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afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Almes, who was assisted by a family friend, Rev. D.P. Smith. Interment was in Claysville Cemetery. The pall bearers were John Bell, Will Dickey, Frank Dutton, Pearl Cundell, G. H. McMannis and Charles Stine.

The Buchanan family has been prominent in the community many years, in building construction and in operating the flour mill. Miss Buchanan was born at Cross Creek Village Feb. 23, 1859, daughter of the late Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan, who came to this place in 1861. She was a pupil of the Taylorstown schools of the 60's and 70's and lived a quiet life, attentive to the duties of the Buchanan home, with an Uncle, John Buchanan, who teamed for the mill and delivered flour and other products when the local highways had no improvement and were at their worst; handling his team with but one arm, but doing it well. And, since his demise. the caretaker of the home with her brother, Thomas Buchanan. She was known to all in the community. She was very industrious and was esteemed highly by her acquaintances. Miss Buchanan was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and Sabbath School, and, until health became impaired, was faithful in attendance. She was a charter member of the Steadfast Bible Class, composed of women.

She leaves one brother, Thomas Buchanan, with whom she resided; one niece, Mrs. George Stine, Taylorstown, and two nephews, Gaylord Buchanan of Claysville connected with Buchanan's Mill, and John Buchanan, Claysville, with the City Garage. The late Mrs. G. H. McMannis was a sister".

In the Buchanan home there was a gallon jug that they put their pennies in each day, until it was full. These were Indian head pennies of the time. When Henry Ford was visiting them in his search for antiques for his museum, he bought this jug from them, along with the beautiful old gas chandaleer that they had taken down when the house was wired for electricity. One other memory I have of Aunt A is of her using an old wooden hand churn to make butter--part of which she used at home and the rest she sold to neighbors. The viewing before her burial was held in the front living room of the house. Theodore Stine (grandson of Aunt A's sister) told me that he went to the house every evening after viewing to close the casket as they were afraid rats might attack the body during the night.

B. The second child of Alexander and Alice Maria Buchanan was also a female, born 12 August 1862 at the Buchanan home in Taylorstown. She was named Jane Estella Buchanan, though she was more commonly known as Jennie during her long life. Like her sister Ellen, she received all the available education offered at the time, as well as ample instruction in house hold duties. She went to Sunday School at the United Presbyterian Church and attended the many parties and "sings" the young folks held in those days for entertainment. Along the way she met and fell in love with a local fellow named Greer Hair McMannis, who lived on a farm just west of Taylorstown. Greer was born 28 March 1861, a son of James and Caroline Hair McMannis of Buffalo Township. On 15 January 1885 Greer and Jennie were married by their pastor, Rev. T. P. Proudfit. For some time the couple lived on the McMannis home farm before moving into the village of Taylorstown. There they bought a two story frame home on the north side of Main Street for the sum of \$1350 from the estate of John J. Allison. This is the same property that James McMannis sold to John J.

Allison on 19 April 1890 recorded in Deed Book No. 160 Page 269. This sale to Greer H. Mc Mannis is recorded in Deed Book No. 172 on Page 482 on 24 May 1892. There they lived the rest of their lives. In an article in Beers Washington County Bio Sketches Page 999 there is a short history of the McMannis family which reads: "Greer McMannis, a representative citizen of Buffalo township, is a son of James and nephew of John McMannis, whose father, William, was born in the year 1787, in Eastern Pennsylvania. William McMannis passed his youth at home and then came to Washington County, Penn., settling in Canton township. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Burns, a native of Ireland, and the children born to them were as follows: John, William, James, Ann, Elizabeth and Hannah. Mr. McMannis sold his farm in Canton township, then located on a farm in South Strabane township, and in 1830 came to Buffalo township, settling on a farm in Pleasant Valley, where he died in 1849, being followed by his wife in 1878. In politics he was a Whig. James McMannis was born in 1825 in Canton township, Washington County, Penn., and was educated in the district schools. He was married February 28, 1854, to Caroline, daughter of Greer Hair, of Buffalo township, and , after marriage he settled near Claysville, this county, where he remained eleven years; then purchased a farm of 170 acres, which he continued to improve up to the time of his death. His children were: William, Lizzie, Mary (Mrs. James W. Hodgens), Greer, Flora, Sylvia (Mrs. Joseph Lacroix), and Kate. The mother of this family died in September, 1877, the father on November 26, 1891. He owed his success to a life of industry. In politics he was a Democrat. Greer McMannis was born March 28, 1861, and passed his youth on the home place, where he has since resided, receiving a common school education. On January 15, 1885, he was married to Jennie, daughter of Alexander Buchanan, of Taylorstown, this county, and they have one child---Ella V. Mr. McMannis is an enterprising, progressive citizen, and a worthy representative of the name he bears. Politically, he is an ardent member of the Democratic party". At one time Greer and a man named Anderson operated a general store in Taylorstown, which failed. However, he paid off all the debts the store had incurred so that no one lost any money. He also operated a store in Washington for some time. For many years he served as Assessor for Blaine township. Along the way, a daughter was born 24 January 1886, just a year after the couple were married. She was named Ella V. McMannis and was the only child they ever had. In 1892, Greer was elected to the School Board as is shown by a certificate in my files, which reads: "To G. H. McMannis--At an election held at the house of G. W. Dickey on the 16th day of February A.D. 1892 for Buffalo Election District, you were duly elected to the office of School Director for three years. Attest: A.D.Young Clerk W.M.Flack Clerk C.P.Faulkner (L.S.) Judge Wm MacMannis (L.S.) Inspector James Selby (L.S.) Inspector" During his business years, Greer bought shares in the ANGLO-AMERICAN OIL CO., which I have the certificate for in his folder in my files. I had this certificate investigated to see if it might have any value today----and it was worthless. He also bought a lot in Boise City, Oklahoma, on 9 April 1909 which I have the deed for. I have never investigated to see what became of this. If it wasn't sold later, it has certainly been taken for taxes by now. Boise City may exist today, but, if it does, it doesn't amount to anything. I recall both Jennie and Greer from when I was a youngster. Jennie was a tall, thin, serious looking lady. Greer was also tall and

thin with snow white hair and a white mustache. He drove a Model T Ford until he was in his 90's. In 1932, when I was 11 years old, Jennie passed away. Her obituary in the Claysville paper reads as follows: "Mrs Greer McMannis Died After Illness of Two Years " "Mrs. Jennie Estella Buchanan McMannis, wife of G. H. McMannis, life long resident of Taylorstown community, passed away at her home in Taylorstown at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 1932, after a period of ill health covering two years, in her 70th year. The funeral service was held at her late home at two o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. H.R.Fairman, who was assisted by a family friend, Rev. Howard Bruce, of East Union, Pa. There was a large attendance, as Mrs. McMannis was held in high esteem in her home community. The pallbearers were Gaylord Buchanan, Homer Wallace, Theodore Stine, George Stine, Charles Stine and Thomas Knox. The interment was in Claysville Cemetery.

Mrs. Buchanan was born in the Buchanan brick residence in Taylorstown, August 12th, 1862, daughter of Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan. She attended the Taylorstown schools. January 15th, 1885, she was united in marriage with G. H. McMannis, resident of the community, their pastor Rev. T.P.Proudfit performing the ceremony. Her 47th marriage anniversary preceded her death by one day. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McMannis located on the McMannis farm west of town, and about eight years later located in town, residing here continuously since. Early in life Mrs. McMannis united with Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church, and to the end of life, more than fifty years, continued a faithful member and attended as long as health permitted Her last attendance at her church was just two years prior to her death---a preparatory service. Though unable to attend, her heart was centered in its welfare. Mrs. McMannis leaves her husband, one daughter, Ella, wife of George Stine, one grandson, Theodore Stine, a Senior in Muskingum College; one sister, Miss Ellen Buchanan, and a brother, Thomas Buchanan of Taylorstown, and two nephews, Gaylord and John Buchanan of Claysville".

After her death, Greer continued to live in their home and was active about the community. Their daughter Ella Viola McMannis had married a local man named George Julius Stine, who had come to the area during the oil boom. They kept close track of Greer, especially with regard to his health, which seemed to be excellent. After the death of her husband in 1934, his daughter, Ella McMannis Stine, kept house for him. However, in 1956, at the age of 95, his life finally ended. His obituary is as follows:

"Greer H. McMannis

Greer Hair McMannis, 95, died in his home at Taylorstown at 10:15 a.m., Saturday Aug. 4, 1956.

He was born in Buffalo Township March 28, 1861, a son of James and Caroline Hair McMannis. He had resided in Taylorstown for the past 62 years.

Mr. McMannis was the last member of his immediate family, five sisters and one brother having preceded him in death. On January 15, 1885, he was united in marriage with Jennie S(?) Buchanan, who died in 1932.

Mr. McMannis was a member of Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church and was regular in attendance as long as his health permitted.

He served as assessor in Blaine Township for many years. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. George Stine, who resided with him and one grandson, Theodore Stine, of Taylorstown.

Funeral services were held at the Brownlee Funeral Home Tuesday August 7, 1956 at 2 p.m. in charge of Rev. Howard Bruce, pastor of the East McKeesport United Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Claysville Cemetery".

