

# **Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr**

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## First Generation

**1. Albert Edward DORR**, son of **Albert Ernest DORR** and **Laura Estelle BOSWELL**, was born on 3 Sep 1918 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 13 Jul 1995 in Oklahoma City, OK, at age 76, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK.



Albert Edward Dorr

The following was written by Dad in 1988.

My father was killed at the 2nd Street hill in McAlester six months before I was born. My mother moved to Macon, Tennessee where I was born on September 3, 1918. When I was three months old we moved back to McAlester. My brother, Ernest B., was ten years older than me, and my sister Dorothy was six years older.

Mother bought a nineteen-room house and took in roomers and boarders. We were across the street from the fire station and I was the mascot of the fire department in my younger years. I went to McAlester elementary, junior high and high schools. I worked for four years during high school at Dixieana Creamery and Bender Drug as a soda jerk. I graduated from McAlester High School in 1936.

Mother and I moved to Stillwater, rented a house and took in roomers and boarders. I worked my first year at Kennicutt Drug and enrolled in Electrical Engineering. The second year I was flunking in twelve hours of EE and was kicked out for the semester. Electrical Engineering was just not for me so I enrolled in Mechanical Engineering and made the Dean's Honor Roll. I pledged Acacia Fraternity, where I became social chairman, vice president and in my fourth year, president of my fraternity and also president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. During these years, I worked as fountain manager of the Midwest Creamery.

At the 1938 Acacia Christmas party I met Maxyne Zerby, who was dating my best friend Bus Walker. During the summer of 1939 I began dating Maxyne and we had a wonderful courtship. On June 1, 1940 at 9:00 PM we were married in Mr. and Mrs. Zerby's home by a blind Methodist preacher. Thirza Murphy, Ernest B. Dorr and Maxyne's brother Don Perry were present. We drove to Oklahoma City in my brother's car and arrived at the Biltmore Hotel. We spent two days at \$4 .00 per day in Room 1707. We continued working and going to school and in January 1942 I graduated.

Maxyne was pregnant at the time and didn't get to graduate. On February 15, 1942 Edward Max was born at Stillwater Hospital with brain damage that caused cerebral palsy, although it took two years before a doctor told us what was wrong.

I started to work with Phillips Petroleum Company and we moved to Oklahoma City on September 23, 1943. Dana Michael was born and a month later we moved to Wichita, where I worked as a power plant engineer for Beech Aircraft. After eleven months of this, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the rank of Ensign and went to Officer's Candidate School for two months at Hollywood Beach, Florida. Maxyne, Ed and Dana moved in with her folks at Perry. I was assigned to LST 817 for duty in the Pacific.

Before I left my ship pulled in to New Orleans where Maxyne came down and spent a week with me. My ship then went through the Panama Canal and up the West Coast to Seattle. Maxyne came out and spent about a month with me as I went through firefighter and navigation schools. The next eighteen months were spent in action, where I was a navigator on the 817.

All through college, Phillips and Beech I was a 35mm photographer where I made pretty good extra money. So when my ship left Seattle, I bought all the development and enlarging needs and set up in my stateroom. My only major encounter was Okinawa, where 1400 ships and troops stormed the island. I was discharged in March 1946 with the rank of Lt. (jg).

While I was away Maxyne got her degree in Art. I came back to Oklahoma City and went to work as a mechanical engineer with OG&E. We bought our first house at 2401 NE 27th. It was a two-bedroom with built-in garage, which we later turned into a den and still later built a double garage. Later we built a 20"x16" den on the back.

On May 20, 1947 our third son Patrick B. was born. During this time I continued my photo business as well as a company called Cleaning Contractors, Inc., which specialized in washing walls and ceilings and cleaning kitchen grease ducts for restaurants.

In March 1948 I left OG&E and took a job as engineer with an air conditioning distributor and contractor named C. Robert Ingram Inc. The second year I was made sales manager and had a pleasant life until November 1953, when Lewis H. Carter, Sr. and I left Ingram and started Comfort Inc. We subleased from Ingram the first year and the second year had a 10,000 square foot building built at 1808 West Main, where we stayed for ten

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years. At the end of this period we build a 20,000 square foot building at 100 NE 34th and later added another 15,000 square feet. We worked hard and put in many long days and weeks. Our business was very successful and we had a very good reputation. We were both distributors for Chrysler Airtemp air conditioning and mechanical contractors.

On April 25, 1952 our fourth son, Jon Real Dorr, was born and on November 5, 1954 our fifth son, Kent Anthony Dorr, was born. In November 1958 we moved into our custom-built home in Wildewood, where we had six bedrooms, a swimming pool and paddle tennis court. We lived here happily until March 1970, when we moved into our custom-built 3500 square foot house in Lansbrook.

I always loved the water and boats, so in 1964 I bought a Lightning 19-foot centerboard sailboat. Maxyne didn't like jumping over the centerboard so the second year I traded it for an Aurora, a 21-foot keelboat, and joined the Oklahoma City Boat Club on Lake Hefner. I loved racing and won many trophies. As the Boat Club members began getting younger and I became older, I sold my boat to Ed and retired from sailing after about seventeen years.

At the end of 1979 I sold my Comfort Inc. interest to Carter. Although I retired, I kept my office in our building at 100 NE 34th where I come each day from 11:00 until 4:00, mainly to get away from the house, be around people and keep books on C&D Investments Company, which Carter and I started about 1961. During this time we owned two post offices in small towns, a 40-unit apartment house and about eight oil and gas wells. We still have the Comfort building, which pays Carter and me about \$25,000 a year each. This also gives me time to read the Wall Street Journal and several trade and investment magazines.

It is now 1988 and I am seventy years old and have enjoyed a very full family life and have a wonderful wife and a bunch of kids and grandkids.

For more information see "Tales of the Al Dorr Family."

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Mechanical Engineer.

Albert married **Maxyne Cecilia ZERBY**,<sup>1</sup> daughter of **Percy Brandon ZERBY** and **Ora Cecilia MILLION**, on 1 Jun 1940 in Stillwater, OK. Maxyne was born on 11 Jun 1919 in Supply, OK,<sup>2</sup> died on 30 Sep 2007 in Stillwater, OK, at age 88, and was buried on 6 Oct 2007 in Memorial Park, Oklahoma City, OK.

Maxyne grew up in Supply where her family owned the Bank of Supply. Both of her parents worked in the bank. Her grandfather, who had owned the bank, died when Maxyne was only one. Bonnie, her grandmother, built a smaller home after Burrel died and the Zerby's moved into the nice large home at the edge of town. In 1929 the bank moved to Woodward. In 1931 the bank failed and the family moved to Lone Wolf.



Maxyne went to Southwestern State for her freshman year and then to Oklahoma A&M. While in college she met and married Albert Edward Dorr in 1940. Al graduated in January 1942. Edward Max was born in February 1942 and Dana Michael in September 1943. While Al served in World War II, Maxyne and the children lived with her parents in Perry, OK where she was able to complete her degree.

After the war they moved to Oklahoma City where Al took a job with OG&E. Patrick was born in May 1947. Al and Maxyne joined the little neighborhood Presbyterian Church that Maxyne really enjoyed. This was the first time she had ever been involved in a church. Maxyne was always active in school affairs and was a Cub Scout den mother many times. Jon Real was born in April 1950 and Kent Anthony in November 1952.

At this point they had five boys in a small three bedroom house. Al's company, Comfort, Inc., was doing very well which enabled Maxyne to design a nice five bedroom home which they moved into in 1958. In 1959 Al and

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1. State of Oklahoma, birth certificate; General Register Office, Southport.

2. State of Oklahoma, birth certificate 1919, 77250 registration district, 77150 sub-district.

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Maxyne took their first major overseas trip, a Chrysler trip with five days in Paris and five in Rome. She had been an art major in school and just to be able to see all the art work that she had studied was overwhelming. As a child she had an intense interest in maps and geography. Over the next few years they were fortunate to go on more Chrysler trips; all of these were first class all the way. Most of the time they went with Lewis and Joan Carter (Lewis was Al's partner). Some of the trips included Miami Beach, Majorca, Barcelona, Madrid, Athens, Naples, Pompeii, Venice and London.

In 1971 there were a number of conflicts within the family that led Maxyne to turn her life over to the Lord. In July 1974 she attended the Congress on World Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland, which was very meaningful to her. Over the next seventeen years she took many trips to conferences all over the world. She went to Israel, and made many trips to China Europe. Sometimes she would take one of her grandchildren.

After Al died in 1995, she withdrew to her home at the lake and never was really involved outside of her home. In 2002 she moved to the Renaissance Assisted Living Center in Stillwater with her dog Missy. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease and had to be moved to the advanced care building in 2006. Over the next few years she gradually lost most of her memory but still remained a loving person. She died on September 30, 2007 in her bed at the Renaissance Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was a wonderful woman and mother.

For more details see the document "Tales of the Al Dorr Family."

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Edward Max DORR** was born on 15 Feb 1942 in Stillwater, OK.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated.
- ii. **Dana Michael DORR** was born on 23 Sep 1943 in Oklahoma City, OK.
  - iii. **Patrick B. DORR** was born on 20 May 1947 in Oklahoma City, OK.
  - iv. **Jon Real DORR** was born on 25 Apr 1952 in Oklahoma City, OK.
  - v. **Kent Anthony DORR** was born on 5 Nov 1954 in Oklahoma City, OK.

# Maxyne's Birth Certificate

Standard Certificate of Birth

**Oklahoma State Board of Health**  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

County Woodward Registration Dist. No. 07250 Primary Dist. No. 77158 **403** Register No. 65

Township or Village or City Supply No. 77108 Ward \_\_\_\_\_

(If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given, instead of the street and house number.)

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Maxyne Cecilia Gray  
(If the child dies without a name, before the certificate is filed, enter the words "Died unnamed." If the living child has not yet been named at the date of filing certificate of birth, the space for "Full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled out subsequently by a supplemental report.)

3. Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	4. Twins, triplet, or others? (To be answered only in event of plural births.)	5. Number in order of birth <u>610</u>	6. Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	7. Date of Birth <u>June 11 - 1919</u> (month) (day) (year)
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FATHER		MOTHER	
8. Full name <u>Percy B. Lerby</u>	14. Full Maiden Name <u>Eva Million</u>	9. Residence <u>Supply Okla.</u>	15. Residence <u>Supply Okla.</u>
10. Color or race <u>American</u>	16. Color or race <u>American</u>	11. Age at last Birthday <u>33</u> years	17. Age at last Birthday <u>39</u> years
12. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known. <u>Mo.</u>	18. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known. <u>Mo.</u>	13. Occupation <u>Bank Cashier</u> (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)	19. Occupation <u>Housewife</u> (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
20. Number of children born to this mother, including present birth <u>four 1st child by this husband</u>	21. Number of children of this mother now living <u>3</u>		

22. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE. (1)  
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was alive at 9:10 a.m. on the date above stated.  
(Born alive or stillborn)  
(Signature) R. L. Workman  
(Physician \_\_\_\_\_)

(1) When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householders, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

Given name added from supplemental report \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Filed 7-12 1919 W. L. Smith Registrar

23. Did you use a one or two per cent. silver nitrate solution in this infant's eyes immediately after its birth?  
Yes  No

CERTIFIED COPY



## State Department of Health

State of Oklahoma

400 NORTH EASTERN  
OKLAHOMA CITY 5, OKLAHOMA

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL TO BE AFFIXED, AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 1963.

