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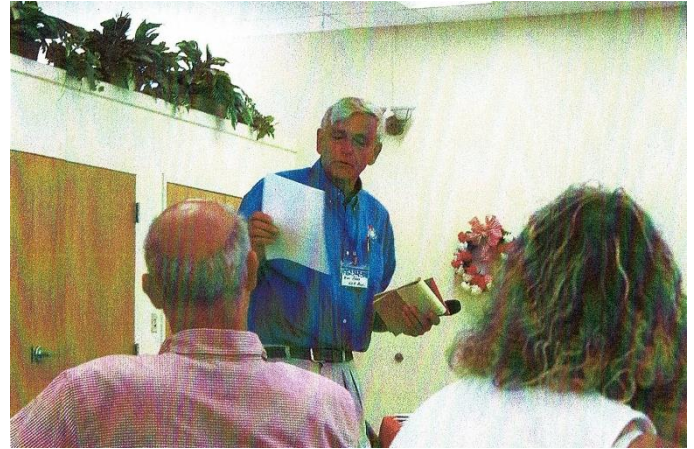
Summer 2019



2019 GFA Triennial Reunion a Success!

President's Letter:

What a weekend we all had in CT! We had an enthusiastic group in attendance, fabulous meals by the church women & men who fed us, speakers on interesting & sometimes mind-boggling topics, & several new sites to visit. I want to thank **Susan & David Downes** for again opening their home for a tour, my wife, **Beth Geer**, who helped prepare our home for viewing, neighbors, & cousins who prepared gravesites & our **Geer Spring** for visitors, those who served as tour guides & all those who brought their own displays to share! I'm pleased with the turn-out, the fun times & especially for the good weather we enjoyed. Don't forget to renew your membership & encourage others to do the same.



Non sans cause!

Kenneth James¹⁰ Geer [ID# 1643-2-3-G] Ledyard, CT

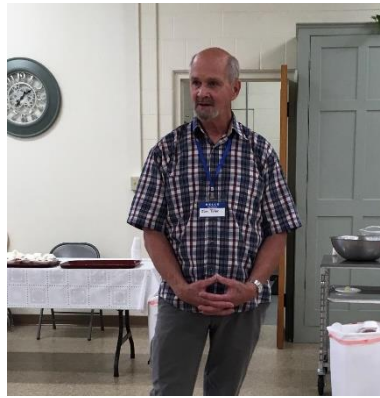
GFA Triennial Reunion Planning Committee



From left: Cinda Jauregui, Ginger August, Ken Geer, Rich Radune, Panse & Gene Geer, Audrey Masalehdan & Lynn Pryor



Erika Ursula & Ginger August. Erika & Jim (middle photo) spoke at the reunion & expanded on Holly Whitehead's story of connection to GeerCrest in OR



Jim Toler of GeerCrest



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Sherry Parker
(sherry@thehalfling.com)

Treasurer's Report

The GFA checking account balance is \$4,834.48, and our Bank of America fund is currently \$33,657.54.

Welcome to our newest GFA Members.

Patricia & Kristen Baker of Bellevue, WA

Larry Geer of Plainfield, CT

Robert L. Hersh-Geer of Dunning, NE

Dana Kubesak of Easthampton, MA

James Geer, Jr. of Parkland, FL

Lynne Yagel of Chesapeake VA

Thank you to those keeping their GFA dues current.

An active GFA member may purchase a year gift membership to the GFA for \$30. You have the option to pay through Paypal (lynnpryor73@gmail.com).

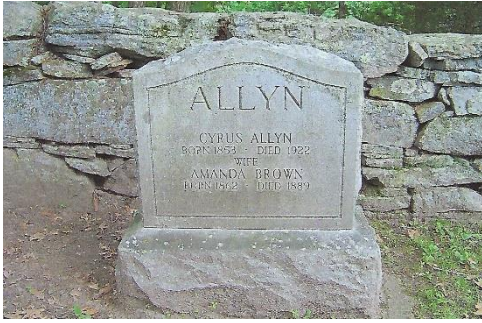
Respectfully submitted,

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Lynn Geer Pryor

GFA Treasurer

Tri-Annual GFA Reunion Photos



Allyn Point Gravesite first time we were allowed into this cemetery!



Audrey Masalehdan-speaker on the pathways westward that her Geers took to PA



Susan (Geer) & David Downes' home was on tour again this year in Ledyard

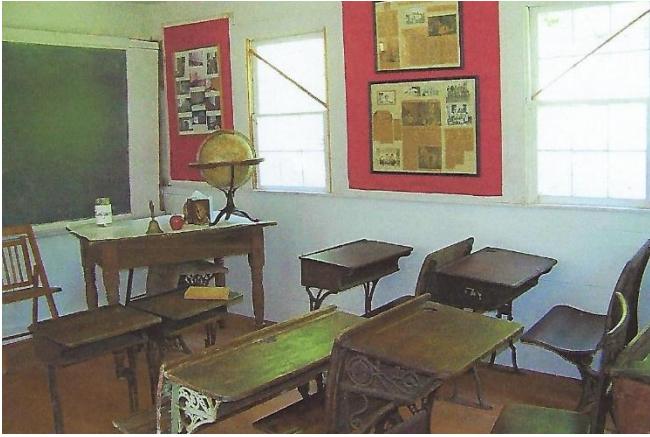


Holly Whitehead, of Scarborough, ME,-speaker. Tells of her convoluted path to finding her OR Geer heritage. Adopted at birth, she now knows she is Vesper (Geer) Rose's daughter!



Robert L. & Bob R. Hersh-Geer at Immigrant George Geer gravesite

More Tri-Annual GFA Reunion Photos



Geer Hill Schoolhouse



Old pump used for Geer spring water



Cinda Jauregui -Trustee & speaker (R). She relayed here horrific experience w/one of the raging CA fires this summer--consuming her home & contributing to her husb.'s death.



Yes, Ginger August has a husband (Brian Zack), as well as a brother, John August



Rich & Dorothy Geer-Rich wrote & performed his song about "Brothers!"

Secretary's Report

Geer Family Association Triennial Reunion
Official Meeting of the Membership
June 29, 2019 10AM
Ledyard Congregational Church
722 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Ledyard, CT 06339

CALL TO ORDER

Ken Geer, President

INVOCATION

Richard Geer

GFA TREASURER REPORT

Lynn Geer Pryor read the Treasurer's Report to those in attendance. GFA has been re-established as a non-profit organization. Current membership totals include 158 active members consisting of 94 paying, 6 honorary, and 58 lifetime. Currently, GFA has \$6838.32 in cash in our checking and \$32,592.46 invested in BlackRock Fund/BNY Mellon. The full report is included at the end of these minutes

Lynn expressed discomfort that she alone was a signer on the GFA financial accounts. After much discussion, President **Ken Geer** moved that:

The GFA Secretary serve as a co-signer on the GFA checking account and all investments owned by the GFA.

