

Descendants of Anna Elizabeth Lawhead and Hiram Way

Generation No. 5.2a

ANNA ELIZABETH⁴ LAWHEAD (*John William⁴, Phebe³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*) was born March 15, 1854 in Clinton Co., OH, and died October 11, 1930 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL. She married **HIRAM WAY** December 09, 1875 in Knox Co., IL, son of **HARMON WAY** and **ELIZABETH WILSON**. He was born August 30, 1855 in London Mills, Fulton Co., IL, and died May 17, 1934 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL.

Children of **ANNA LAWHEAD** and **HIRAM WAY** are:

- i. **BERNICE⁵ WAY**. She m. **ORVILLE DU VAL**.
- ii. **ETHEL WAY**. She m. (1) **O. T. JOHNSON**. She m. (2) (unknown) **LOFLIN**.
- iii. **FLOY WAY**. She m. **L. P. SHOOP**.
- iv. **HARRY G. WAY**.
- v. **CORA MAUDE WAY**, b. October 7, 1876; d. 1948, Mexico, Audrain Co., MO. She m. **JOSEPH FOSTER RODENBAUGH**; b. January 18, 1873; d. April 1964.
- vi. **DELLA NORA WAY**, b. January 27, 1881, London Mills, Fulton Co., IL; d. 1956. She m. **FREDERICK F. RICKORDS** February 14, 1900, East Galesburg, Knox Co., IL; d. February 18, 1948.
- vii. **FREDDIE WAY**, b. May 19, 1892, Knox Co., IL; d. October 17, 1892, Knox Co., IL.

Descendants of Samuel Clayton Lawhead and Bernice Viola Grimes

SAMUEL CLAYTON⁴ LAWHEAD (*John William⁴, Phebe³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*) was born January 31, 1861 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH, and died June 30, 1949 in Maysville, DeKalb Co., MO. He married **BERNICE VIOLA GRIMES** December 31, 1890 in Weldon, Decatur Co., IA. She was born October 22, 1868 in Champaign Co., IL, and died May 01, 1925 in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO.

Children of **SAMUEL LAWHEAD** and **BERNICE GRIMES** are:

- i. **HARVEY AMOS⁵ LAWHEAD**, b. November 3, 1891, Weeping Water, Cass Co., NE; d. February 15, 1968, Amity, DeKalb Co., MO. He m. **BEULAH BLANCHE AKEY** December 10, 1916, Amity, DeKalb Co., MO; b. September 02, 1893, DeKalb Co., MO; d. January 19, 1971, Amity, DeKalb Co., MO.
- ii. **ROY ELMORE LAWHEAD**, b. November 25, 1905, MO; d. September 1985, Wenatchee, Chelan Co., WA. He m. **CLEATIS G. DYE**.

Descendants of Lydia Catherine Lawhead and George E. Baily

LYDIA CATHERINE⁵ LAWHEAD (*John William⁴, Phebe³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*) was born January 30, 1866 in Clinton Co., OH, and died October 27, 1943 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL. She married **GEORGE EWING BAILY** June 01, 1885 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL, son of **RUBEN BAILY** and **ELIZABETH MORELAND**. He was born Abt. 1856 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL and died Bef. 1900.

Children of **LYDIA LAWHEAD** and **GEORGE BAILY** are:

- i. **FLORENCE⁶ BAILY**, b. August 14, 1885, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; d. April 19, 1979, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL.
- ii. **HERBERT L. BAILY**, b. August 8, 1887, Knox Co., IL.

ANNA ELIZABETH LAWHEAD 1854 -1930
and
HIRAM WAY 1855 -1934

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SAMUEL CLAYTON LAWHEAD 1861 -1949
and
BERNICE VIOLA GRIMES 1868 - 1925

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LYDIA CATHERINE LAWHEAD 1886 - 1943
and
GEORGE EWING BAILY Abt. 1856 - Bef. 1900

Anna Lawhead Marries A Son Of An Illinois Pioneer

The oldest child of John and Susan Lawhead, Anna Elizabeth Lawhead, was just fifteen years old when she traveled with her family to a new home in Knox County, Illinois. There she met and married Hiram Way on December 9, 1875.¹ Hiram's parents, Harmon Way and Elizabeth Wilson, had come to Illinois from Ohio in the fall of 1841, raised eight children and established themselves as prosperous community members.

