

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Showalter - ~~Dutch~~ History one

1981

as remembered by Lillian and Ethel Showalter,
daughters of Joseph Olsin Showalter.

See "Our Forefathers", an address by Margaret E.
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letter was not answered.

According to Ethel, 2 Boys + one girl came here from
Holland. The girl settled in Lancaster Co., one Boy
in Blain Co., Pa., one Boy Northern Pa. Joseph Blair
was born in Blain Co. So that would be his
direct line. The Showalters in Maryland would
be Cousins?

Jacob and Susanna Showalter were Dunkards
and had 9 Children - 5 Boys and 4 girls -
Jacob, George, Isack, Joseph, and Henry, Mary,
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she always prefaced it with (as far as I concerned)
so the family had fun at her expense. They (the
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were Mary Kyle, Hannah Lowery, Julia Banks,
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David, Florence and Thomas. Alfred and Julia Banks
one daughter, Sofia, who married a man named
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J.B. Showalter had crushed foot and other broken
bones. His foot always was short and crooked.

J.B. Showalter's Spanish American War Army record
shows - age 27, height 5'7", black hair, blue
eyes, enlisted for 3 years June 1st, 1898, 3rd Regiment
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-uary 27, 1899 (Law Par. 2 U.C. # 40 May 10, 1898)

Through correspondence^{he} met Bertha Jane Dodd and
was married to her Date Unknown[?] at Watson, W.Va.

Joseph was 8 years older than Bertha. they might
have been married 1899 after his discharge from the
Army. he would have been 28 and Bertha 20 -

(Bertha had a straight nose in wedding pictures)
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"home" to his sister Hetty Kyles and Bertha did not
like the Kyles and so returned to W.Va. to her
family. Joseph would not work in Coal mine
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and Lillian, returned to Penna. often to find work as W. Va. offered little besides Coal Mine and Glass factories. Joseph was offered a job by Noah Hoffman, a friend, in a Slaughter House in Logan Co., W. Va. close to Ky. Border. While living there Llewellyn died of Diphtheria contracted on a visit of Bertha and Children Home to Watson, W. Va. where other children had had the disease but did not die. Ethel May was born 1908 possibly one year after Llewellyn's death and was a sickly baby so Bertha bundled up all the family and went home to Watson. Joseph went to Penna. again and Bertha stayed learning Lillian with Grand Ma Dodd while she kept Ethel with her and went to help out sisters with their families. Lillian was about 5 yrs of age to go to school from Grand Ma Dodds with others ^{Lillian was} ~~born~~ about age 7 or so ^{when} Joseph bought in store with John Schaffer (one of Bertha's Sistes-In-laws husband) and the family was to gether again for short while in Small Home Watson, W. Va. School books had to be bought by Parents. Education was hard to come by in W. Va. for small children in the Mt. region. There was lots of deep snow and school far apart and no Buses, no Sulashees but high top leather shoes greased well. The family lived well on a small farm for a while - large peach orchard, wild Strawberry, and Buck wheat flour, Sugar bought in Barrel - Bertha learned from her mother how to make fine white bread and was a wonderful cook so always had a bountiful table with the Root Celery ^{Home} Canned Vegetables, Jam, Jelly, Peach & Apple Butter. So many families had to do with Pancakes instead of Bread, even in School lunches.

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~~the~~ Ethel and LeRoy Algier lived with Showalt's family in Downingtown, Pa.

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Bertha worked at housekeeping jobs and also in Hotel in Kitchen in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Ethel Algier lived in Coatesville, had a Boy Donald R. Born Nov. 22, 1929, ^{with} married Joan. they have no children. Donald is a Dr. of Education, they live in Cockeysville, Maryland.

Joan married George Ellis & had two Girls and one Boy, Michael, Wendy & Laurie.

When Ethel's children were small Ethel left LeRoy Algier - he was a bad husband, ran up large debts and would not pay them, and was a womanizer. Ethel left Donald with his grand mother Algier

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While she went to work taking Baby Joan with her, & gave up, took her two children and went to live with her father in Huntingdon Pa. Ethel was in Huntingdon with her father, Joseph Showalter, May 9, 1939, when he fell dead of heart attack in Mrs. Office ^{at age 67.} She ^{was} buried in Showalter Cemetery on a mountain above the Juniata River; on Nov. 13, 1965, Corps of Engineers moved Joseph's body from the Showalter Cemetery to the Old Stone Church near McConnells town Pa. as they were making a Dam on the River. After Joseph's death, Bertha, Ethel and Joan (Donald was with his father) set up house keeping in Coatesville. Ethel working - later moved to Lancaster, Pa. after the divorce. Leroy Algier married the 18 yr old girl he had been living with and had two children. He was 33 or 34 yrs of age; he then went off with an older woman leaving the young woman with his children, later declaring in Court she was an unfit mother - he gave his two children to his brother to have. Married the older woman and is living in Maryland near Joan Arnes (1981). ¹⁰ years "Widow" Ethel married Donald Hart. they live in Mountville, Pa., 210 S. Manor St. where Mother Bertha Showalter lived with Ethel until her death in Oct 9, 1961, aged 92. after marriage Ethel worked, and Mother kept house for her.

