

Ezra Franklin Holtzman (September 21, 1872-January 23, 1930). Ezra was born in Bruce, Ontario, Canada. Ezra married Ella E. Boken (born about 1870 in Stavanger, Norway). Ella's father, John (born, December, 1825 in Norway) lived with Ezra and Ella as noted in a 1900 federal census. Ezra and Ella had one child, a daughter Alice Eva Lorine, born July 22, 1904 in Freeport, Illinois. According to Grandma Ruth Holtzman Hey (who knew her well, living in the same city), Alice had diabetes and did not take care of herself or watch her diet. Alice, a stenographer, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Springfield, Illinois, January 22, 1927. In several Sterling City Directories, Ezra is listed as a grocer. He did run the Holtzman grocery in Sterling. The Sterling Gazette mentions a fire at the grocery store. The paper says that Ezra and his family, living upstairs, were able to escape. Ezra died in Flagg Township, Ogle County, Illinois. Ezra and Ellen are buried in Union Cemetery (Sec. 1, Lot 75), Lee County, Illinois. (Much of this data comes from David Heintz, Ezra's second cousin, 2x removed.)

Aunt **Sue** (1874-1939) and Uncle Bill **Callahan** had no children. Sue got cancer in the late 30's, so Christine went to care for her. Christine could not stay, so she brought both Sue and Bill back to Coleta on their farm. Mom (Janna Hey Dean) attended her funeral in the living room of the farm home and remembers the setting, casket, and singing the "Old Rugged Cross." Sue was buried in Oak Knoll Cemetery. Christine told mom, that Sue had turned Catholic for Bill. So her dad (Jacob) was so upset, he bought a Catholic Bible to see if the faith was different. Later Sue regretted turning Catholic, and did not want a Catholic, but a protestant funeral. Grandma Ruth Holtzman Hey said Bill's family was wealthy, but that his sisters got it all, leaving Bill dependent on Christine and Rufus, who also cared for Bill as he aged. Mom (Janna Ruth Hey) remembers that Bill was still living at Coleta with Christine and Rufus, even after Mom married in the 1950's. Bill used to take walks, pick up pretty rocks, and made Christine's

garden into a rock garden. Bill got dementia and would wander off. So Christine eventually put him in a home in East Moline.

Ira (1882-1938) was married to Rose Compton. They adopted a son Charles, whom I saw only once when I was about 8. He was probably a teenager at the time, but I have no recollection where I met him unless it was when we visited "Aunt" Merle (Rose's sister & mother's good friend) in Ottawa. After Ira died, Rose took a job cooking for a private academy so that Charles would have a good education. I never saw Ira, just Rose once at Aunt Christine's in Coleta, perhaps in the late 1940's. She was quite small. Aunt Sue Hey Cherry contacted Charles' wife over the family Bible. Rose did not want to part with the Bible, but made Sue a copy of the information in the cover. Charles and his wife had a son, Chris. Chris and his mother, Charles' wife, would visit Lucile in Morrison. Chris played baseball for the Ottawa Pirates. (recalled by Janna Hey Dean)

Aunt **Christine** (1884-1965) and Rufus **Weber** had two children. Their two children, Earl and Lucile who were born about the same time as my mother. Earl's wife Isabel had Earl cremated and not buried, before Isabel even told Lucile that her brother had died. Lucile was pretty heart broken about it, and mother tried to assure her of the resurrection anyway—I Corinthians 15. Earl and Isabel had one son, Tom. Sue Hey Cherry kept contact with Tom and his wife Carol. Mom (Janna Hey Dean) doesn't think Tom and Carol had children. (recalled by Janna Hey Dean)

Uncle Rufus worked as a night watchman at Hey Bros Dairy. Grandpa Abram Hey got him that job. Uncle Rufus and Aunt Christine picked up walnuts and hickory nuts, and shelled them to supplement their income.

Lucile's first husband was Burt Amerind whom she met when both worked at an ordinance plant near Joliet, Illinois. Burt died of a brain tumor not long after. Lucile started in the antique business in Morrison. Lucile married a John Vogel who passed away soon. Christine and Rufus, along with Lucile, pooled their money,

bought a house in Albany (because it was a good location for the antique business), and sold antiques. Regular customers were Elmer Weller and his wife. When Elmer's wife died, Elmer and Lucile married and moved to Morrison. Lucile had a remarkable doll collection and gave Sue Hey Cherry a couple of them. (recalled by Janna Hey Dean)

Earl (1885-1937). Not a whole lot on Jacob Earl Holtzman. I cannot find a birth record. The only record of death that I can find is a social security claim date of 28 MAR 1938. Married Louise E. (maiden name unknown). A 1930 federal census indicates two step children (and probably adopted) were Earl E. Holtzman (born about 1910) and Catherine A. Holtzman (born about 1913). Earl E. appears as a doorman at a theater. Catherine is listed as a cashier clerk at a theater. In 1930 the family was living at 276 Arctic Street. A WWI draft card (1917-1918) shows Earl single in Bridgeport, Connecticut (born in Grand Rapids, Michigan) and having served 7 years in the _____ (can't make it out) with the rank of sergeant. So this supports the fact that he was probably not the father of Earl E. and Catherine A. who were born in 1910 and 1913 respectively. A 1937 Bridgeport city directory notes Jacob Earl's death as February 9, 1937, and lists Louise E. as his widow living at 805 Old Town Road. (Much of this data comes from David Heintz, Earl's second cousin, 2x removed.)

In the picture of the "3 Earls", I am pretty sure the youngest Earl would be his son. But I have no knowledge of any other children. Earl moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mom saw Earl's son (?) and Louise once during the summer of Mom's wedding. In early July, they were passing through, sitting on the couch, and Grandma Ruth Holtzman Hey introduced Jan to them. They gave Mom a wedding present, a luncheon linen cloth. Pretty pink and figures along the edge. (recalled by Janna Hey Dean)