C. C. Case  
STATE REGISTRAR

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
Office of Vital Records

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1. PLACE OF BIRTH

STATE OF TENNESSEE

County of Franklin  
Civil Dist. 11  
Inc. Town Macon  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_ St.; \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
Registration District No. 42408  
Primary Registration Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH  
File No. 423  
Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Albert Edward Doss If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed

3. Sex of Child male      4. Twin, triplet, or other? \_\_\_\_\_ (To be answered only in event of plural births)      5. Legitimate? yes      Date of birth Sept 3, 1918  
(Month)      Day      Year

**FATHER**  
6. FULL NAME Albert Edward Doss  
7. RESIDENCE Oklahoma (Dead)  
8. COLOR White      10. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 38 Years  
9. BIRTHPLACE Miss  
11. OCCUPATION (Dead)

**MOTHER**  
12. FULL MAIDEN NAME Estelle Boswell  
13. RESIDENCE Macon Tenn  
14. COLOR White      16. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 35 Years  
15. BIRTHPLACE Macon Tenn  
17. OCCUPATION Housewife

18. Number of children born to this mother including present birth 3  
Number of children of this mother now living 3      19. Born at full term yes

20. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE\*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Born alive at 1:30 M. on the day above stated.

\* When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

(Signature) [Signature]  
Albert Edward Doss  
Physician

Given name added from a supplemental report \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
21. Filed Oct 9, 1918 W. C. [Signature]  
† Postoffice Address      REGISTRAR

REGISTRAR

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the original document on file in this department. This certified copy is valid only when printed on security paper showing the red embossed seal of the Department of Health. Alteration or erasure voids this certification.

Tennessee Code Annotated 68-3-101 et seq., Vital Records Act of 1977.

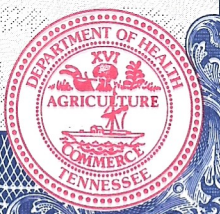
[Signature]

Sharon M. Leinbach  
STATE REGISTRAR

Date Issued **JAN 26 2005**

**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated



AND NOW, To-wit: On the 31 day of May, A. D. 1940, personally appeared before me, Albert Darr, he being legally competent to make and take an oath, and having personal knowledge of the facts herein set forth and made the following

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

I, Albert Darr of Payne County, State of Oklahoma, aged 31 years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with the parties named in the following schedule and the facts herein set forth:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Albert Darr</u> Groom	<u>31</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Tenn</u>	<u>222 S. Main St Stillwater</u>
<u>Maryne Zubly</u> Bride	<u>20</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Okla</u>	<u>Stillwater</u>

And that the said parties, or either of them, are not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they of the relationship prohibited by law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 1940  
Albert Darr  
 Deputy Court Clerk.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby give my consent to his marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ and I request that a license issue therefor. And I further certify that \_\_\_\_\_ he is past the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Being satisfied of the truth of the sufficiency of this application and that there is no legal impediment to such marriage, the said application is hereby granted.

Deputy Court Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, PAYNE COUNTY, ss. IN THE COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, GREETING: You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Albert Darr and M. Maryne Zubly of the County aforesaid, whose ages, residences, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Albert Darr</u> Groom	<u>31</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Tenn</u>	<u>Stillwater</u>
<u>Maryne Zubly</u> Bride	<u>20</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Okla</u>	<u>"</u>

And of this license you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Stillwater in said County, this 31 day of May, A. D. 1940.

Fausto Murphy Judge.  
Aileen Darr Deputy Court Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, PAYNE COUNTY, ss.

I, Willmore Kendall Minister Methodist of Stillwater in Payne County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1940 at Stillwater in Payne County, Oklahoma, in the presence of

E. P. Darr and Therza T. Murphy of Mc Alester - Woodward.  
Willmore Kendall

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the contracting parties, have subscribed our names this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1940.  
E. P. Darr Witnesses. Albert Darr Groom.  
Therza T. Murphy Maryne Zubly Bride.

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### Maxine Zerby Becomes Bride of Albert Dorr

A pretty home wedding of June 1, 1940, was that of Maxine Zerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Zerby, 617 Hester street, and Albert Dorr, son of Mrs. Estelle Dorr, 323 Husband street.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Willmoore Kendall before an improvised altar banked with roses.

The bride, who was given by her father in marriage, was attired in an original Lavine Mexican drawn work dress of light beige, trimmed in dark beige and dark beige accessories. She carried an arm bouquet of talisman roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Thyrza Murphy, of Woodward, was attired in a tan and brown street crepe dress and wore a corsage of roses.

The wedding march was played by Don Perry Zerby, brother of the bride.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dorr are seniors at A. and M. college, he in the school of engineering and she in the school of arts and sciences.

After a short trip they will be at home at 621 College avenue.

Mr. Dorr is employed with the Mid-West creamery.

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Miss Maxyne Zerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Zerby, became the bride of Albert Dorr, son of Mrs. Estelle Dorr, in a ceremony performed at the home of the bride Saturday night, June 1, at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Willmoore Kendall, Methodist minister, read the double ring service.

Attendants were Miss Thyrza Murphy, Woodward, and Ernest Dorr, McAlester, brother of the bridegroom. Don Perry, brother of the bride, played the wedding music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an original DeVine frock of wheat colored Mexican drawnwork with accessories in a darker shade of the same color. She carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dorr are senior students at Oklahoma A. and M. college. Mr. Dorr is a member of Acacia fraternity, and Mrs. Dorr is an Alpha Delta Pi. Mr. Dorr is employed by the Midwest Creamery.

After a short trip, the couple will be at home at 1621 College avenue.

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### Albert Dorr Wed To Stillwater Girl

In a beautiful home ceremony Saturday, June 1, Miss Maxine Zerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Zerby, Stillwater, became the bride of Albert Dorr, son of Mrs. Estelle Dorr, Stillwater, formerly of McAlester.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Willmoore Kendall before an improvised altar banked with roses.

Attendants were Miss Thyrza Murphy, Woodward, and Ernest Dorr, McAlester, brother of the groom.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an original DeVine frock of wheat colored Mexican drawnwork with accessories in a darker shade of the same color. She carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dorr are senior students at Oklahoma A. and M. college, where she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi. Mr. Dorr, a member of Acacia fraternity, is employed by the Midwest Creamery.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Stillwater at 1621 College avenue.

## Married Students Find Home Life Helps Grades

By ELEANOR NINMAN

**AS ONE HUSBAND PUT IT,** college married couples "have more interest in school work, less interest in campusology." He really hit the nail on the head for the married couples now attending college all agree on that point.

These couples, most of them recently married, find that married life has made them "settle down" and now they can really enjoy attending college. They don't have to "be worrying about whom to date the following night."

As Maxyne of the Maxyne and Albert Dorr household figures, "you're having more fun because you can just be together and enjoy yourself without having to chase around to dances, shows, and parties. And then," she added laughingly, "you always have your date with you."

Dorr finds that since his marriage, he is not so interested in belonging to organizations, especially social ones. "And before I was married, I wanted to know more people."

Mrs. Dorr finds that she gets more sleep.

### Old Saw Revised: 'Two Can Live More Cheaply Together Than Two Apart'

"When we do go to dances, we don't have to stay all evening as we used to do." She had thought it would be easier to go to school, but now that she is married, she finds that she has more interests.

#### DORR STUDIES MORE THAN HE USED TO.

"I guess the reason I'm more interested in my studies is the fact that there is someone depending on me," he explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr live in the home of his mother, Mrs. Estelle Dorr of 323 Husband street. Dorr is a senior in aeronautical engineering and works at the Midwest creamery. His wife is a senior in the school of arts and sciences where she is majoring in art.

"We don't have the same fun as the single kids," said Carol of the Carol and Joe Colvin apartment. "We have different fun. We run around with a group of couples and I think we even have more fun, because we're all sure of each

other."

Mrs. Colvin is keeping house in a two-room apartment at 211 1/2 South Knoblock street. Marriage and housekeeping aren't new to her for she was married in 1938, the summer before she graduated from high school. When she came to college for the first time, she saw it through the eyes of a married girl.

Colvin is a senior in arts and sciences, and his wife is a sophomore in the school of education. Colvin is director of the pep band, is a member of the "Little Symphony," and the trombone quartet. He and Mrs. Colvin both work in the arts and sciences offices.

Also interested in music, Mrs. Colvin is in the symphonic band and the All-Girls' orchestra.

**I JUST WOULDN'T TRADE** places with one of the single girls on the campus," she added. "I keep our apartment 'house-cleaned' between classes. The

most distracting thing is to put a cake in the oven, go to class, and come back to find the cake burned to a crisp."

She does not let her husband do the cooking. "He knows how to cook, though," Mrs. Colvin said. "He's particularly fond of pineapple-upside-down cakes and can even make them himself."

Walter Speakman figures that the old saying—"two can live more cheaply than one," usually proven to be untrue, can be worded to make sense:

"Two can live more cheaply together, than two can live apart."

Walter and Mary Neal were married in July, 1939. Since that time, Mrs. Speakman has found that practice makes the perfect housewife. Her husband complimented her cooking when he said that it was "most expert. Right good. It even surprised me. She never cooked in her parents' home."

Mrs. Speakman said she "really made a mess of cooking and house-keeping right at first. I had never cooked or anything. I hadn't even ironed anything other than pillow-

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# PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

NATURAL GASOLINE AND GAS DEPARTMENT

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

GEO. P. BUNN, MANAGER  
E. BUDDRUS  
REX MCROY  
M. T. KIRK  
G. W. McCULLOUGH  
A. M. RIPPEL

December 9, 1941

File: Mc-2105-41-45  
Subject: Employment

Mr. Albert Edward Dorr  
308 West Elm  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise you of our decision to offer you employment in the Natural Gasoline Department, Phillips Petroleum Company, as Apprentice Engineer at a starting salary of \$142 per month.

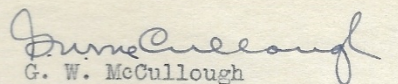
If you accept this offer of employment, we ask that you report to Mr. T. K. Willett, District Superintendent, Oklahoma City. You may expect to be routed through various types of maintenance and operating jobs during your first year for the purpose of familiarizing you with types of equipment, process, and methods of operation which we employ.

