

Family Group Sheet for Charles Edgar Pauley

Husband **Charles Edgar Pauley**

Birth: 10 Nov 1875 in Boone, West Virginia, USA
Marriage: 05 Jul 1899 in Fayette, West Virginia, USA; Sun - unincorporated community
Death: 30 Mar 1928 in Sharon, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA; found dead in mine; Age: 52
Burial: 01 Apr 1928 in Sharon, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA; Sharon Cemetery
Father: **George Washington Pauley Sr.**
Mother: **Mary Jane Poley**



Wife **Virgie Chapman**

Birth: 02 Feb 1882 in Kanawha, West Virginia, USA
Death: 18 Sep 1935 in Mount Hope, Fayette, West Virginia, USA; Age: 53
Burial: 19 Sep 1935 in Sharon, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA; Sharon Cemetery
Father: **Charles Edgar Chapman**
Mother: **Sally F Myers**

Children:

1 Name: **Ira Lee Pauley**

M Birth: 10 Aug 1901 in Sun, Fayette, West Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 07 Oct 1924 in Benton, Franklin, Illinois, USA

Death: 24 Feb 1969 in Wilmington, Will, Illinois, USA


Burial: 28 Feb 1969 in Mulkeytown, Franklin, Illinois, USA; Mulkeytown Cemetery

Spouse: **Thelma Elizabeth Hill**



2 Name: **Crystal Marie Pauley**

F Birth: 16 Jan 1903 in Leewood, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 26 May 1919 in Kanawha, West Virginia, USA

Death: 19 Jun 1974 in Xenia, Greene, Ohio, USA; Age: 71

Burial: St Albans, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA; Cunningham Memorial Park

Spouse: **Robert James Peebles**

3 Name: **Charles Edgar Pauley Jr.**

M Birth: 18 Feb 1914 in Miami, Kanawha, West Virginia, USA

 Marriage: 24 Apr 1941 in Fairmont, Marion, West Virginia, USA

Death: 29 Mar 1970 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA; 56 Age: 56

Burial: 06 Apr 1970 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA; Acacia Memorial Park

Spouse: **Alda Claire Miller**

Notes for Charles Edgar Pauley:

Charles Edgar Pauley

Charles and Virgie were married July 5, 1899 in Sun, Fayette Co., West Virginia. The record indicates that the license was issued on July 3. He was 24, single, born in Boone County; she was 17, single, born in Kanawha County. They were both living in Fayette County at the time of their marriage. His parents are listed as G.W. and Mary; hers as C.E. and Sallie. His occupation is listed as miner.

The 1900 federal census: (The source document would not merge so it is attached as media)

Name: Chas Pauley

Home in 1900: Cabin Creek, Kanawha, West Virginia

Age: 25

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1875

Birthplace: West Virginia

Relationship to head-of-house: Head

Spouse's Name: Virgil 18 (original shows Virgie)

Race: White

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Notes for Charles Edgar Pauley: (cont.)

Occupation: coal miner

The Sherard mine accident index lists Charles as involved in a non-fatal accident on 12 June 1909 in Raleigh County. The source is listed as the Annual Report of the West Virginia Department of Mines, vols. 1907-1925, page 270. This report says he received cuts on his head from falling shale.

1910 Federal Census:

Name: Charles Pauley

Age in 1910: 33

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1877

Birthplace: West Virginia

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: West Virginia

Mother's Birth Place: West Virginia

Spouse's Name: Virgie

Home in 1910: Cabin Creek, Kanawha, West Virginia

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

Occupation: coal miner

Other Household Members:

Virgie Pauley 28

Ira Pauley 10

Chrystal Pauley 8

On 17 May 1911 C.E. Pauley purchased Lots 344 & 34 in Miami, Kanawha Co., WV from E.H. Shonk and Pauline Shonk, his wife, for \$1150. (DB 142:145 entry #3190, Kanawha Co. Clerk - Records Room). The deed notes Release Book 20:466 (presumably where the property was paid off. When I was at this office 11 January 2010 the staff was unable to locate this book.) These 45 lots were laid off for the Cabin Creek-Kanawha Coal Company at Miami and recorded 17 February 1909 (see map in file). The deed includes a requirement that no intoxicating liquors be sold upon the premises. In DB 144:111 entry #111C.E. Pauley and V.I. Pauley granted right of way to the C&P Telephone Co. to construct, operate and maintain telephone and telegraph poles and lines, etc. across their property.

On 5 August 1919 C.E. Pauley purchased a parcel of land at Miami on the westerly side of the C&O Railway from A.A. Decker and wife (DB 200:203, entry #4541, "being lot and premises whereupon store bldg. and residence of grantee now stands." The deed includes an express condition that the grantee not sell or lease said property to L.H. Creasey of Miami without written consent of grantor. The Decker's purchased this property from D.P. Thomas; recorded 4 April 1919; DB 193:190. On 4 December 1920 C.E. Pauley and Virgie sold this property to the Miami Coal & Coke Co.