Ginger August seconded the motion. It unanimously approved.

GFA SECRETARY REPORT

Audrey Geer Masalehdan read the Minutes of the 2016 Triennial Reunion.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

GFA SALES REPORT

Panse Geer presented the sales figures from the 2016 Reunion until now.

Scott Bill Hirst moved that **the binder price be raised to cover the cost of printing plus postage.**

Ginger August moved that the report and the motion be approved. **Scott** seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

GFA HISTORIAN

Ginger August, the GFA Historian, reported that most people who contact the newsletter are interested in learning about their lineage. There are also interesting things that come up and she includes those in the newsletter whenever possible. **Ginger** encouraged us all to identify the people in our family pictures. The best method is to write their name(s) in pencil in the lower corner, on the back of the print. Contact your relatives to see what old family photos they have that you could copy/scan. Look for photos of your family on FACEBOOK and EBAY.

GFA NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Editor **Sherry Parker** was not present and didn't send a report. We all know that our newsletter continues to be a publication that we can all be proud of due to the work of **Sherry** and of **Ginger**.

Elections

Scott moved that the current slate be elected as officers serving until the next Triennial Reunion in 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

President:	Ken Geer
Treasurer:	Lynn Geer Pryor
Secretary:	Audrey Geer Masalehdan
Sales:	Panse Geer
Historian:	Ginger August
Newsletter Editor:	Sherry Parker

NEW BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

Years ago, **Andrew Bartley**, a professional genealogist, was hired to research into the origins of **George & Thomas Geer**. He would only agree to do all **Geer** families that settled in America by 1640 (I think this was the date), and their succeeding 2 generations. The work is complete. It has been accepted for publication in the New England Historical & Genealogical Journal: **The Register**. **Mr. Bartley** is contractually forbidden to publish/allow publication of any parts of the research or to discuss it before **The Register** publication. Once published, we can reprint the pertinent families in our own newsletter! To date, one **Geare** family has been published. We await publication at the discretion of the editor of **The Register**.

TRUSTEES

There was an extensive discussion about the roles of trustees vs area representatives. In the end, there didn't seem to be much difference. It was decided that GFA would continue to establish Trustees for the various areas but drop the position of Area Representatives.

Some of the tasks that should be done by Trustees are:

- 1- communicate with all members in their area once a year
- 2- verify that they receive the newsletter
- 3- send newsletters to prospective members
- 4- inform historian of any deaths in their area
- 5- encourage all members in area to attend reunions

The Secretary will write up the duties of Trustees to be approved by all the officers. The officers will work together to ensure that each area has a Trustee.

REUNION 2022

It was proposed by our Secretary **Audrey**, that the next reunion in 2022 be held in Johnstown PA. Her family of Geers lived through this disaster. This was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by President **Ken Geer** at 12:03PM



You can purchase this great **Geer/Gear/Gere** Family Association Mug to enjoy at home or in your office.

The price is **\$5.00/mug** with a *variable price* for shipping depending on where you live and how many mugs you purchase.

For specifics on shipping, contact **Panse Geer** at pansegene@yahoo.com

Checks are made out to: GFA, Checks are sent to:

Panse Geer
558 Beers Street
Hazlet, NJ 07730
(732) 264-3129

Be sure to include your shipping address!

Limited supply--order soon.

Letters to GFA

Jul 1, 2019

Dear **Ginger**: My name is **Shawn Murphy** living in Centralia, Lewis Co., WA. In retirement I've been assigned the task from family members to do our 'Family History.' This has been a 7+ yr project & the **Geer** family that's closest to me is my maternal grandmother **Mary Elisabeth⁷ (Geer) Tiffin** [ID# 898-7-G]. She was b. in Stark City, IL 1/8/1855; d. 10/15/1935 in Seattle, WA. She m. **Wm. Jefferson Tiffin**, b. in Jackson, Rankin Co., MS on 7/15/1854; he d. in Seattle on 10/15/1934.

Her G-G-G-G-grandfather **Capt. Solomon Geer** 3/2/1767 Groton, New London, Ct. dying 4/15/1809 Ledyard, New London, CT.

My dates might not all be correct, the same to be said for their wives w/little known about many of their children.

Do you have any info on **Capt. Solomon Geer's** sailing career? To date I've found nothing other than he was a sailing Captain. Do you know of any information on his career [or any other **Geer** sailing Captains]?

Thanks, **Shawn Murphy**
Murphyshawn52@gmail.com

8/24/19

Hello Shawn Murphy: I wish I knew something about your G-G-G-G grandfather, Capt. Solomon Geer b. 3/2 1767, d. 4/15 1809. I am sending the following to you of his death announcement in the Hartford Courant, CT newspaper.

DIED.—In this city, Mr. Daniel Sanford, aged 23; Mrs. Rachel Turner aged 66.—At Farmington, Miss Clarissa North, aged 35.—At New-London, Capt. George House, aged 55.—At Groton, Mr. Amos Chapman, aged 88; Capt. Solomon Geer, aged 43.—At

July 17, 2019

Hello,

My great grandmother **Marie Geer** was the grand[dau.] of **James Haskell⁶ Geer** [ID# 1059]. I saw a post by you wishing to learn about [the Australian] side of the family after moving to Tasmania. I'm learning as much as I can & I'll pass on what I know. In the meantime could you tell me anything about that side of the family from America?

If they were in the Civil War etc., [I'd appreciate it.]

Thanks, **Thomas Walker**
tomwalker555@hotmail.com



Photo of mug of James Haskell Geer [ID# 1059-G] born in Maine, moved to Tasmania, Australia as a young man.

8/24/19

James Haskell⁷ Geer [ID# 1059-G] connection with my family—

Hello **Thomas Walker**:

I just emailed you the entry in the 1923 *Geer Genealogy*, by **Walter Geer**, whereby you can see that your ancestor **James** was a twin, whose brother d. (**Charles**). Also that he was a full-blooded brother to my great grandfather, **George Larkin⁷ Geer**, & who lived in Maine all his life. I descend from his oldest of 4 ch., **George I.⁸ Geer** who was an M.D. & lived & d. in Maine. **George L. Geer** & his wife are both bur. in Deering, ME, as are his descendants, on a section of the once large farm where **Dr. George I. Geer** was born—now called Woodlawn Cemetery.

Your **James** set sail for ?--but sent a photo back to his full blooded sister **Carrie Geer** w/his photo & the location of Natal, Durban, So. Africa! From there he wrote her again when he m. **Sarah Briers** & had settled in Tasmania, Australia. Used to the islands in Casco Bay, off the state of ME, & a sailor, it isn't strange that he chose to live in Tasmania. He may have been on a whaling ship to get there.