Employment regulations require that you be fingerprinted, that you submit satisfactory proof of birth, and undergo a physical examination by our company doctor. In the event there is any question in your mind as to your ability to pass a reasonable physical examination, we suggest that you have a check-up by your family physician before leaving for Oklahoma City.

Will you please advise me the approximate date on which we may expect you to report?

Yours very truly,

WW:kj

  
G. W. McCullough  
Chief Engineer  
NATURAL GASOLINE DEPARTMENT

**Al's First Job After College**

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HEADQUARTERS  
WRIGHT FIELD  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMANDING OFFICER

DAYTON, OHIO

January 12, 1942.

Mr. Albert Dorr,  
308 West Elm Street,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, together with Application and Personal History Statement, in regard to your possible appointment in the Air Corps, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Your application has been carefully reviewed to determine the possibility of utilizing your services in this Division. It is noted in the information submitted that the lowest entrance salary you will accept is \$2600 per annum. Please be advised that a vacancy exists for the position of Junior Mechanical Engineer, P-1, \$2000 per annum. If you desire to fill this Junior grade position, it is requested that you notify this office the earliest possible date you would be able to report for duty.

Very truly yours,

*Robert E. Bachman,*  
*1st Lt., Air Corps*

NORMAN D. BROPHY,  
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,  
Chief, Civilian Personnel Br.

Dad's attempt to avoid going into the armed forces

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ALBERT DORR=

1501 N.E. 13TH ST OKCTY=

INFORM THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR WAR SERVICE APPOINTMENT (INDEFINITE) AS ASSISTANT ENGINEER \$ 2600 PER ANNUM. SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION; ALSO ADVISE DATE YOU CAN REPORT FOR DUTY IF SELECTED. TRAVEL TO BE AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT. IF YOU ARE NOW EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT YOU CANNOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION UNLESS A RELEASE IS FURNISHED. IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY ONE AND FORTY FIVE YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION UNLESS YOU ARE PHYSICALLY DISQUALIFIED FOR MILITARY SERVICE OR HAVE AT LEAST TWO DEPENDENTS. END CITE SPOJT C 11=.

CASE COMMANDING SANANTONIO ARSENAL.

\$ 2600 SPOJT C 11.

No. 37328 a.d.  
 BY V 340p MLC

The Navy's original offer was \$2,000 a month. He had originally asked for \$2,600; he contacted one of his best friends who was working in the war department in Washington DC, I assume that was how received the larger amount??

**Duplicate REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE** Form approved Budget Bureau No. 33-R013-43

This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

**Albert Edward Derr**  
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

**323 Husband St Stillwater Okla**  
 (Place of residence)  
 (This will be identical with line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this **16** day of **Oct**, 19**40**

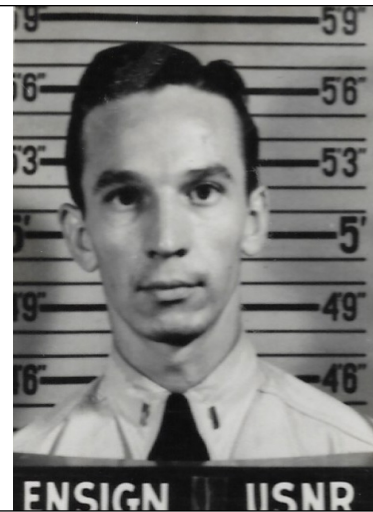
**W.R. Brooks**  
 (Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board **1** **Payne** **Okla**  
 (Number) (City or county) (State)

**THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES**

D. S. S. Form 2 (Revised 6/9/41) 16-21631-1

*Albert E. Derr*  
 (Registrar must sign here)



**SACRED ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON**

Know ye that **Ensign A. E. Derr**  
 on the **11th** day of **March** 19**45**  
 aboard the **USS LST 817**, Latitude **16° 30' N**  
 Longitude **100° 00'**, having been inspected and found worthy, was initiated into the  
**Sacred Order of the Golden Dragon**  
 Ruler of the 130th Meridian

**NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION** App. not Req.

**Albert Edward Derr**  
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Order No. **17** has been classified in Class **1-CH-1**  
 (Until \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_)  
 (Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by  Local Board.  
 Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_).  
 President.

**4-6**, 19**46** **Paul Boone**  
 (Date of mailing) (Member of local board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer.  
 DSS Form 57. (Rev. 12-10-43.)

Cut along this line to detach card.

January 9, 1946  
USS LST 817  
% F P O  
San Francisco, Calif.

Personnel Manager  
Southwest Airtemp Corp.  
1319 North Robinson  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

With the end of the war and subsequent end of rationing of materials vital to your industry and with a prosperous building and remodeling period beginning, you are probably planning to enlarge your staff to include one or more air conditioning engineers.

With the qualifications listed below, the utmost interest in air conditioning, and the desire to work and study hard, I believe we would both benefit considerably if I were in your employ.

I have a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering, including all courses offered in refrigeration and air conditioning, from Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater where I was graduated in January of 1942. Here I earned the major part of my way by working in and managing the fountain-store of the Mid-West Creamery under the managership of Mr. R. L. Pitts of that City.

My Professional experience consists of :

(1) Twenty-one months as a Technical Engineer with the Natural Gasoline Department of Phillips Petroleum Company under the Supervision of Mr. H. R. Markley, who was the Oklahoma Division Engineer. This consisted of making cost estimates, calculations, designs and drawings for proposed pipelines, salvage, construction, maintenance and repair, and following the work to completion.

(2) Eleven months as an aircraft power plant draftsman for Beech Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas under the supervision of Mr. N. A. Eaton, Assistant Power Plant Engineer.

(3) Sixteen months, as of January 1, 1946, as an officer in the U. S. Navy, filling the capacity of navigator aboard the USS LST 817 in the Pacific Theater. During this time I studied several courses obtained from the United States Armed Forces Institute, two of which were Air conditioning, Heating and ventilation.

In addition to the above I am an advanced amateur photographer and possess the skill and equipment to take and process pictures of professional quality. I believe that photography could be employed to great advantage in connection with your records, publicity and sales.

I also hold a private pilot's license. Although this has no direct relation to your business, instances might occur in the future where flying could save valuable time or capital for you.

I am twenty-seven years of age, five feet eight inches tall, an American of French-English descent, married and have two children, and am a member of the Methodist Church.

Will you please grant me an opportunity for an interview upon my separation from the Navy, which I expect to be in April of this year.

My present home address is: 820 Kaw, Perry, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

*Albert E. Dorr*  
Albert E. Dorr

January 25, 1946

Ensign Albert E. Dorr  
USS LST 817  
c/o F P O  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9.

We shall keep your application on file and shall be happy to discuss employment with you when you arrive in Oklahoma City.

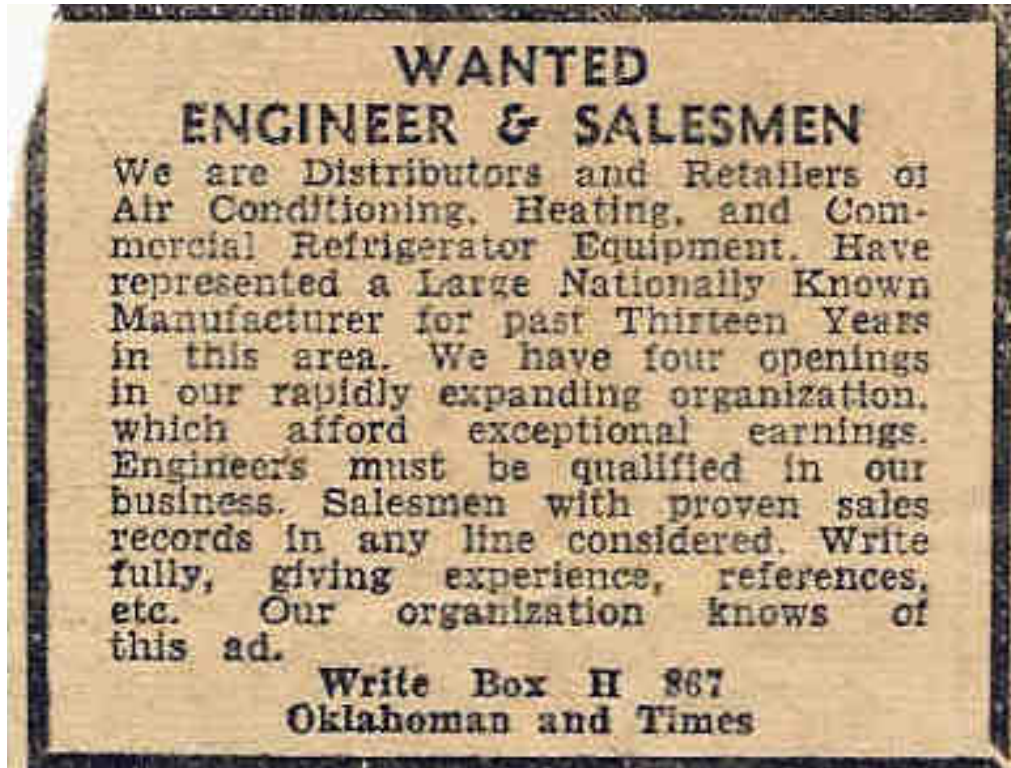
With best wishes for your release, we remain .

Very truly yours,

SOUTHWEST AIRTEMP Corporation

C. Robert Ingram, Engineer  
CRI/mb

# The Little Ad That Changed Al's Life



In January of 1946 while he was still in the Navy, he wrote a letter to Southwest Airtemp in OKC asking about possible openings for an engineer. He received a reply telling him to contact them upon his return to OKC. There is no information that he ever contacted after he left the Navy.

Dad saw the above ad in the newspaper in February 1948 when he was working at OG&E. This little ad probably had more influence than nearly anything on his future business life. His area of expertise changed from electrical powerplants to air conditioning. He started as an engineer and then became the sales manager the following year. In 1953 he was able to buy the company from C. Robert Ingram along with a fellow engineer. Mr. Ingram was the engineer who responded to dad in 1946 and now has his own air conditioning company. Over the years they were able to grow the business to become mechanical contractors.

Feb. 8, 1948  
2401 N.E. 27th  
Oklahoma City  
Telephone 4-9781

Box H 867  
Oklahoman and Times

Gentlemen:

In answer to your ad in Sunday's Oklahoman, I submit the following information and request for an interview.

Age 29      Married, three children      Homeowner

Education: B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Refrigeration Option from Okla. A. and M.

Experience: 21 months as Technical Engineer with Phillips Petroleum Co. Construction, cost estimation, design, salvage.

11 months as Power Plant Draftsman with Beech Aircraft Corp.

21 months as a commissioned officer in U.S. Navy, Pacific Theater.

20 months as Mechanical Design Engineer with present employer. This work consists of mechanical and air conditioning design.

Registered Professional Engineer, Mechanical and Air Conditioning, State of Oklahoma.