Sometime around 1909 or 1910, Ella McMannis was married to George Julius Stine, who was born at Chicora, Butler County, on June 12, 1885, a son of Theodore M. and Anna Kuhne Stine. The Stines moved to Taylorstown in 1888, where the father was foreman for the South Penn Oil Company. George Stine received his education in the Taylorstown schools and went to work for the oil company following his schooling. When he was settled in his work, he married Ella V. McMannis. This marriage was blessed with the birth of a son on 7 March 1911, whom they named Theodore McMannis Stine. They were so happy over this event that they kept a record of the babies progress on a piece of tablet paper, which is now brown and faded, but still legible. It reads: "Theodore McMannis Stine born Tuesday morning 15 minutes of 6 March 7, 1911. Seven months and a few days when he cut his first tooth. He walked first on the 12th day of June 1912. Baptized on Saturday afternoon of the day of Jan. 25, 1913. Broke his arm on May 19, 1919". Besides working in the oil and gas business, George Stine had a side line of selling fertilized hen eggs to people in the area who wanted to raise chicks. Among the papers in my files on this family is a letter from one of those customers which reads:

"West Finley, Pa.  
June 9, 1923.

Taylorstown, Pa.

Mr. G. J. Stine,

I wish to thank you for those nice eggs you sent me. They arrived in fine condition. I got 4 nice chicks. Four or five couldn't get out of the shell. I think it was due to the hen. She didn't set so very well the first week. Thanking you again for your courteous treatment.

I am

Very truly

Mrs. Charles Steele".

His wife, Ella Stine, also worked on the side. She had taken music lessons from a teacher in Washington as a young lady and now used that ability to give piano lessons to local children. She also played the piano for the U.P. Church services. In later years she donated an organ to the church and also played it. Her Mother, Jennie Buchanan McMannis had a foot pumped organ in her home which no doubt Ella played. (After the death of Ella and her parents, son Theodore moved this beautiful cherry wood organ to the basement of his home where it sat neglected. By the time he and his wife had died, the organ was a wreck beyond repair.)

There was one very tense time in the early married life of George and Ella Stine. As reported in the Claysville paper of 23 April 1915, their home was struck by lightning. The following report was in the paper: "During the storm about half past eight Monday evening, the residence of George Stine was badly damaged by lightning. Experienced builders state they have never seen a house so badly damaged by

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a single stroke as it was. The gas went off from every light and they were left in darkness, all the mantels being jarred off. The bolt is supposed to have struck the east chimney, which was torn away to the roof and split a distance of about 15 feet down. In one place the slate roof, together with the sheeting was torn off for a space of about six feet square, while holes were torn in other sections. In the bathroom, the connections were broken, the lid of the flush tank torn off and thrown out into the hall, the windows broke out, the wall at the porch torn away through lath and plaster. In the bedroom the plaster was torn off a space of more than two feet wide from ceiling to floor, and other damage done, while a potted plant was scorched. In the spare room, farthest away from the bath room, the plaster was knocked off in a dozen places from the size of a saucer to larger than a plate, and a window broken out. A large part of the plaster was knocked off the ceiling in the reception hall, a window broken. There was some damage in the kitchen, the rear door showing scorching by the fluid. Small articles were knocked here and there. One room downstairs was not damaged. Mr. Stine was on a stepladder painting the ceiling in the parlor, while Mrs. Stine and Master Theodore were on a sofa near by. The back wall here was forced out and the plaster cracked. They felt the force of the lightning but slightly, destructive as it was all about them, and their escape seems providential. The lightning seemed to follow the gas pipes and be all over the house. It apparently went out the gas pipe under the porch, where the line was broken some. A part of the slate was thrown more than 100 yards away, and the bricks scattered about the yard. Mr. Stine is protected by insurance. A part of the chimney on Clint Ross's house, on the second lot east, was knocked off, presumably in the same storm". .

George J. Stine was an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Claysville, for which he served as Chaplain in 1916, and likely in other capacities in other years as the 1916 program in my files lists him as a "Past Master". This office would be as leader of the Lodge at one time. This is further explained by a letter in my files, which reads:

"Claysville Lodge No. 447  
Free and Accepted Masons  
Claysville, Pa.

February 12, 1934.

Masonic Record of George Julius Stine

Age....21

Occupation....Book keeper.

Residence....Taylorstown, Pa.

Recommended by

W.M.Flack

John B. Bell

Committee of Inquiry

William C. Heckerb

Frank R. McCracken

Frank L. Sampson

Petitioned April 6, 1906

Approved May 4th 1906



Crafted June 1st 1906  
Raised June 29th 1906  
Junior Warden 1912  
Senior Warden 1913 Worshipful Master 1914  
Constituted Life Member December 15th 1931.  
Deceased Feb 7th 1934.

James A. McKie  
Secretary".

George Stine was an avid hunter of small game and kept English setters for that purpose. He often joined others in the village on rabbit and quail hunts. Two of his favorite companions on these outings were one armed John Foster Buchanan, who could handle a shotgun well with his one good arm, and Tom Buchanan. He also made sure that his son, Theodore, received a good education, sending him off to Muskingum College in Ohio after his graduation from highschool. Theodore later transferred to Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. to complete his schooling, where he graduated. During his life, George suffered from kidney disease and high blood pressure. This finally became so severe that he had to quit working and died on 7 February 1934. Both the Washington and Claysville papers carried obituaries and writeups about him. As a matter of record, these are included with his story. They are:

"George Julius Stine, Office  
Manager For Gas and Oil  
Companies, Died Feb. 7th

George Julius Stine, resident of Taylorstown since the age of five, useful citizen, and acting secretary and treasurer of the Taylorstown Natural Gas Company and Washington Oil Company, died at Washington Hospital at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday February 7, 1934, of Bright's Disease, after a month's illness, in his 49th year. His passing in the prime of life caused a pang of regret among a host of associates. Sickness compelled him to give over the responsibilities of office work he had conducted successfully for thirty years, early in January. Both his family and the officials of his companies did all that could be accomplished and the last eight days of his life were passed at the hospital. The funeral service will be held at his late home at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. The service will be in charge of his boyhood friend, Rev. Howard Bruce, Pastor of East Union United Presbyterian Church, classmate in public school and Sabbath School. Interment will be in the family lot in Claysville Cemetery.

George Stine was born at Chicora, Butler County, Pa., June 12, 1885, son of the late Theodore M. and Anna Kuhne Stine, and came to this place with his parents in 1888. His father was foreman for the South Penn Oil Company. Their early home here was on the Hodgens farm, out Taylorstown-Claysville Road, for a number of years. He was a pupil of Taylorstown School. His common school education was supplemented with a business course. Upon the change made by Supt. L. W. Young retiring in December, 1903, as superintendent of the Washington Oil Company and the Taylorstown Natural Gas Company, Arthur Ploof, deceased, was placed in charge of the office. In a few years Mr. Jolly was made superintendent of both companies. Mr. Stine had charge of all the records, production, pay roll

expenses, all the various types of reports and the collections. The latter were made at Crothers office, the present Mumpers Store, in the D.M.Campsey and D. B. Hancher offices. The latter now are paid at the National Bank of Claysville. Many of the wells of the company decreased, others were drilled and further production was taken over at Core, W.Va. All of his life he belonged to the U.P.Church in Taylorstown, for many years was a trustee and more recently served as an elder. Fraternally he was a life member of Claysville Lodge 447 F & A M, having been initiated in May 1905. He filled the post of Master and became a Life Member in May 1931. In 1916 he was elected as a member of the Blaine Township Schoolboard and for eighteen years served as Secretary. In politics he was a Democrat. His favorite pastime was hunting and he nearly always bagged a day's limit of game. Mr. Stine was a useful citizen and will be missed in the community. He was united in marriage with Miss Ella McMannis and their home many years has been along the concrete road. He leaves his wife, one son, Theodore Stine, two sisters and two brothers. Miss Ella M. Stine, postmistress of Taylorstown; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Knox, Washington, RD 6; Charles R. Stine and Will Stine, Oakmont, Pa. Miss Charlotte Kuhne is an Aunt".

Another obituary reads:

"Prominent Citizen  
Of Taylorstown Dies

George Julis Stine, well known business man of Taylorstown, and an active member of the community, died in the Washington Hospital at 11:20 P.M. February 7, 1934, following a short illness. Mr. Stine was born in Chicora, Butler County, a son of the late Anna Kuhne and Theodore M. Stine. He came to Washington County with his parents during the oil excitement and had followed that industry ever since. He had been associated with the Washington Oil Company and Taylorstown Natural Gas Company for the past 30 years, and, at the time of his death, was acting secretary and treasurer of both companies. For a number of years Mr. Stine was a school director and secretary of the Blaine Township School Board. He was a life long member of the Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church in which he was a ruling elder at the time of his death, and for many years had served as a trustee. He had also been the efficient treasurer of the Sabbath School, and for about twenty years had been the teacher of the Young Men's Class. He was keenly interested in all the work of the church and esteemed by all who knew him. He was Past Master of Claysville Masonic Lodge. He leaves his wife, Ella McMannis Stine, one son, Theodore M. Stine, and the following brothers and sisters; Ella M. Stine, Charles R. Stine, both of Taylorstown; Mrs. Thomas E. Knox of Washington and William P. Stine of Oakmont. Funeral services will be held in the late home today at 2 o'clock conducted by the Rev. Howard m. Bruce. pastor of East Union United Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the family lot at Claysville".