So **George L.⁷ Geer** kept his older brother's shaving mug, w/gold leaf lettering, & passed it on to his oldest son, whose wife's death necessitated the break-up of her household. My mom ended up w/a few things, incl. the shaving mug.

What is upsetting me, is that altho my **Geer** material

moved from our old house & is in boxes in one room, I cannot find the folder wherein I have the family of **James Haskell Geer**, w/a family photo & a sheet like the one I have on 1060-1 that I just sent you on my phone. I would love for you to collaborate with an older Geer there & create a page such as I have sent to you.

Warmly,

Cousin **Ginger August**, GFA Historian

July 17, 2019

Dear **Ginger**- It was great to meet you at the GFA Reunion. Wow! Thank you for the rudder you are & for the years of blessing & determined effort to help people connect with their heritage. You are the Best!

Rich & Dorothy Geer- Warren, PA [*For attendees in 2019-Rich delivered the blessings over our meals & wrote a delightful Geer song for us—& played & sang it for us.*]

July 19, 2019

Hi **Ginger**

Just wanted to let you know that my family & I really enjoyed the family reunion. We had a great time. Meeting people, listening to the speakers. It was [so] awesome that we are planning to attend the next reunion in Johnstown, Pa. & hoping to see many of the same people we just met.

Thank You

Sharron Springer & family *mud2920@att.net*

June 30, 2019

Dear **Ginger**: ...you have been a blessing to the national “**Geer**” family, as so many expressed at the reunion. I can’t think of anything I would have changed; it was planned so beautifully!

God Bless you,

Love [cousin] **Debbie Atwill**, W. Warwick, R.I.
debbieatwill@verizon.net

The Geer Family Association ¶
Invites you to visit our website at ¶
<http://www.geerfamily.org> ¶

Please consider a membership to the Geer Family Association where you will enjoy our wonderful GFA Newsletter three times a year. As a member, you will have full electronic access to all 34 Volumes of the GFA Newsletter since 1984. ¶

A One Year Membership with Electronic PDF Version of the Newsletter is only \$25.00. Print copy of the Newsletter is \$35.00 a year. See the GFA General Store order form for additional membership options & items available for sale. ¶



Elizabeth Geer--Traveler on the Oregon Trail (1847)

By Ron Ragen



Just to set the record as best I can, I've recently discovered &/or confirmed a fair amt. of information regarding **Elizabeth⁷ Geer** [ID# 968-G].

Elizabeth was one of the 4 daughters of **Joseph Cary⁶ Geer** [ID# 423-G] by his first wife, Mary Johnson. Elizabeth was b. in 1833 & d. in 1916. She came to the Oregon Territory in 1847 w/**Joseph Cary Geer**, & his wife, **Mary**, together w/at least 5 & most likely 7 other children. **Joseph Cary, Jr.** & **Frederick** had come in 1845 & 1846, respectively.

In 1848, **Elizabeth** m. (1) **Charles Sanborn** & they had a son, **Irwin**, b. in 1849. They later divorced.

Elizabeth m. (2) **Christopher Sweitzer** in 1855. They had a son, **John**, in 1856 who d. of typhoid fever in 1871. They also had 2 daughters, **Mary**, b. in 1858 ("**Auntie Mammie**") & **Annetta** ("**Nettie**" or "**Dania**"), b. in 1860. **Christopher** drowned in a shipwreck in 1860. At the time, **Elizabeth** was pregnant w/**Dania**. Both **Elizabeth** & **John** were saved.

Elizabeth then m. (3) **Joseph Sweitzer**, **Christopher's** brother, in 1861. They had a daughter, **Caroline** ("**Aunt Caddie**") b. in 1862. She became **Caddie Crane** & her daughter was **Helen Crane Beckwith** ("**Auntie Helen**" & "**Uncle Billy**"). **Caddie** had a house at Cannon Beach where the *Pancake House* is now located. **Joseph** drowned in 1865 in the Santiam River.

Elizabeth then m. (4) **Wm. Mullins** in 1867. They had 2 sons, **Hiram**, who was b. in 1868 & d. in 1870, & **James T.** (aka **James Kent** – see below) b. in 1869. **Elizabeth** & **Mullins** div. in 1869 & he eventually remarried.

Elizabeth m. (5) **C. Francis Kent** in 1870 & her son by **Mullins**, **James T. Mullins**, thereafter became known as **James T. Kent**, using the name of his stepfather rather than **Mullins**, his blood father. **C.F. Kent** d. in 1896 & is bur. in Greenwood Hills Cem. in S.W. Portland, OR. **James T. Kent** d. in 1952 & is bur. in Riverview Cemetery, next door to Greenwood Hills. **Elizabeth** remained unmarried & d. on Jun 17, 1916 after living w/her sisters, primarily w/**Nettie Gradon** & **Nettie's** husband, **Walter**, at their home on S.E. Salmon in Portland. **Nettie** & **Walter** were the parents of my mother, **Florence Walter Gradon**. Mother was nearly 16 y.o. when **Elizabeth** d., so surely knew **Elizabeth** very well. That explains why the middle names of **Brooks**, **Janis** & me are **Geer**, **Elizabeth** & **Kent**, respectively, all 3 of **Elizabeth's** favorite names. **Elizabeth's** grave is next to that of **C.F. Kent** in Greenwood Hills Cemetery, very close to **Lewis & Clark** College & backing onto Riverview Cemetery. **Lee** (my wife) & I have visited the gravesite & I have recently given a small donation to help with the Association's annual clean-up efforts to maintain the cemetery, an effort that is undertaken every year gratis by a group of gracious neighbors.

All names in quotations are names that Mother used to refer to her own aunts or cousins & that we used regularly because of those references except for "**Dania**" which was the name **Brooks**, **Janis** & I used for Mother's mother, our own grandmother. Unbeknownst to us, we are pretty well surrounded by **Geers**!

Milestones: Honors

170-year-old grove of trees at **GeerCrest** Farm being *honored* for more than longevity. [See article from *Statesman Journal*, written by **Bill Poehler**, publ. 30 Mar. 2018.] [Source: <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/silverton/2018/03/30/geercrest-farm-grove-trees-honored-oregon-heritage-trees-oregon-travel-experience/470978002/>]

Poem of Praise of Gillette, WY

by **Bub/[?Bud] Geer**

Gillette, Wyoming the old cow town,
Where the sagebrush spreads for miles around,
From the Pumpkin Buttes to old Mon tan,
Campbell county is a busy land.
And to the place where strangers meet,
Gillette, Wyoming the county seat.
The wind still blows and the waters bad,
They got more people than they ever had.
The folks voted out the brand new school,
With teacher's lounge and swimming pool,
Trailer homes reach from ridge to ridge,
Mosquitoes nest on the fishing bridge.
Oil rigs stand where antelope roam,
Natives here just call it home.
From the Wilson store to the Center Bar,
It makes no difference just who you are.
The roughnecks work with sweat and toil,
To get that black stuff we call oil.
The oil is here and the coal is too,
And probably will stay a year or two.
The trail herds, traveled the river roads,
Now derrick trucks haul their heavy loads.
The chamber says the commerce is good,
The tourists keep coming like we knew they would.
When the boom is over and things slow down,
It's still Gillette, Wyoming the old cow town.