I am an advanced amateur photographer and possess all equipment for taking and processing pictures of professional quality, and advocate the use of photography in both engineering and sales promotion.

I have had considerable experience in sales and sales promotion and have a wide acquaintance among Oklahoma City businessmen, engineers and contractors.

My present employment is very satisfactory, but as with most design positions the future is limited. It is my desire to get into sales engineering where the earning capacity is not quite so limited.

If the above information suits your qualification I am available for an interview any week day from 12:00-1:00 or at 5:00 or any time on Saturday and Sunday.

Very truly yours,

*Albert E. Dorr*  
Albert E. Dorr



C. Robert Ingram  
INC.

Air Conditioning - Heating - Refrigeration

OLDEST CHRYSLER AIRTEMP DEALER IN THE SOUTHWEST

OKLAHOMA CITY 4, OKLAHOMA

February 16,

Mr. Albert E. Dorr  
2401 Northeast 27th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Dorr:

**WANTED  
ENGINEER & SALESMEN**

We are Distributors and Retailers of Air Conditioning, Heating, and Commercial Refrigerator Equipment. Have represented a Large Nationally Known Manufacturer for past Thirteen Years in this area. We have four openings in our rapidly expanding organization, which afford exceptional earnings. Engineers must be qualified in our business. Salesmen with proven sales records in any line considered. Write fully, giving experience, references, etc. Our organization knows of this ad.

Write Box H 867  
Oklahoman and Times

I am writing this memorandum to outline the terms of your employment with C. ROBERT INGRAM, Inc.

Your duties shall consist of engineering as required and sales on installations of twenty (20) tons or more of air conditioning equipment in which you have had an active part.

To compensate you for the first function, you will be paid a salary at the rate of Three Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$350.00) per month. You also will be paid an additional Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00) per month (a total of Four Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$400.00) per month) in advance on the first Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of your gross sales. You will be paid an additional one per cent (1%) on the next Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) gross business. After reaching the above mentioned Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) gross sales, you will be paid one and one-half per cent (1½%) on the next Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). After One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) has been reached, you will be paid two per cent (2%) on future business falling in the category mentioned in the second paragraph of this letter.

The override indicated above is based on the calendar year.

It is our understanding you will be available on March 8. May we welcome you into our organization and we trust this is the beginning of a long, profitable and pleasant association for us both. May we assure you of our complete co-operation.

Yours very truly,

C. ROBERT INGRAM, Inc.

  
Carl Hoffman  
General Sales Manager

CH/be

November 13, 1953

Mr. R. Olsen  
Liberty Bank Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Olsen:

This letter is about three young men who have organized a contracting company known as "COMFORT, INCORPORATED", to take over the air conditioning and heating retail sales and contracting business which has been developed and promoted the last seventeen years by C. Robert Ingram, Inc.

Albert E. Dorr is 35 years old, is a mechanical engineering graduate of Oklahoma A&M College, and is a registered professional engineer. Since March 1948 he has been an engineer and sales manager for C. Robert Ingram, Inc., being responsible for the sale, engineering and installation of hundreds of air conditioning jobs. The preceding two years were spent as a mechanical and air conditioning design engineer with Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company. Prior to this two years were with the U. S. Navy and two years as an Engineer for Phillips Petroleum Company.

Lewis H. Carter, Jr., is 27 years old, is a mechanical engineering graduate from Oklahoma University, and is a registered professional engineer. Since the Spring of 1948 he has been the leading sales engineer for C. Robert Ingram, Inc. Preceding this he was with Dykes Company, the Chrysler Airtemp Distributor in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Adrian E. Julius is 38 years old. He has been the top refrigeration mechanic and assistant service manager for C. Robert Ingram, Inc., for the last seven years.

COMFORT, INCORPORATED was chartered for a total capitalization of \$150,000.00, the common stock being \$100,000.00 and the preferred stock being \$50,000.00. The starting capital is \$50,000.00 and is divided as follows:

COMMON STOCK

A. E. Dorr,	\$10,000.00
Lewis Carter, Jr.,	\$10,000.00
A. E. Julius,	\$10,000.00

PREFERRED STOCK

C.R. Anthony and associates,	\$ 2,500.00
B. D. EDDIE	2,500.00
R. OLSEN	2,500.00

Les Fretwell,	\$ 1,000.00
Milton Lewinsohn,	\$ 1,000.00
Tom Gordon,	\$ 1,000.00
B. L. Semtner,	\$ 1,000.00
Lewis Carter,	\$ 2,000.00
Lew Miller,	\$ 1,000.00
Dick Kitchen,	\$ 500.00
Tom Johnson,	\$ 500.00

This preferred stock shall be entitled to a preferential dividend in the amount of 6% annually, payable as permitted under the Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and shall be cumulative from year to year.

Preferred stock may be callable and retired three years after the date of issuance on the basis of 110% of the stated par value, plus any arrearages in dividends. Dividends shall be due and payable on the first of November in each calendar year, the first dividend payment being due November 1, 1954. Preferred stock shall have no voting rights whatsoever by virtue of the Amended Articles of Incorporation, except as required under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Preferred stock shall have, on liquidation, preference on the assets of the Corporation to the extent of its par value plus accumulated dividends.

COMFORT, INCORPORATED is expected to install a minimum of \$500,000.00 and possibly \$750,000.00 worth of air conditioning in its initial twelve months. This is based on C. Robert Ingram, Inc., sales for the first nine months of 1953, which were produced by this same organization in this area and amounted to \$575,000.00

A sales volume of \$500,000.00 will produce a minimum 20% gross profit of \$100,000.00 as shown by the records for the past years. Deducting the annual overhead of \$61,500.00 a net profit of \$38,500.00 should be shown for the first year.

The monthly overhead figure will be lower in winter and higher in summer than the twelve month average. For this winter an average month of \$25,000.00 in sales should be above the break-even point.

COMFORT, INC., began operation on November 1, 1953, with \$24,170.00 in contracts on hand and for the first twelve days contracts amounting to \$19,970.00 have been signed, giving a total of contracts on hand of \$44,140.00.

Prospects for the coming year are far better than previous years and proposals already out to prospective purchase s are approximately \$250,000.00.

This exclusive Chrysler Airtemp dealership for COMFORT, INCORPORATED is appointment of C. Robert Ingram, Inc., who is the Chrysler Airtemp distributor for Oklahoma and Western Arkansas. The standard franchise contract period as for all dealers and distributors is one year. C. Robert Ingram has had this uninterrupted franchise for approximately seventeen years and is one of the

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three oldest distributors with Chrysler Airtemp. The franchise agreement between C. Robert Ingram, Inc., and COMFORT, INCORPORATED, is the same as the agreement between Chrysler Airtemp and C. Robert Ingram, Inc.

The fixed monthly overhead of COMFORT, INCORPORATED is as follows:

Salaries,	\$2,450.00
Rent and Utilities,	450.00
Insurance,	320.00
Telephone,	100.00
Truck expense,	400.00
Office supplies,	50.00
Postage,	30.00
Travel and entertainment,	50.00
Dues and donations,	100.00
Auditor and Legal,	100.00
Payroll taxes,	150.00
Incidentals,	50.00
Depreciation,	150.00
Bad debts,	200.00
Advertising,	400.00
Maintenance Service,	100.00
Tools,	25.00
Freight expense,	50.00
Total,	<u>\$5,125.00</u>

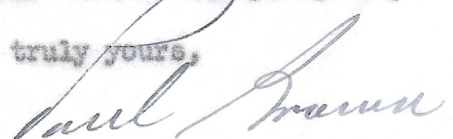
\* All mechanics and servicemen are hourly paid, and do not enter overhead since they are charged to the cost of the job.

Of the \$50,000.00 starting capital only about \$12,000.00 will be tied up in fixed assets, (trucks, cars and equipment), the balance being available for operating capital.

In addition, any revenue that the company derives by means of servicing air conditioning units already installed should be added to the figures herein quoted. I understand that it can reasonably be anticipated that the service of old units already installed will be about 20% of their anticipated new sales, with an added profit derived from this source.

It is my personal opinion that this venture has every reason to anticipate considerable success. The men in it are young, thoroughly grounded in experience and acquainted with the affairs of this type of business. They are conservative in their thinking and I am sure that it is a company that can look forward to considerable success and prosperity.

Very truly yours,



PAUL BROWN

FB:HK

DORR

MAXYNE CECILIA  
JUNE 11, 1919~SEPT. 30, 2007  
FAMILY OF ZERBY

MARRIED  
JUNE 11  
1940

ALBERT EDWARD  
SEPT. 3, 1918~JULY 13, 1995  
WWII USNR LST 817

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34  
LET GOD LOVE YOU"

## ADDRESSES OF WHERE WE HAVE LIVED

2/18/18	220 E. Monrun, McAllaster, OK,	Al & Estelle	McAlster phonebook, 2/18/1918 newspaper
9/3/38	323 Ramsay St, Stillwater, OK,	Al & Estelle	A&M transcript of grades
9/38	505 College, Stillwater, OK	The Zerby's	
2/1/40	1621 College, Stillwater, OK	Al & Maxyne	Wedding Announcement, 12/11/40 Newspaper article
2/1/40	323 Husband, Stillwater, OK	Estelle Dorr	Newspaper Wedding Article, Marriage License
2/1/40	617 Hester, Stillwater, OK	The Zerby's	Newspaper Wedding Article
12/9/40	308 West Elm, Stillwater, OK	Estelle, Al, Maxyne, B, Fran, Sam, Ellen??	
6/1/40	507 Lewis	Al. Maxyne, Ed, Dana	Dad's letter while he was in Fairview
5/27/43	1501 NE 13, Oklahoma City, OK	Al, Maxyne, Ed, and Dana	Telegram from Civil Service
?	1025 Elm St., Perry, OK	Ora, Percy, Maxyne, Ed, and Dana	
3/17/44	195 Beachwood Dr, Wichita, KS	Al, Maxyne, Ed, and Dana	Letter from Okla A&M to Albert
12/5/44	735 Grove, Perry, OK	Mimi, Ora, Paercy, Maxyne, Ed, Dana	Postcard from Maxyne to Ed when she met Dad in New Orleans in the Navy
1/9/46	820 Kaw, Perry, OK	Ora and Percy	Letter from Al to Southwest Airtemp Corp.