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In March 1924 Harry Earl Skinner was admitted to Laylor Hospital for emergency appendectomy, the appendix having ruptured. He recovered and was sent home, he returned to Curt Lillian Showalter and they were married 1927, June 10th, in Norwood, Penna, at The Skinners home town, Lillian's family attending. Earl and Lillian had ~~one~~ one son, David Earl Skinner, on November 8, 1929. David married Arnette Elizabeth Frederick (Born Feb. 1, 1930) on May 17, 1952. They lived in Woodbury, N.J. after David served in Air Force taking them to Louisiana and Maine. on June 14, 1954, Kevin David was born and two years later, Susan Lynn on June 12, 1956.

Earl and Lillian Skinner lived in Woodbury, N.J. until Earl's retirement from Keystone Insurance Co. ~~where~~ then they very happily lived on Sanibel Island, Fla. Celebrating their 54 Wedding anniversary and Earl 80 birthday 1981.

Update 1988: Susan married Martin John Hermon 5/30/87.
Earl & Lillian living in Wileys Village, Marlton, N.J.

Dodds

William Dodd or his family came from Wales where they were miners so William stayed at the trade he knew. William a 6' or over tall thin, dark eyed man, was a quite man. William married Alice Harlow, age 15, a small grey eyed sandy hair girl from a well to do plantation family from Kentucky. at age 16 she bore her first child, it was said they had 12 children - raised 9 and also 2 grand children from infants.

- 1 Bertha Jane Born Sept, 30, 1879
 Married 1899 at age 20 ^{days}
 3 Children - Pauline ^{died in} - Llewellyn June 1902,
 Lilian Charlotte Dec 7 1903, Ethel May April 25 1908.
 Bertha died Oct 9th 1961. Buried at Lancaster Pa
- 2 Vicie married a Dublin and had large Family
 lived and buried in Fairmont ^{W.Va.} Vicie died Dec 28 1966
- 3 Lawrence was married but divorced. gave his infant daughter to Alice Dodd his mother to raise
 girls name was Louise. Lawrence died Feb. 22 1966,
 Lawrence lived in Fairmont W.Va.
- 4 Alma Wife of BB Jett, Redondo Cal. Several Children
 died in Hawthorne Cal. early 1970
- 5 Cora married a Mr Lyzhoft in Minn. Cora had two girls Opal which she left with her mother as infant,
 and Thelma she took west with her, the Lyzhofts
 had 3 Sons one killed in Car accident age 20
 and Clifford, Richard who winter in Fla. Cora died
 in Rochester N.Y. Date? in 1970

6 Era Minear had two Boys lived in Rialto Cal died in Ohio near Cambridge.

7 Inez ^{Inez} Wife to John Shaffer had 7 girls and 2 Boys lived in Cambridge Ohio

John Shaffer died first then Inez in early 1970 Inez kept in touch with all the family and when Alice Dodd died in Ohio Inez kept her father until he died at age 92

8 Clarence Dodd Cross eyed teenage Boy when Showalters lived in Watson - no record of him.

9 William Dodd Born Oct 26 1903 lives in Cambridge Ohio married Elizabeth (Lizzy) had several sons and in 1979 had 15 Grand Children

of the 9 Children Born to the Dodds 3 resembled their father Bertha Alma - William Jr. with dark eyes and hair all others had Sandy hair and Blue, Gray eyes. - Wm Sr had a large nose and Wm Jr looked just like his father except his size as he is short and looks like Jimmy Durante.

The move to Ohio from WVa across the Ohio river was to work in Glass factory there!

