

Preface



Richard Harrison with the help and support of Barbra Kozisek, prepared this genealogy report. My daughter, Barbra Kozisek, has done much research on the older generations on both the Arnold and Wilkening segments of the families. Our joint efforts and the contributions of the entire Wilkening and Arnold families made the genealogy of this report as complete as practical. The report is a result of nearly two years of concentrated work to get the records updated, stories created, and pictures gathered.

My interest in genealogy goes back to 1985 when my Aunt Gretchen Harrison Sipes, my dad's sister, sparked my interest when she needed some computer organization of her records. I started writing a genealogy program for my Radio Shack Color II computer in 1985 and subsequently entered her genealogy records into the program. By the time she passed away on 3/15/1999, I had help her realize her dream of having her genealogy records sent to the library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Barbra Kozisek

Barbra enjoys genealogy as a hobby; in fact, she has done much more genealogy research than I have. I have

focused primarily at keeping the current generations up to date, while she has focused on extending the genealogy research to more past generations on both the Wilkening and Arnold side of the Henry and Hazel Wilkening family.



Ronna Kurtz

Another contributor to this genealogy was Ronna Jean Kurtz. Ronna, prior to the year 2001 had contacted many of the relatives to get input for her records that she maintained on paper and an Excel spreadsheet. This research served as a starting

point for my genealogy records that I put into my Macintosh computer using the Personal Ancestry File (PAF) and later Reunion genealogy software programs.

I have written, printed and published five genealogy reports/books on my Harrison side of my family. The first completed in 1996 was only 26 sheets or 99 page images, with no pictures. The 2011 edition, created for the 100th reunion anniversary edition, included 111 sheets or 387 page images, with over 100 scanned images (pictures). It continually becomes a challenge to create and publish the reports so that the costs stay low and the price to the relatives is reasonable. Prior to this Wilkening_Arnold Genealogy Book I have always printed the books on my home computer and bound the books using a comb binder. The alternative was to use commercial printing that would have raised the cost of printing by a factor of three to four. This year I considered an alternative method that utilized Amazon dot com for printing and shipping of the final publication. This would have provided many advantages; one is that family members could order and receive their book fairly quickly and at a reasonable price. This method did NOT work out because the content of this book was much too large for their automated process. So I again had to print the books at home to keep the cost reasonable.

The generations of Christoph Wilkening and Joseph Dunn Arnold's children and grandchildren are nearly all deceased, but hopefully never forgotten. These people represent my mother's brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, and grand parents. So that these people are not forgotten, this book includes stories and pictures of the families of these generations. These stories were largely written by our generation.



Marion Wilkening

I would like to dedicate this genealogy report to my mother, Marion Frances Wilkening Harrison. I would also like to acknowledge the importance she placed on family and friends. She made it part of our tradition to be with family during holidays, at the special family reunions and other times of special importance. I and I'm sure, many of our first cousins have many stories to tell about our gatherings.

I am very grateful to Karen, my wife, for supporting me while I put the many hours required for the research and creation of this book. She also helped by proof reading, writing a few stories and just being there to help when I needed her assistance.



Karen Harrison,
Richard's wife

I made serious attempts to contact family members outside of the Henry and Hazel Wilkening family so their genealogy can be included and updated. This is always a difficult task because as we get older it becomes very hard to keep track of our relatives and especially keep track of their whereabouts. In this regard, I have included contact information about the living relatives under the Christoph Wilkening and Joseph Dunn Arnold families.

There were several of my relatives that went far beyond the call of duty to provide me inputs to this book. I realize when naming a few I risk offending others. I would like to thank the following for their many contributions in making this genealogy report a reality: Nancy Schroeder, Cliff Wilkening, Janet Wilkening Kern, Tom Hoverstein, Jackie Newton Wilkening, Marlys Iles, Sharon Ellers, and Leona Arnold Lowe. I was in constant contact with many of these relatives and they contributed stories and genealogy updates; without their help the book would not be what it is. I would also like to thank the numerous others that I failed to mention that responded to my requests.

Richard Arnold Harrison

Great-great Grandson of Christoph Wilkening and Joseph Dunn Arnold

This Genealogy Report

This genealogy report is quite unique because it focuses on not just one family line, but two family lines that intersect at the union of two of their members. These two members just happen to be my grandfather (Henry C. Wilkening) and grandmother (Hazel V. Arnold Wilkening) on my mother's (Marion F. Wilkening Harrison) side of my family. Because of this intersection there is some natural redundancy in reporting of the descendants of the two lines.

The chart on the next page provides a good overview of these two family lines and their intersection. This chart is referred to as a Bow Tie Generation Gradient Chart. Each of the boxes represents the three-generation predecessor flows from the center five people; one of which is my mother Marion F. Wilkening Harrison. The lines connecting the boxes represent the relationship of the people represented by the boxes. The oldest generations are on the far right and left. The two people represented by the boxes with bold lines are the two people that this genealogy report is all about; Christoph Wilkening and Joseph Dunn Arnold. The chart has been modified from the classic chart form by adding the five siblings of the union of Henry and Hazel Wilkening in the center of the chart. Adding below the six sets of family unions the other relevant siblings that lived to adulthood and were married and developed families has further modified the classic chart. The lists are directly below the relevant boxes.

I find that this chart, as a single display, reveals the very families that were often visited and talked about during the periods when our families gathered during special occasions. I wished that I had this chart when I grew up, because it would have made it easier for me to understand who these people were and how I was connected to them.

This chart will be of value while reading the stories and viewing the pictures in the following sections.

It can be very confusing when reading names in a genealogy report. Often different people have similar names. In the reports and picture sections of this document a number follows each name. For example: Marion Frances Wilkening, 3. The number (3) after the name is the Richard Harrison unique genealogy record number and is constant through years of reporting. No two people have the same number. This book includes an index of genealogy record numbers for reference.

At the end of this section are many pages of pictures preceded by another Bow Tie Chart where the boxes are replaced with pictures so that you can appreciate what each of the predecessors looked like. Each picture on the subsequent pages include the identification of every person. The identification includes a name as well as the unique genealogy record number.