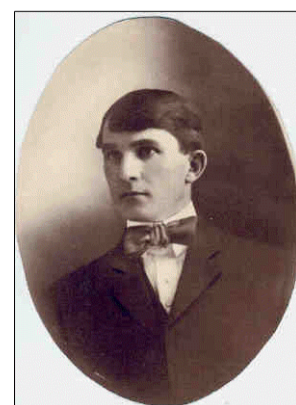
2/47	2401 N. E. 27	Al, Maxyne, and the 5 boys	Letter from C Robert Ingram
9/16/49	914 Delaware, Perry, OK	Ora and Percy	Ora's letter to the VA
52-55	916 Holly, Perry, OK	Ora and Percy	1954 Letter to Percy's brother Martin, Letter to Maxyne
10/58	1408 N. E. 52, Oklahoma City, OK	Al, Maxyne, and the 5 boys	
3/70	8901 Sheringham Dr. Oklahoma City	Al, Maxyne, Jon and Kent	
	525 NW 24 Oklahoma City	Ora and Percy	Percy's orbit

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Second Generation

**2. Albert Ernest DORR**, son of **Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR** and **Sara Jane WILKINS**, was born on 17 Feb 1879 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, died on 20 Feb 1918 in McAlester, OK, at age 39, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Ernest met Estelle while she was on a visit to her Aunt Lucy Trotter in Mississippi. They were married in a double ceremony with Estelle's sister Lettie in 1907 by Rev. G. B. Baskerville. They moved to McAlester, Oklahoma where Albert Ernest owned a barbershop. He was killed in 1918 in an automobile accident in McAlester, OK.



Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in 1910 in McAlester Ward 1, Pittsburg, Oklahoma, United States.<sup>1</sup>
- He had a residence in 1920 in McAlester Ward 1, Pittsburg, Oklahoma, United States.<sup>1</sup>
- He had a residence in 1880 in Sardis, Panola, Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>

Albert married **Laura Estelle BOSWELL** on 19 Nov 1907 in Memphis, TN. Laura was born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK, at age 89, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Albert Edward DORR** (born on 3 Sep 1918 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN - died on 13 Jul 1995 in Oklahoma City, OK)
- ii. **Ernest Boswell DORR** was born on 13 Sep 1908 in McAlester, OK and died on 13 Apr 1998 in Norman, OK, at age 89.
- iii. **Dorothy May DORR** was born on 6 Sep 1912 in McAlester, OK and died on 18 Jul 1988 in Oklahoma City, OK, at age 75.

**3. Laura Estelle BOSWELL**, daughter of **Laura Ellie PARKS**, was born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK, at age 89, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Estelle was the oldest daughter of ten children. She meets Ernest while on a visit to her Aunt Lucy Trotter in Mississippi. She and her sister Lettie are married in a double ceremony in 1907. Estelle and Ernest move to McAlester, Oklahoma where he owns a barbershop. Six months before Al Dorr was born his father is killed in an automobile accident and Mrs. Dorr returns to Macon, Tennessee for his birth. Three months after he is born, she moves back to McAlester and buys a nineteen-room house where she takes in boarders. In 1936 Estelle moves to Stillwater where she again runs a boarding house. This enables her son, Albert, to go to college. After Al Dorr marries Maxyne Zerby, Estelle moves back to Macon, TN to live with Dewitt Boswell and his wife Ola. She also teaches in a country school. She and the Boswells travel every summer and she spends summers with Al Dorr's family. She dies in a nursing home in Edmond, OK.



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1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 26 Jun 2024), entry for Albert Ernest Dorr, person ID GMF1-TYJ.

ESTELLE BOSWELL

OCT. 30. 1882

JAN. 12. 1972

INTERRED IN  
MEMORIAL GARDENS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



IN LOVING MEMORY

ALBERT ERNEST

FEB. 17. 1880

FEB. 20. 1918

DORR

NOTE CAREFULLY  
 THIS IS A PERMANENT LEGAL RECORD  
 USE TYPEWRITER OR WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—CHECK ALL  
 STATEMENTS. ALTERATIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY ON ORDER OF  
 A COURT OF RECORD IN TENNESSEE

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
 DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS

NAME AT BIRTH Laura Estelle Boswell DATE OF BIRTH October 31, 1882  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST MONTH DAY YEAR

BIRTHPLACE Fayette Macon Tennessee COLOR OR RACE White SEX Female  
COUNTY CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL)

FATHER: FULL NAME T. J. Boswell BIRTHPLACE Tennessee  
STATE OR COUNTRY

MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME Laura E. Parks BIRTHPLACE North Carolina  
STATE OR COUNTRY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE. (TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF REGISTRANT IS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.)  
 SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT Estelle B. Boswell PRESENT ADDRESS Oakland, Tenn.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON March 7th 1956  
My Commission Expires: 9-22-1959 Jay C. Ross NOTARY PUBLIC

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

1	NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED, AND DATE OF ISSUE)	DATE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WAS MADE

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT OF CORRESPONDING NUMBER ABOVE

1	BIRTH DATE OR AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCUMENTS ABSTRACTED ABOVE, FIND THEM VALID, AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS AS NOTED ABOVE, AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY THE DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
(CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CLERK AND MASTER)

THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TENNESSEE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM 110

**Estelle's Birth Certificate**

DATE OF MARRIAGE:  
*Nov 19* 190*7*

BY WHOM MARRIED:  
*B. Baskville*  
*M. G.*

WHEN RETURNED:  
*1-26* 190*7*

STATE OF TENNESSEE, }  
 SHELBY COUNTY. } Know All Men by These Presents:

THAT WE, *Ernest a. Dorr* and *R. a. Morton*  
 of the County of Shelby and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound to the State of Tennessee, in the sum of  
 Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors  
 and administrators, and each and every one of us, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals, this *19* day of *Nov* 190*7*

*Ernest a. Dorr* (Seal)  
*R. a. Morton* (Seal)

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, whereas, the above bounden  
*Ernest a. Dorr* has this day prayed and obtained a license to marry  
*Miss Laura Estelle Boswell*; now, if there is  
 no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, and for which license is desired, then this obligation to be void, otherwise  
 to remain in full force and virtue in law.

ATTEST: *G. B. Crenshaw*, Clerk.  
 By *a. P. Haloh*, D. C.

E. W. CLARKE PRINTING CO. NEWSPRINT

DATE OF MARRIAGE:  
*Nov 19* 190*7*

BY WHOM MARRIED:  
*B. Baskerville*  
*M. G.*

WHEN RETURNED:

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*R. a. Morton* (Seal)  
*Ernest a. Dorr* (Seal)

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, whereas, the above bounden  
*R. a. Morton* has this day prayed and obtained a license to marry  
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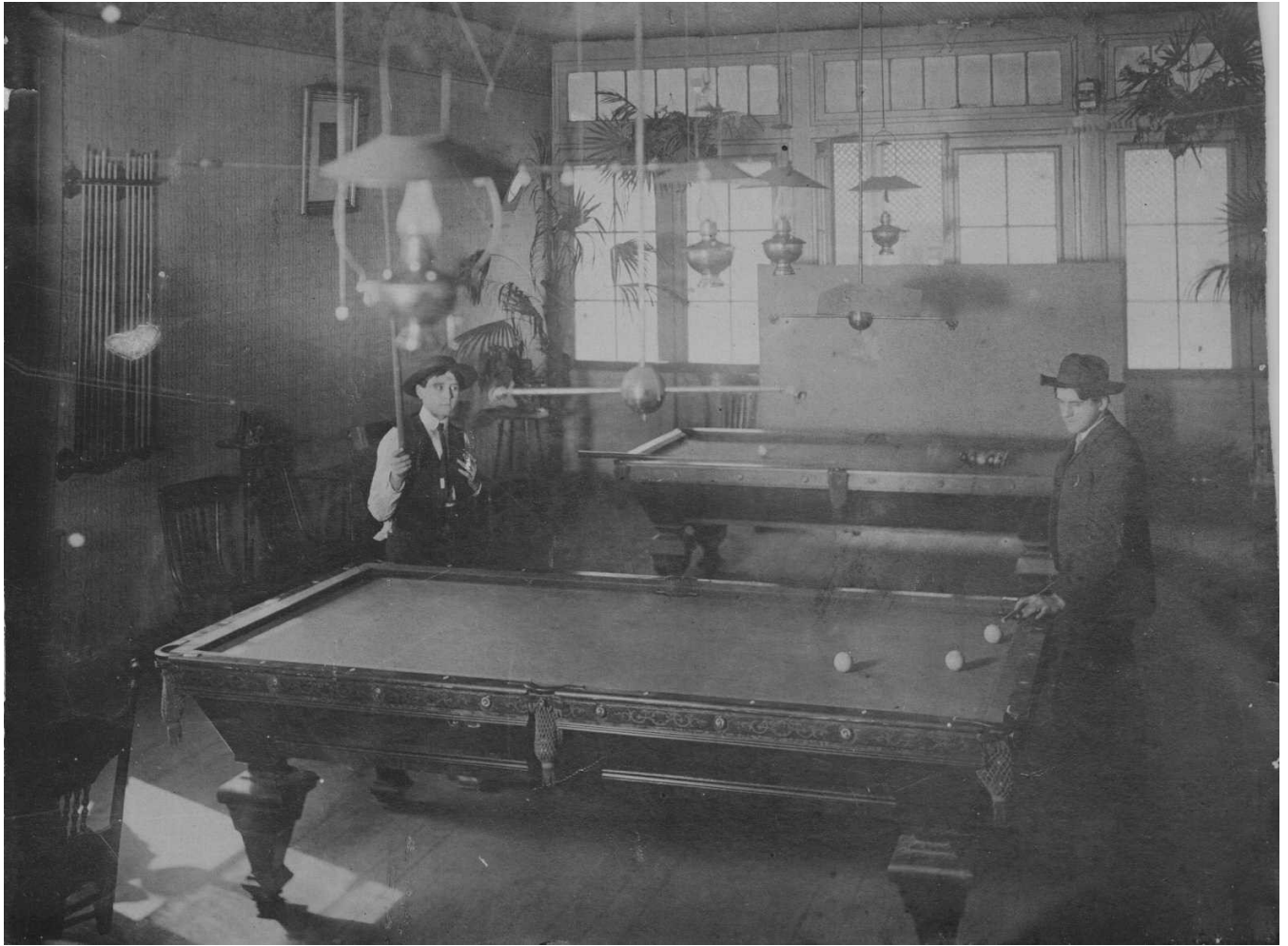
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Dill Cecil H, b 308 E Cherokee av.  
Dill Frank (Mary), eng Am Ldry Co, r 503 Krebs av.  
Dill Hettie (wid Henry H), r 308 E Cherokee av.  
Dill Iris, clk W R Edwards, b 308 E Cherokee av.  
Dill Wilbur, lab, b 503 Krebs av.  
District Indian Agency 8th Dist, S G Brink, agt 115½ N 1st.  
Dixon Charles (c) (Venus), miner, r 909 W Harrison av.  
Dixon Claude, foreman Steffen-Bretch Ice & Ice Cream Co, r 620 E Jackson av.  
Dixon Henry W (Alicie), lab, r 238 W Delaware av.  
Dobbs Joe, stenogr City Natl Bank, b 509 Smith av.  
Dobbs John K (Amanda M), r 509 Smith av.  
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## Ernest's Automobile Accident



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**Location of Ernest's Automobile accident**

The following is Ernest's obituary from the Southern Reporter, Volume XXXIII, Number 24, February 23, 1918.