By Lillian Skinner
Mothers people

William Dodd as a young man came from Wales he knew Coal mining and settled in W.Va. and worked in the mines tall slender dark Brown eyes (long nose) married Alice ~~Harlow~~ ^{Harlow} and lived in Watson suburb of Fairmont W.Va. Alice of a planter family gray eyed light brown hair small woman - from I think Kentucky. their first child Bertha Jane (my mother) Vicia^{#2} Cora^{#3} Inez^{#4} Alma^{#5} Clarence^{#6} Lawrence^{#7} William^{#8} Alice lost some infants. Joseph Blair Showalter traveled from ^{Huntington} ~~Huntington~~ Penna and met and married Bertha Jane Dodd their first child was a girl named Pauline died as an infant Lewellyn 2nd child died of diphtheria age 5 yrs Lillian Charlotte 3rd child 1 1/2 years younger than brother Ethel May 4 1/2 years younger than sister Lillian

Lillian Showalter married Harry Earl Skinner after training to be a nurse Taylor Hospital Ridley Park Pa. having one son David Earl Skinner Ethel married ~~Lee~~ ^{Lee} Algiers having 2 children Donald and Joan devorin and after 10 yrs married Donald Hart. 10 yrs her fr. both in wheel chairs at this time (1990) in Lancaster Pa - to home

Written to Richard & Marie Lyzloff
Cora Richards' Mother,

My Mother Bertha was closer to Cora more than other sisters
She (Bertha) bought a single sewing machine and
she and Cora sewed and made most clothing
I was about 6 yrs old but I seemed to remember
Cora as a tall thin light brown hair gray eye person?
We Earl and I visited Dney and John Shaffer
in Ohio they had come to my Mother's funeral before
I met Bill or William Dodd ~~He~~ could pass for the actor
"Dwight" big nose like his father's Dney had 6
girls and I ar 3 boys?

Cora as a young woman worked in Fairmont she
met a man who was constructing a road thro
they had two daughters, Cora after that man was
killed on construction, answered an ad from a man
in (m.m.?) as the young women were doing in
these days (I think my Mother did too) she Cora left one
little girl with her mother to raise and took Thelma
with her, had 3 sons after.

Exhibit - Showalter-Dodd Family History written by Lillian in 1981, quoted here with some grammatical corrections to make it readable:

[begin quoted work] -

Showalter-Dodd Family History, 1981, as remembered by Lillian and Ethel Showalter, daughters of Joseph Blair Showalter. See "Our Forefathers", an address by Margaret E. Showalter, 1913; also a letter to Lillian Showalter, from Preston Moab and Ray Moab Showalter. The letter was not answered. [KDS note - letter is in next exhibit.]

According to Ethel, two boys and one girl came here from Holland. The girl settled in Lancaster Co., one boy in Blair Co., PA., one boy northern PA. Joseph Blair was born in Blair Co. so that would be his direct line. The Showalters in Maryland would be cousins? [KDS note - see later exhibit for much improved Showalter history.]

Jacob and Susanna Showalter were Dunkards [KDS note - see Dunkard description in later exhibit] and had 9 children - 5 boys and 4 girls - Jacob, George, Isack, Joseph Blair, and Henry, Mary, Julia (died at 35 or so), Hannah, and Henryetta. George married Sally, Isack - Rosie, Joseph - Bertha. Henry was married but don't remember her name. When she would speak, she prefaced everything with "as far as I concerned" so the family had fun at her expense.! They (the Showalters) had a reputation of only living to 65 then dying of heart failure. The girls' married names were Mary Kype, Julia Banks, Hannah Lowery and Henryetta Kyle. Aunt Het Kyle had four children - Edward, Earl, Florence, and Thomas. Alfred and Julia Banks had a daughter Sofia who married a man named Read. Had a beautiful boy named David - so blond. When Lillian Skinner had a boy, she named him David after David Banks. [KDS note - Banks would not be David's last name; Also note that in her later years (1995), Lillian recalled that as a young girl she read a book about a young boy entitled "Just David" that inspired the naming of her son.] The Showalter family visited the Banks while living in Mount Union, PA. Sofia had two other children.]

Joseph Blair Showalter was born July 12, 1872 in or near Huntingdon, PA. As a young man, he worked as a fireman on a shifting engine. They had an accident with the engine running into a bumper at the end of the tracks, upsetting the engine. The engineer was killed and J. B. Showalter had a crushed foot and other broken bones. His foot always was short and crooked. [KDS note - per Lillian, his foot remained crooked for the remainder of his life; he walked OK, though with a limp.]

J. B. Showalter's Spanish American War army record shows:

Age 27, height 5'7", black hair, blue eyes. Enlisted for 3 years June 1st, 1898, 3rd Regiment of Calvary Troop D. Contracted typhoid fever - sent to Montauk Point, Long Island and furloughed home September 8, 1898. Camp McKensie, Augusta, Ga., January, 1899 with the 3rd Calvary, Troop D - George Chase, Captain. Was kicked in the face by a horse that broke his nose, was honorably discharged from Camp McKenzie February 22, 1899 (Law Par. 2 G.C. #40 enacted May 10, 1898).

Lillian thinks he had been sent to Cuba, but that his ship never landed.