[Source: Postcard purchased on eBay, publ. by Elkhorn Enterprises, WY, photo by **Bill Sand**.]

Returning Home

Author: Lynne Yagel

The oldest **Geer** at this summer's GFA reunion was 150 yrs old! Elvira became a **Geer** on Christmas morning, 1869, in Hadlyme CT. This past July, she flew 2,500 miles to meet her "young" relatives in Ledyard. She is a doll -- the **first** doll that 8-year-old **Edith Geer** ever owned -- and a dream come true made possible by the generosity and self-sacrifice of **Edith's** five siblings.



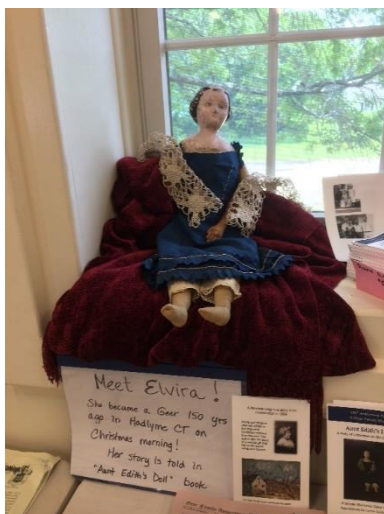
Eight of the descendents of those generous children came too -- from South Carolina, Michigan, Oregon, and Virginia. Some had not seen one another in 50 years, and some had never met. It was a wonderful time of sharing pictures, memorabilia, family trees, news --- and re-hearing the old story of Aunt **Edith's** Doll.

My Grandmother, **Frances Burrows⁸ Geer** [ID# 145-T], inherited the doll when her **Aunt Edith** died, and penned a story based on what **Edith** had told her. **Evelyn Geer** typed it and had a few copies bound. As heir / caretaker of the doll and her story, I longed to share both. This GFA reunion was the perfect opportunity to bring Elvira back home. A bit tattered but still beautiful, she was on display for all to see, *along with a quilt square given as a bridal shower gift in 1849, a homespun linen bed sheet made from flax grown on the Geer farm in Hadlyme in the 1700s, and Grandma's Great Grandmother's beautiful "underpinnings" -- nightgown, bloomers, camisole and petticoat -- all meticulously hand sewn and edged with hand knit lace.*



After the reunion, six of us went to Hadlyme to see the farmhouse where our Grandparents and Great grandparents had lived. We then took the heirloom items to the East Haddam Historical Society Museum and presented them to be displayed on long-term loan. We were delighted to discover that the museum has a section dedicated to **Elihu Geer**, our patriarch. *There is also a spinning wheel with flax, to perfectly showcase the linen bed sheet.* The museum gratefully received *our heirlooms and especially Elvira.* The Historical Society often hosts classes of schoolchildren, and they assured us that showing Aunt **Edith's** Doll, and reading her story* would be a new feature.

Sharing our **Geer** heritage and treasures was such a satisfying way to end our reunion time together. Weaving the past and the present together for greater appreciation and understanding, as well as deepening our family ties made the travel so very worth the time and effort!



If you are in Connecticut, please visit the East Haddam Historical Society soon and see the **Geer** exhibit! It is 2 miles from Gillette Castle, and open Saturdays and Sundays (only) from 12:30 – 4pm, but just until Columbus Day Weekend.

It opens by appointment by calling 860-873-3944.

*A republished **Geer Family Memory** version of Grandma's Christmas story "Aunt **Edith's** Doll" is available at the East Haddam Museum or from GFA for \$5 plus s+h. [Contact GFA Sales Chair: **Panse Geer** (p. 70)]

Family Photo Album

"These photos on this page were submitted by GFA Reunion speaker **George Geer** of Derby, CT, who related many details of the amazing story of **Gilbert T. Geer's** body being brought back from Germany where he died, & reburied in The Netherlands. That village where he is buried, to honor the American soldiers who helped liberate Europe in WWII, have assigned all the graves w/families in the area, to take care of the cemetery & their "American soldier." **George Geer's** father met w/the Dutch family so assigned some years back, & he hopes to go there & visit this grave in the future."



*Picture of **Gilbert Thompson¹⁰ Geer** [ID# 1903-3-G] between his Mom, **Alice B[anister] Geer** & girlfriend on right, at the **Geer** home in Belchertown, MA, in 1944. Thought to be his last visit home on leave from the Army prior to shipping out to the European Theater.*



Pfc. Gilbert Thompson Geer, 16th Inf. Reg. Infantry, somewhere in Europe, WWII. Killed in action, 16 Apr. 1945 _____, Germany. He was s/o **Everett Austin⁹ Geer, Jr.** [ID# 1903-G].



***Gilbert T. Geer's** grave at American Cemetery, Margraten, the Netherlands*



Family Photo Album

We were also granted permission by ancestry.com member **Gina (Geer) Ruhl**, to share her old family photos as well. We send her thanks.



Jonathan J. Geer & Alice (Bell) Geer w/son Willard Ray Geer. Sent by Gina (Geer) Ruhl.



Asa Wallace Geer [1873-1957 WV], s/o Wallace Asa Geer [1850 OH-1887 Mississippi River near Memphis, TN]. Sent by Gina (Geer) Ruhl.



Willard Ray Geer [1925-1993 WV], s/o Jonathan J. [1875-1938 WV] & Alice Bell Geer. Submitted by Gina (Geer) Ruhl.



Algonac [MI] Soldier Tells of Action at Fighting Front

By Bob Russman (*Times Herald Reporter*)

Algonac, Aug. 11--**CPL. GILBERT (FRANKLIN)⁹ GEER** [ID# 213-6-5-7-2-G], s/o **Mrs. Evelyn VanBuskirk**, in combat in Korea for 9 mo., wounded before he was 18 yrs old, has quite a story about food—or rather the lack of it.

The tall rangy corporal was once within 23 air miles of the Manchurian border when the Chinese Communist soldiers entered the battle. He walked out w/most of the rest of the GI's from the cold barren lands around the reservoirs in the north.

Running true to form, the corporal turned thumbs down on the Army's top delicacy, cold beef stew. "Boy I could eat most anything, any time, but not that beef stew—or those Vienna sausages."

"Although we missed out on the Thanksgiving dinner we sure made up for it on Christmas. I had everything that mother would have put on the table, and it was all hot too," he reflected." This slightly built youth w/a shock of blond hair that won't behave has scars along his left arm to prove he was wounded before most guys get out of high school.

