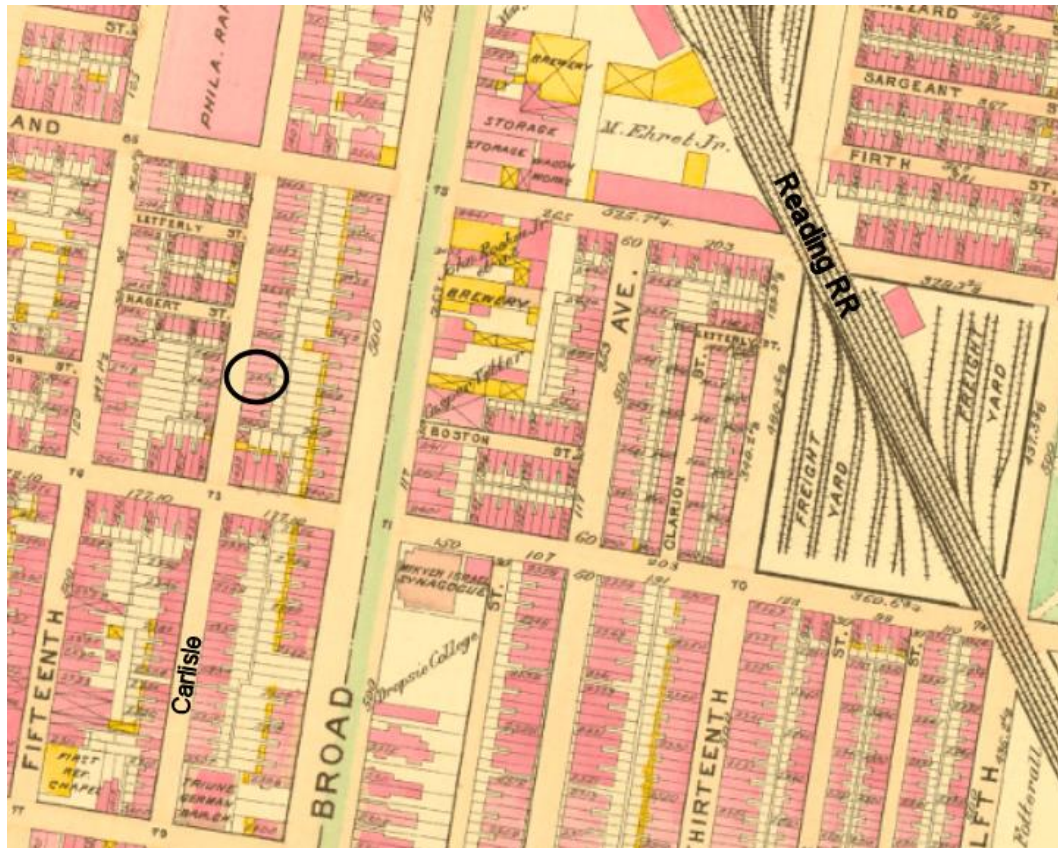
North Philadelphia and Vicinity



1419 Parrish Street, Philadelphia



Empty Lot, 1419 Parrish Street, Philadelphia



2415 Carlisle Street, Philadelphia

Baldwin Locomotive Works, circa 1904 – circa 1915

Warren landed a job at the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, where he was working at the time of his son's earliest recollections. Baldwin was a major manufacturer in the city of Philadelphia and the Baldwin steam locomotive was known around the world. Warren worked as a machinist and would have started out as an apprentice. My father (b. 1929), a train enthusiast, proudly recalls that Warren had assisted in the fabrication of steam locomotive crank rods at Baldwin.

Baldwin was located in the heart of Philadelphia, about a half-mile up North Broad Street from Philadelphia's City Hall. The Baldwin site was a cramped 197 acre plot of land on Spring Garden Street between North Broad (14th St.) and 15th Street. The plant was located south of the Skinner homes at Parish Street and later Carlisle Street. The Broad Street subway would have provided an easy commute.

Baldwin was founded in 1831 and had been located at that same site for most or all of those years [www.explore-technology.com].



Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, circa 1900

Photo taken from Broad (14th) & Spring Garden, looking west down Spring Garden towards 15th St. (far end of Baldwin).

The 'Reading' (Broad St.) subway is in the foreground (below bridge).



Baldwin Locomotive Works

Looking east up Spring Garden past 15th St.(foreground) towards Broad St.(far end of Baldwin)The stacks at right are also visible behind the buildings in the previous image.

[images by photographer King per www.byrnmawr.edu]

Alcyon Park, Pitman

On a nice summer day, the Skinners traveled from their home on Carlisle St. in Philadelphia to Alcyon Park in Pitman, South Jersey, for a Methodist church picnic. They took their son Earl (b. 1901) with them who appears in photos to be about age 4 or 5. The year would have been 1905 or 1906.

They attended the picnic with their good friends John and Ida Shull. Three photographs survive of the day.

Alcyon Park had become a popular lake, picnic area, and amusement park by the turn of the century. It was a miniature version of 'Washington Park on the Delaware' where Warren Skinner had worked a few years earlier.

An auto speedway was added to the park about 1910. The park and speedway survived until the 1960's. In the 1990's, the area was cleaned up under the federal Superfund program, and reopened as a lake and recreation area.

The town of Pitman Grove, where Alcyon Park was located, was land originally owned by a Methodist organization. As late as the 1880's, the Pitman Grove area was a summer retreat for Methodist ministers who built cottages there. As the area grew and cottages were sold to 'outsiders', pressure mounted to create a normal town structure, and the town of Pitman was created.

All of the Skinners of the mid-to-late 1800's and 1900's were of the Methodist religion. I would be Methodist as well, were it not for my Presbyterian mother. The Methodist religion dominated the South Jersey area below Philadelphia.

The photographs taken of the Skinners at Alcyon Park are remarkable. They are the earliest images of May and Warren Skinner together, and unlike most photos of the time, were not taken in a formal studio setting.

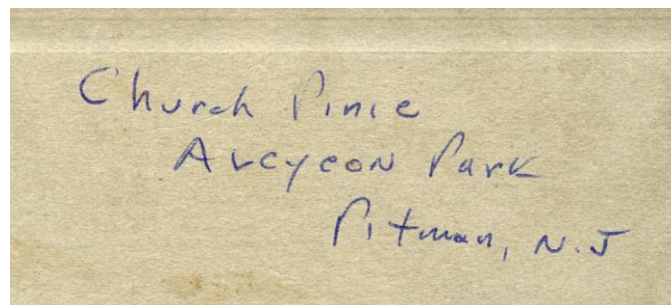


Alcyon Park, Pitman Grove, NJ
[historicpitman.com]



Methodist Church Picnic – Alcyon Park, Pitman, NJ, circa 1905

Upper left – John Shull, Warren (hidden) and May Skinner;
Middle Row – Ida Shull, second from left; Kids – John Shull, Ruth Shull & Earl Skinner



Earl's printing

The Shull Family

The Skinners were photographed at the picnic with the Shull family. John Claypool Shull (1874-1949) and wife Ida Shull (1876-1967) were from Cumberland County, NJ. Like the Skinners, they lived in Philadelphia in the early 1900's. For a time, John Shull was a machinist (1900 census) as was his friend Warren Skinner. The picnic photos include the two Shull children – Ruth G. Shull (1901-1960) and John Carlton Shull (1903-1913), as well as child Earl Skinner (1901-1990).

As a surprise, Ida Shull turns out to be a cousin to May Skinner [first cousin, once removed]. May Skinner's foster Mother (Mary Dare Leap), and Ida's grandmother (Sarah Dare Mills), were sisters.