Through correspondence, possibly answering a newspaper ad "as many people did in the day", Joseph met Bertha Jane Dodd and was married to her date unknown, at Watson, WV. They might have been married 1899 after his discharge from the Army. He had a straight nose in wedding pictures, though he suffered a broken nose in the Army. In 1899, Joseph would have been age 28 and Bertha 20.

[First child] Pauline was born and died in 5 days of colic. [Second child] Llewellyn died of diphtheria at age 5 in 1907 - probably born June, 1902, as he was 18 months older than third child Lillian Charlotte, who was born December 7, 1903. Ethel May was born April 25, 1908. Lillian C. and Ethel M. still living 1981.

After marriage, Joseph took Betha 'home' to his sister Hetty Kyle's [Western Pa]. Bertha did not like the Kyles and so returned to W. Va. to her family. Joseph would not work in coal mine for long and so, leaving Llewellyn and Lillian with Bertha, returned to Penna. often to find work as W. Va. offered little besides coal mines and glass factories. Joseph was offered a job by Noab Hoffman, a friend, in a slaughterhouse in Logan Co., W. Va., close to the Kentucky border. While living there, Llewellyn died of diphtheria contracted during a visit of Bertha and children home to Watson where other children had had the disease but did not die. [KDS note - Lillian recalls the death; Her mother got pregnant 'right away' to have another boy. Turned out to be a girl - Ethel.]

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[Per Lillian in 1995, the Showalter house was a small bungalow in Watson, likely one story, on the main road from Fairmont. Watson was a small collection of homes with no town center as a reference. The bridge to Fairmont was within walking distance if you walked out of the house and to the right. A cemetery was adjacent to the house, separated by a fence. Ethel and Lillian could see it out of their rear bedroom(s) at night. The front living room was carpeted - out of bounds for dirty children, though that was more likely a mistaken recollection of the grandparent Dodd's home. Cooking was done over a coal stove - she recalls picking up pieces of coal from the roadside with her mother. Lillian recalls nights spent sitting by the fireplace with her father, who she felt close to and who would teach her; Her teachers thought she had had much schooling as a result. The grandparent Dodd's home, built by the grandfather, likely two stories, was out in the country, down the main road to the left (away from Fairmont), followed by a right turn down a small, possibly dirt road, on a rise on the right side. Lillian's grandmother was from a plantation "down the road'.]

Schoolbooks had to be bought by parents. Education was hard to come by in W. Va. for small children in the Mt. region. There was lots of deep snow and schools far apart and no buses. No goulashes, but high-top leather shoes, greased well. The family lived well on a small farm for a while - large peach orchard, wild strawberries, and buckwheat, flour, sugar bought in barrel. Bertha learned from her mother how to make fine white bread and was a wonderful cook so always had a bountiful table with the root cellar, home-canned vegetables, jams, jellies, peach and apple butter. [KDS note - Lillian recalls stirring the pot of apples in the Dodd's back yard to make butter.] So many families had to make do with pancakes instead of bread, even in school lunches.

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Ethel was always at home until her marriage to LeRoy Algier. Even then, Ethel and LeRoy lived [at home] with the Showalter family in Downingtown, Pa.

Joseph [later] worked in Harbison-Walker stone quarry at Narnon, Pa until there was a bad [broken cable] accident with a young man killed that unnerved Joseph. [KDS note - who went home and burned his clothing and quit the job]. The quarry was closed as Joseph ran the operation. Bertha, Joseph and Ethel moved back to Downingtown in a new house. (Lillian was in Ridley Park, Taylor Hospital Training school at the time). Ethel married LeRoy Algier in 1928.

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Ten years a 'widow', Ethel married [L.] Donald Hart. [Donald ten years her junior.] They live in Mountville, Pa, 210 S. Manor St., where Mother Bertha Showalter lived with Ethel until her death in Oct 9, 1961, aged 82. [Died of cancer and a failing heart. Had a breast removed in 1958] After marriage, Ethel worked, and Mother kept house for her.

[Both Ethel and Donald were in wheel chairs in 1990; Ethel died 12 noon, October 22, 1991; funeral October 25.]

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[per Lillian, 1995, she returned home to Downingtown after graduation and went to work for a hospital on a hill above Coatesville; sister Ethel, who also lived in Coatesville prior to her divorce, occasionally visited. Also worked briefly for doctors in the vicinity of Taylor Hospital, taking care of sick patients in their homes, or working at Taylor Hospital, a few weeks at a time, to fill in her schedule. She recalls disliking hospital work - sore feet from standing and walking all shift long.]

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Update 1988: Susan married Martin John Herson 5/30/87. Earl and Lillian living Wiley Village, Marlton, NJ.

