

Photo Identification – courtesy of Patricia Dumont <psd5555@aol.com>

George Yates Signor and Ida Antoinette Rowe's 55th Wedding Anniversary – May 3, 1931

I have added married names to the female members who married. Any name with * means I have not been able to positively identify the person using other photos but I have used common sense, checking invitation list, learning who is related to whom and making predictions based on census records for 1930. Parents with children were logically grouped together with age and gender matching those individuals. Many in the photo are known to me because I knew them in life. George and Ida's children appear in other photos which are positively identified and I am able to say, with certainty, that it is them. When children came along it was necessary to make assumptions such as: baby on lap of mother sitting next to father and age appropriate on census records IS actually their child named _____, born _____ etc.

All people in the photo are related to George and Ida by blood or by marriage with the exception of their minister and his wife, persons #51 and #52 who are James Moffett and Phoebe Moffett. Clearly, they were thought of as family and it was important to include them.

My goal is to tell each person's story and share with those who are interested in our ancestors. I am mesmerized by this photo and I have grown to love and value each person and how they contributed to the family. The eldest son of George and Ida, named Watson Buris Signor, is missing. That is a story to be told as well.

My apologies to my uncles Marvin and Merwin, identical twins; they are indistinguishable as toddlers and even in photos as adolescents they are absolutely identical.

1* Gertrude Amanda Signor Bucci b. 20 Oct 1917 in Hancock, Delaware, NY d. 18 Nov 2006, Binghamton, Broome NY (daughter of Ward Wesley Signor and Levina "Vina" Davis Signor)

2 Allyn Carlton Signor b. 5 March 1922, Walton, Delaware, NY, d. July 1985 Walton, Delaware, NY (son of Lowell Arthur Signor and Frances "Keziah" Hawley Signor)

3 Richard W. Signor b. 31 July 1920, Walton, Delaware, NY d. 23 Nov 2013, Binghamton, Broome, NY (son of Lowell Arthur Signor and Frances Keziah "Kizzie" Hawley Signor) I think W. is for Watson but not documented.

4 Rexford Signor Shaw b. 18 Feb 1925 Hamden, Delaware, NY d. 12 May 1991 Greene, Chenango, NY (son of Marvin Charles Shaw and Violet Averil Signor Shaw) (father of the author of this project)

5 Donald Watson Shaw b. 11 Aug 1926 Hamden, Delaware, NY d. 27 Sept 2007 Endicott, Broome, NY (son of Marvin Charles Shaw and Violet Averil Signor Shaw)

6 Dolores Elizabeth Shaw, b. 29 March, 1923 Downsville, Delaware, NY d. 21 Dec. 2005, Apalachin, Tioga, NY (daughter of Marvin Charles Shaw and Violet Averil Signor Shaw)

7 Freda "Lorraine" Shaw, b. 13 May 1921 Downsville, Delaware, NY d. 24 Dec. 1994, Brevard, FL (daughter of Marvin Charles Shaw and Violet Averil Signor Shaw)

8 Elizabeth "Agatha" Signor Larkin b. 8 April, 1920, Walton, Delaware, NY d.12 July 2010, Ulster Park, Ulster, NY (daughter of Lowell and Frances Hawley Signor)

9 James R. Hoyt, b. 12 Feb. 1928 Downsville, Delaware, NY d. 31 July 2015, Downsville, Delaware, NY (son of George Hoyt and Shirlie Etta Signor Hoyt) Shirlie is correct spelling

10 Robert Signor Hoyt, b.2 July 1919, Downsville, Delaware, NY d. 13 Feb 1977, Downsville, Delaware, NY (son of George Hoyt and Shirlie Etta Signor Hoyt)

11 Marvin Charles Shaw, b. 14 Sept, 1929, Endicott, Broome, NY. d. 1 June, 2010, Johnson City, Broome, NY (identical twin to Merwin) The names Marvin and Merwin are used in previous generations

on the Shaw family.