On 17 Sept 1919 (Deed Book 199, p.560, Chancery #1087, Kanawha Co. Clerk - Records Room) Nelson v. W. E. Bee, Charles and Virgie are listed as two of six defendants in this civil matter. It appears that the defendants purchased a piece of property at a tax sale and the plaintiff (Nelson) made good the payment thereby negating the sale.

1920 Federal Census:

Name: C E Pauley

Home in 1920: Cabin Creek, Kanawha, West Virginia

Age: 43 years

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1877

Birthplace: West Virginia

Relation to Head of House: Head

Spouse's Name: Virgie

Father's Birth Place: West Virginia

Mother's Birth Place: West Virginia

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Sex: Male

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Notes for Charles Edgar Pauley: (cont.)

Home owned: Own
Able to read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Occupation: Retail grocery merchant
Household Members:
C E Pauley 43
Virgie Pauley 38
Chas Pauley 5

According to family lore Charles worked a small coal mine by himself. It was not profitable enough for the company that owned it to work but they allowed Charles to work it. According to family history, he was electrocuted when he stepped on a rail just inside the mine entrance that was "hot" from a wire that had fallen on it. When he did not come home from work, several local men went to the mine and found him dead. The death certificate (in file and attached) bears the name Charley E. Pauley and indicates that he was "found dead in mine." It shows his occupation as a miner for the Wyatt Coal Co. The certificate indicates that he was buried in the Sharon Cemetery. My visit there in April 2010 revealed one large stone with the name Pauley. The top had fallen off the base.

Notes for Virgie Chapman:

Virgie Chapman

See Charles' listing for additional information.

Listed in the 1930 federal census in Miami, Cabin Creek Magisterial District of Kanawha County, WV as a 48 yr. old widow. She owned her home valued at \$500. Her daughter Crystal's family is immediately below her entry. Her son Charles is right below them.

Notes for Ira Lee Pauley:

Ira Lee Pauley

The community of Sun in Fayette County, West Virginia is just off US Rt. 19, about two miles north of Mt. Hope.

Ira started working in the coal mines of West Virginia at a young age. When the Child Labor Law went into effect (in 1916) he had to stop working until he was 16. (The law was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1918. Major restrictions on child workers did not start until 1938.)

According to family lore Ira tried to enlist in the Navy during WW I but did not weigh enough. He was accepted into the Merchant Marines and was stationed on the Chesapeake Bay. (In an article from that period on the United States Merchant Marine website it indicates that they took young men from 21 to 30 years old - Ira would have only been about 17 at the time.) He is not listed in the WWI draft registration records. The 1930 census says that he is not a veteran, nor would he have been considered one. WW1 was July 1914 to November 1918. When it ended, ILP was only 17.

The military.com website notes that the Merchant Marines were not part of the military. During WWI the merchant marine staffed American merchant ships that transported supplies across the Atlantic for the American Expeditionary Force. Young men 21-30 could sign up in drug stores! <http://www.usmm.org/ww1.html> and <http://www.usmm.org/ww1train2.html>

On May 18, 1917, the Selective Service Act authorized the President to temporarily increase the U.S. military. Under the office of the Provost Marshal General, the Selective Service System was established to draft men into military service. Local boards were created for each county or similar state subdivision, and for each 30,000 people in cities and counties with a population greater than 30,000.

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Notes for Ira Lee Pauley: (cont.)

Nothing found in the 1920 federal census. He is not listed with his parents. His sister Crystal and her husband Robert are also not listed in the 1920 census. Where was he?

Listed in the 1930 federal census:

Name: Ira L Pauley

Home in 1930: Tyrone, Franklin, Illinois

Age: 29

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1901

Birthplace: West Virginia

Relation to Head of House: Head

Occupation: Trip Rider in coal mine

Spouse's Name: Thelma

Race: White

Other Household Members:

Thelma Pauley 26

Ira Pauley 4 9/12

As a young adult, Ira was working in Southern Illinois. He was injured there and taken to the local hospital where Thelma worked as a nurse. After marrying Thelma they started farming the land that she had inherited in Mulkeytown, Illinois. (This land was originally owned by her grandfather, Samuel McClelland). They had an orchard, garden, chickens, hogs, Hereford beef cattle, and a Jersey cow for milk.

At the 1940 federal census Ira and his family is still in the Tyrone Township of Franklin County, Illinois (S.D. 25, E.D. 28-57, sheet 19B enumerated in May 1940). He lives on a farm that he owns, with a value of \$500. He was 38 years old and had an 8th grade education and worked as a motorman in a coal mine. His annual income in 1939 was \$900. Thelma is listed as 36 years old with four years of high school, along with son Ira Lee Jr. 15, and daughters Iris 9 and Virginia 6. All three kids are in school. They were living at the same residence in 1935 according to the question. The family is listed directly under the William McClelland family (presumably relatives of Thelma's). There is no indication of where these farms were located; the address columns are blank.