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[KDS note - I utilized the 1979 version in the ordering of the Dodd children which differs from the 1990 version.]

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3 Lawrence - lived in Fairmont; Married and divorced; Gave his infant child Louise to mother Alice Dodd to raise. Lawrence died February 22, 1966.

4 Alma - married B. B. Jett. Lived in Redondo, Cal. Several children. Died in Hawthorne, Cal. in early 1970's.

5 Cora - married a Mr. Lyzhoft in Minn. Cora previously had two girls. Opal was left with the grandparent Dodds as an infant. Cora took the other daughter, Thelma, west with her. The Lyzhofts had 3 sons - one killed in a car accident at age 20 and Clifford and Richard, who winters in Fl. Cora died in Rochester, NJ [NJ?] in 1970.

6 Eva Minear - had two boys and lived in Rialto, Cal. Died in Ohio near Cambridge.

7 Inez - wife to John Schaffer. Had 7 girls and 2 boys. Lived in Cambridge, Ohio. John Schaffer died first and then Inez in early 1970 [1970's?]. Inez kept in touch with all of the family and when mother Alice Dodd died in Ohio, Inez kept her father until he died at age 92.

8 Clarence - cross-eyed, teenage boy when Showalters lived in Watson - no record of him.

9 William - born October 26, 1903. Lives in Cambridge, Ohio. Married Elizabeth (Lizzy). Had several sons and in 1979, 15 grandchildren.

Alice lost some infants. Of the Dodd's nine children, three resembled their father - Bertha, Alma, and William, Jr., all with dark hair and dark eyes. All others had sandy hair and blue/gray eyes. William, Sr., had a large nose which William, Jr. also had, except that William, Jr. was short and looks like Jimmy Durante.

Much of the family moved from W. Va. to Ohio to work in the glass factories there."

Exhibit - Comments written by Lillian in 1990 to Richard and Marie Lyzhof about Cora, Richard's mother:

"My mother Bertha was closer to Cora than to the other sisters. Bertha bought a singer sewing machine and she and Cora sewed and made most clothing. I was about 6 years old but I seem to remember Cora as a tall, thin, light, brown hair, gray-eyed person? Earl and I visited Inez and John Schaffer in Ohio. They had come to my Mother's funeral before that. I met Bill or William Dodd - he could pass for the actor Durante, big nose like his father. Inez had 6 girls and 2 or 3 boys?

Cora as a young woman worked in Fairmont. She met a man who was constructing a road thro. They had two daughters. Man was killed in construction. Cora answered an ad from a man in (Minn?) as the young woman were doing in those days (I think my Mother did too). Cora left one little girl with her mother to raise and took Thelma with her. Had 3 sons after that."

Exhibit - Comments of Lillian in 1995:

Lillian darkest of the four children.

Father had dark hair and blue eyes.

Lived in favorite house when nursing. Winding staircase, four front porches, but old.

Grandparent Dodds lived in right on rise, house built by grandfather.

Father left Lillian with another woman who had two kids, girl about same age as MiMi. Bertha in hospital about 30 days for unknown operation [this would have been the miscarriage] when Joseph was working with George in PA.

Rented end-of-the-row house in Mt. Union just after Llewellyn died.

Grandmother Dodd came from plantation down the road.

Lillian disliked George's wife, Sally.

cable broke; burned clothes.

Mother often away a week at a time w/sisters and Ethel. MiMi with Grandmom - liked her.

quit quarry job; carpenter at Downingtown. Lillian in training.

Fairmont house - one story; Dodds - two story. Father would sit at the fireplace and teach.

Teachers thought she had been to school.

After Llewellyn died, got pregnant right away to have another boy.

Mr. Taylor died 6 months prior to Lillian entering Nursing School [at Taylor Hospital]. After graduation, came home to Downingtown. Then worked at hospital on hill overlooking Coatesville. Ethel occasionally visited. For a brief time, Lillian worked for doctors in the vicinity of Taylor Hospital taking care of their patients at home. To fill in her schedule she would also work at the hospital for a few weeks. hospital floor - disliked the sore feet

Believes she still worked after marriage and after birth of son.

Lillian and Earl likely lived for a time with his parents after marriage.

Exhibit - KDS conversation with Lillian, 1/8/95:

Grandfather (Jacob) and father (Joseph) cut timber when Lillian was young. The maternal grandparents and wife came from Wales. Father had earlier worked on trains, probably shoveling coal. Father had served in the Army, but saw no fighting as his ship never landed on Cuba. On his return through W. Virginia, met Bertha Dodd.

