

THIS AND THAT from HERE AND THERE . . .

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Meridith Marshall deployed to Iraq --
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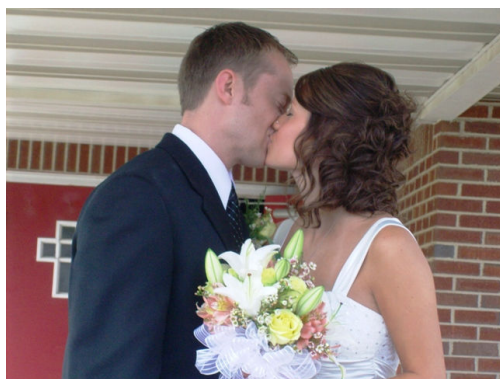


**The Family of Robb and Meridith Hodder Marshall
Summer 2008
(just before Meridith's deployment to Iraq)**

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Robb is holding Aiden Robert Marshall; Meridith is holding Sierra Noel Marshall; and Bert is holding Jenna Dillon Marshall. Sierra and Aiden are twins.

Robb is a sixth-generation descendant of John Marshall and Catharina Truby Rohrer Marshall, and his line of descent is as follows: John Marshall and Charlotte Kelker (Parker, Pennsylvania); William Kelker Marshall and Anna Mary Rumbarger (Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania); Guy Ralph Marshall and Bessie White; Ralph William Marshall and Katherine Virginia Reed; and Robert (Bob) William Marshall and Helen Marie Olson--all of Indiana, Pennsylvania.



August Wedding ~ See below for details



Last Saturday--11 October--saw a marvelous gathering of the family of **Sam and Donna Turk** of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, to celebrate **Sam's 80th birthday** at the home of his daughter Anita Turk Orton. Attending were Sam's daughters Anita and her sister Amy Turk Book, along with their husbands, children and assorted in-laws. The person attending from the greatest distance was Sam's niece, **Cherie Turk Prill** of Spokane. I was privileged to be part of this significant family gathering and to represent the descendants of Mary Ann Marshall Turk's brother, William Kelker Marshall. Mary Ann Marshall Turk of Parker City, Pennsylvania, was Sam's great-grandmother. I'll post some photos of the occasion and place a link to them when I have time; until then, see a group photo of Sam's family gathered for the celebration, near the end of the Turk Album. [13 October 2008]



October brought the remarkable visit of two granddaughters of Henry Frank Marshall (1867-1922) from the Northwest to visit their western Pennsylvania and West Virginia kinfolk and family places--the first time members of this family branch have been East to connect with family since their grandparents moved to Oregon in about 1908. **Judith Ingram Tebbs** and **Sandra Steve Wall** flew from Portland to Pittsburgh on Tuesday, 30 September. Over an eight-day period, they met multiple Marshall and Wilkins cousins and saw the places where their ancestors were born, lived and were buried. **Click here** for a still-under-construction photo album of the Marshall sites and family members they visited during what Judy described as the trip of a lifetime. *"Those days we spent seeing western PA were just incredible. The beauty and history and family presence in the places we traveled to was way beyond what I had expected . . . from Greensburg, to Parker and Kittanning, to Dubois and Reynoldsville, and finally to Pittsburgh. A highlight was to meet so many cousins and learn of their place in our family's history . . . To see the rivers, the forests, the communities, and the cemeteries that have played such an important part in the lives of our*

ancestors over the years was just what I had hoped to be able to see while there." And I know Sandie shares the same sentiments. [12 October 2008]

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More than 40 descendants of **Ed and Carolyn Graffius Marshall** of Altoona gathered yesterday at the home of their granddaughter, **Esther Marshall Galpin** in south central Pennsylvania, for a first-in-a-long-while reunion. Cousins came from Florida, Virginia, the Carolinas, Ohio and Indiana to visit at Buddy and Esther Galpin's Mountain Springs Farm. Many family photos were on display; thanks to **Kimberly Marshall Santamaria** for helping me scan some. **Steve Schunk** brought along the Graffius-Marshall Family Bible, and many had a chance to take a look at its invaluable records of family births, marriages and deaths. The place was teeming with children and teenagers! Several family recipes from another generation found their way to tables filled with some of the best food you could imagine. In spite of a few hours' rainstorm, we managed to get a group photo, which our cousin **Paul Marshall** will send along to share on the website. Email me for a link to a photo album of this gathering. [14 September 2008]

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The Hurricanes! Emails from **Kathy Fletcher Smith** of the Houston area and from her sister **Alma Fletcher Thompson** of the Mobile area assure me that they are safe and dry after Gustav passed their way. Alma and Kathy are descendants of **Mary Bailey Marshall Fletcher**, daughter of **Simeon Hovey Marshall** and, therefore, cousins of **Betz Gleason**--see below. Their Grandfather Fletcher left Charlottesville for Bay Minette, Alabama, in the early 1900s, and their branch of our large family hails from southern Alabama.

And a phone call last evening from the Rev. **James A. Marshall** of New Orleans reports that he was evacuated from the city last Sunday morning and rode out the storm in St. Louis, where he'll spend a week or so, on vacation before returning to his parish responsibilities on the staff of Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church. Jimmy reports that there was no damage to the church and that he's not heard of any significant damage to the homes of his parishioners. Jimmy is a great-grandson of **George Kelker Marshall** of the Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, area. His Grandfather Marshall moved to El Paso after serving in the Spanish-American War, and this branch of our Marshall family grew up in west Texas.