Ida Shull was born Ida Garton, a daughter of Levi Garton and Atlanta H. Mills. Atlanta Mills, in turn, was a daughter of Jeremiah Padgett Mills and Sarah Dare. Sarah Dare was a sister to Mary (Dare) Leap - May Skinner's foster mother.

May Skinner and Ida Shull, May's friend and 'grand neice', were about the same age because May Skinner was nearly two generations younger than her foster mother, Mary Leap,



*Atlanta Garton
Sister to Mrs Leap. mom. mom
Foster mother*

“Atlanta Garton, Sister to Mrs. Leap, mom-mom’s (May Skinner’s) foster mother”

Atlanta was actually a niece, not a sister of Mrs. Leap as stated on the photo. That last sentence appears to have been written by Lillian Skinner with Annette Skinner adding the nickname ‘mom mom’..

Sarah Dare (1828-1893) married 1846 to Jeremiah Padgett Mills.

Daughter Atlanta Mills (1850-1932) married Levi Garton and had child Ida Garton

Ida Garton (1876-1967) married John Claypool Shull.

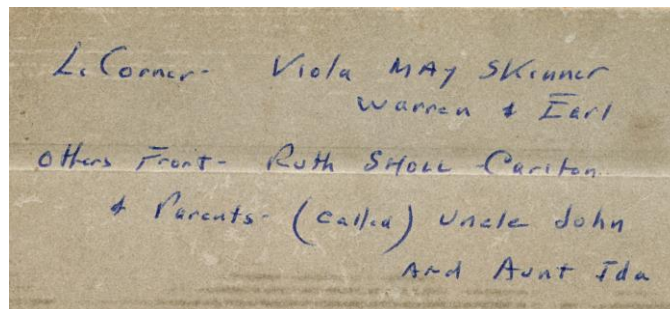
Mary S. Dare (1829-1920), sister of Sarah Dare, married Joseph Leap.

Raised **May Skinner** (1885-1961) from childhood. May was young enough to be Mary’s granddaughter, about the same age as **Ida (Garton) Shull** who was a generation later.



Methodist Picnic, Alcyon Park, Pitman, NJ, circa 1905

May and Warren Skinner with son Earl (b. 1901), at left.
John and Ida Shull with daughter Ruth (b. 1902) and son John.
A classic image.



Earl's printing

Detective Work - Earl refers to the Shull family as being the Caritons, a mistaken recollection of Ida's maiden name of Garton. Earl hints at the family's correct surname of Shull by identifying the daughter as being Ruth Sholl Cariton.

Earl writes that the Caritons were 'called' Uncle John and Aunt Ida, as if it was just a friendship thing. It turns out that Ida really was a relative to Earl, through Earl's mother May Skinner.

Earl left enough clues in this notation to enable me to correct the surname from Cariton to Shull, and consequently, to identify that Ida was a distant cousin of May Skinner.



Methodist Church Picnic – Alcyon Park, Pitman, NJ, circa 1905
[tin-type image]

Upper Row – John Shull is standing behind his wife Ida;
the women to either side of Ida are unknown;
May and Warren Skinner are at the upper right.
Bottom Row – Earl Skinner at left; unknown child is next; John & Ruth Shull at right.
[tin-type image]

Gladys Skinner

Warren and May had first child, Earl Skinner, in 1901 when they were living on Parish Street, Philadelphia. May later suffered a miscarriage. In 1909, Warren and May saw the birth of their second child - Gladys, while living on Carlisle Street, Philadelphia.



May Skinner w/Gladys (born 1909)
Living Carlisle St., Phila., at the time.

[‘Earl Studio – Atlantic City’]

Atlantic City was a favorite destination of the Skinners as far back as this circa 1910 image.

1910 Census

The census shows the Skinners renting their home at 2415 Carlisle Street. Warren’s occupation is ‘Machinist, Locomotive Works’.

Baldwin Strike

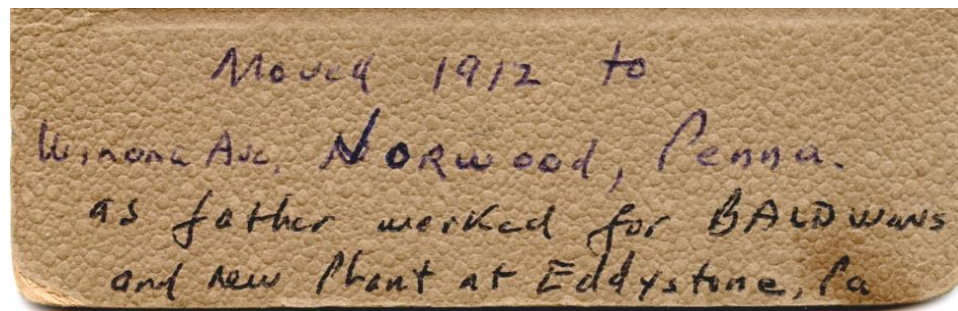
Warren had been working at Baldwin Locomotive since the early 1900's.

In 1910, a strike broke out in Baldwin's facilities in Philadelphia, involving one-third of the workers. In order to break the union, Baldwin fired many of its older employees and, in 1911, relocated 8,000 of its younger workers to its new, non-union facility at the town of Eddystone, Delaware County, to the south of Philadelphia. [www.ridleytownshiphistory.com]

40 Winona Avenue, Norwood

Warren was evidently one of the Baldwin workers who were relocated from Philadelphia to Eddystone (Delaware County) in 1911.

In 1912, Warren and family moved into a house at 40 Winona Avenue, Norwood, (Delaware County), a few miles north of Baldwin's Eddystone facility. Per the 1920 census, the house was a rental.



Printing of Earl Skinner, son of Warren
(Valuable information from the back of a photo)

Winona Avenue is the main cross street in Norwood, intersecting Main Street (Chester Pike) at the small town square. The family would live at this address until 1927.

Surviving correspondence to the Skinners from May Skinner's foster mother, dated as early as 1913, confirm their Norwood residence (reference correspondence in the Leap family file).

Warren may only have worked at Baldwin's Eddystone site for a few years. By 1918, he was working for his next employer - Westinghouse Electric.

Map Key and Timeline:

Baldwin relocated its youngest workers from its old site on Spring Garden St. in Philadelphia to its new facility at **Eddystone** in 1911.