Ella McMannis Stine moved to her fathers home on the west end of Main street in Taylorstown after her son Theodore married Mary Sawhill on August 11, 1945. There, accompanied by a beloved dog, she spent the rest of her days. For many years she was the Taylorstown correspondent for the Claysville paper, writing a lively column weekly about social life and events in the village. When she finally gave up that task, she was honored by George Melvin, the publisher, with a nice gift and

article in the paper about her work. Her piano was given to a young Penn girl who had been a student of Ellas. When her health failed, son Ted placed her in the South Hills Convalescent Home, where he visited her faithfully until her death on 11 July 1973. Her obituary in the local paper is as follows: "Mrs. Ella M. Stine

Respected Resident

Mrs. Ella McMannis Stine, 87, respected resident of Taylorstown, Pa., died in the South Hills Convalescent Home on Wednesday, July 11, 1973 at 1:30 p.m. following an extended illness.

She was born January 24, 1886 in Taylorstown, Pa., a daughter of the late Greer H. and Jane Buchanan McMannis, and spent her entire life in that community. She was the last member of her immediate family.

Mrs. Stine was a member of the Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church and the Women's Missionary Society, and was church organist for many years. She taught music for 50 years to the young people of the area.

She was the Taylorstown correspondent for the Claysville Recorder for nearly 30 years.

She was united in marriage with George J. Stine, who preceded her in death February 2, 1934.

Surviving is one son, Theodore M. Stine, Taylorstown, Pa.

Friends will be recieved at the Farrell Funeral Home, Claysville, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, where funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 13, 1973 in charge of Rev. Dale Gorman. Interment will follow in the Claysville Cemetery".

Son Theodore M. Stine, after graduating from W & J College, spent all his life working for the oil and gas company at their offices near Crothers, just outside of Taylorstown. On 11 August 1945 he married Mary Sawhill, daughter of a prominent area pioneer family and graduate of Muskingum College. She taught school all her life, first in the area one room school houses and later in more modern schools as they were built. She maintained a close friendship with the other teachers in the vicinity of Taylorstown, Avella, Hickory and West Middletown, meeting often with them for dinners or to visit. No children were born to this couple. Theodore, or Ted as he was known among friends, was active in community affairs and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Washington Motor Club and assisted in having modern electric and telephone service brought to Taylorstown. Much of the information I have about the McMannis and Sawhill families was given me by Ted, as he always had an interest in family history. With no sons of his own, he made me the repository of all the old papers etc. he had regarding his ancestors. When Ellen (AuntA) and her brother Thomas had died, the house in Taylorstown sat empty. Ted was afraid someone would break in to rob the place, so he managed to jimmy a window and enter. He removed everything of value he found, including the Buchanan family silverware. He showed me this silverware later on. It was wrapped in blue cloth silverware wrappers with compartments for each piece. The pieces were all very old, most having a "B" on the handle, and were of silver. He gave instructions to his wife that this silver was to be given to me when he died, so it would stay in the family. Along the way, Mary did give me a few pieces, among which was a

silver plate butter dish with "A. & A.M.B." engraved on it. However, she never did give me that major part of it for some reason or other, though she often said she was tired cleaning it. When she died, her attorney, Sherman Siegel, called me and asked if I wanted to be there when he cleaned out her house. I told him about the silverware, but it was no where to be found. What became of it, I have never learned. There was a wooden case with modern sterling silver in it, but that wasn't it and was sold at sale. When both were still alive and active, we used to visit them quite often and had dinners out together, usually at the Mansion House near Prosperity. During a lot of those visits, we would tour the back roads while Ted showed me various family locations. In his later years Ted suffered kidney failure and had to be on dialysis, which required frequent trips to Washington, where it was done. On one of those occasions, something happened and Ted died. His obituary from the paper is as follows:

"Theodore M. Stine

Theodore M. Stine, 72, of Taylorstown, died unexpectedly in Washington Hospital at 5:45 p.m. Saturday August 13, 1983. He was born in Taylorstown on March 7, 1911, a son of George J. and Ella McMannis Stine and lived in the Taylorstown community all his life.

He was a member and former trustee of Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church. He worked in the office of Taylorstown Natural Gas Co. and Washington Oil Co. for 45 years.

He also was a member of Claysville Masonic Lodge 447 F & AM Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh, York Rite Bodies of Washington and the Washington-Greene County Caravan No. 2.

He was a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, class of 1933. He was the last of his immediate family.

On August 11, 1945, he married Mary Sawhill, who survives".

Mary Sawhill, his widow, continued to live in their home in Taylorstown, where she led a very conservative life. Her activities were mainly concerned with her church and meeting with her former school teaching associates. I did convince her that the old McMannis home should be cleaned out and sold as it had been empty since Ella McMannis Stine died. Over several days I drove out and the two of us went to work on the house. It was full of cobwebs, dust covered everything and mice had destroyed the upholstery on the furniture. We did clean it up the best we could, throwing out all the worthless stuff. In one closet I found several boxes of old Claysville papers dating back several years, that I saved so I could cut out the articles and put them in a notebook. I also saved Jane Buchanan McMannis' gold watch. Not long afterwards, the contents of the house were removed to the firehouse in Claysville, where a sale was held to dispose of them. Then the house was sold, and that load taken off her shoulders. In the winter of 1995, Mary was no longer able to care for herself and moved to the Kade Nursing Home in Washington, where she died on January 18, 1995. Her obituary reads: "MARY S. STINE DIES AT AGE 84 Mary S. Stine, 84, formerly of Taylorstown, died Wednesday January 18, 1995, in Kade Nursing Home, Washington. She was born October 22, 1910, in Blaine Township, a daughter of Oscar H. and Dottie D. Duvall Sawhill. Mrs. Stine was a member of Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of Taylorstown Highschool and Muskingum College, New Concord,

Ohio. Mrs. Stine was an elementary school teacher for several years in the Hopewell Township areas of Washington County. On August 11, 1945, she married Theodore M. Stine, who died August 14, 1983.. She was the last of her immediate family. Deceased are four brothers, Harold, Ronald, Lorimer and Orrin Sawhill, and one sister, Stella Sawhill. Services were held January 20, with lay minister Patricia Lutz officiating. Interment was in Claysville Cemetery".

C. On 16 April 1869, a son was born to Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan, whom they named either Thomas A. or Thomas M. Buchanan. The confusion in the name arises from the fact that on his death an "Administrators Notice" was placed in the Claysville paper which read: "Estate of T.A.Buchanan, also known as Thomas M. Buchanan, deceased, late of Blaine Township. Letters of Administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and, to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement". This was signed by Gaylord A. Buchanan, Claysville, Pa. administrator and R.W.Knox and J.R.Irwin Knox as Attorneys. This notice was dated 14 May 1942. It would seem logical that he was named Thomas after his grandfather and A.(Alexander?) for his father, but I have found nothing that would confirm this. In a couple of school tax receipts I have for him, his name is given as Thomas M. Buchanan. In his obituary his name is given as Thomas McGrough Buchanan. Where the McGrough came from is a mystery to me as there has never been anyone in the family with that surname that I can find. Soo, no matter what the right answer might be, he went by the name Tom or Uncle Tom to his friends and family. He received his education in the local schools, attended the Taylorstown U.P.Church and went to work in the Buchanan Mill when he finished school. At that time there was a mill dam in Buffalo Creek which supplied the water to turn the water wheel to run the mill. It extended all the way back to the iron bridge at Crothers and was a favorite swimming spot for the youths. On one of those swimming outings, a young boy started to drown and had gone down "for the third time" when Tom and a McAlees boy pulled him to shore. He suffered the usual childhood diseases, including scarlet fever, but recovered from them. There is a family story that he had a special girl friend when he was a young man that he was quite taken with. That romance came to a crashing halt when he walked into the barn and found her involved in "horizontal gymnastics" with another fellow. Supposedly, he never had another girlfriend and remained single all his life. My first encounter with him occurred before I was of school age. I had gone to the mill with my father for the day and accompanied Uncle Tom on a trip down the creek to repair a flood gate that extended across the stream to keep the cows from straying. My father took all my clothes off, then cut the lower corners off of a small burlap sack, dunked me down in the sack with my legs sticking out the holes and tied the top around my waist with a piece of bailing twine.. That was my very first bathing suit. Though somewhat scratchy, it served the purpose, and off I went with Tom. On another occasion, when I was a bit older, he gave me two dollars to buy steel traps, as my brother and I were setting traps. He was always kind and jovial to me. He liked to hunt and chased the rabbits and quail with his Uncle John Buchanan, who actually ran the mill. Tom had an L.C.Smith .12 gauge double barrel shotgun that he prized. After his parents death, he continued to live in the

family home with his Uncle John and sister Ellen, and working every day in the mill. In his file is a receipt from Simon White & Son dated 7 January 1898 stating: "Received of Buchanan Heirs per Thos. Buchanan, one hundred and fifty dollars, payment in full for Monument, two markers and four corner posts". Signed Simon White & Son by WAW. There is another receipt dated 18 August 1900 stating: "Thomas Buchanan DR to James Wilson & Son by painting outside of house \$42.00 Extra Coat \$11.09. Total \$53.09. Signed James Wilson & Son. Payment received" Then there are two receipts dated 3 December 1934---one covering school taxes for the Buchanan Estate and the other covering school taxes for T.M. & Ellen Buchanan. Both were signed by C. R. Stine, Collector. This would be Charlie Stine, brother of George Stine who married Ella McMannis.