Our sincere best wishes to all, as Hurricane Ike heads for the Gulf in the next day or so. [06 September 2008]

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Our Charlottesville cousin **Elizabeth (Betz) Gleason** writes, "Our grandson, **Charles Gleason Shaw**, is in the Peace Corps serving in Bulgaria, teaching English to 8-14 yr. olds. Our daughter, his aunt, is working in London and will take a direct flight to Sophia next week to see him. We're very excited about that." Betz is a great-granddaughter of Simeon Hovey Marshall, descending

through his daughter, *Elizabeth Hoover Marshall Behrendt*. She has been quite active in the civic life of Charlottesville, as well as is her parish church, St. Paul's Episcopal, near the University of Virginia campus. And Charles is named for his grandfather, **Dr. Charles Gleason**, a retired physician and active Charlottesville citizen. [04 September 2008]

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An email from cousin **JoAnn Spratt Albert** from Sweet Home, Oregon reports that her mother, **Helen Brockman Spratt** (born 1919) "is doing great. We moved her last fall to an assisted living facility right here in town. She is loving it--not so lonesome for her now, with lots of folks for her to visit." For some photos of Helen and her Aunt Alene Marshall Steve, taken during my 2007 visit to our Northwest Cousins, click here. Helen is a granddaughter of *Henry Frank Marshall and Sarah Jane Wilkins*, who moved West from their Pennsylvania and West Virginia homes in 1908. [03 September 2008]

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Matthew Kelly Hawk and **Emily Ann Ostruh** were married on 29 August 2008 at the Mount Union Lutheran Church near Elderton, Pennsylvania. Matthew is the son of *Russell and Karen Marshall Hawk* and is a seventh-generation descendant of John Marshall and Catharina Truby Rohrer Marshall. Our very best wishes to the newlyweds! [30 August 2008]

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Esther Marshall Galpin is hosting a reunion and picnic for her branch of the Marshall Family--descendants of **Ed and Carolyn Graffius Marshall** of Altoona--at her Pennsylvania home on Saturday, 13 September. She recalls that "Uncle Earl used to sing to me, *Powder your face with sunshine, put on a great big smile* -- and promises that a music group coming for part of the day will sing that and other favorites to entertain family members. Esther writes that **all are welcome**--so either contact her directly for details or email me and I'll put you in touch with her. [18 August 2008]

NOTE: Ed (William Edward) Marshall (1878-1956) was a son of John Leathers Marshall and Julia Ann Henderson Miles; John L. Marshall was a son of William Kelker Marshall and Anna Mary Rumbarger of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania; and William K. Marshall was a son of John Marshall and Charlotte Kelker of Parker, Pennsylvania. John Marshall was the third child of Catharina Truby Rohrer Marshall and her husband John Marshall (1761-1806), our emigrant ancestor.

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Meridith Hodder Marshall was posted recently to Iraq, according to sister-in-law Linda J. Marshall. Meridith is an attorney who serves in the United States Marine Corps with the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. The great majority of her service in Iraq will be in the "Green Zone". Robb and Meridith make their home in California. Our prayers for her safe return to **Robb** and her three children, **Jenna, Aiden and Sierra**. See a recent photo of the family above and at this webpage. *If Robb's hair looks blue in this picture*, his sister assures us that

it is--part of an occasional promo for Stone Brewing Company, for which he does information technology (IT) work. [15 August 2008]



A photo disk arrived in my mail the other day from New England, courtesy of our cousin **Sam Robinson**. A few weeks ago, Sam emailed me to say that he had the Family Bible of **Elisha Robinson and Betsy Rohrer**, as well as the **Prosser** Family Bible. [Charles and Eliza Brinker Prosser were the parents of Emma Prosser Robinson, wife of Samuel Marshall Robinson]. During some recent rainy weather, and while Gloria was visiting the new granddaughter [see above] in Virginia, Sam photographed and scanned the images from both Bibles, as well as some clippings and a photo found in them. I can't wait to study these most important family documents--**primary sources** for birth, marriage and death dates of the Elisha and Betsy Robinson Family of what is now Hovey Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

A cursory look at one record page was very moving to me. Elizabeth--if she was the writer (my guess)--began recording the names and death dates of her family members. She names her father, **Frederick Rohrer, Jr.**, and then leaves a space so that she can fill in the death date when she looks it up--or asks her brother Frederick A. Rohrer down in Greensburg. Then she records the month and year for the death of **Olive Robinson**, her mother-in-law, with a space left for the day. She never got back to this project. *How I wish she had put the date there for her father's death in 1794!* I don't think there's a record of the month and day anywhere. Then Betsy Robinson records the date of death for her mother, **Catharine [Truby Rohrer] Marshall**. She next writes the name and date of death for her step-father, **John Marshall**. Then she begins recording the deaths of her children, beginning with the first boy named after Dr. Hovey. **Dr. Simeon Hovey's** death date is recorded--but no one recorded **Aunt Hovey's** date of death after 1868. We do have it, however, from the Bible of her "daughter" **Mary Ann Marshall Bailey**. I'll post some images of these significant Bible pages a.s.a.p. Thanks very much to Sam for sharing them. Click here for more about our Family Bibles. [05 August 2008]



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