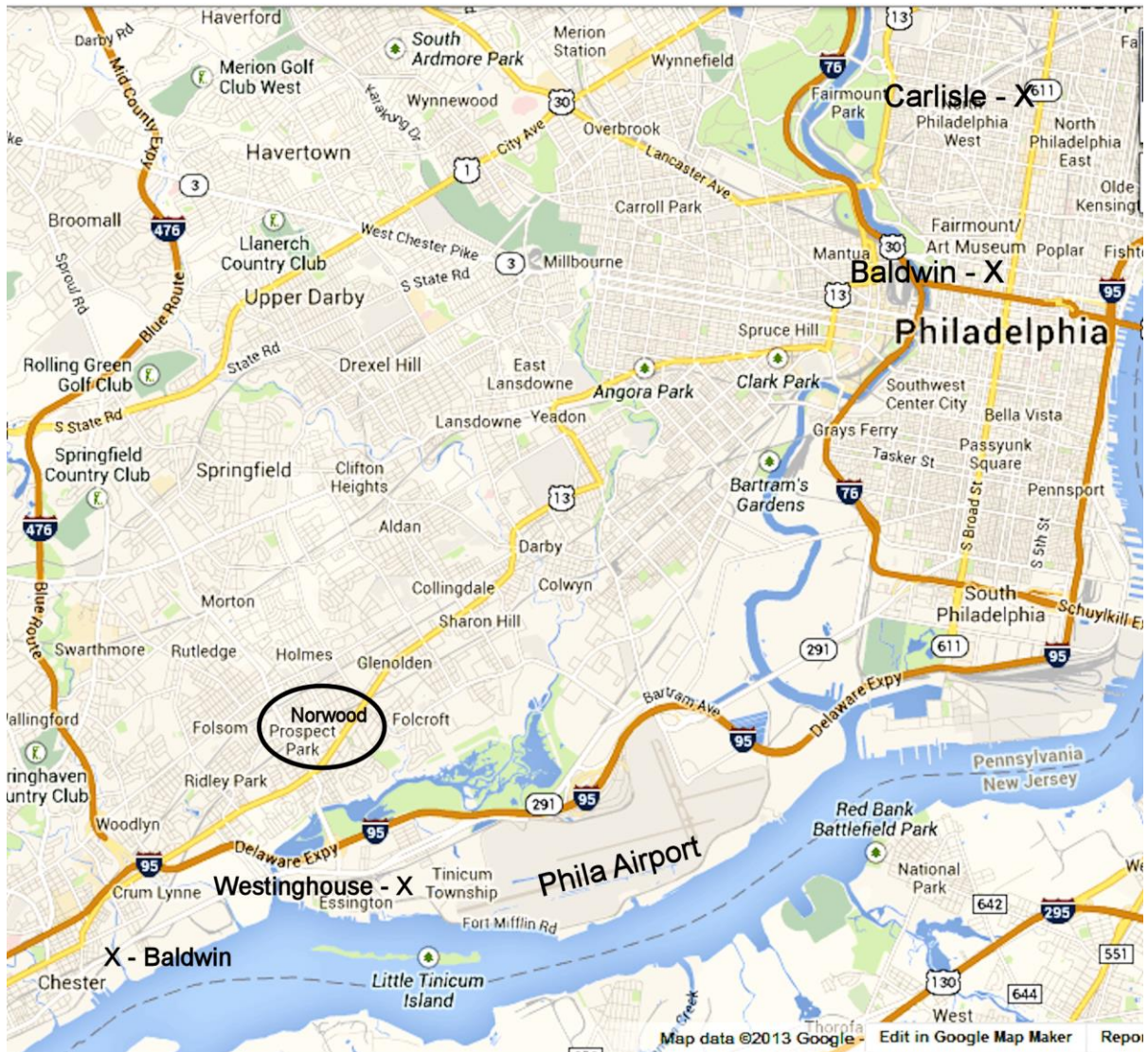
The Skinners moved from **Carlisle Street**, North Philadelphia, to Winona Avenue, **Norwood**, by 1912. They would live there until 1927. They were renters.

1918 – Warren’s military registration during WWI (don’t worry, at age 41 he was not going anywhere) indicated he was now employed at Westinghouse Electric at Essington. He would work there until his retirement in the 1940’s. Warren turned age 65 in 1942, but continued to work to support the war effort until the end of WWII in 1945.

1927 – Warren’s son Earl, at age 25, purchased his first home in December of 1926 at 36 Garfield Ave., Norwood, a few blocks from Winona Ave. where he had been living with his parents. His parents and sister moved in with him as renters. A few month later, in 1927, Earl married Lillian Showalter. But Earl’s parents and sister continued to live with Earl and Lillian at Garfield Ave. for the next four years.

The 1930 census shows the Skinner family living on Garfield Avenue with son Earl as Owner and father Warren as a Renter. The census shows Warren, May and daughter Gladys living as renters with Earl and Lillian. The family was now joined by another person – Earl and Lillian’s infant son David, my father.

Late 1930 or early 1931 – Warren, May and daughter Gladys moved into half of a twin at 554 Ninth Ave in the town of **Prospect Park**, just a few blocks from where they had been renting from son Earl on Garfield Ave. in Norwood. In 1937, Warren purchased the Prospect Park home they had been renting. Son Earl and family continued to live at Garfield Ave., Norwood until 1935, when the Depression caught up with them.



Philadelphia and Delaware County, PA



Picture Day – Gladys Skinner
(b. 1909)



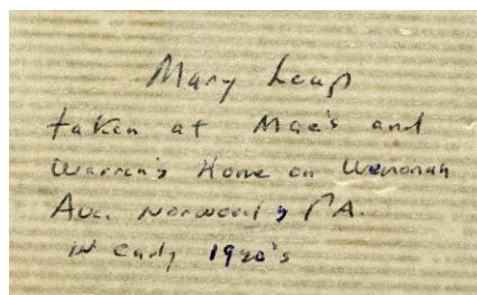
Gladys, May and cat

Gladys wearing her 'Picture Day' outfit
Front Steps - 40 Winona Avenue, Norwood



Mary Leap (1829 – 1920),
Foster mother of May Skinner

Front steps - 40 Winona Ave, Norwood; Home of Warren and May Skinner
Photo taken some time between 1912 and Mary's death in 1920.



Earl's printing

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May Skinner,
circa late-1920's

Presumably rear of
40 Winona Ave., Norwood



Mrs. Viola May
Skinner
Mother of
Earl
&
Gladys Skinner
Norwood, PA.

Earl often wrote out her full name as Viola
May or Mae,
but she was simply called May.

History of Baldwin at Eddystone

Warren had been transferred by Baldwin from Philadelphia to Baldwin's new facility at Eddystone about 1911.

Baldwin had opened their new facility in 1906 on farmland acquired along the Delaware River south of Philadelphia at a place called Eddystone. [www.explore-technology.com] The Baldwin site is located south of today's Phila. Intl. Airport, and north of the town of Chester.

The Eddystone facility produced 2500 locomotives in its first year of production. [www.oldchesterpa.com]

This was the beginning of the large-scale industrial development along the Delaware River, south of Philadelphia, that turned farmlands into factories and tenement houses, eventually creating the suburbs between Philadelphia and Chester, Pa. to the south. This development would continue until the decline of heavy industry that began with the end of World War II.

The Baldwin facility extended inland from the Delaware River to the Chester Pike - the main road running north to south. The Chester Pike was still a dirt road in the early 1900's and was a toll road from the early 1900's until 1921. Toll booth #1 was located at the intersection of the Chester Pike and Baldwin Lane – the entrance road to Baldwin. [www.ridleytownshiphistory.com]

Many of the work spaces inside the Baldwin buildings were created by hanging terra cotta tiles on the internal building supports. No doubt the tiles came from the nearby terra cotta works of O. W. Ketcham. Ketchams was located in Crum Lynne, Pa, just up the Chester Pike from Baldwin. Warren's son, Earl, would work at O. W. Ketcham from about 1920 until the Depression. Like Baldwin, Ketchams had opened in 1906.

In 1915, Baldwin built and leased a building for the Remington Arms Company at their Eddystone site, fabricating rifles for England's growing war concerns. Baldwin also created a Baldwin subsidiary called the Eddystone Munitions Company. All of these structures were carefully designed for conversion to locomotive facilities after the War. In 1917, the Munitions Company saw a huge explosion that killed hundreds at Eddystone. [www.ridleytownshiphistory.com]

In 1928, Baldwin closed their original site on Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia consolidating all locomotive production at Eddystone. [www.explore-technology.com].

Baldwin went on to become the world's largest producer of steam locomotives. One of their Eddystone locomotives is on display in Philadelphia's Franklin Institute. [mywebpages.Comcast.net/ngauger]

The decline of the railroad industry - beginning in the 1920's with the advent of cars and trucks, took a heavy toll on Baldwin. The replacement of steam locomotives with diesel and electric power, beginning in the late 1930's, sealed Baldwin's fate. Despite offering its own line of diesels, Baldwin was never able to fully compete in the market following the extinction of the steam locomotive. All Baldwin locomotive production came to an end in 1956. [www.explore-technology.com]

The Baldwin Works were torn down for redevelopment in a 53 week process that began in mid-1994. [mywebpages.Comcast.net/ngauger/]



Baldwin Locomotive Works Eddystone, PA [www.oldchesterpa.com]

This hand-painted photo was taken from a roof of a building. The trees above are replaced by a high-rise building in the photo on the next page.