### **Victim of Auto Accident Brought Home for Burial**

A telegram was received here Tuesday announcing that Mr. Ernest Dorr had been injured in an automobile accident at McAlester, Okla. Mr. Ware (Weir) Dorr, his brother, immediately left for Oklahoma, but did not reach there until several hours after the injured man had died from his injuries. We are informed that Mr. Dorr, on his way home to dinner from his place of business, had accepted a ride in an auto truck, and in going down a hill the truck swerved suddenly in meeting another car, and Mr. Dorr was thrown out, striking heavily on the hard roadway. He was in sight of his home when the accident occurred.

The remains were brought to Sardis on the Accommodation last night and carried out to the residence of Mr. Ware (Weir) Dorr, from which the funeral was held this morning, interment being at Rose Hill Cemetery.

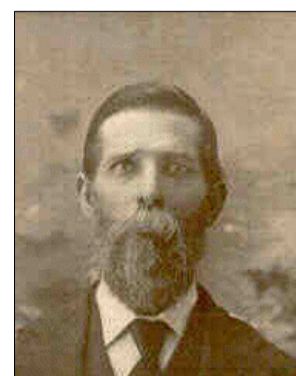
Deceased, who was about 35 years of age, was a son of the late N. L. Dorr, and had been away from Sardis for about eight years. Being a steady, industrious and capable young man, he had prospered in his western home, where he will be regretted by a large circle. He leaves a wife and two little children, to mourn the sad accident which has thus deprived them of a loving husband and father.

The sympathy of the entire community go out to the stricken family and other relatives in their hour of affliction.

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### Third Generation

**4. Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR**, son of **Louis Adolphe DORR** and **Francoise "Fannie" BENAL**, was born on 2 Dec 1844 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, United States,<sup>1</sup> died on 5 Mar 1916 in Panola County, Mississippi, United States,<sup>1</sup> at age 71, and was buried in Mar 1916 in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>



Narcissus' parents, Louis and Frances Dorr, arrive in America at Mobile, AL in 1840 and marry in 1841. He is born on February 2, 1844. At the time he has a two-year old sister Sylvia and a one-year old brother. Sometime after Narcissus is born but before 1847, the family moves to Kemper County, MS. We know this because the record of his brother Norman's birth shows him as being born in Kemper County.

Very little is known of Narcissus' younger days. He has four sisters and seven brothers. He marries an Englishwoman named Sara Jane Wilkins on February 2, 1849 in Sumter, AL. Sumter is on the Alabama-Mississippi border next to Kemper County. Sara Jane is a daughter of one of Louis' neighbors.

From Louis' letters:

Narcissus has his own place two miles from his father and is working for him in return for part of the crop. His father Louis is never quite happy with where he is at the time and tries to convince Narcissus to move to Arkansas or Texas, but Narcissus refuses to go.

In early 1871 Louis and all of his children that were in Kemper County moves to Panola County, MS which is in the northern part of the state. Louis moves to a bluff that overlooks swamp country and that year they are all in poor health. Martin and Narcissus rent 30 acres of bottomland two miles from their father. They pay 50 pounds lint cotton per acre, but the land is creek bottom and never fails to make less than a bale an acre. Around August Narcissus' oldest boy Edwin dies of the flu and in October Narcissus himself becomes very ill. Martin returns from Arkansas and joins Narcissus on the farm. Evidently, due to the poor health conditions, Narcissus is ready to return to Kemper County in the fall of 1871.

In the fall of 1872 Louis sells his land on the bluff and moves eight miles to the east. For a time Narcissus and Norman rent land in the neighborhood and work together. Later Narcissus is able to buy 80 acres of land adjacent to his father's place for \$900. His father writes, "he built a very good house on it. Part of it is creek bottom and made a bale (and made 18 bales of cotton the first year) to the acre besides plenty of corn and potatoes." Norman is working with Narcissus at this time.

In 1875 Norman rents land from Narcissus and is working on his own house. Henry is staying with Narcissus.

In 1876 Louis writes, "Narcisse and Shug [?] are well and are making money like Jews. He has paid for his place and has besides no less than 1000 dollars on interests. Henry is still working with him. All three made nearly 30 bales of cotton last year." In 1877 Narcissus and Edward buy another farm in the neighborhood, 160 acres for about \$10 an acre. Martin lives with Louis but is working for Narcissus.

Narcissus and Sara have a total of nine children, five boys, and four girls. In November 1906 Sara dies. In March 1908 Narcissus marries Lucinda "Cindy" Jackson. In 1916 Narcissus passes away and Cindy dies in 1920.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in 1850 in Kemper county, Kemper, Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>
- He had a residence in 1860 in Kemper, Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>
- He had a residence in 1870 in Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>
- He had a residence in 1880 in Sardis, Panola, Mississippi, United States.<sup>1</sup>

Narcisse married **Sara Jane WILKINS** on 2 Feb 1869 in Sumter Co., AL.<sup>2</sup> Sara was born on 15 May 1848 in Halifax Co., VA, died on 3 Nov 1906 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Children from this marriage were:

- William Edwin DORR** was born on 26 Dec 1869, died on 11 Jul 1871, at age 1, and was buried in Star Place - Shiloh Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- Caroline "Carrie" Belle DORR** was born on 13 Sep 1872 and died on 4 Mar 1930, at age 57.

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis Dorr, person ID 9471-85S.

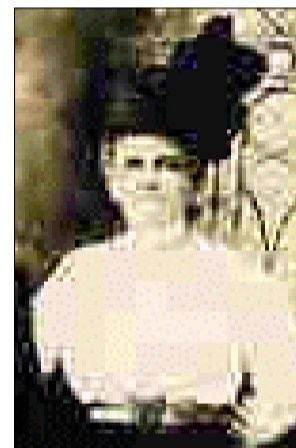
2. Sumter Country Marriage Records, Book 3 Page 158.

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- iii. **Marietta (Mary Etta) DORR** was born on 25 Jan 1875 in Kemper Co., MS and died on 3 May 1962 in Panola Co., MS, at age 87.
- iv. **Jennie (Jenny) DORR** was born in 1878, died in 1932 in Panola Co., MS, at age 54, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- 2 v. **Albert Ernest DORR** (born on 17 Feb 1879 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS - died on 20 Feb 1918 in McAlister, OK)
- vi. **Louis Henry DORR** was born on 1 Jan 1881, died on 27 Jul 1939 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. He had no known marriage and no known children.
- vii. **Wilma Louise DORR** was born on 26 Oct 1884 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, died on 5 Feb 1945 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, at age 60, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.
- viii. **Weir L. DORR** was born on 10 Jun 1888 in Panola Co., MS, died on 8 Jan 1950 in Memphis, TN, at age 61, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.
- ix. **Ella Lorine\Lorena DORR** was born on 8 Feb 1890 in Panola Co., MS, died on 16 Sep 1946 in Panola Co., MS, at age 56, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Narcisse next married **Lucinda "Cindy" JACKSON**, daughter of **Robert JACKSON** and **Sara SECOR**, on 25 Mar 1908 in Panola Co., MS. Lucinda was born on 15 May 1859 in Rockland Co., NY, died on 19 Mar 1920 in Panola Co., MS, at age 60, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. They had no children.

Cindy was the sister of my grandmother, Ruby Jackson Bishop, wife of Alonzo "Lon" Bishop. DNB



**5. Sara Jane WILKINS** was born on 15 May 1848 in Halifax Co., VA, died on 3 Nov 1906 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Sara Jane is from a very established English family who ancestors came to America in 1618 and settle in Virginia. Sara Jane is born in Halifax Co., VA in 1848. Her father, Josiah Richard Wilkins dies of the measles when Sara is only five years old. When she is about 13, her widowed mother moves the family to Kemper County, Mississippi, near the border with Sumter County, AL. Sara marries Narcissus Dorr in 1869. Sometime after 1869 most of the Wilkins family move to Jackson County, Arkansas. Sara and her sister, Elizabeth, who is also married stay in Mississippi.



From Paul Dorr's Letter:

"Aunt Sarah was unlettered but a very fine woman who, I think, was generally loved. I used sometimes to go to this home for Sunday dinner; there was always a table full of company and the "board groaned" with food. Aunt Sarah had many hospitable expressions with a strong "Arkansas flavor"; if you sat near her end of the table when the plates were being loaded and passed to the consumers, and you offered your plate, as was the custom, to the hostess, Aunt Sarah would smile and say, "Just keep that if it suits you." Or if, as she watched from her end of the long table the rapid disappearance of the food from the row of plates, and observed with a keen eye, for example, that you had devoured all of the chicken, three or four pieces, to which you had been helped, she would catch your eye and say with insistent urgency: "Now, Brother Hargrove (or Paul, or any other guest), "You haven't had anything hardly to eat; just help yo'self to chicken and gravy and more mashed postatoes. You set handy." In conversation with her, if you were making a statement about some simple event that had taken place, Aunt Sarah would interject feelingly, from time to time, "I say! I say!" She used to take a vacation from

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

her manifold household duties of one full week every spring. She would spend the first day visiting Aunt Jodie (at Uncle Norman's house) and sit in a rocking chair all day and talk, if anybody was near with whom she could talk. Next day Ira and Clinton would hitch up the buggy and haul her down to Davis Chapel, where she would spend the day (in exactly the same manner) with Aunt Alice (at Uncle Eugene's house). From thence, Uncle Gene would transport her to our house (Uncle Rufus), where she would exactly duplicate the former 24-hour visits, rocking amiably and peacefully, dear soul, talking and "I saying" with my mother, Lillie. Then to Grandma's, to Uncle Ed's and on to the end of the list. Peace to that good woman's ashes."

The above information provided by Jo Dixon Helmers.

Sara married **Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR** on 2 Feb 1869 in Sumter Co., AL.<sup>3</sup> Narcisse was born on 2 Dec 1844 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, United States,<sup>4</sup> died on 5 Mar 1916 in Panola County, Mississippi, United States,<sup>4</sup> at age 71, and was buried in Mar 1916 in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.<sup>4</sup>

**7. Laura Ellie PARKS** was born on 26 Jan 1862 in Iredell County, NC, died on 28 Jan 1945 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, at age 83, and was buried in Macon Cemetery, Macon, Fayette Co., TN.

Laura married someone.

Her children were:

- i. **Thomas Dewitt BOSWELL** was born on 1 Feb 1881, died in 1967 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, at age 86, and was buried in Memorial Park, Memphis, Shelby Co., TN.
- 3 ii. **Laura Estelle BOSWELL** (born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN - died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK)
- iii. **Charlotte Letitia BOSWELL** was born on 11 Oct 1884 and died on 21 Feb 1940 in Oakland, TN, at age 55.
- iv. **John Collins BOSWELL** was born on 6 Nov 1886.
- v. **Walter Lee BOSWELL** was born on 17 Feb 1889 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 16 Mar 1948 in Memphis, TN, at age 59.
- vi. **Russell Norman BOSWELL** was born on 29 Nov 1891 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 14 Jun 1961 in Arlington, VA, at age 69.
- vii. **Mary Otie BOSWELL** was born on 12 Feb 1894.
- viii. **Lucy Ellen Zibiah BOSWELL** was born on 21 Dec 1857 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 25 Jan 1930, at age 72, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- ix. **Wilbur Parks BOSWELL** was born on 7 Aug 1889 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 8 Jan 1954 in East Point, GA, at age 64.
- x. **Annie Ernestine BOSWELL** was born on 27 Jul 1903.