We should not fail to mention among the more important, progressive and practical farmers identified with Knox County, the name of the gentleman [Harmon Way] of whom this biography is written. His home is situated on section 22 of Chestnut township, and he is by occupation an agriculturist, and in connection with this branch of business carried on the breeding and raising of stock. . . .Mr. Way is one of the pioneers of this section, who has grown wealthy and influential in pursuing his own chosen path of duty. He is the possessor of 200 acres of fine land, and devotes his time to that and the other above-named interests. When he first came into the State he spent part of his time in hunting, as he is naturally a sportsman, and game was plentiful in the early days. Deer, wolves, wild fowl and foxes fairly flocked about him, and he considers he should exaggerate in no way if he claimed to have killed 500 deer in this county. He has also slain many wolves. Gradually he has watched the growth of the county and may pardonably consider himself one of its oldest and strongest pillars.²

Anna and Hiram Way had eight children. It is believed that Hiram was a farmer and the family lived in or near Knoxville. Anna died October 11, 1930 and Hiram, four years later, on May 17, 1934.³ Both are buried in the Knoxville Cemetery.

Anna Elizabeth, daughter of Matilda (Coffman) Lawhead, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, March 15, 1854, and passed away October 11, 1930, in the home of

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her sister, Mrs. Rolland Fox, in Knoxville. While in poor health for two years her last illness was of only four days' duration. In 1869 the family moved to Illinois, settling near Knoxville, where practically all of the remainder of her life was spent. She was baptized in the Christian church at the age of sixteen and was active in the work of her church for many years. She was united in marriage to Hiram Way, December 9, 1875, and to this union were born eight children, six of whom survive: Mrs. Maud [Joseph Foster] Rodenbaugh, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. [Della] Fred Rickords, Galesburgh; Mrs. [Ethel] O. T. Johnson, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. [Bernice] Orville Dubal [Du Val], Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. [Floy] L. B. Shoop, Dallas, Texas; and Harry Way of Chicago. Besides her husband and children there are left to mourn her death three sisters, Mrs. [Alice] Rolland Fox and Mrs. Lydia Bailey of Knoxville; Mrs. [Mattie] John Dayton, Ottumwa, Iowa; Sam Lawhead, Amity, Mo., and Mrs. Anna Lawhead of Bartlet, Iowa: also nineteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. . . .Interment was made in the Knoxville cemetery. . . .⁴

Funeral services for Hiram Way were held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in the Christian church, conducted by Rev. Willis W. Vose. . . .Interment was in the Knoxville cemetery. Hiram, son of Harmon and Elizabeth (Wilson) Way, was born near London Mills August 30, 1855, and passed away in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Della Rickords Thursday. He was one of a family of nine children, eight boys and one girl, only two of whom survive, Jackson Way of Holton, Kan., and Harmon Way of Elmwood. He was married December 9, 1875, to Elizabeth Lawhead, and to them were born eight children. Two died in infancy and the wife passed away October 11, 1930. The surviving children are Mrs. Maude Rodenbaugh, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. Della Richords, Knoxville; Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Lodi, Calif., Mrs. Bernice Du Val, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Foy Shoop, Dallas, Tex.; and Harry G. Way of Glen Ellyn. There are also 17 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 8 great grandchildren.⁵



Samuel Lawhead And Son, Harvey, Carry On The Farming Tradition

Samuel Clayton Lawhead was the second son of John and Susan Lawhead. While he was listed in the Census of 1870 as their nine year old son living at home, he is not found anywhere in the Census of 1880.⁶ Apparently he had left his family to seek employment in a western prairie state. On December 31, 1890, at the age of twenty-eight, he married Bernice Viola Grimes at Weldon, Decatur County, Iowa. Their wedding certificate records that Samuel was a resident of Weeping Water, Nebraska, just south of Omaha.⁷ Samuel and Bernice had two sons: Harvey Amos Lawhead, born November 15, 1891, in Nebraska, and Roy Elmore Lawhead, born November 25, 1905, in Missouri. About 1905 Samuel and Bernice settled on a farm in Amity, DeKalb County, Missouri.⁸ Bernice died May 1, 1925 and Samuel lived to be eighty-eight at which age he died on June 30, 1949. Their obituaries briefly record their life histories.

Bernice Viola Grimes was born in Champaign county, Illinois October 22, 1868, died in St. Joseph, Mo. May 1, 1925, aged 56 years, 6 months and 9 days. On December 31, 1890 she was united in marriage to Samuel Clayton Lawhead. To

this union 2 sons were born. Harvey Amos Lawhead of Stewartsville and Roy Elmore Lawhead of Amity. Mr. and Mrs. Lawhead have made their home in Amity for the last 21 years. . . .Burial in the Amity cemetery.⁹

Retired farmer, 88 years of age, passes away at home of his son and family Thursday, June 30. Samuel C. Lawhead, 88 years old, a retired farmer of DeKalb County died Thursday afternoon, June 30 at the home of his son Harvey Lawhead and family near Maysville. He had lived in the Amity community where he was a farmer until some sixteen years ago when he moved to the home of his son to make his home. Samuel Clayton Lawhead, son of John and Susan Matilda Lawhead, was born January 31, 1861, near Wilmington, Ohio. He departed this life on June 30, 1949 at the age of 88 years and 5 months at the home of his son Harvey A. Lawhead, Maysville, Mo.¹⁰ Five sisters and one brother had preceded him in death. In the year of 1890 he was married to Bernice Via Grimes, and to this union were born two children, Harvey Lawhead of Maysville and Roy Lawhead of Seattle, Washington. . . .Burial was in the Amity cemetery.¹¹

Additional Information About The Children Of Samuel And Bernice Lawhead

Harvey Amos Lawhead followed in his father's footsteps. His life was spent farming near Amity, DeKalb County, Missouri. When he was twenty-five he married Beulah Blanche Akey in Amity.