In January 1937 Thomas M. Buchanan suffered a stroke at home. By this time his Uncle John was deceased and his brother William A. Buchanan had long ago been married and moved to Claysville. That left his sister Ellen to care for him, which she made every effort to do. She was so overwhelmed that she, too, suffered a stroke in February, dying soon after. With no one to care for him and still needing a lot of care, Tom was taken to the Hillview Sanitarium in Washington, where he received the physical therapy needed to restore some function to his right side, which was partially paralyzed. Soon he was able to walk using a cane, but his right arm was still very weak. Much of the time he carried a soft rubber ball in his right hand that he squeezed trying to build up his strength. After he was able to get around with a cane and didn't require medical care, he came to live with us in Claysville. It made an extra lot of work for my Mother, but she made him comfortable. I helped him with his daily bath and wrote his letters for him so long as I was home. When my Father came down with tuberculosis, my Mother could no longer take care of both men, so Tom went to Roselawn Sanitorium.. In January of 1943 I entered the Navy and was no longer at home. Not long after that, Tom died at Roselawn. His obituary follows: . . . . .

"THOMAS M. BUCHANAN

Last Member of Old Milling Family

Thomas McGrough Buchanan, member of an old pioneering family of Washington County, died Wednesday, March 24, 1943 at 5:45 p.m. in Roselawn Sanitorium, Washington, Pa.

Mr. Buchanan was born in the old Buchanan homestead, Taylorstown, April 16, 1869, a son of the late Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan. His entire life was spent in his native town with the exception of the past six years, during which time he sought to regain his failing health. At an early age he learned the carpenter trade and was associated with his father, who was a well known carpenter and contractor of his day, having erected many buildings in the Taylorstown community, most notable of which are the East Buffalo Church and the Taylorstown United Presbyterian Church.

Later in life he became associated with his Uncle, the late John F. Buchanan and his brother, the late William A. Buchanan, in the milling business, which he followed until failing health forced him to retire.

He is survived by one Niece, Mrs. George J. Stine of Taylorstown; two nephews, Gaylord A. Buchanan and John F. Buchanan, of Claysville, Pa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 27, 1943, at 2:00p.m. in charge of Rev. Roy S. Brice, at the Brownlee Funeral Home. Interment will be in Claysville Cemetery"

Thomas M. Buchanan was buried in the old Buchanan plot with his parents, Uncle John and sister Ellen.

During his stay at our home in Claysville, Tom asked me to go over to his old home in Taylorstown to get his shotgun, which he feared would get rusty after not being used for so long. This I did and found the gun in good shape, with just a couple of small rust spots in the barrels. It cleaned up fine, and I have used it all my life. Its the best shotgun I ever used and today is still as tight as the day it was made. .

Following Toms death, his former home in Taylorstown was cleaned out and a sale of the contents held, as well as sale of the home. In cleaning out the cellar, I found two five gallon glass jugs that were filled with apple brandy. Tom bought cider and made brandy himself using brown sugar and raisins in the process. Just how he made it, I don't know, but it was potent. I took the one five gallon jug home with me and consumed most of it over time. The other five gallons we sat out on the porch at the time of the public sale, along with a bunch of water glasses. Men at the sale helped themselves to it liberally, and a couple were seen to be a bit wobbly. It may even have helped to "up" the bidding. Over half the jug was left after the sale, and that was given to Clyde Warrell, who used it as antifreeze in his Model A Ford. He claimed that it worked just fine.

D. On 5 April 1866 their first son was born to Alexander and Alice Maria Buchanan at their home in Taylorstown. He was named William Alexander Buchanan---the Alexander after his father, but William was a new name introduced into the family as I have found no ancestors by that name. This son is listed last in this writing because he was the one responsible for the remaining Buchanan descendants, since his brother Thomas, though older, never married and died childless. William A. Buchanan received his education in the Taylorstown schools, following which he went to work in the family flour mill. He was a very handsome youth, popular among those his age and was a regular attendee at all the local social events. These consisted of parties at friends homes, "sings" at the church or school, debates, literary societies, readings etc. It was told me that at many of the parties they would have a contest to pick the most handsome man, and Alexander was always the one chosen. My Mother told me that he was a very big man with a lot of hair on his arms, that he burned off with a candle. Like others his age, he was much interested in the young ladies of the area. Evidently the area extended as far as West Middletown as the following letter from his family papers indicates:

West Middletown  
January 27, 1888.

Mr. Buchanan & Crossland,

I am very, very sorry that you did not mail your letter in time for us to answer before Saturday, but as we did not get your letter till this evening (Friday), why we could not let you know. It takes two days for a letter to go & you will not get this till Monday. I was very much disappointed Wednesday eve as I had practiced to sing a piece at a lecture and thinking you might come late, neither Liz nor I went. (I suspect they missed us) but don't give us away for they all think we had company. Us not being at the lecture, Sam C. and Sherman H. had told that there were two boys coming over. They think you & Mrs. Crossland were here. (Can't we fool them?) I "spect" you think I am mad the way I have been writing, but no, no I am as happy as when "the birds warble sweet in the springtime". I expect you will wonder what we are writing together for---well Liz has been over all evening & we thought we would write together. I would give a "cent" to see you coming a running Saturday eve, but alas I suppose you will not get this till Monday. This being a "Leap Year", we would make a suggestion and that is if Mr. W. Buchanan & Mr. W. Crossland wish to call next week, that would please let us know the evening and we will be at home and you need not look for an answer (but simply come). Hoping you gentlemen will pardon this bold suggestion, we remain resp.

Liz Coulter & Ola A.

P.S. If you see a circle around the moon, you had better not start for it might prove fatal. You bet my teacher was mad because I did not sing at the lecture.

"Clestmik"

We are sorry we could not let you know by tomorrow but it will only go as far as Washington tomorrow & then go down Monday.

Goodbye Ola."

Whether the above invitation was ever accepted, I don't know, but William Alexander Buchanan was also interested in girls from the Claysville area. One, Lena Miller Hodgens, attracted him more than the others, and they became close friends. Lena, as she was known, was born in Donegal Township, Washington County on 5 February 1868, to Leamon and Mary Atta McGlaughlin Miller. She was named Sarah Lenore Miller, but was commonly called Lena. She was raised on the family farm in the forks of the road at the top of Dutch Fork Hill, where the ridge road divides with one branch going out the ridge and the other descending into Dutch Fork. The log cabin farmhouse is still lived in over in the woods, though it now has clapboard siding and other improvements. Lena was a tall, well built blond young woman who was girlfriend to a Taylorstown fellow named John Hodgens. According to Lena (in her old age), she was barefoot in the field immediately below the ridge road hoeing potatoes when John Hodgens rode up on his horse and asked her to marry him. She said that she tossed the hoe aside, jumped on the horse back of John and off they went to get married. Sadly, John was tubercular and became seriously ill with Tbc at the same time Lena was pregnant with their first child. The child, a son, died soon after birth, at the same time its father died of his Tbc. Father and son were buried together in the same coffin in the Claysville Cemetery. This left Lena a widow, and a fairly wealthy, one as John Hodgens left her with a couple of farms and gas and oil wells. And so it was that she met William Alexander Buchanan.

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This relationship resulted in the couple being married in Claysville by Rev. Frank Fish. The obituaries for the couple state that they were married in March 1896. However, I have a marriage certificate signed by Rev. Frank Fish which gives the marriage date as 10 March 1897. Also, the March 12, 1897 edition of the Claysville RECORDER carries an item stating that "Mrs. Lena Hodgens and Will A. Buchanan were married at the bride's home on Wednesday evening March 10, 1897". It may be that the survivors set the marriage date back a year because their first child, Gaylord Alexander Buchanan, was born 16 October 1897. In any event, the couple lived in Claysville at the corner of Main Street and North? Alley, with William (known locally as Billy Buchanan) traveling every day to the mill at Taylorstown to work. At first the trip was by horse and buggy, then by one of the early autos. The earliest car I recall them having was a Studebaker touring car with a big searchlight on the drivers side running board. After the birth of their first child, a second son was born 4 September 1900, whom they named John Force Buchanan. And, on 23 March 1905 another son, William Claire Buchanan, joined the family. A fourth and final pregnancy occurred in 1909 which brought disaster to the couple. For some reason, whether trouble during the pregnancy or whatever, Lena underwent treatment by Dr. John Sprowls, who lived in the brick house across the alley from Buchanans. He gave her treatments with an electrostatic machine, which were vigorously opposed by her husband. As a child I remember seeing this machine in Dr. Sprowls garage. It was a large cabinet with a glass front enclosing a large flat metal disk, to which were attached two brushes. A crank on the side turned the disk against the brushes, producing a static electric charge, which was carried through two electrodes to the patient. Just what it was supposed to help, I don't know, but at that time electricity was in its infancy and was being tried for all sorts of uses. Whether due to the static treatments or some other difficulty, this baby was stillborn ---the little girl they so desired after having three boys. The husband was sure that the static treatments had killed the baby, and was so upset and angry over this that he had the child buried and would never tell Lena where it was done. It was never named, nor was the grave marked. However, I have found cemetery records that show it was buried in the Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan plot in the Claysville Cemetery.