"I got a little shrapnel on Nov. 12, 1950," he explained. "I went to first aid, had it dressed & returned to action the next day. Several days later I picked the metal pieces out of my arm rather than return to the casualty tent. You know the toughest part of the whole thing was that we didn't know what was going on. We never knew where we were, where we were going, or where we had been. We just kept walking, following the man in front of us. Up one hill, down another, always following the man in front. I first started out as a radio man & that pack radio wasn't exactly a picnic basket to carry in all of that walking.

"Later I was transferred to a mortar team. I got rid of the radio but picked up part of the mortar instead. It was all the same regardless of what you were doing. Just keep walking."

Corporal Geer's walking (& riding) took him over quite a bit of the landscape in the midst of the Oriental "police action." He was in the action around two of the major Korean ports, Inchon & Pusan. He remembers being in Pyongyang in the center of the peninsula, north of the famed 38th parallel but "most of those damned towns were too small & too many to remember."

"When we advanced to within a day's march of the Chinese border we had the North Koreans whipped. Then the Chinese Reds started pouring in. There's a good example of not knowing what's going on, we didn't know the Chinese were against [us] until we started to withdraw. Those Chinese are nuts about fighting in waves. They just seem to keep coming on and on. The only time I ever saw one fighting alone was when he was posted as a sniper to cover the withdrawal of a company."

In addition to his Purple Heart ribbon, **Geer** has a few other pieces of "fruit salad" to fix on his sun-tan shirt when he hits town. He also wears the combat infantryman's badge, a symbol that he has proven his ability under fire. His Korean action ribbon has two tiny stars on it signifying 2 major battles in which he has participated. Above his right pocket he wears the dark blue oblong of a unit citation w/two oak leaves.

* * * * *

CORPORAL GEER left Algonac HS & Algonac [MI] for the Army on May 23, 1950, after his mother had signed his release. After basic training at Fort Knox, KY, **Geer** was shipped to Korea w/a slight pause in Japan. He was immediately attached to the famous 2nd Division & moved into action. For the next 9 months he was either in actual combat or in front line reserve.

Right now he's home on 30-day rotation leave & expects to return to Ft. Custer for re-assignment. He has more than a yr of his original 3-year enlistment to serve. "Now that I have one son home," **Mrs. VanBuskirk** said. "I would like to get **Gary** home too." **Gary**, a brother, has been aboard a destroyer in the navy for 3 yrs now w/most of his service in the Mediterranean area. [Source: *The Times Herald* (Port Huron, MI), 12 Aug. 1951, Sun. p. 16.]

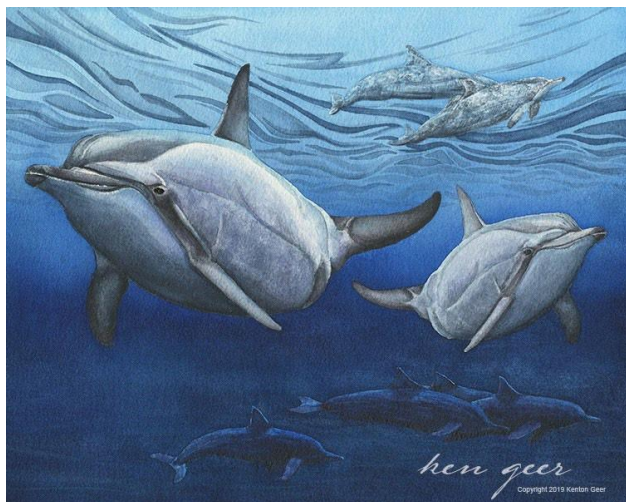
Geer/Gear/Gere Here & There

Wife Has COL. GEAR IN COURT- Col. Alonzo S. Gear, Water Register of The Bronx, NY, was arrested on a warrant yesterday & arraigned before Magistrate Brann, in the ...Police Court, on complaint of his wife, Josephine who charged him with not supporting her properly. The warrant was issued after 2 unsuccessful attempts had been made to serve Col. Gear w/summonses.

Col. Gear was ordered by the magistrate to pay his wife \$10/week, & was paroled in the custody of Probation Officer McCue. The case was heard in the private examination room of the Morrisania court, & all possible effort was made to prevent the proceedings becoming public. Benjamin Baker, counsel for Mrs. Gear told the magistrate that she had not had a square meal in months. Colonel Gear exclaimed that there was not in all of NY a woman "who ate a bigger meal or enjoyed it more" than his wife.

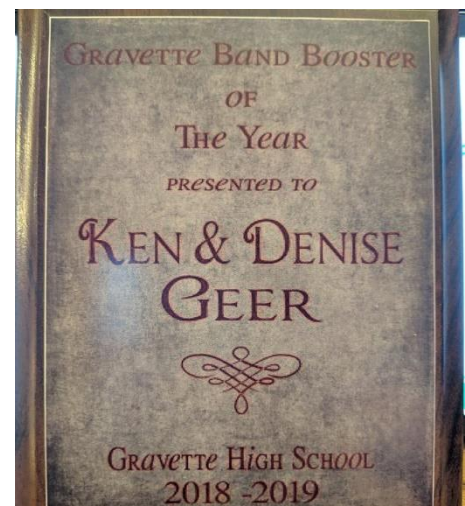
The couples have been mar. abt 10 yrs. Col. Gear is 67 y.o. He m. his wife when she was 16, & for abt 3 yrs starred her as a singer in European cities. He is a member of the Republican & the City clubs.

After the proceedings Gear said: "A meddlesome woman induced my wife to haul me to court on a charge of abandonment. The proceedings & the preponderance of testimony in my favor showed beyond any question that she abandoned me." [Source: New-York Tribune (NY, NY) 6 Dec. 1902, Sat. p.4.][Hist. note: Alonzo Stockbridge Gear, s/o John & Martha Stockbridge Gear of Stratham, NH is listed on p. 367 of *The Geer Genealogy*, by Walter Geer, 1923, in the "Unplaced Geers section.]



Spinner Dolphins. Kona, Hawaii by Ken(ton) Donald¹¹ Geer
[ID# 1803-2-9-3-G] --direct descendant of George¹,
Jeremiah² Geer

Geer sick of Grandpa Walton, By Marilyn Beck. HOLLYWOOD – Will Geer is getting downright tired of playing a grandpa—and would like to be a romantic leading man. "I'm sick of being stereotyped, of being pigeonholed," reveals the feisty 75 yr old co-star of the CBS' "The Waltons." And he complains, "What choice do I have but grandpa roles? I know my daughter Ellen has written a love story for senior stars – but the studios have told her old-age love stories aren't interesting or salable."..." I don't like the image of Grandpa Walton," he states firmly. [Source: Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AR) 21 Oct. 1977, Fri., p. 71] [Hist. note: Will Geer is of German ancestry—the name was Gehr or Ghere.]