The photo shows the mainline tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad that ran north to south (left to right) across the middle of the Baldwin complex. The curved line of fencing hides a railroad spur line that connected to the Pennsy tracks.

The water tower and rear buildings are visible in the upper center of the next photo.



Baldwin, Eddystone; circa 1940's



Both images (top and bottom):

Pennsy Railroad Main Line (Amtrak) -

Runs north to south (left to right) across middle of Baldwin on its way from Phila to Wilmington and Washington, DC.

Chester Pike – diagonal road barely visible in lower left foreground.

Curved water culvert – carries the Crum Creek through Baldwin to the Delaware River (beyond top of images). The culvert is actually small – about the size of a railroad bed.

Four-spoked hi-rise building – appears in center of both images.

Baldwin Site Today [Google Maps]

1918 Draft Card and Westinghouse Electric

The mandatory WWI military registration shows Warren's signature. The Skinner address is 40 Winona, Norwood Depot, PA. The registration shows that Warren was no longer a machinist with Baldwin Locomotive, a company he had started with circa 1901. Instead, he was now working in the Sheet Metal Works of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company.

Westinghouse was located a few miles north of Baldwin at the town of Essington. Some of the Westinghouse facilities were also described as being in the town of Lester, a neighboring town of Essington. Today, Essington and Lester are located at the southern end of the runways of the Philadelphia International Airport. I visited the Westinghouse facility for a job interview in 1976.

This is where Warren would work for three more decades until his retirement at the end of WWII. At the time he started, George Westinghouse was still running the company.

1920 Census

The January, 1920 Census shows information similar to Warren's draft card of 1918:

Warren and family were renting at 40 Winona Avenue, Norwood.

Census Details-

Warren – age 43: Foreman, Sheet Metal (would be Westinghouse Electric)

May – age 44

Son Earl – age 18; Clerk, Railroad

Daughter Gladys – age 10

REGISTRATION CARD **A**

NAME <i>George Warren Skinner</i>		GRADE <i>5021</i>	
ADDRESS <i>40 Winona Norwood Del. Pa</i>		CITY <i>Del. Pa</i>	
AGE <i>41</i>	DATE OF BIRTH <i>February 2, 1877</i>	RACE <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> White Negro Chinese Japanese Indian </div> <i>White</i>	
U.S. CITIZEN <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Naturalized Native Born </div> <i>Native Born</i>		ALIEN <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Contract Other </div>	
PRESENT OCCUPATION <i>Chief Metal Worker</i>		EMPLOYER'S NAME <i>Westinghouse Electric Mfg Co</i>	
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT <i>Assington Del. Pa</i>		NAME OF WIFE <i>Viola May Skinner</i>	
ADDRESS OF WIFE <i>40 Winona Norwood Del. Pa</i>		SIGNATURE <i>George Warren Skinner</i>	

Warren Skinner, age 41
1918 Military Registration

The card was probably filled out by Warren and includes his signature.

Partnership - Baldwin Locomotive and Westinghouse Electric

Baldwin and Westinghouse – the two companies Warren worked for most of his life, engaged in a partnership in the twilight years of the Baldwin company.

By the late 1930's, Baldwin was struggling to deal with the decline of the railroad industry and with the change from steam locomotives to both diesel and electric locomotives. In 1939, Baldwin developed a partnership with nearby Westinghouse Electric in order to participate in the growing market for 'clean' electric locomotives. Baldwin would make or subcontract out the bodywork and running gear, Westinghouse would handle the electrical components.

[www.explore-technology.com]

Westinghouse later made the mistake of purchasing Baldwin:

“The company's [Baldwin's] phenomenal growth ended with in the mid-1920s as the U.S. railroad industry began its long decline. Despite various mergers and acquisitions--and an increased attention to the development of diesel engines--a slow but sure decline set in. Baldwin declared bankruptcy in 1935. World War Two brought a temporary respite, but after the war the steam locomotive was obsolete and orders rapidly diminished. The Westinghouse Corporation bought Baldwin in 1948 but was unable to turn the company around. In 1950 the Lima-Hamilton Corporation and Baldwin merged but in 1956 the last of some 70,541 locomotives was produced.”

[<http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives/d8157.htm>]

And so ended Baldwin Locomotives - one of the companies that built a nation.

Travels

My father recalls stories of Warren riding a motorcycle into Philadelphia when Warren was young. Whether he rode a motorcycle, or a motorized bicycle, it probably would not have happened until well past 1900, as the technology was just being introduced at the time.

Warren's first auto was a 1919 Ford Touring Automobile – the classic Model T. Both he and son Earl (born 1901) drove that car until the mid-1920's.

1919 was a turning point in American transportation. The number of passengers carried by railroads declined every year after 1919. And the freight carried by the railroads began to decline every year after 1920. The country began to run on automobiles and trucks.

The Skinners traveled to Niagara Falls, and to the Jersey shore as well.

In circa 1921/1922, the family traveled in the Ford Model T to the middle of Maine, a place called Barker Pond, inland from the town of Bangor. Barker Pond is a part of the summer tourist area that includes Lake Sebago.

Can only imagine the bumpy ride on primitive roads with son Earl, about age 20, daughter Gladys, about age 12 plus luggage.



Warren reading the map

1919 Ford
 Trip to Maine
 Appx - 1921-22
 LA PISHES
 Cottage
 Barker "Pond"
 1 MI x $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles
 mother-father
 Gladys & AES
 George W. Skinner
 Beside 1919
 model "T" Ford

Earl's printing

1927 – Move To Garfield Avenue, Norwood

May and Warren had been renting at 40 Winona Avenue in Norwood since 1912. On December 8, 1926, their son Earl Skinner purchased a home a few blocks away at 36 Garfield Avenue. The home was one-half of a twin. As was common practice at the time, Earl put one dollar down with a mortgage covering the rest – total purchase cost unknown. Earl was 25 years of age.

Earl's whole family moved from Winona Ave. to join him – Warren, May and Earl's sister, Gladys (born 1909). No doubt rent from the parents played a role in Earl's purchase decision.

The Chester Times, Wednesday, 5 Jan 1927:

News and Notes From Norwood – *“Warren Skinner and family, of Winona avenue, have moved to Garfield avenue.”*

1927 – Wedding of Earl and Lillian

Earl Skinner, son of Warren and May, began dating nurse-in-training Lillian Showalter in 1924. They met while Earl was recovering from an emergency appendectomy at Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park, located two towns south of the family home at Norwood. Earl and Lillian married in June, 1927. Their wedding was held at the Norwood Methodist Church, where Earl's parents had been faithful parishioners.

Per Lillian, she and Earl lived with Warren and May for a time after their marriage. The records show that the families lived together in Earl's house at 36 Garfield Avenue from 1927 to about 1931, when Earl's parents and sister moved out to a home on Ninth Avenue in Prospect Park, the next town south of Norwood on the Chester Pike.

Lillian Skinner spent much time with her in-laws, Warren and May Skinner, before and after her marriage to Earl in 1927. Lillian had been working in the Ridley Park area as a nurse, just a few miles down the Chester Pike from Norwood. She was located much closer to Warren and May than to her own family in Downingtown, Pa. After her marriage, Lillian would often take her mother-in-law May on errands, as May did not drive.

Warren never talked much, but May did. It was from May that Lillian became knowledgeable in the family histories. Lillian recalls sitting with May in the attic going over the old photos in May's trunk.

Miscellaneous

In 1927, Harry Skinner, father of Warren, wrote his Will naming his two eldest children – Ursula Thoman and Warren Skinner, as Executors.