One of the main reasons this couple lived in Claysville was so their children could get an education, as Claysville had school extending through highschool. All the sons attended the Claysville schools and graduated from highschool there. I remember very little of William Alexander Buchanan, my grandfather as I was only 4 years old when he died. I do recall my father picking me up and holding me up to his coffin when he was laid out in the living room of his home. One thing I do know about him is that he ate fish every morning for breakfast, which is certainly an oddity. The fish came in a wooden pail of about 2 gallon capacity, and were salted, of course, to preserve them. To this day, I use one of those wooden pails for my wastebasket, though it has been varnished for years. William Alexander Buchanan suffered from high blood pressure, as well as stomach ulcers. My Mother told me of many times seeing him sitting over a bucket with blood clots hanging from his nose due to nose bleeds. The nose bleeds were the pressure relief valve for his hypertension, keeping

him from having a stroke. The hypertension may have resulted from a childhood illness ending in rheumatic fever. I do know that he had a bad case of scarlet fever as a youth. Of course his daily intake of salt from the fish would contribute greatly to blood pressure problems, but they didn't know that in his day. Another contributing factor would have been the ill health of his son Claire, who became ill with tuberculosis in his teens and gradually became worse each year, though he did graduate from highschool. His parents sent him to Phoenix, Arizona in 1920 to see if the dry, warm climate would help his condition. He appeared to improve and returned home, but soon began to go down hill again. This would be a great strain on his father, along with his other problems. In 1924 he suffered a stroke and had to give up work. this was followed by a lingering illness, resulting in his death 14 April 1925. As was the custom, his body was laid out in the living room of his home for viewing by family and friends. Burial followed in Claysville Cemetery with Rev. C.E.Houck conducting the services. The local paper carried the following obituary:

"William A. Buchanan Dies At Claysville

Lingering Illness Brought On By Stroke, Fatal To Well Known Taylorstown Miller---Wased 59 Years

Claysville, April 14----William A. Buchanan, about 59 years, died at his home on Main Street, this place, this morning at 4 o'clock, following a lingering illness. Mr. Buchanan suffered a stroke a year ago and for the last three months had been seriously ill.

The son of Alexander and Alice Maria Richardson Buchanan, Mr. Buchanan was born at Taylorstown, April 5, 1866. He was a partner in the firm of Buchanan Bros., millers of Taylorstown, where he lived until he moved here so that his children might go to school. In March 1896 Mr. Buchanan married Miss Lena Miller Hodgens. For 25 years he daily made the trip between this place and his business at Taylorstown and was one of the most widely known and poipular men in the district. He was a member of the Claysville Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Buchanan leaves three sons, Gaylord A., Claire and John Buchanan, all of Claysville, three grandchildren, a brother, Thomas M. Buchanan of Taylorstown, and two sisters, Miss Ella Buchanan and Mrs. G. H.McMannis, both of Taylorstown.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the late home, conducted by Rev. C.E.Houk. Interment will be in the Claysville Cemetery".

Another obituary from a newspaper reads:

"LIFE SPAN OF W.A.BUCHANAN CLOSED AFTER LONG AFFLICTION"

"Friday, April 17. The death of William Alexander Buchanan, popularly called "Billy" by almost everyone in the community who knew him, native of Taylorstown and flour mill operative from boyhood, died at his home on Main Street at 4:30 on Tuesday, April 14, 1925 of cerebral hemorrhage contributory to ulceration of the stomach with which he had been afflicted the previous 30 months, aged 59 years and nine days.

Mr. Buchanan was born in the present Buchanan brick homestead in Taylorstown April 5, 1866, son of Alexander and Maria Richardson Buchanan, and his

near three score years of life were passed in his native town and Claysville. He father was a well known carpenter and contractor of his day, having erected many buildings in the Taylorstown section, including the East Buffalo Church. As a youth he began work in historic Buchanan Mill with his Uncle, John Buchanan. He knew practically all the farmers for miles around and most all the men engaged in local oil development, and they knew him. To all, as well as other associates entering his life, he was a friend. Partnership in the mill was entered into with his brother, Thomas Buchanan, and his sons Gaylord and Claire followed in the fathers footsteps in the milling trade.

In March 1896 was united in marriage with Mrs. Lena Miller Hodgens of this place and established his home here. During that time until afflicted by sickness, he made daily trips to his work at the mill in Taylorstown.

He possessed a disposition that won friends quickly, always in good humor, ever ready to do a favor, he held his friends to the end of his life.. He was a member of Claysville Presbyterian Church. Besides his wife, he leaves three sons--- Gaylord and Claire Buchanan employed in the mill; John Buchanan, auto mechanic, all of this place; two sisters and one brother at Taylorstown, Mrs. G.H.McMannis, Miss Ella Buchanan and Thomas Buchanan, his partner.

The funeral service held Thursday afternoon at his late home was largely attended. Present and former residents of Taylorstown section were there in large numbers, together with many of his adopted home community. The service was in charge of his pastor, Rev. C.E.Houk. The interment was in Claysville Cemetery.

The pallbearers were the three sons, G.H.McMannis and George Stine of Taylorstown and John Griffith of Millsboro".

The death certificate for William A. Buchanan lists the cause of death as Ulceration of the stomach with cerebral hemorrhage as a contributory cause. It was signed by Dr. J. N. Sprowls. Included in the file for this man, along with a copy of the death certificate is the following form from the register of Wills:

"COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WASHINGTON COUNTY SS

John Aiken, Register for the probate of Wills, and granting letters of administration within and for said county and state, do hereby certify that the records of my office show:

That William Alexander Buchanan of Claysville in said county died on the 14th day of April A.D. 1925 testate; that said Will was duly probated on the 25th day of April 1925 and recorded in Will Book No. 39 page 245.

That Gaylord Alexander Buchanan was in the said testament named to be the Executor thereof; that letters testamentary upon the estate of the said William Aelxander Buchanan were issued on the 25th day of April 1925 to the above named Executor and that he was duly sworn as the law directs.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Washington, Pennsylvania this 23rd day of November A.D. 1925.

John Aiken Register"

The Will of William Alexander Buchanan is filed in the Washington Courthouse in Book #39 Page 245 File 1129. The will was signed 14 February 1925 about two months before his death on 14 April 1925. It was probated 25 April 1925. Gaylord A. Buchanan was named as Executor and Mrs. Greer McMannis and Dr. John N. Sprowls were named as witnesses. The will leaves to wife, Mrs Lena Sarah Buchanan, all property, real and personal, to use as she thinks best during her natural life. At wife's death, the balance is to be divided between their three sons, Gaylord Alexander Buchanan, John Foster Buchanan and William Claire Buchanan.

NOTE: In the above Will, one son is listed as John Foster Buchanan. This may be because of mental confusion from his stroke or his actual belief that he named the son after his Uncle John Foster Buchanan. However, this son has always gone by the name John Force Buchanan and is so named on the Cradle Roll of the Presbyterian Church in Claysville. The middle name "Force" would be from the Force family as Lena's sister married a Force. A daughter of this Force family was Fannie Force, who married Al Abbott of Mt. Lebanon. They were frequent visitors in the William and Lena Buchanan household.

After the death of her husband, Lena continued to live in their home. For most of her adult life she was profoundly deaf. She had a battery powered hearing aid, but it wasn't much help. Sons Gaylord and John were married, both living in Claysville. Son Claire had been afflicted with tuberculosis and died in 1928 after a long illness. She still had her husband's last automobile, which was a two door Oakland sedan, but she never did learn to drive. Her son Gaylord used it to take her places and for family picnics. She frequently held family dinners for the holidays, which I well recall. One thing that stuck in my memory about her dinners was that each person had a small crystal salt container in front of their plate in which you dipped the celery sticks that were always a part of the meal. She was also noted for making cookies with a raisin center. As long as her health permitted, she maintained a full garden back of the house. For much of her later life she ran a Tourist Home where people traveling through on the National Pike could stay overnight. This was before the days of motels along the road. She often laughed about one incident in her life---she and a lady friend from the country had mixed up a concoction to bleach her hair blond. Instead it turned the hair green. She was sitting on her front porch when this other lady came driving by in her buggy and she shouted out to her that her hair had turned green and asked what she should do about it. The other lady never even turned her head--just shouted back "P,,,,,..on it"! It is family opinion that Lena had contracted tuberculosis from her first husband and had passed it on to her children, though she, herself, never had active symptoms. Frequent visitors to her home, besides the Abbots, were her brother Harry Miller, Cam McFadden of West Middletown, Maggie Griffith of Uniontown (a sister) and Anna Mary Slicker of Washington, also a sister. After her death, when her home was cleaned out, a large stack of IOU's was found where her Miller relatives had borrowed money that was never paid back, primarily from her brother Harry. I believe he was involved in some kind of local bank mismanagement and ended up moving to Texas. Lena stayed in good health until 1946, when she had to go to the hospital for heart problems. Her health continued to deteriorate, resulting in her death on 1 December 1948 in her home from Coronary Heart Disease and arteriosclerosis. Her

physician was her next door neighbor, Dr. J. R. Day, who also signed her Death Certificate.

Her obituary from the Claysville paper reads:

"MRS LENA S. BUCHANAN

Mrs. Lena S. Buchanan, 80, died in her home, 143 Main Street, Claysville, Wednesday, December 1, 1948 at 6"30 am.