A marriage license was issued from County Recorder J. Clay Moorman's office here Saturday, December 9th to Harvey A. Lawhead and Miss Beulah B. Akey, both of Amity, Mo. They were married at Amity Sunday, December 10th, by the Rev. A. J. Brock, pastor of the M. E. church of Amity. The bridegroom is a prominent young farmer of the Amity community, and has many friends in this city. Mrs. Lawhead formerly taught school in this county, and is a highly educated and accomplished young woman. She is well known to quite a number of Maysville people, having been here many times attending teachers' institutes and teachers' examinations.¹²

Harvey and Beulah had four children: Calvin Clayton, Viola Blanche, James Akey and Ruth Ann Lawhead. Harvey died on February 15, 1968¹³ and Beulah on January 19, 1971. Both are buried in the Ridgeville community cemetery.

Funeral services are being held today for Harvey Amos Lawhead, 76, of Amity who passed away Monday night at a hospital in St. Joseph following surgery. Interment was in Ridgeville Cemetery. . . .Harvey Amos Lawhead, son of Samuel Clayton and Bernice Viola Lawhead was born November 3, 1891 at Weeping Water, Nebraska, and passed away February 12, 1968 at the St. Joseph Hospital at the age of 76 years, 3 months and 9 days. Mr. Lawhead lived part of his childhood in Iowa and moved to Missouri in 1905. On December 10 1916 he married Beulah Blanche Akey, and they resided at Amity, Missouri. . . .Mr. Lawhead was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Judy Ann Fay, who passed away January 26, 1968. He is survived by his wife Beulah and four children: Calvin of San Antonio, Texas, James of St. Joseph, Mrs. Viola Fay of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Mrs. Ruth Ann Brown of Rapid City, South Dakota. He

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is further survived by one brother, Roy E. Lawhead of Ephrata, Washington; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.¹⁴

Beulah Blanche Akey was born September 5, 1893 to James Calvin and Gertrude May (Smith) Akey. She passed away January 19, 1971. She was a native of DeKalb Co., attending school at Amity and Normal School at Cameron. This enabled her to teach in various schools. When she was 13 years old, her mother died leaving Beulah with three younger brothers and one sister to help her father raise and care for. She did this willingly. On Dec. 10, 1916 she was united in marriage to Harvey A. Lawhead of Amity. They celebrated 51 years together. She is survived by 2 sons; Calvin of San Antonio, Tex., and James of St. Joseph, Mo., [and] two daughters, Viola Fay of Scottsdale, AZ, and Ruth Ann Brown of Rapid City, SD. She is further survived by 8 grandchildren; Roger Lawhead, Mary and Linda Fay, Jeanne, Gary, Joseph, James and Peggy Brown. Burial at Ridgeville community cemetery.¹⁵

Nothing is known of the life of Roy Lawhead except that he moved to Washington where he died in September 1985, in Wenatchee, Chelan County.¹⁶



Lydia Struggles To Support Herself And Her Children

Lydia Catherine Lawhead, the sixth child of John and Susan Lawhead, married George Ewing Baily¹⁷ on June 1, 1885, in Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois.¹⁸ It is believed that her husband died sometime between 1887 and 1900. Lydia is recorded in the 1900 Census of Knox County as a widow, working as a servant doing pastry work at St. Mary's School.¹⁹ Her two children, Florence, born in August 1885, and Herbert L. Baily, born in August 1887, are listed living nearby with their aunt, Allie Fox.²⁰ In 1920 Lydia was recorded twice in the Census; once as living with the superintendent at the Knoxville Old Ladies Home and employed as a servant-cook, and again as living with her daughter in Knoxville.²¹ Lydia continued to hold this same job for many years.²² Lydia died October 27, 1943 and was buried in the Knoxville Cemetery.²³