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3. Sumter Country Marriage Records, Book 3 Page 158.

4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis Dorr, person ID 9471-85S.

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The State of Alabama, }  
SUMTER COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we,

Narcissus L. Dorr and J. M. Thomas

are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives, jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 27 day of January 1867

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, the above bound Narcissus L. Dorr has obtained license to intermarry with Sarah J. Wilkins Now, if there be no lawful cause why such marriage should not be celebrated, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

N L Dorr



J. M. Thomas



Witness:

L. A. Stephens Judge.

# Narcisse Dorr's Orbituary

Obituary of Narcissus Dorr from the Southern Reporter, Volume XXXI, Number 30

Southern Reporter – Sardis Miss. Friday Evening, April 7, 1916

Mr. N. L. D'ORR

DIED at his home, near Sardis, Miss., Mr. N. L. D'Orr, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 3 days.

The above paragraph tells the readers of the Reporter that the messenger of death has once more been in our midst and has taken from us one of our valuable, honest and upright citizens. It falls like a pall of darkness, for we all realize the loss we have sustained. His death, though not entirely unexpected, made us realize (sic) the loss. For several weeks he had been suffering with Bright's disease, during which time he had physician, the prayers of his many christian (sic) friends, and every assistance that could be rendered by the sympathetic hands of his loved ones, but all this failed to bring relief, and the end came at God's appointed time.

Mr. D'Orr was born and reared in Kemper County, Miss., and there he was married to Miss Sara Wilkins, moving to Panola County, and, locating near Sardis, lived there till death claimed him. His wife preceded him to the Great Beyond only ten years. Two years after the death of his wife he was married again, this time to Miss Lucinda Jackson, of Sardis. He leaves a widow, eight children and twenty-two grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn for him.

He lived a Christian life from early manhood, being a member, and for a number of years an officer, either as steward or superintendent of the Sunday school, of Davis Chapel church, and was always to be found at his post of duty. He was a man of most exemplary character, pure and blameless, inspiring to a higher life all who came under the uplifting influence of the firm and useful life he lived.

Though his life is ended, yet the sweet influence he left will ever point his loved ones to the God whom he loved and served. May we see in this sad bereavement the act of a loving Father who knows best. He will be greatly missed in the church, to which he took so much pride in going, and in his home, where he was loved and honored by his family. In fact, no one can fill his place in life; but, friends, let us try to fill our places better by having such an example as this life before us. May our faith in Christ be strong and simple like his.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, whose words of sympathy were very touching to every one present. The body was laid to rest in Davis Chapel cemetery.

May God look down in tender mercy on his wife, relatives and many friends.

Notes: (Sic) means this was copied exactly as originally written, even though it might be misspelled or doesn't conform to modern usage. Notice that his name was spelled as it is in French. Bright's disease is chronic nephritis (kidney disease).

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Fourth Generation

**8. Louis Adolphe DORR**, son of **Mathias DORR**<sup>1</sup> and **Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET**, was born on 20 Mar 1816 in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France,<sup>2</sup> died on 6 Jun 1883 in Panola Co., MS, at age 67, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.<sup>2</sup>

Louis Dorr was born in Morhange, Moselle, France on 12 September 1816 in the area of Alsoues, Loraine. His father was a draper and quite wealthy and there are stories that Louis was educated at the University of Paris. There is no documentation for this fact. He was somewhat of a scholar and speaks not only French, German and English with excellence, but can also make his way in two or three other European idioms. Before he moves to America, his mother dies and his father marries a younger woman with children. His stepmother also dies before his father's estate is settled, which complicates the estate. Evidently her children contest the original will.

There are two different versions of why Louis comes to America. First is that he is a court gentleman and is required to serve five years in the king's army. He decides to come to America instead of serving in the army. He meets Frances on the boat to America and they are married when they arrive in Mobile, Alabama.

The other version is that his stepmother's children contest his father's estate. It appears that it could be contested for a long period of time, and Louis decides that he could do better by coming to America instead of waiting for his inheritance.

There is no documentation for either version.

Upon arriving in Mobile, Alabama, Louis Dorr and Frances Benal are married on 7 June 1841. Based on the ages of Louis' children in the 1850 census, it appears that he and the family move to Kemper County between 1844-1847. Louis' first three children, Selvy, Albert, and Narcissus, are born in Alabama. Lands records exist showing that Louis obtained 40 acres in Kemper County, Mississippi on 1 April 1856. Of the 12 children that Louis and Frances had, all are born except Eugene by this time.

Apparently Louis serves in the Confederate Army in 1861 and 1862. Source: [www.rootsweb.com/~mskemper/military/5thcoi.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mskemper/military/5thcoi.htm)

Louis corresponds with his brother Victor in France regularly. His main interest in these letters is the status of their inheritance, and he is always interested in how the family was. Another common subject is that he is unhappy where he was and plans to move. He also writes regularly to a Madame Heric in New Orleans. It is not clear who she was, but in a letter dated 27 March 1871 he refers to her as "Sister." Also Frances writes to her so she may have been Frances' sister. Madame Heric is married and has children. She sends Louis newspapers from New Orleans, which are his only source of information about what was happening in France. He especially wants news when the Prussians invade France. The fall of France and Napoleon seems to upset him. Copies of the letters written from 1868 to 1879 exist and are the basis of the following information about Louis and his family.

Victor sends Louis money during 1866-1868. It is unclear if this is from their father's estate or personal loans from Victor. In one of the letters Louis comments that his stepmother had been very generous to the children of Fanfare. Was Fanfare Louis' mother?

It appears that in 1868 Louis writes that he is interested in obtaining an additional 160 acres in Kemper County, but at the same time he is writing to friends that he might move to Florida or Arkansas. He evidently has a poor crop and says that sickness was rampant there. Also he is not happy with the Negro situation after emancipation. In general he always wants to be somewhere else. By March 1870, Martin is in Arkansas; Norman, Albert and "the widow" (?) are in Texas. Narcissus has his own place 2 miles away and works with his father for part of the crop. Louis tries to get Narcissus to move to Arkansas, but he will not move.

In late 1870 or early 1871 Louis moves to Panola County, Mississippi and buys 120 acres on top of the bluff overlooking the Mississippi swamp for \$2,200. This is approximately 15 miles west of Sardis, Mississippi. He writes Victor that his mailing address was Star Place, Panola County, United States. At the time he moved he was living 3 miles northeast of Tamola Station in Kemper County. Narcissus rents 30 acres of bottomland 2 miles from his father. Martin returns from Arkansas and is working with Narcissus. Norman also returns from Texas with his wife.

Louis tells Victor that his crop was excellent that year, but there was much sickness being so close to the swamp. Ed and Narcissus get the mumps; Norman's wife dies and Narcissus loses his boy. Due to all of the illness after just one year at the bluff, he decides to buy 200 acres approximately 8 miles from where he is for \$3,000. He mentions that he was tired of paying the doctor half of his profits. Martin stays with Louis and rents

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2. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Louis Adolphe Dorr, person ID L481-3B4.

## French Transcription

Montaigne le l'an dix-huit cent vingt le douze Septembre à trois heures après midi pardevant nous maire officier de l'état civil des Commune de Montaigne et [vde], arrondissement de Fayence, département de la Moselle, est comparu Mathias Dors âgé detrente cinq ans drappier domicilié à Montaigne, lequelnous a présenté un enfant du sexe masculin né hier à dix heure du matin de lui déclarant et de Margueritte Clopet son épouse et auquel il a déclaré vouloir donnerle prénom de Louis, les dites déclaration et présentationfaite en présence des sieurs Ambroise Dors âgé de trentesix ans marchand et Jean Nicolas Gautier âgé desoixante cinq ans propriétaire tous deux résidant à Montaignequi ont signé avec le père le présent acte de naissanceaprès que lecture leur en a été faite.

Mathias Dors

[signature illisible]

Le [Prudhomme ?] maire

ant. Dors

## English Translation

In Montaigne, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, on the twelfth of September at three o'clock in the afternoon, before us, Mayor and civil registrar of the Commune of Montaigne and [vde], arrondissement of Fayence, department of Moselle, appeared Mathias Dors, aged thirty-five years, draper residing in Montaigne, who presented to us a male child born yesterday at ten o'clock in the morning to himself, the declarant, and to Margueritte Clopet, his wife, and to whom he declared he wished to give the first name Louis.

The said declaration and presentation were made in the presence of Messrs. Ambroise Dors, aged thirty-six years, merchant, and Jean Nicolas Gautier, aged sixty-five years, proprietor, both residing in Montaigne, who signed with the father the present birth record after it was read to them.

Mathias Dors

[illegible signature]

The [Prudhomme?], Mayor

Ant. Dors



# Francoise "Fanny" Brnal Birth Act

Le dix huit vent vingt Un, le cinq Juin a une heure après Midy, pardevant nous Dominique Petitjean  
le Maire et officier de l'état civil de la commune de Guermange, Département de la Moselle, arrondissement  
de Sarrebourg, Canton de Neichinval, les Compagnons François Brnal, âgé de vingt cinq ans Mancusien  
cette commune, lequel nous a présenté un enfant, d'un sexe féminin, né le jour d'aujourd'hui à midi, celui  
de François, et de Marguerite Rose Neuchot, son épouse, auquel il a déclaré le vouloir donner le prénom  
de Francoise; les dites déclarations et l'identification furent faites en présence de Sieur, Nicolas Lenoir  
âgé de quarante deux ans Instituteur, et de Nicolas Thomas âgé de trente quatre ans Mancusien,  
vous deux résidents en cette commune, et amis audit déclarant, et ont les père et le même signé avec  
nous le présent acte après lecture faite, les années et jours ci dessus dits.

*(Signature)* N. Nicolas Brnal *(Signature)* D. Petitjean

# Passenger on ship Hanover and Marriage License

## New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., Passenger Lists, 1813-1963 for Louis Dorr

M259 - New Orleans, 1820-1902

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*List of Passengers for ship Hanover, Command. Am. Havre*

NAMES	AGE	SEX	COUNTRY to which they severally belong.	COUNTRY of which they intend to become inhabitants.	REMARKS relative to any that may have died or otherwise left the vessel during the voyage.
Charles Berg	35	male	France	U. S. A.	
Louisa Berg	26	female	do	do	
Clara Berg	2	f.	do	do	
Humbert	35	m.	do	do	
Louis Dorr	24	m.	do		
Philip Dy	44	m.			
Marianna Junker	38	f.			
Christine Steil	22	f.			
Barbe Steil	19	f.			
Nicola Zieger	28	m.			
Christoph Zieger	18	m.			
Jeremie Bouring	28	m.			
Joseph Girard	28	m.			
Theodore Zimmer	19	m.			
Barbe Schneider	25	f.			
Francois Benal	17	f.			
George F. Schultz	28	m.	Barriere		
Madelaine Schilly	28	f.	do		

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } ss.  
 Mobile County.