1930 Census

The census shows two families living at 36 Garfield Avenue, Norwood. Warren occupied part of the property with his wife May and daughter Gladys (age 20). Warren is shown as being a renter. The second family at that address was that of Warren's son Earl and wife Lillian. Earl is listed as being the Owner. Warren and May were now grandparents – the census shows that Earl and Lillian had an infant son David, my father, who was several months old at the time.

1930 Census Details:

Warren – age 49; Metal Worker, Electrical Plant [Westinghouse Electric]

May – age 53 ???.

daughter Gladys – age 20; Hair Dresser, Beauty Parlor.

son Earl – age 28; Draftsman, Terra Cotta Works.

Lillian, wife of Earl – age 26

David – less than year old.

Both Warren and Earl owned radio sets.

554 Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park, circa 1930

Sometime between March, 1930 and August 1931 [per news items in the Chester Times], Warren, May and daughter Gladys moved out of Earl's home at Garfield Avenue, Norwood. They moved a few blocks away to half of a twin at 554 Ninth Avenue in the neighboring town of Prospect Park. Warren was about 53 years of age at the time. Daughter Gladys was age 21.

The home on Ninth Avenue was initially a rental. However, on 30 July 1937, Warren and May purchased the home for \$3000. Warren and May would live at this address for many decades until May's death in 1963. The home was sold for \$10,750 on Nov 18, 1963, 10 months after May's death.

Norwood and Prospect Park are small towns, and Warren's home on Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park was not far from son Earl's home at Garfield Avenue, Norwood. Earl's son David (born 1929) walked down Ninth Avenue past the home of his grandparents on the way to Grammar School each day.

My Dad recalls the story of Warren shaving in the bathroom in the rear of his Prospect Park home. Distracted by a cat or squirrel in the backyard, Warren picked up his shotgun and blasted the animal into his shed or garage.

The Great Depression

Warren was very lucky – he continued to be employed through the depression years of the 1930's at Westinghouse Electric and was able to continue to maintain his home at 554 Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park.

Per son Earl, Warren did suffer the loss of his savings when his bank abruptly closed. This would have been in the 1931-1933 time frame when the effects of the Depression began to be widespread. Despite that, the depression years did not seem to have a noticeable effect on the life and travels of Warren and May, and they were frequent visitors to the Jersey shore.

Son Earl was not as lucky. Earl lost his job in 1933 and did part-time jobs for much less money until 1939. In 1936, Earl and Lillian lost their Garfield Avenue property to the bank, and ended up renting a home in the outlying town of Morton. Morton was more affordable, but was several miles distant from the Chester Pike and from the trains to Philadelphia.



May with grandson David (b. Nov., 1929), circa 1932

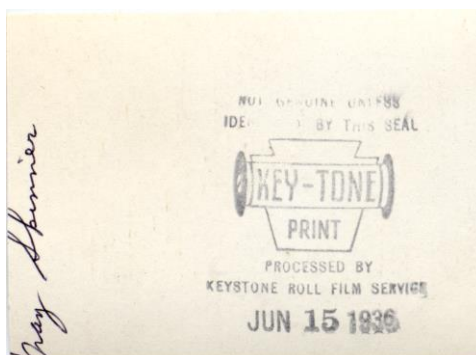


Warren w/son Earl & grandson David
Circa 1933
Earl's yard, 36 Garfield Ave., Norwood.

Warren wearing same outfit as later Atlantic City
image.



May Skinner; 554 Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park, 1936

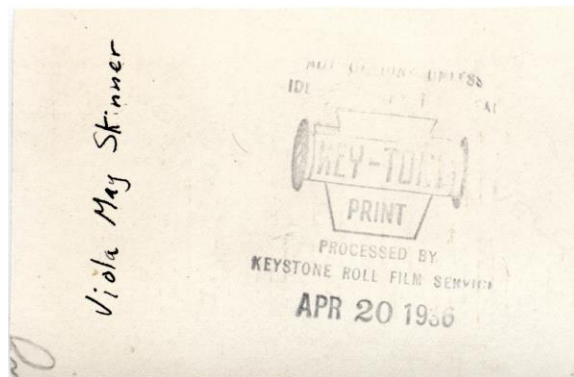


Annette's writing



May Skinner; 554 Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park, 1936

New-fangled radio antennas in rear.



Earl's printing?



May and Warren Skinner
554 Ninth Avenue, Prospect Park, circa mid-1940's

Jersey Shore

The Skinners enjoyed the Jersey shore. We all know the story of Warren riding his bicycle on the dirt roads to Atlantic City from his parent's home in Glassboro as a teenager in the 1890's.

Atlantic City was the big beach town and Warren and May were photographed there from the 1920's to the 1940's. By 1940 or so, their son Earl and his wife Lillian were renting a home on the bay at Atlantic City and Warren and May were frequent visitors. The family also vacationed at Ocean City, Townsend's Inlet and Wildwood, all towns along the South Jersey shore.

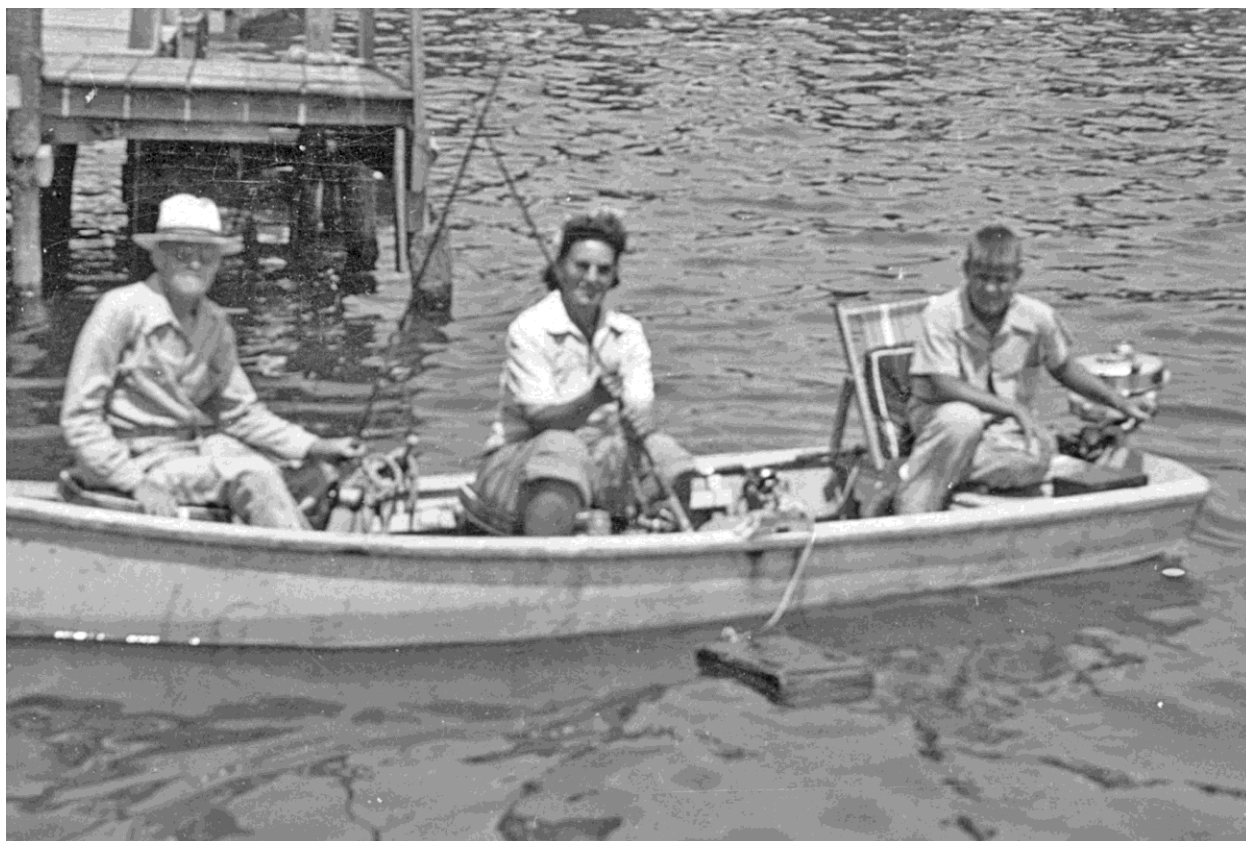
By the mid-1940's, Earl and Lillian had purchased two adjacent homes at Grassy Sounds, just outside North Wildwood. Warren often visited Grassy Sounds and enjoyed the boating and flounder fishing. Grandson David, a teenager in the 1940's, recalls that Warren purchased a new engine for his small wooden boat at Grassy Sounds. The engine proved to be too much for the boat and David raced across the bay with the bow of the boat pointed straight up!