She was born in Donegal Township on February 5, 1868, a daughter of Leamon and Mary Atta McGlaughlin Miller, and spent her entire life in the Claysville vicinity. She was the widow of William A. Buchanan, whose death occurred February 14, 1925.

Mrs. Buchanan was a member of the Claysville Presbyterian Church and of the Help In Need Circle of the Kings Daughters of Claysville.

Surviving are her two sons, Gaylord A. and John F., both of Claysville; two sisters Mrs. Anna Mary Slicker, Decatur, Ga. and Mrs. Margaret M. Griffith, Uniontown; a brother, Harry A. Miller, Sanford, Texas and seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren".

Sarah Lenore Miller Hodgens Buchanan was buried beside her husbands in Claysville Cemetery. The original burial in the plot was that of John Hodgens and his son, Lenas first husband and child. Both she and William A. Buchanan are buried in a line beside the John Hodgens stone. Below that line of graves are the graves of the three sons of William A. and Lena Buchanan and the wives of sons Gaylord A. and John F.

#### DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM A. AND LENA BUCHANAN

The descendants of William A. and Lena Buchanan will be listed in reverse order because the earliest born will have the longest history and the latest born will have the least information.

A. The last born child of William A. and Lena Buchanan was an unnamed daughter who was stillborn. on 8 February 1910. This was a great loss to the couple who were blessed only with sons previously. The real cause of the stillbirth is not known, but the husband blamed it on the fact that Lena had undergone electrostatic treatments from Dr. John Sprowls during her pregnancy. He was so upset over the loss of this little girl that he had her buried secretly and would not tell Lena where she was interred.....or so family members told me. By checking the record of burials at Claysville Cemetery, I found that the child was buried in the Alexander and Maria Richardson Buchanan family plot, which would place her beside her grandparents. There is no tombstone to mark her grave, and I have never found that she was named.No name for her is given in the cemetery record book.

B. The third child born to William A. and Lena Buchanan entered this world on 24 March 1903.....a son, whom they named William Claire Buchanan. He attended the Claysville schools, at which one memorable event occurred. Behind the school was a large 6 hole outdoor privy, within which a number of the young fellows gathered during noon hour to have a smoke. Due to the large crowd, some of the students sat up in the rafters of the privy to make more room. When the bell rang to resume classes, those standing ran out the door, while those in the rafters jumped down

to leave. The sudden impact on the floor was too much strain and it gave way, dumping the students into the pit below, full of the usual accumulation under a privy. They were up to their waist in waste, to put it mildly. Among these unfortunates were Claire Buchanan, Earl Knox and a couple of their other friends. There was no possibility of going back to class, so they went up the back alley to the Buchanan home, where Lena hosed them off in the back yard the best she could, before sending them on home for a bath and change of clothing. They were the subject of much kidding for some time after that. Claire was an average student and graduated from the Claysville High School on Friday evening 25 May 1923, with Commencement Exercises being held in the Claysville Presbyterian Church. Others graduating with him, according to a program of the affair, were Earl Knox, James Campsey, Emma Milligan, Mary Post, Alice Post, Ruth Duvall, Francis McGill, Ray Bell, Gertrude McCreery, Grace Logue, Josephine Miller, Allan MacCartney, Anna Burig, Julia Marshall, Robert McKee, Glenn Dunn, Robert Holmes and Martha Johnson. There were a few others also graduating, but these are the ones I recognize as becoming prominent local citizens.

Following graduation, Claire went to work in the family flour mill in Taylorstown. Two years later, in 1925, the same year his father died, Claire came down with an illness that was diagnosed as tuberculosis. To improve his health, he was sent to the West, spending some time in Texas, but mainly in Phoenix, Arizona. I have several picture postcards that he sent back to his Mother showing scenes of the area. He also sent back a piece of ore that showed streaks of gold in it. I have only found one letter that he wrote home during that time. It was written 25 March 1925 from Phoenix and reads:

"My Dear Aunt & Uncle:

The heat here sure is getting terrible and, as I have paid my room rent for another month, guess I will have to stay, but it sure is going to be hard. Am feeling fine and sure like it here if it was not so hot. Have been getting to travel around a good deal lately and am seeing some wonderful sights in Arizona. Last week we went up to Roosevelt Dam. It supplies all the water for irrigation and drink in this valley and is about one hundred and twenty miles from Phoenix. We started about seven o'clock in the morning and made our first stop at Canyon Lake. This sure is a beautiful place. It is in between two mountains of solid granite and each one of these mountains is six or seven thousand feet height. The road then began to get real thrilling. It would wind around and around the mountains. On our upper side was a wall about a thousand foot high of solid rock, while on the lower side was a canyon about that deep. It would have been too bad if anything would happen to your car because the road was just wide enough for one car and there was no guard rail. We next stopped at the Roosevelt Dam. This was sure some sight. It backed up water for about thirty miles and it was twenty five miles wide. We took several pictures and had lunch here and then went on to the ancient ruins or cliff dwellings. I will never forget these as long as I live. We drove to the foot of the mountain and they were about a half mile up the side. By the time we wound around we had walked about three miles and it took us an hour and a half. These dwellings were built in a big cave about twenty five feet square. They were made of mud and there were about five rooms and a big

fireplace. As we were coming back down, I was in lead and was going around a bend in the path when I heard something rattle. I looked down and jumped at same time, just as a big rattle snake struck at me and just missed me about two inches. I sure did move then but finally got up nerve enough to go back and kill it. We went from there to the gold rush, but didn't see anything there but men tents. We got to see some gold ore but could not get any. We stayed in Globe, Ariz. all nite and came home over the Superior Highway. It is just like the road we had coming up. Am sending some pictures and some Cactus Candy. Share it with Jane because it is very hard to get. It is made out of wild cactus that grows in the desert. How is everyone in Taylorstown? Will have to close as here comes the mailman. Am writing this out on the front porch sitting in my shirt sleeves.

Your nephew,  
Claire"

Note: This letter was evidently sent to Thomas and Ellen Buchanan, his Aunt and Uncle in Taylorstown. The Jane referred to is his Aunt Jane Buchanan McMannis. .

Whether he felt his health was sufficiently improved, or was not improving or he became homesick, Claire returned home in early 1928. Not long after his return, he suffered a relapse and was placed in a Sanatarium in Oil City, Pennsylvania. As a seven year old, I recall my parents taking me along when they drove to Oil City to see him. I was left in the car while they visited and saw a very unusual sight. There was a large stream next to the parking lot (Oil Creek?) and swimming across that stream were dozens of squirrels. There was nothing chasing them that I could see. I heard later that squirrels will sometimes leave an area in a large group in search of better feeding grounds. In any event, Claire did not get any better in this Sanatarium. In fact he became worse, and, when it appeared that he wasn't going to live, he was moved back home. There he died shortly after at 3:00AM on Monday 15 October 1928. It was never determined where the contracted tuberculosis, but it is thought that he got it from his Mother. The presumption was that Lena contracted Tbc from her first husband, John Hodgens, but never became clinically ill from it...being instead a carrier of the disease. The obituary for Claire appeared in the Claysville paper and is as follows:

"WILLIAM CLAIRE BUCHANAN

The death of William Claire Buchanan, genial and popular young man of this place, occurred at the home of his Mother, Mrs. Lean Buchanan, at 3:00AM Monday October 15, 1928 of tunercular trouble, with which he had been afflicted three years, aged 23 years, six months and 21 days. The funeral service was held at his late home Wednesday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. O. S. Fowler, with a large attendance of friends and kindrid. The pallbearers were close friends, some classmates and others school mates.....Frank Barr, Glenn Dunn, Nelson hedge, Dr. R.M.Bell, George White and Howard Burns. The interment was in Claysville Cemetery..

Claire was born March 24, 1905, son of William A. and Lena Miller Buchanan, reared and died in the home of his birth. He was graduated in Claysville High School Class of 1923, and is the first of the 27 young people composing the class to answer the call to the great beyond. He was of pleasnt disposition, genial and had a host of friends, especially among the young people. He was active in school affairs when a student. He was taken with his malady two years after graduation and spent

some time in Texas and in Phoenix, Arizona, where he sought to have his health improved. More recently he underwent treatment in the Sanatarium at Oil City, Pa. from which place he was brought to his home only a few days before his demise. He was a member of Claysville Presbyterian Church and had been connected with the Sunday School. He will be missed among his friends and his family have the sincere sympathy of the community in the passing of the son and brother. He leaves, besides his Mother, two brothers, Gaylord A. Buchanan and John Buchanan, both of Claysville" .. ..

. . . . . Claire was buried in the John Hodgens plot in a grave in the row below his Father in the Claysville Cemetery. His stone is a gray granite of rectangular shape with his name, date of birth and death carved into the top surface. It is identical to his Fathers stone and what later will be the stones of the rest of his family and their wives.

C. The second child delivered to William A. and Lena Buchanan was a son born 4 September 1900 at their home in Claysville. He was named either John Forse Buchanan or John Foster Buchanan. It would seem logical that his name be John Foster Buchanan, named after his uncle John Foster Buchanan. This is also the name that his Father gives him in his Will. However, on the Cradle Roll of the Claysville Presbyterian Church, his name is given as John Forse Buchanan. In the June 1901 issue of THE COURIER, a small newspaper put out by the Claysville Presbyterian Church which I have, it states that "John Forse Buchanan, born September 4, 1900, son of W.A. and Lena M. Buchanan, was baptised on Saturday, May 18, 1901". This would seem to settle the matter. The name Forse probably came from Lenas grandmothers sister, Elizabeth Miller, who married John Forse of the Pittsburgh area. This couple had a daughter named Fannie Forse, who married Al Abbott of Mt. Lebabnon. They frequently visited Lena in Claysville. Somehow or other, according to a family member, a county clerk changed the name to Force, and so it has remained.