As a young girl, Lillian spent much time with grandmother [Dodd], whom she was fond of, while her mother took care of mother's younger sisters, who had many babies to tend to. Ethel, born four years after Lillian, stayed with the mother.

Father took family to ___ and then to Mt. Union. Father moved first and then called for wife and daughter to join him, both of whom were living with grandmother. Ethel was probably not born yet. Lived in end house of row homes. Lillian stayed with Uncle George and Aunt Sarah until their furniture arrived. Also nearby was father's sister Cora, whom Lillian did not really get along with. Mother went in hospital for a while, during which time Lillian was returned to W. Virginia.

Lillian believes her father's brother Henry, married an Indian girl; brother George may also have spent time with Indian women.

Lillian saw her mother's brothers only in passing.

Lillian, as a young girl, read a book entitled "Just David" which prompted her to name her son with same name.

Lillian has always said she had Indian blood in her as an explanation of her very dark complexion, which was partially passed on to her son and grandson (per Lillian, she was the darkest of her parents' four children). She recalled several times that an ancestor had married a Cherokee girl from the Carlisle School of Indians, near Pittsburgh. Per 1/8/95 visit with her, she now gives a more believable explanation, saying her dark complexion came from her father and was simply a result of his German ancestry. She says the Indian connection comes from her Uncle Henry, brother to her father Joseph, who had married an Indian girl and had been looked down upon by Joseph and possibly others in the family as a result.

Exhibit - per <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~annieron/Dunkards Mennonites and Quakers.html> :

Up until the 16th century, Europeans were essentially Catholic. But just about the time that Columbus was "discovering" America, Martin Luther in Germany, Zwingli in Switzerland, Calvin in Geneva and Knox in Scotland were publicly questioning the Catholic Church. Thus began a period of religious rebellion.

Among the rebel religions were the "peace churches": German Baptist (Dunkard), Anabaptist (Mennonite), and Society of Friends (Quaker). These religions had these things in common:

Simplicity: They believed in a simple life style based on the teachings of the Bible. They refused to take oaths of allegiance, claiming that their allegiance was to God.

Non-violence: They refused to participate in the many wars against the French and Indians, and later the British.

Direct communication with God: They did not believe in the elaborate rituals, political structure, and dogma associated with mainstream churches. Each individual was to seek that of God within himself and act accordingly.

Because of these differences with the normal civil order, there was a separation from the mainstream culture of the new colonies. To make matters worse, the Brethren and the Mennonites spoke German, separating them even further from the English-speaking populations.

The Mennonites were the first, originating in 1625 in Switzerland. Their main argument with other religions, besides those mentioned above, was the baptizing of infants. They insisted that religion came from within, and that an infant was incapable of comprehending baptism. This rite was performed when an individual was able to choose freely.

Religious intolerance sent the Mennonites off to America early on. In 1683, thirteen of them set off from Krefeld, Germany, aboard the ship "Concord". They arrived in Philadelphia in October, 1683, and founded Germantown. Soon, however, they had headed towards the frontier. Basic in the Mennonite belief was that, in order to live their Christian lifestyle, they had to isolate themselves from the evils of society, and the frontier gave them the space to do so.

The Quakers were next, being founded in 1652 by George Fox. The Quakers objected to church ritual. Their church services, called "meetings", had no minister and no hymns; instead they sat in silence, each giving testimony as the spirit moved them.

The Quakers also were pushed out of Europe by religious intolerance, and settled in Rhode Island at first, and then in Pennsylvania when it was established in 1682. From there, they followed the frontier as it developed. Unlike the Mennonites and the Dunkards, the Quakers were politically active, speaking out against war, against slavery, against any injustice they saw. One of the factors sending them west was the need to survive economically without slaves.

Then came the Dunkards, started in 1708 in Schwarzenau, Germany. Like the Mennonites, the Dunkards were Anabaptists, believing in adult baptism. In 1719 Peter Becker led a group of Dunkards to Krefeld, Germany and from there to Germantown, Pennsylvania. This was the beginning of the Palatine immigration phase, with inhabitants of the Palatine region of Germany heading for America in great numbers.

From: German Migration to North America, originally posted in ROOTS-L by Melissa Alexander" on Apr 8, 1998:

According to Baxter, there were a number of reasons for the great migrations: poor crops, bad winters, heavy taxes, military service, religious persecution and, most of all, the devastation caused by the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) and subsequent invasions of the Rhineland by France in 1673, 1688, and 1707.

As the west opened up, the practitioners of these three religions moved westward. Perhaps they hoped to find isolation from the pressures of mainstream culture; perhaps they simply wanted a better life. At any rate, these ancestors were true pioneers.