Atlantic City, circa 1933
Frondinger's Pavilion?
Warren - same coat as on page 63.



Warren & May with grandson David and daughter-in-law Lillian
Atlantic City, 1941



Warren with dau.-in-law Lillian and grandson David
Dock at the summer home of Earl and Lillian; Grassy Sounds, NJ

Newspaper Accounts

The Chester Times:

Tuesday, 31 July 1928.

Norwood - *"Mr. and Mrs. Warren Skinner and Miss Gladys Skinner, of Garfield avenue, are spending a week's vacation at Wildwood."*

Saturday, 8 March 1930.

Norwood - *"Mrs. Warren Skinner, of Garfield avenue, entertained at dinner on Thursday, in honor of Mrs. Solomon Barton's seventieth birthday."*

Friday, 14 Aug 1931.

Prospect Park - *"Mr. and Mrs. Warren Skinner, of Ninth avenue, were at Ocean City recently."*

Thursday, 11 Aug 1932

Prospect Park - *"Miss Ruth Batten has returned to her home near Pitman, N.J., having been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Skinner, of Ninth avenue. Miss Norma Batten, her sister, is now the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner."*

Saturday, 3 Sep 1932

Norwood - *"Mr. and Mrs. Earl Skinner and son, David Skinner, of Garfield avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Skinner and daughter, Miss Gladys Skinner, of Prospect Park, are enjoying a vacation at Townsend's Inlet, N.J."*

Friday, 25 Aug 1933

Prospect Park - *"Miss Gladys Skinner, of 554 Ninth avenue, returned home Wednesday evening, after a week spent at Ocean City. She left yesterday for Townsend's Inlet, where she expects to stay until after Labor Day."*

Tuesday, 25 Jul 1935

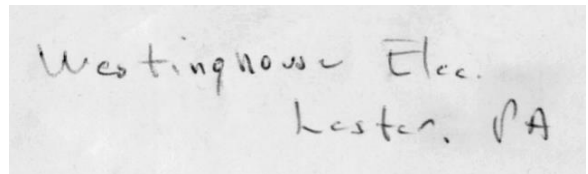
Prospect Park - *"Mrs. George Skinner, of Ninth avenue, is spending a vacation at Atlantic City, N.J."*

Daughter Gladys

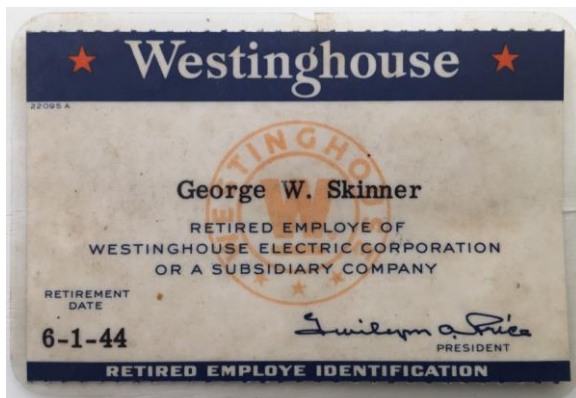
Gladys, daughter of May and Warren, was eight years younger than her brother Earl. She married Bill Hughlett in 1937, ten years after Earl had married. Gladys and Bill had a son Dick in 1939 and daughter Connie in 1944. The Hughletts lived at 632 Pennsylvania Ave., Prospect Park, just around the corner from Warren and May, from 1949 to 1965. I visited them several times at that location as a child. They moved to 611 Orchard Lane, Lansdowne, PA in the 1960's and spent their final years in an upscale, Lancaster, PA retirement community where both passed away.



Warren at Westinghouse Electric,
probably mid-1940's



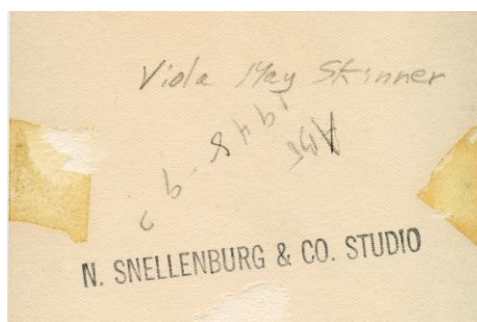
Earls printing



Warren turned age 65 in 1942 but worked until 1944 in support of the war effort.



May Skinner, circa 1948



Annette's printing; Earl's printing



May with grandson David, Nov., 1949
Walnut Ave., Westville



Warren Skinner, early-1950's

Flounder from Grassy Sounds.

Warren's '49 Plymouth.

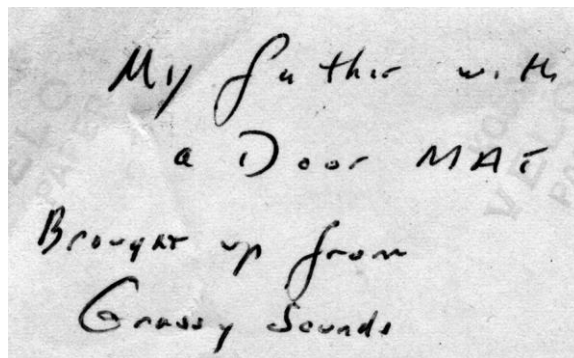
Photo taken at the home of Earl Skinner – 62 Walker Ave. Deptford, NJ

Cupola of Earl's garage visible in rear. Driveway grass, later paved.

Hard to believe - Warren drove me in that Plymouth.



Warren Skinner
Along the side of the garage of his son Earl
62 Walker Avenue, Deptford



Earl's writing





Warren and May Skinner, 1953
[movie frames]

Newly-purchased home of their grandson, Dave Skinner,
Corner of Clements Bridge Rd. & Lewis Ave., Deptford, NJ.



1954, Dinner hosted by Warren & May, Prospect Park

Dave & Annette; Connie, Bill & Dick Hughlett; Lillian, Warren
Earl, May and Gladys not visible



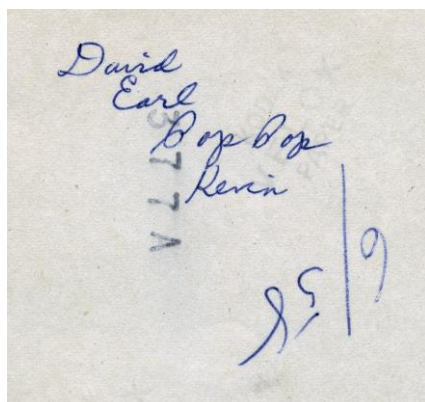
July, 1956 with Susan; Home of Dave & Annette, Clements Bridge Road



October, 1956, Home of Warren & May, Prospect Park, PA



The Four Skinners, May, 1958
Walker Ave., Deptford



[HES photo, Annette's writing]



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Warren and May Skinner

Home of their son Earl Skinner, 62 Walker Ave, Deptford, NJ
Their '49 Plymouth & grandson Dave Skinner's Plymouth.
Warren wearing same outfit as earlier Grassy Sounds photograph.