John Forse Buchanan spent his entire life in Claysville, attended the Claysville Schools and graduated from the highschool there. Instead of going to work in the Buchanan Mill in Taylorstown as the rest of the family had done, his interests were centered on mechanics, especially automobile mechanics. When he had built up a business doing this, he entered the field of matrimony, as reported in the Claysville paper of Tuesday October 4, 1927 in an item that read:

"BUCHANAN-WATTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watters, of Washington, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Opal Romaine, to John F. Buchanan, son of Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, of Claysville, Saturday October 1, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Frank Fish, of Millsboro. The ring ceremony was used . After a short eastern wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan will reside at Claysville".

The Rev. Frank Fish, who preformed the ceremony, was the former pastor of the Claysville Presbyterian Church for many years. Opal Watters was a popular young lady of Washington known for her beauty. The couple settled in Claysville, where John engaged in the auto mechanic business, at which he was quite successful.

One story that circulated regarding him shows his fun loving nature. A salesman for a fire extinguisher company came to town peddling a new type



extinguisher that he touted as being far superior to anything else on the market. To illustrate this, he proposed to build a bonfire in a vacant lot adjacent to the garage and then put it out with this new device. This demonstration was to take place the next day, so he stored his extinguisher in the garage over night. Unknown to him, during the night John secretly drained all the fluid out of the extinguisher and replaced it with gasoline. The next day, before a large crowd, the salesman ignited a large fire on the vacant lot, gave a big speech about the quality of his product, and then proceeded to illustrate by squirting his extinguisher on the fire. It immediately blazed up into an inferno, much to the amusement of the watching crowd. Every time he turned the extinguisher on it, the fire grew larger, until he finally gave up in disgust, and left town. Whether he ever found out what had taken place, I don't know, but I would guess that he did.

Around 1926, when I was five years old, an airplane made a forced landing on top of the hill directly south of town. Now an airplane in those days was a rare sight if it happened to fly over, but to have one land near town was a big event. The whole town turned out and climbed the hill to see this machine. It was a biplane with the Liberty engine---probably a World War One "Jenny"---and suffered some kind of engine trouble that forced it to land. John Buchanan, the most talented local mechanic, was summoned and made the necessary repairs to the engine. The engine then ran fine, and the pilot took off again on his flight. This pilot's name was Lambert, and the big airport at St. Louis is named for him---Lambert Field. I heard sometime later that he was killed trying to set a new altitude record, but don't know the truth of this.

As his business grew, John needed help at the garage, and took in Stanley Ruth as a partner. They worked together for many years at a garage located on the south side of Main Street in Claysville at the extreme east end of town, across from the Stewart Mill. Later John gave up his work at this garage and went to work for the Sprowls Garage in Claysville, which was not only a garage for repairs, but also a dealership for Ford and Buick automobiles.

During this time, the marriage was enriched by the birth of three children: A. Helen Pauline Buchanan (Polly), born 30 September 1928 B. John Force Buchanan (Jack), born 29 June 1930 C. Rebecca Jane Buchanan (Becky) born 10 November 1933. The family lived in a home halfway up Wayne Street in Claysville, and all the children attended the Claysville Schools. More about them individually later.

John and Opal had many friends in the area with whom they socialized. They were members of the Claysville Presbyterian Church and John served as a School Director. During the winter of 1953 John was down with a severe case of the flu, and had to miss work. It is thought that he returned to work too soon when he began to feel better, placing a strain on his heart that resulted in a fatal heart attack. His obituary in the local paper reads as follows:

**"JOHN F. BUCHANAN DIES OF HEART ATTACK"**

"John Force Buchanan, 52, popular mechanic of Claysville, died suddenly at Asprowl's City Garage, Thursday evening, March 5, 1953 at 7:30 o'clock, apparently of a heart attack. Mrs. Buchanan had prepared the family supper and when Johnny did

not appear at his regular time and even later, she became alarmed and called for Kenneth Irwin, assistant manager at the garage, who went to the garage and found Johnny slumped over the fender of an automobile. Irwin spoke to him and when there was no response, he knew something was wrong, and laid Johnny on the floor and felt for a pulse, but could not find one. Dr. Large was summoned and he pronounced Johnny dead.

He was born in Claysville on September 4, 1900, a son of the late William and Lena Miller Buchanan, and had spent his entire life in Claysville. He followed the mechanical trade all his life and for a number of years was associated with S. I. Ruth, later going to work at City Garage, and at the time of his death was foreman there.

On October 1, 1927 he was united in marriage with Opal Watters, who survives. Johnny was a member of the Claysville Presbyterian Church and had served one term as a member of the Claysville School Board.

Surviving as his wife, Opal Watters Buchanan, two daughters, Pauline and Becky, at home; one son A 3/C John Buchanan, U.S. Air Force, Clovis, N.M. and one brother, Gaylord A. Buchanan, Claysville. A brother, Claire, preceded him in death several years ago.

Friends will be received at the Brownlee Funeral Home after 7 P.M. Friday, where private funeral services will be held Monday March 9, 1953 at 2 P.M. in charge of John C. Miller, pastor of the Claysville Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Claysville Cemetery".

Another obituary appeared in the paper which reads as follows:

"JOHN F. BUCHANAN"

"John F. Buchanan, 52, of 217 Wayne Street, Claysville, died suddenly last night at 7:30 o'clock in the Sprowl's City Garage, Claysville.

He had recently recovered from an attack of influenza and returned to his duties as shop foreman at the Sprowls Garage on Monday. He went to the shop last night to inspect an automobile, and when he did not return to the front office after a reasonable time, an investigation was made. Mr. Buchanan was found slumped over the motor of the car.

Death was attributed to coronary occlusion by a physician who was called immediately. Coroner L. C. Gray and R. A. Brownlee, deputy coroner, investigated the death.

Mr. Buchanan had been shop foreman at the Sprowl's City Garage for many years.

He was born in Claysville on September 4, 1900, a son of William A. and Lena Miller Buchanan, and spent his entire life in Claysville.

He was a member of Claysville Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Claysville School Board for six years.

On Oct. 1, 1927, he was united in marriage with Opal Watters.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Polly and Becky, at home; and a son, Jack, U.S. Air Force, Clovis, N.M.; a brother, Gaylord A. Buchanan of Claysville. His parents and a brother, Claire, preceded him in death".

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Johnny was buried in the Claysville Cemetery in the same plot where his parents and brother were interred. His tombstone is a plain gray granite rectangular marker bearing his name, birth year and death year. It sits in the row immediately below his parents, adjoining that of his wife, brother Claire and brother Gaylord A. Buchanan and his wife. All the tombstones are identical and all bear the same information.

After Johnnys death, Opal took a job as Tipstaff at the Courthouse in Washington, a position she held until she retired. The family remained in their home on Wayne Street, the girls attending college in Pittsburgh and son Jack, honorably discharged from the Air Force, married and went to work with an automotive supply company. In late 1965 Opal had a scary event befall her as reported in the local newspaper of December 16, 1965 under the following headline:

"MATTRESS FIRE AT BUCHANAN HOME"

"A smoldering mattress called the Claysville Firemen to the home of Mrs. Opal Buchanan, Wayne Street, about 9 o'clock Monday evening.

The fire started in the bedroom of Sam Watters, father of Mrs. Buchanan and is reported to have been caused by a short circuit in an electric blanket. Mr. Watters had been watching television and did not immediately notice the fire. Mrs. Buchanan noticed the smoke and went to her father's room but could not get to him for the dense smoke. She called for help and a ladder was brought by Charles Danaldson and another neighbor went up on the porch roof and broke a window to get Mr. Watters and brought him down the ladder and he was taken to the home of Clayton Kilgore. A doctor was called and after examination, Sam was sent to the hospital.

Firemen threw the burning mattress to the street and hosed down the room where part of the wall had been burning. The water caused plaster to fall in the living room downstairs, but the furniture had been moved to other rooms, the rug was soaked and the water ran away down a register into the basement.

Estimate of the damage was made at \$300 on contents and \$800 on the property".

In later years, after retiring, Opals health failed and she moved to the Washington County Health Center. There she resided until she suffered a heart attack early in July 1990. She was moved to Washington Hospital for treatment, but passed away 15 July 1990 after about a week in the hospital. Her daughter, Becky, was with her when she died and said that she just closed her eyes and stopped breathing. After one day for viewing, the services were held the next day, with burial in the Claysville Cemetery beside her husband. Her tombstone is exactly like her husbands, differing only in the name and dates. Her obituary in the local paper is as follows:

"BUCHANAN"

"Opal R. Buchanan of the Washington County Health Ceneter, formerly of Wayne Street, Claysville, died Sunday, July 15, 1990, in Washington Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Washington, a daughter of Samuel and Della M. Gray Watters.

She was a member of the Claysville United Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Claysville High School and Washington Business College, Mrs. Buchanan was

employed by C.H.Spriggs Real Estate until 1927. She was later employed by Washington County Common Pleas Court as a tipstaff until she retired in 1962.