**Exhibit - per <http://genforum.genealogy.com/showalter/messages/554.html>:
[Complete Showalter Genealogy also available at www.pastuzyn.com/showalter.pdf]**

Showalter Family in America

Posted by: Wilmer L. Kerns Date: October 21, 2001 at 12:23:21

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Three Showalter Immigrants

It is believed that three Showalter brothers came to America during the 1744-1750 period, and that most of the Showalters in the United States may be traced back to two of them. In 1744, John Showalter, allegedly came as a missionary, landing at Philadelphia on the ship Mascliff Galley. His subsequent history in Pennsylvania is not clear, but scholars have found no evidence that John left descendants.

Christian Showalter came to PA in 1749 and settled along Conestoga Creek in Lancaster County, where he died in 1799. Some of his descendants intermarried with Jacob's descendants. [Note: See Lloyd G. Terrell, *Ancestors and Descendants of Reuben Showalter*, (Bellingham, Washington), 1980, 556 pages. This book is concerned primarily with Christian Showalter and some of his descendants.]

Jacob Showalter, the third immigrant, was born circa 1703, and emigrated from the Palatine region of Germany to America, passing through Rotterdam. His boat, Ship Brotherhood, landed at Philadelphia on Nov. 3, 1750 [Note: Ralph B. Straussburger, and William John Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co.), 1975, V. 1, p. 448]. Named on the passenger list were five Showalter male children who were over 16 years of age. Some of Jacob's descendants intermarried with Christian's descendants.

Showalter was a very common name in Switzerland, and well known in Germany. In fact, "Schowalter" was the third-most frequent name in Germany, following Krehbiel and Stauffer. (Note: Don Yoder, editor, *Rhineland Emigrants: Lists of German Settlers in Colonial America*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co.), 1981, pp. 102, 139). It can be safely assumed that immigrant Jacob Showalter was an Anabaptist who followed the tradition of Menno Simons, a people called the Mennonites. By-and-large, the early generations in America adhered to the Mennonite Church, but descendants have been steadily dropping out. In the 20th century, Mennonites who left the Church in Rockingham County (VA) often selected the Church of the Brethren for their new home. Only one branch of the family in America converted to Roman Catholicism. Immigrant Jacob's son Ulrick Showalter (1743-1815) had a son named Joseph Showalter (1774-1859), and Joseph had a son named John Showalter (born in Rockingham County in 1796 and died in Fayette County, PA in 1880). This John and his wife, Mary Ann Donnelly are buried in the St. Vincent's Cemetery at Latrobe, PA. At least two members of this family entered service in a Roman Catholic Convent. (Note: Letter to Grace Showalter, librarian at EMU dated May 7, 1976, from Albert K. Showalter, RR2, Box 248-D, Georgetown, DE 19947. Copy of letter in hands of the compiler.)

Dr. William J. Showalter (1878-1935) believed that the Showalters lived during the late 17th century in the Canton of St. Gall, located in the foothills of the Alps Mountains. In 1712, some of these families moved into the Rhineland-country in the region of Pfaltz. Here they spent several decades recouping their fortunes before setting sail for America. (Note: *Daily News-Record*, Harrisonburg, VA, Monday August 7, 1933. Comments were printed after Dr. William J. Showalter addressed a Showalter family reunion).

This compiler has not conducted research in Switzerland or Germany, but found a letter by Jochen Showalter, who recently visited EMU in Harrisonburg, VA. The letter said, "Jakob Showalter, the ancestor of the American Showalters, came to America in 1750 with the 'Brotherhood,' to Lancaster County. His brother Hans, born about 1700 in Schafbusch near Weibenburg in Alsace, lived at Geibberg since 1730 and certainly also Jakob." Writer of the letter stated that these findings were among the papers of his late father. Letter dated "11. 12. 1995" to Harold Huber, librarian at the Menno Simons Historical Library, EMU in Harrisonburg, VA, from Jochen Showalter, Am Stahlberg 7, 67808 Bennhausen, Germany. Letter is in a file-box called Showalter correspondence in the open stacks

After arriving in this country, Jacob took his family to Old Northampton (now Lehigh) County, near Allentown, where he owned 450 acres of land. In 1759, Jacob Showalter the elder and Maria deeded to William Allen an undivided half-interest in a tract of land in Whitehall Township, Northampton County. (Note: Northampton County (PA) Deed Book B1, page 190). His will, dated March 17, 1767, was written in Lancaster County. Jacob allegedly died in 1775 at the home of his daughter, Margaret (Showalter) Bassler. Four members of the Basler family came on the emigrant ship with the Showalters.

More than likely immigrant Jacob was a weaver, based on the fact that several of his children chose that occupation.