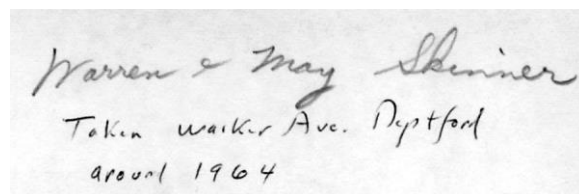


Photo taken 1958, not 1964
Annette's writing; Earl's printing



1949 Plymouth Deluxe 4-door [internet]

I recall Warren driving a '49 Plymouth – color as shown, in his later years. He took my Dad and I for a spin one day, circa 1960. Should not have been a big deal as he was age 83, and ten years away from death, but he could hardly push the brake pedal.



Christmas, 1960, Skinner Residence, Walker Avenue [DES Slides]



1960, Dinner at Prospect Park
Lillian Skinner, Bill Hughlett, young Dick Hughlett, Warren & May, Gladys Hughlett



1965, Hughlett Home
Dick Hughlett, Bill Hughlett, Warren, Lillian, Gladys Hughlett

Twilight Years

I recall several visits to Warren and May in their twin home on Ninth Avenue in Prospect Park in the early 1960's. On our final visit there, Mom-Mom made us some sandwiches and Warren drove us in his 1949 dark green auto to run an errand. My Dad recalls the ride saying that Warren was not really strong enough to actuate the brakes at the stop sign at the end of their street. I also recall a visit to their vacated house after the death of May in 1963.

At Christmas 1962, everyone in the family came over to our house on Clements Bridge Road in Deptford. All of my grandparents were there – Earl and Lillian Skinner and my mother's parents – Frank and Beth Frederick. Bill and Gladys Hughlett also visited and brought the parents of Gladys - Warren and May Skinner, who lived just a few blocks away from them in Prospect Park, PA.

My Dad tape-recorded the family get-together on his Ampex reel-to-reel recorder. Everyone's voices have been preserved, though Warren and May said little.

May Skinner died less than two weeks later in January, 1963.



May Skinner (1875 – 1963)

May Skinner died of pneumonia at Cooper Hospital, Camden in January, 1963:



Church member for 50 years going back to 1912, the year they moved to Norwood from Philadelphia. Their three grandchildren are Dave Skinner, Dick Hughlett and Connie Hughlett.

May's Date of Birth

May Skinner was born in May, 1875, information which came from her daughter Gladys. Warren was born in Feb, 1877. Census records tell a confused story of their dates of birth.

In each census, the census enumerator would ask the family for their ages, enabling a year of birth to be calculated. I have always found age discrepancies from one census to the next that do not make sense, but nothing as extreme as the records for Warren and May:

Jun 1880 – May, age 6; Warren, age 3

Jun 1900 – Warren, age 23; I could not locate May in the census.

Jan 1920 – May, age 44; Warren, age 43

Apr 1930 – May, age 53; Warren, age 49. This census also identifies age at time of marriage - May was married at age 23 and Warren at age 18.

Warren's Final Years

When May passed away in 1963, their home at Prospect Park was sold (sold Nov 18, 1963 for \$10750). Warren was moved a few blocks away to the care of his daughter Gladys (married to Bill Hughlett). I am sure that the loss of his wife accelerated Warren's fragility and dementia that he began to show by the early 1960's..

By 1963, Warren was showing significant signs of Alzheimer's while under the care of his daughter Gladys. Dick Hughlett, son of Bill and Gladys, recalled that Warren once told him that he had to go out and put the horses in the barn for the night. Dick, always a quick wit, replied – 'I already did!' By 1965, Warren was moved to the care of his son Earl and Earl's wife Lillian in Deptford, NJ. Lillian, a former nurse, felt comfortable in carrying out the necessary chores and did not mind it. Lillian told me that Earl did not have a strong say in the decision, as she was the one to do the work.

In 1966, Earl retired from his job as an insurance salesman and sold his Walker Ave home in Deptford, NJ in preparation for the construction of a retirement home at Sanibel Island, Florida. Earl, Lillian and his father Warren spent much of 1966 in a small mobile home at Haney's Trailer Park while awaiting construction of their Florida home. The trailer park was located in West Deptford, NJ (Thorofare), along Rt. 295, next to Matteo's junk yard, probably a mile from my parents' Woodbury home. While there, Warren would occasionally wander off as a result of his failing mind.

On a trip to Cape May with all of us in 1966, Warren fell off the concrete boardwalk, but was unscathed.

Warren was alive until I was sixteen (1970), but I never really had the opportunity to get to know him. Warren became a frail person, talking in a barely discernable voice, hearing little. In Florida, he would awaken in the middle of the night and think he had to 'hitch up a horse and get to work.

Despite his frequent memories of horses, I actually don't know of any job that Warren did that would have required him to ride a horse – his commutes would have been by foot or train in South Jersey and later, Philadelphia.

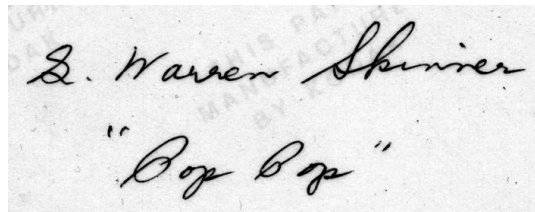
Warren's memories of horses would have stemmed from his youth and teenage years growing up in Glassboro, NJ. His father Harry Skinner had a horse in a small barn behind their Glassboro home well into the 20th century, long after Warren was an adult. The horse was recalled to me by Warren's son Earl as well as Warren's niece Marion Smith. Earl recalled his grandfather's horse pulling a cart with Earl and his grandfather from Glassboro to the neighboring town of Clayton. And a letter dated 1913 indicates that Ellison Leap, a step-brother of Warren's wife, still had horses at Ellison's Glassboro poultry farm in 1913 and that Warren had helped in driving a team of Ellison's horses to a neighboring town.

Warren lived surprisingly long given that he was frail in the late 1950's, and had significant dementia by the early 1960's. Warren lived longer than anyone else in the family (age 93) which allowed his Alzheimer's to become quite advanced.

Both of Warren's children eventually inherited his Alzheimer's disease. Warren's daughter, Gladys, tested positive for Alzheimer's (posthumous testing). Warren's son, Earl, was never tested but clearly had Alzheimer symptoms - repeating himself in conversation, etc., but he did not live long enough (died age 88) for the disease to progress as far as it had in his father Warren. His grandson David now has the disease as well, with the disease in David becoming obvious in 1983 at the age of 84.



Warren Skinner, Sanibel, Aug, 1967
Warren made it into the 'paisley' era.



Annette's writing



Lillian's Painting of Warren

Sanibel Island

In 1966, Earl and Lillian moved with Warren to Tahiti Drive, Sanibel Island.

In August of 1967, my parents and I made our first of many trips to my grandparent's retirement home at Sanibel. Warren tried unsuccessfully to lead me through thick vegetation to the Gulf of Mexico to show me what he thought was the Delaware River of Pennsylvania. No doubt, the Gulf of Mexico brought back memories of the Delaware River of his youth. We returned again in 1968. In 1969 and 1970, we opted for camping trips out west instead, so I never saw him alive again.



Warren, Earl, Kevin and Dave Skinner
Four Skinner Generations, September 1967, Sanibel, FL

I don't think we ever looked better than we did in this image, except for my aging great/grandfather, and I requested this photo be taken for the historical value of four generations (and with my Kodak Instamatic camera).