Gravette High School located in Gravette, AR

Mary K. Mathiew (left) & Martha Schweitzer Geer, 2 of the participants in the 1932 tree planting ceremonies on Lebanon Green,



help w/planting the Charter Oak during ceremonies for replanting of trees on the north end of the green on Saturday. Assisting are Lebanon students & (right) Harold Geer, of the Lebanon Green Replanting Advisory Comm. Replanting was necessary due to an infestation of red pine scale that killed the 1932 grove of trees. [Source: Chronicle [Lebanon, CT], 6/13/94. Photo by Charles Hisey.]

Milestones: Births, Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries

Alexander Geere will marry **Lisa Nichols** on July 19, 2019 in South Wales, NY. He is related to GFA's "Our Man in England," **Jeremy Geere**, who helps out with English G/G/G lineages that are not from **George¹** or **Thomas¹ Geer**. In fact **Jeremy** will be attending said wedding & all of GFA wishes the young couple well!

New Sweden, ME.

Brandon Geer, son of former GFA Vice President and Treasurer **Ronald Geer**, married **Erin Maguire**, daughter of **Paul Maguire** of Caribou, ME. The newly wed **Mrs. Geer** is Assistant Principal at Bonny Eagle High School. **Mr. Geer** is a Project Manager for Northeast Firestopping Solutions. They will live in Westbrook, ME after their honeymoon.



Eugene and Panse Geer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Juneau, AK (where they first met), this year!! We congratulate them on their happy togetherness, all their travels and fun activities, their grandparenting and parenting together! May you both enjoy 25 more years together.



We just received this photo & names from author of the story about "Aunt Edith's Doll" (see p. 59). On Sept. 9, 2017 at the home of the bride in Northern CA, **Jonathan Yagel** [ID# 145-1-2-1-T of the 11th gen.] mar. **Jillian (Witzke) Yagel**. The couple now lives in Nashville, TN where **Jillian** is a Pediatric ICU Nurse & Jonathan is VP of business development for Spire Labs. **Jonathan** spent much of his life in VA, & **Jillian** spent hers in NorCal. Their jobs took them to Nashville, where they met.



(L to R) sibling **Peter Yagel**, mom **Lynn (Darby) Yagel**, bride **Jillian (Witzke) Yagel**, groom **Jonathan Yagel**, dad **Scott Yagel**.



Milestones: Remembrances, Obituaries & Honors



[Margaret] Emily¹⁰ Gere [ID# 1686-2-1] was b. 22 Jan. 1952 in Pasadena, CA, the oldest of 3 sisters. Her parents were **Frederick Hixson⁹ Gere** [ID# 1686-2] of Syracuse, NY & **Mary Jane Kastner** of Newhall, CT. The family moved to the SF Bay Area in 1957, living in Berkeley, San Jose, Burlingame, & Menlo Park. Emily graduated from San Jose State University, majoring in Education, & thereafter lived in Menlo Park for the rest of her life. **Emily** d. Sept. 19, 2018 from complications of cancer treatment.

She began her lifetime career in 1980 at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto. A Stanford program headed there by **Jerome Yesavage** needed an administrative assistant, & as he says, “the rest was history.” His research group became her extended family, & they held a memorial service for her at the VA attended by more than 50 people.

She had many interests outside of work, including backpacking, sewing & weaving, her cats, touring garage sales, & reading. She traveled twice to Great Britain w/her mother, & to other destinations w/her longtime partner, **Richard Koch**. Her greatest avocation was the study of genealogy, & she served many years as Archives Chair for the **Geer/Gere/Gear** Family Association.

Emily’s grandfather was **Wm. Stanton⁸ Gere** [ID# 1686-G] of Syracuse, NY, who was State Champion in Archery in the 1930’s. In 1945 he co-founded the firm **O’Brien & Gere**, an Engineering company still going today, which helped develop Syracuse, NY into a major city.

Her great-great grandfather was **Col. James Monroe⁶ Gere** [ID# 793-G], b. near the town of Salina on the Erie Canal in upstate NY. He enlisted in the 122nd NY regiment & served in the Union army, twice escaping from Southern prisons. He kept a pocket diary, portions of which have been privately published *Escape to the Mountains* & was able to give intelligence to **President Lincoln**, whom he met.

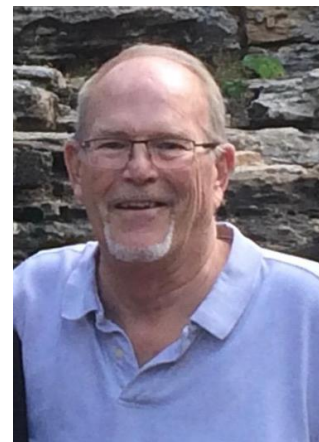
Emily collaborated closely in the passion for family history shared w/her uncle, **Prof. James Monroe⁹**

Gere [ID# 1686-1]* of Stanford Univ. They attended triennial GFA reunions & independently retraced & documented portions of **Col. James Monroe⁶ Gere’s** escape routes during the Civil War as he made his way North. She collected original materials & photographs, & when a significant cache of letters from **Col. Gere’s** wife was discovered in an attic wall in an old Syracuse house, patiently & lovingly transcribed them all.**

She is survived by **Wendy & Doug Mason-Gere** of Medford, OR & 2 nephews. Contributions in her name to the GFA are welcome. Source: Cousin **Wendy Gere**. [*Hist. note: *Jim Gere of CA served as a Trustee of Region 5, as well as working on the GFA Book Committee which produced the 1991 Supplement to the 1923 Geer Family Genealogy, by Walter Geer. **Many of these transcribed letters from the mid-1800s have been published in previous GFA Newsletters.*]

Source: Sister **Susan Gere**. [*Hist. note: *Jim Gere of CA served as a Trustee of Region 5, as well as working on the GFA Book Committee which produced the 1991 Supplement to the 1923 Geer Family Genealogy, by Walter Geer. **Many of these transcribed letters from the mid-1800s have been published in previous GFA Newsletters.*]

Andrew J. “Andy” Dunlap [ID# 1060-1-4-4-G of the 10th generation], 70, of Springfield, MO, d. June 19, 2019 in Mercy Hospital. He was b. Sept. 18, 1948 in Portland, ME, the s/o **Stanley & Katherine V.⁹ Geer Dunlap** [ID# 1060-1-4-G]. Following a 22 yr career in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer, he



went on to a second career in banking in Springfield. He had been an active member of Elks Lodge 409 & the Abou Adhem Shrine. **Andy** enjoyed life to the fullest & loved being w/family & friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents & wife, **Debbie**.