12 Violet Averil Signor Shaw, b. 7 Dec. 1897 Downsville, Delaware, NY, d. 3 May 1969, Johnson City, Broome, NY (daughter of George Yates Signor, Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor)

13 Merwin Douglas Shaw b. 14 Sept. 1929, Endicott, Broome, NY d. 24 March 2002 (identical twin) to Marvin Gerald Shaw, (son of Marvin and Violet Signor Shaw) No one is certain who is who, 11 vs 13

14 Marvin Charles Shaw b. 2 Nov. 1898, Downsville, Delaware, NY, d. 3 May 1969, Johnson City, Broome, NY (husband of Violet)

15 Robert Earl Signor 30 Dec. 1927 Pepacton, Delaware, NY d. 20 Sept 1994 Sarasota, Manatee, FL (adopted son of Charles "Earl" Signor and Mae Davis Campbell Signor) this little boy may have been Mae's unmarried sister's child.

16 Charles "Earl" Signor, b. 15 April, 1886, Hamden, Delaware, NY, d. 2 Aug. 1963 (son of George Yates Signor and Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor)

17 Mae Davis Campbell Signor b.23 Feb, 1888 Colchester, Delaware, NY d. 5 May 1973, Williamsburg, MA(Earl's wife)

18 Grace Mary Cameron Signor b. 24 Dec 1886, NY, d. 14 Mar 1950 NY (2nd wife of Revilo Rowe Signor) His first wife died early in their marriage, no children either relationship

19 Revilo Rowe Signor, b. 24 May, 1881 Hamden, Delaware, NY d. 8 Oct 1968 Delhi, Delaware, NY son of George Yates Signor and Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor

20 Gertrude Elizabeth Ostrum Signor June 1894 Fishers Eddy, Delaware, NY d-1967 Walton, Delaware, NY (wife of Ivan George Signor)

21 Ivan George Signor, b. 13 Jan, 1885 Hamden, Delaware, NY, d. 17 Feb. 1968 Downsville, Delaware, NY son of George Yates Signor and Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor

22 George Yates Signor, 2 Nov 1853 Hamden, Delaware, NY, d. 31 March 1938 Downsville, Delaware, NY celebrating 55 years of marriage

23 Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor, b. 12 May 1856 Colchester, Delaware, NY d. 14 July 1937, Downsville, Delaware, NY celebrating 55 years of marriage

24 James R. Hoyt b. 12 Feb. 1928 d. 31 July 2015 (son of George and Shirlie)

26 Lowell Arthur Signor Sr. b. 7 August 1888, Terry Clove, Delaware, NY d. 7 August 1982 Ulster Park, Ulster, NY

25 Shirlie Etta Signor Hoyt (later Warren) b. 16 July 1892 Hamden, Delaware, NY d. Feb 1976 Delhi, Delaware, NY (non-traditional spelling, Shirlie is correct. She also had a very distinct writing style and her headstone is carved using her unique signature.

27 Lowell Arthur Signor Jr. 21 July 1930 South Kortright, Delaware, NY d. 6 April 2002, Winter Haven, Polk, FL (not yet 1 year old)

28 Frances Keziah "Kizzie" Hawley Signor b. 31 July, 1888 Colchester, Delaware, NY d. 26 Jan 1966 Kingston, Ulster, Ulster NY (Lowell's wife)

29 Faith M Signor, b. 1930 daughter of Sarah Olive Brink Signor and Duane Darwin Signor

30 Sarah Olive Brink, b. 26 Sept. 1902 probably Broome County, NY, d. 31 July 1989 Santa Anna, Orange, CA (wife of Duane Darwin Signor)

31 Duane Darwin Signor b. 8 Nov 1898, NY, d. 26 Dec 1977, Santa Anna, Orange CA (husband of

Sarah Olive Brink)

32* Howell Davis Signor (son of Ward Wesley Signor and Vena Davis Signor) awaiting confirmation

33 Ward Wesley Signor, 13 March, 1878 Telford Hollow, Delaware, NY d. 3 May 1956 Binghamton, Broome, NY (his father, Daniel Wesley Signor is brother to George Y. Signor)