"The old cemetery in Cementon where Jacob Showalter Sr. the progenitor lies buried was conveyed March 10, 1770 by David Chambers to Joseph Showalter, Henry Funk, Peter Fried, and Jacob Baer in trust and for the Mennonite congregation of Whitehall and Allen Twnshps." [Note: John B. Stoudt, *The Life and Times of Col. John Siegfried*, (Northampton, Pennsylvania), 1914, pp. 29-31]

In 1771, Joseph Showalter sold his farm to Conrad Leisenring; John Showalter to Christopher Kern; and Jacob Showalter Jr. to George Koehler, and the three brothers resettled in Lancaster County. Several years later their brother-in-law, Peter Bassler, probably after the death of immigrant Jacob Showalter, Sr., sold out in Whitehall Township and joined his kinsmen in Lancaster County.

The name of Jacob's spouse is not proven, although she is speculated by several researchers to have been nee Marie Saunders.

Children of Jacob and Marie Showalter Sr. were:

(Note: The ordinal listing of the children is developed from circumstantial evidence. The chronological order of the ship's passenger list of signatures may be more realistic, viz, Jacob Jr., John, Joseph, Christian, and Peter Showalter, respectively):

1. Peter Showalter Sr. was born circa 1726 and died intestate about 1756 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His estate was settled on Dec. 8, 1756. The name of Peter's wife was probably either Mary or Catherine, whose names are mentioned in the estate settlement. Three unnamed children are cited in the estate papers. Peter's brother, Joseph Showalter, was the sole administrator for the estate. Researchers have suggested that Peter Sr. had a son named Peter Showalter Jr., who married Barbara and migrated to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Another son was Jacob Showalter who lived in Bedminister Township, Bucks County, PA. According to a deed, Jacob's wife was named Mary. (Note: See Bucks County, Pennsylvania Deed Book 20, pp. 337-339, and Deed Book 25, pp. 274-275, and Book G, Vol 3d, p. 33). Here is a problem that most researchers have not detected: Peter was listed as the eldest son in his father's will that was written on March 7, 1767 and probated on April 28, 1773. If Peter died in 1756, why didn't Jacob Sr. state that his eldest son was deceased? The will says, "Further, I do ordain that my eldest son Peter Showalter, or his heirs&ldots;" It appears to this writer that the terminology "or his heirs&ldots;" explains the situation, considering the fact that both children of Peter Sr. were named in the will. No other grandchildren were mentioned in Jacob's will. Jopson allegedly solved the problem, but I was not able to locate his comments from papers deposited in the archives of the Menno Simons Historical Library, EMU, at Park View (Harrisonburg, VA).

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Exhibit - 1880 census per www.familysearch.org:

Name Relation Marital Status Gender Race Age Birthplace Occupation Father's Birthplace
Mother's Birthplace

William DODD Self M Male W 34 VA Works On Farm VA VA
 Alice DODD Wife M Female W 18 VA Keeping House VA VA
 Bertha J. DODD Dau S Female W 6M W. VA VA VA
 Lewis S. BENNETT HBro S Male W 24 VA Works On Farm VA VA

Census Place - Coal, Harrison, West Virginia

 Name Relation Marital Status Gender Race Age Birthplace Occupation Father's Birthplace
Mother's Birthplace

Hugh KYLE Self M Male W 47 PA Farmer IRE PA
 Sarah J. KYLE Wife M Female W 35 PA Keeping House PA PA
 David J. KYLE Son S Male W 18 PA Laborer PA PA
 Mary KYLE Dau S Female W 17 PA At Home PA PA
John H. KYLE Son S Male W 14 PA Laborer PA PA
 William S. KYLE Son S Male W 12 PA Laborer PA PA
 George M. KYLE Son S Male W 9 PA PA PA
 Rebecca KYLE Dau S Female W 7 PA PA PA
 Anna M. KYLE Dau S Female W 4 PA PA PA
 Andrew KYLE Son S Male W 2 PA PA PA

Census Place - Barree, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

 Name Relation Marital Status Gender Race Age Birthplace Occupation Father's Birthplace
Mother's Birthplace

Samuel KYLE Self M Male W 65 PA Laborer PA PA
 Christina KYLE Wife M Female W 56 PA Keeping House PA PA
John A. KYLE Son S Male W 13 PA Laborer PA PA
 Lucinda KYLE Dau S Female W 11 PA At Home PA PA

Census Place Juniata, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Exhibit - John Kyle Marriage as submitted to www.familysearch.org:

John KYLE, sex – M, birth – about 1866 Huntingdon, Pa

Spouse: Hetty SHOWALTER

Marriage: 17 Oct 1889

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