[DES Slides, made with my dad's Nikormat camera and Nikon lenses, much sharper than my Kodak point-and-shoot, above.]

Warren Skinner (1877 – 1970)

Warren once asked Lillian who was the nice young man who dressed him in the morning. That would be his son, Earl. Lillian did a superb job in caring for Warren – I watched her patiently spoon him meals and ensure he was always well-dressed - dress shirt and dress pants.



Warren Skinner, Aug, 1967
Tahiti Drive, Sanibel, FL

Warren smiled when I got my camera out.

Warren passed away in his sleep at the home of Earl and Lillian in Florida in 1970 at age 93. We were away on a western US camping trip at the time of the funeral, though we returned on Aug 29 to find that our Woodbury, NJ home had been used that day for the funeral reception.

At the funeral, Earl's sister, Gladys, said that she was surprised Warren had lasted so long. Lillian Skinner, Warren's daughter-in-law, was very proud that she had taken good care of him. Good genes was also a factor – Warren's father and Warren's sisters Ursula and Elizabeth all lived to be age 88, and Marion Smith, daughter of Ursula, lived to be 101!

Warren had light blue eyes and a light complexion and looked very much like his niece Marion Smith. Warren's daughter, Gladys, looked similar. Warren's son Earl, had stronger facial features, a stronger personality and was taller than Warren, resembling Warren's wife May in those respects. Warren's descendants should be happy that Warren married a tall woman, as Warren himself came from a diminutive family and was short. Lillian recalls that Warren did not have a strong personality and that May was the "guiding light" of the household.

My impression is a little different – I think Warren was an adventurous, opportunistic guy in his youth, enjoyed traveling as an adult, and was proud of his appearance – he always knew when my camera was following him and enjoyed it.

Obituaries

SKINNER, GEORGE W.
of Sanibel, Florida, formerly of Glassboro, N.J., on Aug. 23, 1970, husband of late Viola May Skinner, aged 93 years. Graveside funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, 1970, at 2 p.m. at the Manahath Cemetery, Glassboro, N.J. No viewing. Arrangements under the direction of FRANK H. JONES FUNERAL HOME, 124 State St., Glassboro, N.J. 8-26-3t

Woodbury Daily Times, 26 August 1970:

SKINNER, GEORGE W.

Of Sanibel, Florida, Formerly of Glassboro, N.J.

Husband of the late Viola May

Died: August 23, 1970; Aged 93 years

Interment: Manahath Cemetery, Glassboro, NJ

Survived By:

1 daughter: Mrs. William Hughlett of Lansdowne, PA

1 son: H. Earl of Sanibel, Florida

1 sister: Mrs. Elizabeth Ungerbuehler of Wilmington, Delaware

3 grandchildren: David E. Skinner, Kevin D. Skinner and Susan Lynn Skinner of Woodbury.

[the grandchildren should have read David Skinner plus Dick and Connie Hughlett – Kevin and Susan are great-grandchildren.]

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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STATE FILE NO.

REGISTRAR'S NO. 852

DECEASED—NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
1. George		W.	Skinner		2. Male	3. Aug. 22, 1970
4. White		AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	UNDER 1 YEAR	UNDER 1 DAY	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	COUNTY OF DEATH
5. Fort Myers		6. 93	7. 93	8. 93	9. Feb. 8, 1877	10. Lee
11. U.S.A.		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)		SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)
12. 163-05-4376A		USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED)		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		
13. Fla.		14. Lee		15. Sanibel		16. Tahita Drive
FATHER—NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME	FIRST
17. Harry			Skinner		18. (unknown)	Sparks
INFORMANT—NAME		MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)				
19. H. Earl Skinner		20. Tahita Drive, Sanibel, Fla.				
PART I. DEATH CAUSED BY.		ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)				APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
21. (a) Bronchopneumonia						22. 1 day
23. (b)						
24. (c)						
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)		AUTOPSY (YES OR NO)				IF YES WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH
25. (Probably) ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED		26. NO				27. NO
28. DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)		29. HOUR		HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)		
30. 8 22 70		31. 20		32. 1		
33. INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		34. PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY)		35. LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)		
36. 20		37. 20		38. 1		
CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM		MONTH DAY YEAR		AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON		I DID/REVIEWED THE BODY AFTER DEATH
39. 8 22 70		40. 8 22 70		41. 8 22 70		42. 6:15 PM
CERTIFICATION—MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, I AM OF THE OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED		HOUR OF DEATH		THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD		DATE, AND, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED
43. 8 22 70		44. 8 22 70		45. 8 22 70		46. 6:15 PM
CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)		SIGNATURE		DEGREE OR TITLE		DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
47. JOHN B. AZNEW M.D.		48. John B. Aznew M.D.		49. M.D.		50. 8-24-70
51. 3660 Biscayne		52. 787 Miami		53. Fla.		54. 33901
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY)		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME		LOCATION		CITY OR TOWN
55. Removal		56. Manahath Cemetery		57. Pitman, N. J.		
58. 8-26-70		59. Leo W. Engelhardt, 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		60. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		
61. 8-26-70		62. Leo W. Engelhardt		63. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		
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94. 8-26-70		95. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		96. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		
97. 8-26-70		98. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		99. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		
100. 8-26-70		101. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		102. 2017 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fla.		

ARTIFACTS:

Movie & slide pictures; 1962 Christmas tape recording made by my father at our house - includes a few seconds of the voices of Warren and May Skinner.

MISC IMAGES, probably from the Estate of May Skinner:

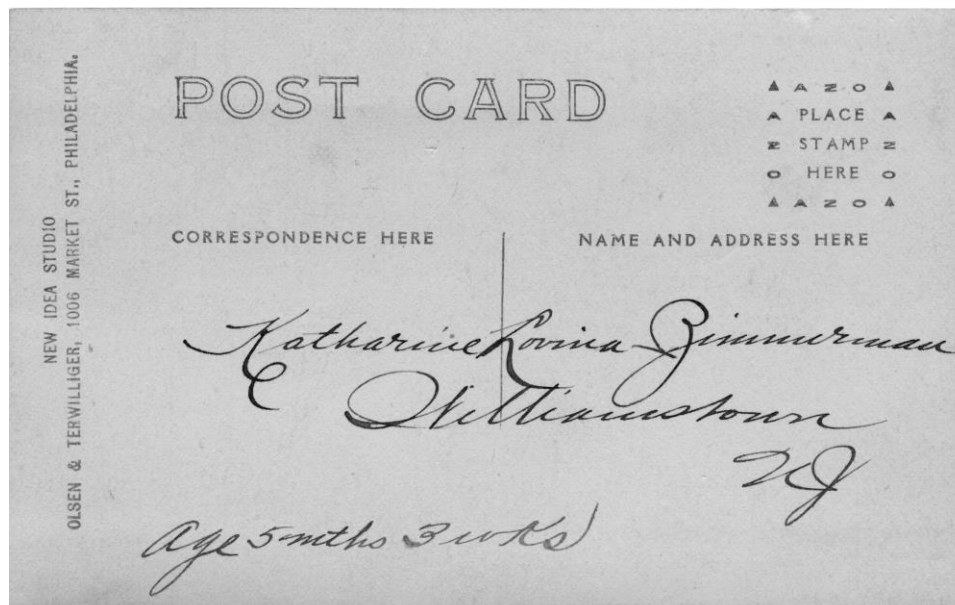


Della – Friend of May Skinner

"Della" May Skinner's Friend



Katherine Zimmerman
 Born circa 1912; Daughter of J. Alfred and Belinda Zimmerman
 Presumed to be from the estate of May Skinner



UNKNOWN PERSONS:

The persons in the following photographs could not be identified:



[All tintypes]