34 George Hoyt b. 18 Mar, 1891, d. May 1967 Delhi, Delaware, NY (husband of Shirlie Etta Signor)

35 *Levina "Vina" Davis Signor b. Dec. 1880 Cooks Falls, Rockland, NY d. (wife of Ward Wesley Signor)

36 Ida Lyle Signor Fortune (later, Gilkerson) b. 21 Oct. 1885 Ohio, d. 19 Nov 1971

37 Abram H. Hoyt b. 14 June 1854 Delaware County, NY d. 23 Jan 1933, (father of George Hoyt)

38 Ida Margaret Hoyt b. 2 Aug. 1916 d. 9 Sept 2003 (daughter of George and Shirlie)

39 Margaret Ann Orr Hoyt, b Perth, Scotland. 29 March 1869, d. 19 August 1943 Delhi, NY

40 Andrew Houck b. 1872 NY, d. 3 Feb 1978 NY (husband of Georgiana Signor Houck)

41 Mr. Alva DeWitt Rowell b. 2 Aug 1877 NY, d, Sept 1967 Delhi, Delaware NY (husband of Lucy Winifred Bull)

42 Georgiana Signor Houck (wife of Andrew J. Houck)

43 *Eva Signor (Georgiana's daughter)

44 Charles Edson Rowe (Ida Antoinette Rowe Signor's brother)

45 Linda Hotchkiss Rowe (wife of Charles Edson Rowe)

46 I labeled this young woman as Eliza Rowe, daughter of Charles Edson Rowe and Linda Hotchkiss as it looks like her from an earlier photo. I was then informed Eliza died in childhood during influenza epidemic. I then assumed this is Videtta Grace Signor, daughter of Martha Angelina Bussey Signor and Joel Burtis Signor) Living grandson of Videtta deny it is her. A journal entry of the visit to this event was found and her placement in the photo (near Martha Angelina Bussey Signor and others of the family tells me it could be Videtta . In case I am in error I am searching for a granddaughter of Lucy Bull or Pearl Walrath etc. who might be this person # 46.

47 Pearl Luella Walrath Signor b. 10 Oct 1884 Nebraska d. March 1977 Downs ville, Delaware, NY

48 Cora Belle Signor Jennings Rice b. Jan 1974, d. 14 Sept 1953 Sullivan County NY (daughter of Martha Bussey Signor and Joel Burris Signor)

49 Martha Angelina Bussey Signor Walrath Butler b. 30 June 1854, Lewbeach , Sullivan, NY d. 6 March 1948 Downs ville, Delaware, NY vs Lucy Serepta Bull age 78

50 Irvin Rice b. 24 June 1884 Rock Hill, Sullivan, NY d. 23 March 1956 Loomis, Sullivan, NY (second husband of Cora Belle Signor)

51 James Moffatt, b. 1871 England, naturalized 1879 d. 1939. Buried Sloatsburg, Sullivan, NY Methodist minister

52 Phoebe Whritenour Moffatt b. 1874 New Jersey, minister's wife d. Ramapo, Rockland, NY

Some individuals have been identified through other family photographs. Some individuals have been identified through photos shared on Delaware County Historical Society Website. Some have been identified though shared photos from Ancestry.com. The fascinating project of looking at one photo and

age progressing or age digression as well as researching each individual has been a labor of love. Learning who belongs to whom has caused me to grow close to each person and I have a sense of appreciation for who they are and how they contributed to my life. If not for them I would not be here.

Missing from photo is George and Ida's first born, Watson Buris Signor, minister, left his wife (Jesse Wealthy Smith) and son Duane, to join with parishioner, a married woman, Esther Hacker, never to be heard from again although there is speculation that he wrote to his mother regularly and she kept those letters secret. A sad story however I believe firmly that his choices are not for me to condemn. God will help mend broken hearts and lives. Knowing that all involved are in His care gives me comfort. Because of the choices made, the grandson of this man, very early in his life, began a pursuit of family history, over 400 documented pages, which became a great gift to all Signor family members.

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