To any one of the State Judges, or to any Ordained Minister of the Gospel, or to any Justice of the Peace of said County:

Know All, That you are hereby authorized and Licensed to join together in the bonds of Matrimony, *Louis Dorr* with *Francois Benal*

Given under my hand and seal the *15th* day of *June* 18 *51*

*[Signature]* Clk.

# First Land the Dorr Family Owned

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE }

No. 36548

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas Louis A Dorr, of Kemper County, Mississippi.

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Columbus, where by it appears that full payment has been made by Louis A Dorr,

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North East quarter of the South East quarter of section Twenty one, in Township Nine, North, of Range Eighteen, East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Columbus, Mississippi, containing Thirty Nine acres and ninety nine hundredths of an acre.

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said Louis A Dorr;

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Louis A Dorr.

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the First day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eightieth



BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce, By H. E. Buchanan Asst Secretary, A. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office.

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# Louis A Dorr Grave



# Francoise Benal Dorr





## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Fifth Generation

**16. Mathias DORR**,<sup>1</sup> son of **Jean Pierre DORR** and **Catherine Elizabeth WEBER**, was born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 32, and was buried on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange, Moselle, Lorraine, France.<sup>2</sup>

Mathias Dorr hid his origins in the town of Morhange (Moselle). The Municipal records list his occupation as cloth maker and apparently he was a wealthy man. It is not clear at this time how many children Mathias had. According to the municipal records he had three children, Victor, Rosine, and Louis, all by his first wife Marie-Marguerite. After she died he married a younger woman with children of her own. A French genealogy web site shows him with seven children by his first wife. When he died there was a dispute over his inheritance which continued until 1876. The settlement was delayed due to Napoleon's defeat. It ended up that most of the inheritance was lost to an unscrupulous lawyer.

Mathias married **Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET** on 31 Aug 1801 in Morhange, France. Marie-Marguerite was born on 26 Sep 1773 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 20 Jun 1828 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 54.

Children from this marriage were:

- 8 i. **Louis Adolphe DORR** (born on 20 Mar 1816 in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France - died on 6 Jun 1883 in Panola Co., MS)
- ii. **Victor DORR** was born on 2 Mar 1808 in Morhange, France.
- iii. **Rosine DORR** was born on 9 Mar 1806 in Morhange, France.
- iv. **Cecile DORR** was born on 4 Jan 1804 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France.
- v. **Marie Anne DORR** was born in 1810 and died in 1810.
- vi. **Jean Michile DORR** was born in 1811.
- vii. **Mathias DORR** was born on 24 Feb 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 8 Apr 1866 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 52.

Mathias next married **Catherine HUMBERT** on 20 Oct 1830 in DIEUZE (Moselle).

**17. Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET** was born on 26 Sep 1773 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 20 Jun 1828 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 54.

Marie-Marguerite married **Mathias DORR**<sup>1</sup> on 31 Aug 1801 in Morhange, France. Mathias was born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 32, and was buried on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange, Moselle, Lorraine, France.<sup>2</sup>

**18. ? BENAL.**

? married someone.

His children were:

- 9 i. **Francoise "Fannie" BENAL** (born on 5 Jun 1821 in France - died on 10 Jan 1901 in Panola Co., MS)
- ii. **Marie BENAL** died on 23 Dec 1887 in New Orleans, LA.

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2. *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Mathias Dorr, person ID MMZM-PZ3.*

3. *(Varsburg) Marriage certificate.*



VILLE DE DIEUZE  
SERVICE DE L'ÉTAT CIVIL

Année 1830  
Acte N° 20

EXTRAIT  
D'ACTE DE MARIAGE

Le vingt et un octobre mil huit cent trente  
à onze heures

en notre commune a été célébré le mariage entre :

Mathis DORR, fabricant de draps, domicilié à Morhange

né le 07 juillet 1782 à Varsberg (Moselle)

fil(s) de Jean Pierre DORR, décédé à St-Avoild le 29.09.1811

et de Catherine VEBER, décédée à Varsberg le 10.11.1787,

veuf de Marguerite GASSET, décédée à Morhange le 20.06.1828

et Catherine HUMBERT, sans profession

née le 07 mai 1797 (18 Floréal - An V) à Dieuze (Moselle)

fil(le) de François HUMBERT, aubergiste

et de Christine JACQUOT, son épouse.

Sans contrat préalable

Mentions marginales

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Certifié le présent extrait conforme aux indications portées sur le registre par nous

FIGONI Marie-Madeleine, officier de l'état civil

de la commune de Dieuze (Moselle) par délégation du Maire.

Le 08 juillet 2008



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## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Sixth Generation

**32. Jean Pierre DORR**, son of **Jean Jacques DORR** and **Marie Marguerite PAULUS**, was born on 4 Dec 1734 in Varsberg, Moselle, Lorraine, France and died on 29 Sep 1811 in Saint-Avoid (57, Moselle), Lorraine, France, at age 76.

Jean Pierre married twice, the second time to Catherine Elisabeth Weber from Varsberg from whom we descend. During this time some of the Dorrs went into the cloth making field and evidently became well off. Jean became a tailor and an inn keeper. Jean Pierre's brother, Nicolas, became the mayor of Varsberg.

Jean married **Catherine Elizabeth WEBER** in 1763. Catherine was born in 1736 and died on 10 Oct 1787 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, at age 51.

Children from this marriage were:

- 16 i. **Mathias DORR**<sup>1</sup> (born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France - died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France)
- ii. **Anne Marie DORR** was born in 1766.
- iii. **Jean Adam DORR** was born in 1769 and died in 1859, at age 90.
- iv. **Ambroise DORR** was born in 1775 in 1864.
- v. **Catherine Elisabeth DORR** was born in 1779.

**33. Catherine Elizabeth WEBER** was born in 1736 and died on 10 Oct 1787 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, at age 51.

Catherine married **Jean Pierre DORR** in 1763. Jean was born on 4 Dec 1734 in Varsberg, Moselle, Lorraine, France and died on 29 Sep 1811 in Saint-Avoid (57, Moselle), Lorraine, France, at age 76.

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Seventh Generation

**64. Jean Jacques DORR**, son of **Nicolas DORR** and **Catherine DECKER**, was born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France and died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France, at age 60.

Jean Jacques married Marguerite Paulus from Varsberg, a town approximately 5 miles northeast of Obervisse. Today Obervisse has a population of 120 while Varsberg has a population of approximately 2,500. He became a tailor, innkeeper, and merchant. He evidently moved to Varsberg where the next three to four generations of Dorrs lived. They had six children, the first of whom, Jean Pierre, is in our lineage.

Jean married **Marie Marguerite PAULUS**. Marie was born on 10 May 1710 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France and died in 1766, at age 56.

The child from this marriage was:

- 32 i. **Jean Pierre DORR** (born on 4 Dec 1734 in Varsberg, Moselle, Lorraine, France - died on 29 Sep 1811 in Saint-Avold (57, Moselle), Lorraine, France)

**65. Marie Marguerite PAULUS** was born on 10 May 1710 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France and died in 1766, at age 56.

Marie married **Jean Jacques DORR**. Jean was born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France and died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France, at age 60.

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

### Eighth Generation

**128. Nicolas DORR**, son of **Nicolas DORR**, was born about 1663 in Obervisse, France and died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France, about age 92.

Nicolas Dorr was a master tailor in Obervisse, France. It's in the Lorraine region in northeastern France and borders both Belgium and Germany. Nicolas married Catherine Decker in Boucheporn in 1703. They had five children, the second being Jean Jacques, who is in our lineage.

The following email gave us the first solid information about the Dorr family in France:

*Hello*

*My name is Patrick NICOLAS, and I'm living in Nancy (Lorraine) and I'm fond of genealogy since many years. I found your site with google, because I'm interested by the Dorr family, since I've got some Dorr in my own tree.*

*I went to the Municipal archives and I didn't found the birth of Louis Dorr on the year 1816.*

*But I found a Louis Dorr, born on 9-12-1816, in MORHANGE, and he has got a brother Victor; born on 3-2-1808 in MORHANGE also and a sister Rosine, born on 3-9-1806, in MORHANGE too.*

*His brother Victor was married with Elisabeth SCHOUMERT, and had a daughter, named Victorine, born on 7-17-1838.*

*The father of Louis, Victor and Rosine and others, was named Mathias (instead of François) and was married with Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET on 8-31-1801 in MORHANGE.*

*Louis's mother died in 1828 and his father got married again with Catherine HUMBERT, on 10-20-1830 in DIEUZE (Moselle).*

*I noticed that on the passengers'list of the Hanover Ship, the line above the Louis'one is HUMBERT, like his stepmother. Maybe, This HUMBERT was a brother of his stepmother ?*

*About Victor, he lived after in NANCY and he was à cloth maker. He was rich, apparently.*

*Victor DORR and his wife, Elisabeth SCHOUMERT, are the ancestors of Ségolène ROYAL. Do you know her? She is an important political leader and was candidate to the recent presidential elections in France against Nicolas SARKOZY. Furthermore, she was living in the same village as me (CHAMAGNE). I wa looking for her genealogy when I found your site. Click on the link below to discover your famous cousin.*

*<http://www.geneastar.org/liste.php3?nom=royal&x=8&y=8>*

*I noticed that the families BENAL & HERIC are often from the same village: GUERMANGE (Moselle) but I din't found anything about Françoise BENAL.*

*I hope that the french informations will interest and help you.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Patrick NICOLAS*

Nicolas married **Catherine DECKER**.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Anne Marie DORR** was born in 1707 and died in 1749, at age 42.
- ii. **Jean DORR** was born in 1708 and died in 1798, at age 90.
- 64 iii. **Jean Jacques DORR** (born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France - died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France)
- iv. **Catherine DORR** was born in 1713 and died in 1779, at age 66.
- v. **Pierre DORR** was born in 1715 and died in 1772, at age 57.
- vi. **Suzanne DORR** was born in 1724 and died in 1774, at age 50.

**129. Catherine DECKER.**

Catherine married **Nicolas DORR**. Nicolas was born about 1663 in Obervisse, France and died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France, about age 92.

## Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

Ninth Generation

### **256. Nicolas DORR.**

Nicolas married someone.

His child was:

128 i. **Nicolas DORR** (born about 1663 in Obervisse, France - died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France)

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