In July 1945 the family was living at 303 Mulkey St., Christopher, Illinois. (source?)

Notes for Crystal Marie Pauley:

Crystal Marie Pauley

The Pauley Reunion information from 1984 shows her birth date as 1/12/1902 and her death date as 1975. The source of this information is unknown. The information in this record is from SSDI.

1910 Federal Census: Chrystal Pauley 8

Birthplace: West Virginia

Father's Birth Place: West Virginia

Mother's Birth Place: West Virginia

Home in 1910: Cabin Creek, Kanawha, West Virginia

Race: White

Gender: Female

See additional family notes with Robert.

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Notes for Charles Edgar Pauley Jr.: (cont.)

Charles Edgar Pauley Jr.

At the 1920 Federal Census Charles is living with his parents in Cabin Creek, West Virginia and his age is listed as five.

According to Thelma, in her 1984 family reunion letter, Charles returned to Illinois with them after his father's funeral in 1928 and stayed with them for over a year.

The 1930 Federal Census shows 16 yr. old Charles E. Pauley, in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, as head of household; his occupation is listed as none. Immediately above his listing is the Robert Peebles family (Robert's wife Crystal is Charles' sister). Immediately above that family is Virginia Pauley, head of household, 48 years old, widow, his mother.

He was living in Mt. Hope, Fayette Co., WV at the time of his mother's death in 1935, according to her death notice. He would have been about 21 and his father was already dead.

At the 1940 Federal Census Charles E. Pauley was 25 years old, single and living in Marlinton, Pochahontas County, WV. He was living in a hotel and working as a theatre projectionist; he had completed two years of high school. He worked 52 weeks in 1939 and earned \$910. Although the census record indicates he was also living here in 1935, his mother's death notice indicates otherwise so this may have been an improper notation by the census taker. At the top of the page the enumerator wrote, "The following persons were enumerated in the Algine (sp?) Hotel, Eighth Street." It is interesting to note that only four people are listed at this hotel; the manager Woodrow M. McClintic (26), and his wife Wilma (27) listed as a lodger, one female lodger Polly Gay (32), and Charles (25) who is listed as a guest. He is the first of the four listed. Marlinton is about 60 miles northeast of Mt. Hope.

When he registered for the draft in 1940, he was in Rivesville, WV and the record shows his middle name as Edward. His next of kin is listed as Crystal Peebles.

A marriage record was found for Charles in Marion County, WV where he applied for a marriage license on 21 April 1941. He lists his parents as Charles and Virgie Pauley, his age as 27, his DOB as 18 February 1914, his POB as Miami, WV and his current residence as Rivesville, WV. His bride is listed as Alda C. Miller, her parents are Ray and Hazel Miller, her age is 22, her DOB is 3 January 1919, her POB as Fairview, WV and her current residence as Rivesville, WV. They were married on 24 April 1941 by R. Moarnian Parker in Fairmont, WV.

Marion County is in northern WV, just southwest of Morgantown, and about 13 miles south of the Pennsylvania state line. Rivesville is located along US Rt. 19 (Main St.), adjacent to the Monongahela River. In 2003 it had a population of 909 and had an area of one half mile.

The 1948 Seattle city directory lists Chas. and Alda living at 901 6th Ave. He is listed as a projectionist. Today this address is an office building. In a letter dated December 16, 1945 that Ira Lee Pauley, Jr. wrote to his cousin Virginia Peebles, he noted on the back this same address with Charles' name with the note "this is the add(ress) that I have." (I received these letters at the family reunion a couple of weeks ago and just read them today for the first time. Jeff Pauley, July 24, 2012.) So apparently Charles was in Seattle by the latter part of 1945.

The April 6, 1950 Federal Census lists Charles as separated and working as a movie projector operator. There are only a few entries on the page, with no street name. It appears to be a hodge podge of people. The page says it is for hotels, rooming houses, institutions, military installations, etc. The address column only says 609 with no street name.

The 1951 Seattle City Directory lists Alda and Charles but at different addresses. Alda is at the 6th Ave address but Charles, a projectionist, is at 1214 8th Ave apt 406. Apparently they were separated at this point.

The 1953 Seattle City Directory lists Alda as the widow of Charles.

We know that his wife Alda died in Seattle and that the family says he was living there in the 1950s. A check of

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Notes for Charles Edgar Pauley Jr.: (cont.)

the Washington State Digital Archives records by last name only shows Alda's death record.

An ancestry search on 9-22-24 revealed the Washington state death record for Charles, including a copy of his death certificate. Marital status says separated. Occupation was motion picture projectionist, which matches his other records.

There is currently no information as to whether Charles and Alda had any children, but there is a 1952 Kitsap news story that mentions 18 year old Edgar C, Pauley who is from Bremerton, which is across the bay from Seattle. This is likely not an age match.

Checking the WV birth records (9-22-24) for any Pauley children born 1940 +/- 2 years, they were married in 1941, lists nothing of interest. The WA birth records are not online.