He is survived by his 3 sons; **Todd (Amy)** of Scottsdale, AZ, **Jason (Emily)** of Belton, MO & **Nicholas (Brittney)** of Lebanon, MO; daughter **Shannon (Travis) Rogers** of Springfield; brother **Tom (Maureen) Dunlap** of Princeton, NJ; 2 sisters,

Diana (George) Wing of Ridgewood, NJ & **Sandra (Frank) Dennis** of Richmond, VA; 7 grandchildren, his beloved friend **Nowetta**, & many friends & a large extended family.

Burial w/full military honors will be held on June 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM at MO Veterans Cemetery. Celebration of life services will be held on June 29, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Elks Lodge 409.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Elks Lodge 409 Veterans Fund, 2223 E. Bennett St, Springfield, MO 65804.

Source: <https://www.gormanscharpf.com/obituary/andy-dunlap?fbclid=IwAR08ISRrb64jZY2QgmnRW5FpGr3k2XErGo0vbg4OefxYgqESIAD0Q2m1iQI>

Arthur Pratt Gottwald, a Lifetime Member of GFA, d. Mar. 24, 2014 at the in Bedford, MA. Born on Dec. 28, 1920 in Everett, MA, he was the s/o the late **George J. Gottwald Sr. & Freda (Pratt) Gottwald**. Brother of the late **Dr. George J. Gottwald Jr.** of WA. Brother of **Natalie (Gottwald) Somers** of Arlington, MA. A grad. of Arlington HS (1938), during WW2 he served w/the Army Air Corps, Office of Scientific Research & Development. Notably, he worked for **Gen. Wm. Donovan**, the wartime head of the OSS. **Mr. Gottwald** received a Bachelor of Science, Chemistry & Biology from Tufts Univ. He was awarded a J.D. from George Washington Univ. in Wash., D.C. **Mr. Gottwald** entered the private practice of Law in Alexandria, VA in 1952 & practiced there until 1965, during which yr he served as Escheator for the City of Alexandria. In 1965 he was appointed a Special Justice for the City of Alexandria, VA for a term beginning Jan.1, 1966. Reappointed, he continued to serve in that capacity through Dec. 1975. By order of the Circuit Court of Alexandria dated Dec. 22, 1975 he was appointed Chief Special Magistrate for the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, VA. He continued in that role as Chief Magistrate until his retirement on Jan. 31, 2001 at the ae of 80. During that time he was instrumental in the successful development of the State Magistrate System as it now exists. He also oversaw the unification of the City of Alexandria's Magistrate System w/the State Magistrate System. Until his retirement he served as the only Chief Magistrate for the City of Alexandria, VA. He served with great distinction, & brought the office of the Magistrate from the manual typewriter into the age of cyberspace. In his spare time **Mr. Gottwald** had many interests. He was very proud of his family heritage, & spent 30⁺

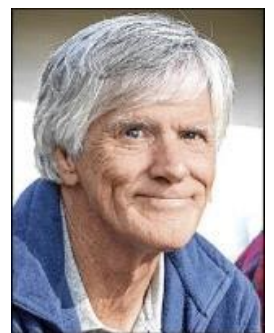
yr's researching his lineage. He became a member of many genealogical organizations: Soc. of Mayflower Descendants, Sons of the American Rev. & Descendants of Colonial Clergy to name a few. He could trace his bloodline to Kings, Noblemen, Presidents, poets as well as **Saint Margaret** of Scotland. He was also very proud of his **Gottwald** family legacy. His grandfather, **Lt. George J. Gottwald** was killed in the infamous Merrimac St. Fire of 1898 along w/5 other Boston Firefighters. For the last 120 yrs a member of the **Gottwald** family has served with the Boston Fire Dept. A master in the art of horticulture, in the summertime he would decorate the grounds of a family cottage in Maine. A man of dignity, class & education, his family remembers him as a very warm human being. He traveled back to Arlington every summer to spend time with his **Somers/Gottwald** family. He loved people & he loved to laugh. He was for the underdog, & treated people with respect & kindness. He had a self-deprecating humility, & was an avid story teller. He will be remembered with a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face & a funny anecdote on the tip of his tongue. As well as his younger sister **Natalie**, he leaves many nieces, nephews & grand nieces & nephews who loved him dearly. A Christian memorial service & burial will be performed at the family gravesite in Kingston, NH. Published in *The Arlington Advocate* from Apr. 8 to Apr. 15, 2014.

Barlow Lunn¹¹ Gear [ID# 449-1-5-1-9-2-G]

B. Aug. 11, 1948 – D. June 12, 2019 - age 70 yrs

Barlow was b. in Fairbanks, AK Territory to **Haven Barlow¹⁰ Gear & Barbara Jane Lunn**. Registered birth at VA Mason Hospital in Seattle, WA a wk later. By 5 yrs old **Barlow's** family moved to CA where he attended school in the southcentral area of LA attending Washington HS. **Barlow** enlisted into the US Navy in July 1967, assigned to Fighter Town 213 – Onboard the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War, he earned National Defense & Vietnam Service medals. A 2nd enrollment, stationed him in Spain w/Fighter Squadron 121, where **Barlow** earned a Vietnam Campaign ribbon & participated in reconnaissance flights.

After discharge, **Barlow** returned to CA, settling in the Coachella Valley & started his own business. He



worked for many yrs w/All Valley Appliance, as an appliance repairman. **Barlow** suffered a catastrophic aortic dissection in Jan. 2013, resulting in a bypass operation w/above the knee double leg amputation. After a year-long stay in the hospital until Jan. 2014, **Barlow** returned home to La Quinta, CA for a yr, later moving to Vancouver, WA to be near family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, & survived by children, grandchildren; siblings including **Michael Lunn Gear (Randi)** of Prescott Valley, AZ; **Donna Lea Gear Loper (John)** of Vancouver, WA; **Walter Lunn Gear (Janice)** of Edmonds, WA; **Marcus Dan Gear McCabe (Jim)** of Palm Springs, CA. Additionally, he is survived by his Uncle **George Purdy (Meredith)**; & several cousins, nieces & nephews. He will be dearly remembered by many close friends including his work family at All Valley Appliance, Cathedral City, CA.

Barlow will be interred at Tahoma Nat'l Cemetery, Kent, WA w/a celebration of life hosted in La Quinta, CA on Aug. 11, 2019.



Lilian Bea⁹ (Geer) Reynolds d. peacefully on June 16, 2019 in E. Lansing, MI, surrounded by her family after celebrating her 99th birthday. **Lilian** was b. in Grand Rapids, MI on June 14, 1920 to **Cecil Avery⁸ Geer** [ID# 462-1-1-G] & **Melita (Fonger) Geer**. Throughout her life she loved playing cards, gardening & reading novels. She enjoyed spending time w/family, & loved caring for her beloved pets.