She served as a Democratic Party committee woman in the Claysville area for many years.

On October 1, 1927, in Uniontown, she married John F. Buchanan, who died March 5, 1953.

Surviving are one son, John F. Buchanan Jr. of Washington; one daughter, Becky Buchanan of Pittsburgh; six grandsons and 10 great grandchildren.

Deceased is a daughter, Polly Warning.

Services were held Tuesday, July 17, 1990, with the Rev. Janice P. Devine officiating. Interment was in Claysville Cemetery". ∴.

In none of the above does a birthdate appear for Opal. To make her data more accurate, my records show her birthdate to be 13 September 1903.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN F. AND OPAL W. BUCHANAN

A. Helen Pauline Buchanan (usually called Polly), was born 30 September 1928 at Claysville, Pa. She attended the Claysville schools, graduating from Claysville High School. Following highschool, she attended Muskingum College, then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh. In 1956 she was married to J. Clair Warning, a research chemist with U.S.Steel. They lived just east of Monroeville, Pa. To this marriage was born a son, Douglas Warning. In 1988 Polly developed a lesion on her nose, which she had removed at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. Whether at this time or soon after, it was discovered that she had cancer of the throat. For this she underwent chemotherapy treatments one week every month, but they were not successful. Polly died from the cancer. Her Obituary is as follows:

#### "HELEN WARNING"

"Helen Pauline (Polly) Buchanan Warning, 60. of 4909 Hialeah Drive, Plum Borough, formerly of Claysville, died this morning , May3, 1989, at the Forbes Hospice Center in Pittsburgh.

She was born September 30, 1928, in Claysville, a daughter of John F. and Opal W. Buchanan.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Claysville.

Mrs. Warning graduated from Claysville High School and attended Muskingum College and the University of Pittsburgh..

In 1956 she married J. Clair Warning in Farmington..

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Douglas Warning of Plum; two grandsons, Jason and Christopher Warning; a sister, Rebecca Jane Buchanan of Pittsburgh; and a brother, John F. Buchanan Jr. of Washington".

The obituary did not state where she was buried, nor do I have any additional information about her son or grandsons. Her husband, Clair

Warning, keeps in close touch with his wife's sister and brother, and they could provide this data.

B. John Force Buchanan Jr. (known as Jack), was born at Claysville on 29 June 1930 to John F. and Opal W. Buchanan. He attended the Claysville schools and was a varsity basketball player there, graduating in 1948. While still school age, he was spending the summer at Camp Buffalo along Buffalo Creek when a tornado hit the area. Though the camp was largely destroyed, he escaped injury and had many tales of the ordeal to tell. After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force and in a newspaper article of April 14, 1952 it is stated that he was then stationed in Brooklyn, N.Y. where he was to take a nine month course as a dental technician. At the time of his Father's death, he was stationed at the Air Force Base at Clovis New Mexico. Not long after that he was honorably discharged from the Air Force and returned home. A year later, on November 27, 1954, he was married to Eva B. Longstreath. Eva was born February 26, 1935, a daughter of Addison and Hazel Danley Longstreath of RD 3, Claysville, Pa. The marriage notice appeared in the Claysville paper on December 31, 1954 and read as follows:

"EVA BELLE LONGSTREATH, J. F. BUCHANAN, JR., WED"  
"Announcement is made of the marriage of Eva Longstreath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Longstreath, Claysville, RD3, and John Force Buchanan Jr., son of Mrs. John Buchanan, Sr. 217 Wayne Street, Claysville. The marriage took place on November 27, at Farmington, Pa. The young couple are now residing at 217 Wayne Street, Claysville.

Mrs. Buchanan is a graduate of the West Alexander High School, Class of 1952, and is employed as a unit stenographer at the Commercial Credit Corporation, Washington..

Mr. Buchanan is a graduate of Claysville High School and Waynesburg College and is employed as a chemist by the Molybdenum Corporation".

To this marriage were born five sons:

a). John Stephen Buchanan born on June 12, 1955. He attended Claysville schools and married Joyce Woods on September 1, 1978. Joyce Woods was born March 14, 1956. Steve works at Accutrac near Washington and farms on the side, raising around 60 head of beef cattle. They have had three children:

1. Bethany---an excellent student about to graduate from high school.
2. Megan Elizabeth---one of a set of twins---born May 19, 1989.
3. Michell (or Macheal or Michele) Lynn--the other twin--born May 19, 1989. Three different spellings appear in letters from her grandfather and I'm not sure which is correct.

b). James Addison Buchanan born April 29, 1957. He graduated from Trinity High School in 1975. In May 1979 he married Melanie Moore, a daughter of

James Moore of RD 1, Claysville, Pa. He has had a distinguished career in the Air Force. In 1980 his name appeared in a newspaper article listing him as a member of the Strategic Air Commands best missile wing for the year. His picture then appeared in a later paper describing more honors that he had gained. The article reads:

"EARNNS HONORS"

"Airman First Class James A. Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Buchanan, Washington, was voted Airman of the Month at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. Airman Buchanan was the recipient of many gifts from the Minot Chamber of Commerce and is currently enrolled in college classes striving towards a degree in engineering and a commission. James, his wife Melanie, daughter of James Moore of Claysville and their son James John, completed a three week leave with their parents in Washington and Claysville. They have returned to Minot where Airman Buchanan will resume his duties in the Supply Squadron".

From Minot, he was transferred to Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H. During his career he has served at several other bases, including Eglin Field, in Florida. A year or so ago, Airman Buchanan was selected as the top Non Commissioned Officer in the Air Force and flown to the nations capitol, where he received many honors. At present he is stationed in Turkey as part of the buildup for possible war with Iraq. This couple have two children:

1. James John Buchanan, a teenager, living with his father in Turkey.
2. Cheryl Marie Buchanan, also a teenager living in Turkey while her Father is stationed there.

c. Robert Samuel Buchanan (Rob) was born February 21, 1980. After completing highschool, he went to work for Jessop Steel and later enlisted in the Air Force Reserve. On August 23, 1980 he married Leslie Lacy, who was born June 14, 1964. To this marriage was born a son, Michael Robert , on December 29, 1980. This couple divorced in 1982. He then married April FRABLE, During his service in the Air Force Reserve, Rob became a Master Sgt. in the 911 Tactical Airlift Group. On July 5, 1991 the following article appeared in the Claysville "RECORDER":

"CLAYSVILLE MAN IS HONORED BY AF RES."

"Pittsburgh: Claysville resident Master Sgt Robert Buchanan was recently honored by the Air Force Reserve. He was selected as the 911th Tactical Airlift Group Training Manager of the Year.

Sergeant Buchanan is the Unit Training Manager of the 33rd Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron, one of the units activated for Desert

Shield/Storm. His other awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Award and an Air Force Commendation Medal for Heroism.

Sergeant Buchanan is a production steelworker with the Jessop Steel Company. He and his wife April, have two boys, ten year old Michael Robert and one year old Travis Daniel".

In his Air Force duties, Rob is often sent to other bases around the country for training.

This couple was blessed with two sons of their own, plus the son from his first marriage. Their children are:

1. Michael Robert Buchanan born 29 December 1980 to Robert and Leslie Lacy Buchanan.

2. Travis Daniel Buchanan born February 23, 1990 to Robert and April Buchanan.

3. Tyler John Buchanan born August 29, 1991 to Robert and April Buchanan.

In 1989 Rob was shooting "trap" with the Golden Pheasant Club, but whether he kept it up, I don't know.

d. Joseph Patrick Buchanan (Joe) was born September 27, 1962. After highschool, he married Catherine..... He works at Accutrac with his brother Steve where they make all kinds of precision gaskets and shims, using computerized machinery. This couple lives near Pleasant Grove, just outside of Claysville. He is said to be easy going and able to fix anything. This marriage has been blessed with two children:

1. Joseph Patrick Buchanan Jr. born June 2, 1995.

2. Samantha Joe Buchanan born April 6, 1998.

e. Ricklan Lee Buchanan (Rick) was born December 11, 1963. After schooling, he went to work for the Perkins Restaurant chain as a Field Manager. Later he left that job and is now with Applebees Restaurant in North Hills, Pittsburgh. He never married and is constantly on the go, so he doesn't get out to see his parents as often as the other children.

During his youth, John F. Buchanan Jr. suffered an attack of polio, which left his legs and back weak the rest of his life. He made an excellent recovery and was able to live an active business and social life. He had many friends around the Claysville area with whom he played golf, some of whom went to Canada on fishing trips with him in the summer..In later years he was bothered with heart trouble, resulting in several hospitalization, but still manages to be out and about. He has also had a post polio syndrome, which has affected his legs and limits his activities. His wife Eva, until retirement, was an Interior Decorator for Sears In Washington. She was also active in the Mothers Club of Claysville. Since retirement, the couple spends their summers on the former Longstreath farm where they have completely remodeled the farm house.

Their sons and grandchildren are often there for the weekend to keep them company.

C. Rebecca Jane Buchanan(Becky), was born November 10, 1933, the last child of John and Opal Watters Buchanan. She attended the Claysville Schools, graduating from High School there in the Class of 1951. Following graduate work in Pittsburgh, she went to work in that city until her retirement. She still lives there, but would like to move to Florida. During her sisters final illness, she was a great help to her, and still keeps in close contact with brother Jack. .