Last services for Mrs. Lydia Bailey, whose death occurred Sunday morning, were held Wednesday afternoon in Klinick's chapel conducted by Rev. John H. Clarke. Interment was in the Knoxville cemetery. . . . Among those at the services from out of town were Herbert L. Bailey of Berea, Ohio; Mrs. Mattie Dayton and her daughter, Miss Margaret, of Ottumwa, Ia.; Mrs. Joe Rodenbaugh of Mexico, Mo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickords of Galesburg. Lydia Catherine Lawhead was born Jan. 30, 1866, in Clinton county, Ohio. She spent most of her life in Knoxville and vicinity. In 1884 she was united in marriage to George Ewing Bailey and to this union two children were born, Miss Florence of Knoxville and Herbert L. of Berea, Ohio. For many years Mrs. Bailey was employed at St. Mary's school and at the Knoxville Old Ladies' Home. She is survived by the daughter and son, also a sister, Mrs. Mattie Dayton of Ottumwa, Ia.; a brother, Sam C. Lawhead of Maysville, Mo. and many nieces and nephews. One brother and three sisters preceded her in death.²⁴

Additional Information About The Children of Lydia and George Baily

In 1943 Herbert Baily was living in Berea, Ohio. No other records of him have been found. Florence worked in a hospital in the 1920s and, it is believed, struggled most of her life to earn a living. When she died on April 21, 1979, Dorothy Ann Dayton arranged for her to be buried in the John W. Lawhead lot in the Knoxville cemetery.²⁵

*Knoxville. Miss Florence Bailey, 93, Galesburg Convalescent Center, died today at 5:05 A.M. in St. Mary's Hospital, Galesburg. She was born in Knoxville Aug. 14, 1885. She never married. Surviving are cousins. She attended Knoxville schools and formerly worked at Galesburg Cottage Hospital and St. Mary's School in Knoxville. Services will be Saturday at 1 P.M. in the Martin-Trumbold Funeral Home, with the Salvation Army in charge of services. Burial will be in Knoxville cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.*²⁶

The administrator in charge of the Knoxville cemetery added these comments:
*I remember Florence Bailey. She was a single lady that carried her worldly possessions in a bag with her around town. I talked with Dorothy Dayton several times when Florence died as she had no money. Dorothy was related somehow.*²⁷

Generation 5.2a End Notes:

- ¹ Marriage Index, Illinois 1763-1900, Knox County, volume E, page 196, license 3876.
- ² *Portrait and Biographical Album of Knox County*, Illinois, 1886, Chicago, Illinois, (Biographical Publishing Company), page 863.
- ³ *Register Mail*, Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois, obituary, May 21, 1934.
- ⁴ *Ibid.*, obituary, October 14, 1930; Knoxville Cemetery records, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, north addition, lot 248, plot 4.
- ⁵ *Ibid.*, obituary, May 21, 1934; Knoxville Cemetery records, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, north addition, lot 248, plot 3.
- ⁶ US Census 1870, M593-241, page 258, line 16, Indian Point Township, Knox County, Illinois.
- ⁷ Marriage Certificate, Decatur County, Iowa, issued December 31, 1890.
- ⁸ US Census 1910, T624-779, enumeration 66, household 41, Amity Village, Camden Township, DeKalb County, Missouri.
- ⁹ Newspaper, (unknown), DeKalb County, Missouri.
- ¹⁰ Death certificate, DeKalb County, Missouri, #19056.
- ¹¹ Newspaper, (unknown), DeKalb County, Missouri.
- ¹² Newspaper, (unknown), Maysville, Missouri, marriage announcement.
- ¹³ Social Security Death Index, #500-07-5226.
- ¹⁴ Newspaper, (unknown), DeKalb County, Missouri, February 12, 1968.
- ¹⁵ Newspaper, (unknown), DeKalb County, Missouri.
- ¹⁶ Social Security Death Index, #491-10-5617.
- ¹⁷ Both Baily and Bailey spellings are found in the documentation. Baily is used in this narrative.
- ¹⁸ Marriage Certificate, Knox County, Illinois, issued June 1, 1885.
- ¹⁹ US Census 1900, T623-314, enumeration 55, sheet 2, line 8, Knoxville, Knox Township, Knox County, Illinois.
- ²⁰ US Census 1900, T623-314, enumeration 55, sheet 6, line 48, Knoxville City, Knox County, Illinois.
- ²¹ US Census 1920, T625-380, enumeration 191, sheet 1, line 91, East Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Ohio and T625-380, enumeration 182, page 11, line 83, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois.
- ²² US Census 1930, T626-527, enumeration 48-39, sheet 19A, line 42, Knoxville Old Ladies Home, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois.

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- ²³ Knoxville Cemetery records, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, J. W. Lawhead lot #788, plot 7.
- ²⁴ Newspaper, (unknown), Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois.
- ²⁵ Knoxville Cemetery records, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, J. W. Lawhead lot #788, plot 6.
- ²⁶ *Register Mail*, Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois, April 19, 1979.
- ²⁷ Letter, from Pam Eagle, Administrative Assistant, City of Knoxville, Illinois to George Hibben, dated March 26, 2002.