She was preceded in death by her husb., **Grant M. Reynolds**; her grandson, **Grant Reynolds III**; her sister, **Ruth Swartz**; and her brothers, **Cecil⁹ Geer** & **Richard⁹ Geer**.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, **Susan Edwards**, **Grant Reynolds II**, & **Sally Cremeans**; her grandchildren, **Beth**, **Scott**, **Julie**, **Melanie**, **Thomas II**, **Cameo**, **Kandria**, **Christopher**, & **Josh**; & her 18 gr-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on June 18, 2019 at Okemos Community Church in Okemos, MI. Interment will be in Eastlawn Memory Gardens in Okemos, MI. Source: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/east-lansing-mi/lilian-reynolds-8745094>

Betty Mudge Keen [ID# [ID# 295-1-5-4-2-2-2-G, of 11th generation from **George¹ Geer**] 82, of Westfield, MA d. on 1/24/18. She was born April 7, 1935 in Westerly R.I. In 1956 she mar. **William Keen**. She worked at C.A. Morgan Insurance for 35 yrs. In 1992 **William & Betty** retired to Pine Lakes Country Club in North Fort Myers, FL where they enjoyed 20 yrs of a wonderful life together. Her beloved husband of 56 yrs, d. in 2012.

She leaves behind 4 children, **William Gavin Keen** (wife **Nancy**) of Lochbuie, CO, **Dana Kubasek (Jim)** of Easthampton, MA, **Linda McClellam** of Charlottesville, VA, & **Neil Keen** of Peacedale, RI. She also leaves 6 grandchildren, **Keli Keen Gow**, **Wm. Zachary Keen**, **Lauren Keen Moreno**, **Samantha Keen**, **Stephanie Kubasek**, & **Jacob Kubasek**; along w/2 great-grandchildren **Connor & Nora Gow**.

Funeral Services will be on Feb. 10th at the Easthampton Congregational Church, Easthampton, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to hospice services. Source: *The Westerly Sun* from Feb. 6 to Mar. 6, 2018. Submitted by **Dana (Keen) Kubasek**

Arline Grier Gere, 84, d. Jan. 23, 2019 in Kanab, UT. Born in Elmira, NY, she attended Elmira HS & grad. from SUNY Albany, NY. **Arline** worked as a teacher in Albany & Rochester, later working for American Airlines & Cornell Univ.



She is survived by her husband, **Ludlow H. Gere** [direct descendant of **George¹**, **Robert²⁻³**, **Amos⁴⁻⁶**, and more, but I am missing a later generation], of 57 yrs., dau., **Suzanne**; son, **Christopher (Kathleen)** & grandchildren, **Alexander & Jenna**. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to *Best Friends Animal Society*, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, UT. Source: <https://hollisfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1187/Arline-Gere/obituary.html>



On July 30, 2019 **Robert "Bob" John⁹ Geer** [ID# 462-1-2-?-G*], a beloved husb., father, grandfather, gr-grandfather, & pillar of the community d. at ae 72, on July 30, 2019 in Greensboro, NC.

Bob was b. Oct. 21, 1946 in Grand Rapids, MI. As well as being a US Air Force veteran, **Bob** was a wonderful salesman & parts manager for many yrs. On Apr. 1, 1967 he mar. the love of his life & best friend, **Ann Marie Burzynski**. Together they had 6 children, 17 grandch. & 2 gr-granddau's. **Bob** had a gift w/people. He founded a *Facebook group* for folks who grew up in Grand Rapids. He loved to sing in his church choir, drive his Mustang, & make people smile. He was known for his humor, especially his ""dad"" jokes. He was also known for his quick wit, infectious smile &

kindheartedness. **Bob** was preceded in death by his parents **Cecil Avery⁸ Geer, Jr.** [ID# 462-1-2-G] & **Charlotte V. (Kazia) Geer**. He is surv'd by his wife **Ann**, 6 ch., **Robert (Christina)**, **Jeffery (Kate)**, **Theresa (Austin)**, **Jonathan (Mindy)**, **Rebecca (Brian)** & **Mary (Tobby)**, as well as 17 grandch. & 2 great grandch. A funeral will be given in **Bob's** honor on Aug. 3 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, MI. A Rosary will be prayed Fri. at 7:30 pm at the funeral home. *Source: Published in Grand Rapids Press from Aug. 1 to Aug. 5, 2019. [*Unsure of Bob's birth order in his family of origin. Prob. 2nd or 3rd.]*

The advantage of growing up with siblings is that you become very good at fractions.

Robert Brault

Family: A social unit where the father is concerned with parking space, the children with outer space, and the mother with closet space.

Evan Esar

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.

Buddy Hackett

Geer Song -1898 in Oregon

[Following *Geer* campaign song sang at all the *Geer* rallies]:

There's a song in the air,
Theodore Thurston Geer,
You can hear it everywhere,
Theodore Thurston Geer,
Over mountain, hill and dell,
Hear the boys all shout and,
Won't we give the **fusionists*** h_ll!
Theodore Thurston Geer,

Oh, it's hard to keep you down,
Theodore Thurston Geer,
They're for you in every town,
Theodore Thurston Geer,
To your colors you've been true,
And we're going to vote for you:
You can bet that's what we'll do,
Theodore Thurston Geer,

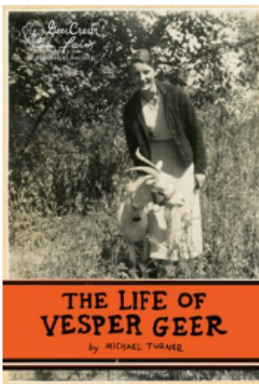
You are Oregon's favorite boy
Theodore Thurston Geer,
You are Marion's pride and joy,
Theodore Thurston Geer,
When you're in the Governor's chair,
And you bet we'll put you there,
We'll shout your name, loud and clear,
Theodore Thurston Geer!

***fu·sion·ist** /'fyooZHənəst/-- noun

plural noun: fusionists

1. A person who strives for coalition between political parties or factions.

Source: *The Capital Journal* (Salem, OR) 9 May 1898, Mon., p. 2.



You can purchase copies of the film *The Pioneers' Children* or *The Life of Vesper Geer* on DVD format.

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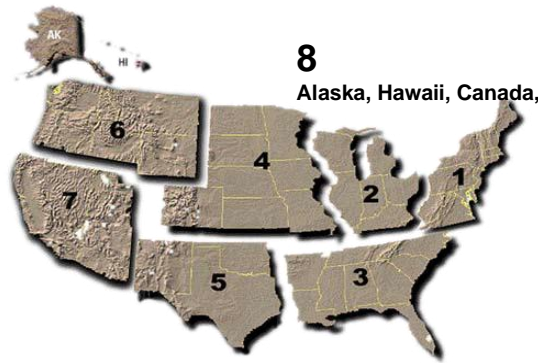
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