
**Descendants of
Hildegard Högländer**

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1-**Hildegard Höglander**,¹ daughter of **Carl Otto Höglander**² and **Carolina Ahlstedt**³, was born on 27 Nov 1843 in Långemåla Parish, Kalmar County, Småland Province, Sweden,⁴ died on 10 Jun 1918 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana⁵ at age 74, and was buried on 14 Jun 1918 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana.⁵

General Notes: In 1862, Hildegard and husband Nils moved to Högsby No 2, the home of her father Carl Otto Höglander. [3]

On 7 October 1863, Hildegard Höglander left Högsby Parish with her husband Nils Hinrik Högskog and son Hyllri Julius Robert Högskog for North America. She was born 7 October 1843 in Långemåla Parish. [1]

In 1910 Hildegod (sic) Highwood is living in Chesterton, Westchester township, Porter County, Indiana, with her son Axel. She is 48 [should be about 66], widowed, born in Sweden, has had three children, all living. [4]

Hildegard Highwood, widow of Nels Henry Highwood, died 10 Jun 1918 in Chesterton, of liver cancer and val__ heart disease. She was born 27 Nov 1848 [shoudl be 1843] in Sweden to ____ Hoglander. [Son] Axel Highwood was the informant. [2]

[1] Sweden Emigrants Registered in Church Books 1783-1991 (transcription) (Ancestry.com)

[2] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Hildegard (Hoglander)

Highwood, d. 10 Jun 1918, Chesterton, Porter Co

[3] Ulf Westberg, 20 Feb 2017, email to CAR

[4] 1910 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 153, sheet 11A

Hildegard married **Nels Henry Highwood**,⁶ son of **Nils Henningsson** and **Sara Lisa Nilsson**, on 8 Feb 1862 in Högsby Parish, Kalmar County, Småland Province, Sweden.⁷ Nels was born on 26 Mar 1838 in Högsby Parish, Kalmar County, Småland Province, Sweden,⁸ died on 8 Oct 1909 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana⁶ at age 71, and was buried on 14 Oct 1909 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana.⁶ Another name for Nels was Nils Henrik Högskog.⁹ They had four children: **Robert**, **Niles Henry**, **Charles**, and **Charles Axel**.

General Notes: Nils' siblings were Johan Peter, Lena Cajsa, Maria Lisa, Anna Christina, and Carl Johan. [3]

When son Robert was born in 1862, Nils was a farmer in Allgunnerum, Högsby. Lather that year they moved to Högsby No 2 (same place as Carl Otto Höglander). They immigrated from there in 1863. [3]

When Nils Hinrik Högskog and wife Hildegard Höglander departed Sweden in 1863 for America, Nils was a lantbrukare, or farmer. [1]

After moving to America, Nils changes his name from Högskog, Swedish for High Forest or High Wood, to Highwood. However, the local Swedish Lutheran churches record the family's name as Högskog.

When the family first comes to Indiana they are members of Bethany Lutheran Church in La Porte.

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Nils H Högskog, b. 26 Mar 1838, Högsby, immigration 1863
Hildegard Höglander, b. 27 Nov 1843, Högsby
Hylric Julius Robert Forstenius, b. 4 May 1862, Högsby
Nils Fredrick, b. 17 Sep 1864, Laporte
Carl Edward, b. 9 Nov 1866, Laporte [7]

In 1870 Nelson Highwood is living in New Durham township, La Porte County, Indiana. He is 36, born in Sweden, and a laborer. With him are wife Huldah, 26, sons Robert, 8, Miles, 6, Charles, 4. Miles and Charles were born in Indiana. [4]

When the family moves to Porter county they are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chesterton.

Nils Henrik Högskog, b. 26 Mar 1838, Högsby, immigration 1863
Hildegard, b. 27 Nov 1843, Högsby
Hylric Julius Robert Forstenius, b. 4 May 1862, Högsby
Nils Fredrick, b. 17 Sep 1864, La Porte
Charles Axel Theodor, b. 3 Feb 1879, Burdick [8]

In 1880, Niles H Highwood is living in Westchester, Porter County, Indiana. He is 42, born in Sweden, and a farmer. With him are wife Hilda, 36, sons Robert, 18, Henry N, 15, and daughter Axel, 3. Axel is born in Indiana, everyone else in Sweden. Robert and Henry are working on the farm. [5] Henry N was actually born in Indiana.

In 1900 Nels Highwood is living in Chesterton, Westchester township. He is 64, born Mar 1836 in Sweden. The Census shows he has been in the US for 37 years [since about 1863] and is a naturalized citizen. He is a farmer. With Nels are his wife Hildgard, age 55, born Nov 1844 in Sweden, and son Carl A, 19, born in Indiana. [6]

At the time of his death on 8 October 1909, at age 71, Nels was a flag guard at crossing. He died in a railroad accident, being "struck in ?if grain and cut & crushed". [2]

Nels Highwood, railroad flagman, was instantly killed at Chesterton when struck by a Lake Shore train. He stepped out of the path of a switch engine directly into the path of the other train. [9]

- [1] Sweden Emigrants Registered in Church Books 1783-1991 (transcription) (Ancestry.com)
[2] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Nels Henry Highwood, b. 26 Mar 1838, Sweden, d. 8 Oct 1909, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co., father Nels Hemingson (wife Hildegard was informant)
[3] Ulf Westberg, 20 Feb 2017, email to CA Reuther, research w/ Sweden recds, Nils Henrik Högsby & Hildegard Höglander
[4] 1870 US Census, New Durham twp, La Porte Co, IN, p. 21
[5] 1880 US Census, Westchester, Porter Co, IN, ED 136, p. 5
[6] 1900 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 94, sheet 8B
[7] US Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Swedish American Church Records 1800-1946 (images) (Ancestry.com), Bethany Lutheran church, La Porte, IN
[8] US Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Swedish American Church Records 1800-1946 (images) (Ancestry.com), Bethlehem Lutheran church, Chesterton, IN

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[9] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 9 Oct 1929, p. 7, "Twenty Years Ago"

2-**Robert Highwood**¹⁰ was born on 4 May 1862 in Högsby Parish, Kalmar County, Småland Province, Sweden,¹¹ died on 16 Dec 1943 in Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana¹² at age 81, and was buried on 19 Dec 1943 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.¹³ Another name for Robert was Hyllri Julius Robert Forstenius Högskog.¹¹

General Notes: Robert begins reporting his birth as New York as early as 1897. [2] He may have done this in order to be considered a citizen and vote, without having to go through the naturalization process.

In 1897 Robert Highwood was 35 years old and a resident of Chesterton, Indiana. [2]

In 1900 Robert Highwood is living in Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana. He was born May 1865 in New York [should be 1862, Sweden], and is a day laborer. With him is his wife Ida, 37, and son Offley, 1. Robert & Ida have been married 3 years. [3]

Interestingly, when son Oriss died in 1902, the death certificate shows Robert's birthplace as Sweden. [4]

In 1910 Robert Highwood and family are living in Chesterton. Robert is 46, born in New York, and a common laborer. He owns his home. Ida M is 36, and son Offley L is 10. [5]

In 1920 Robert Highwood is living in Chesterton. He is 56, born in Sweden, immigration & citizenship shows as "un" [unknown]. Robert is a signalman for a steel mill. With Robert are wife Ida, 46, son Offley, 21, mother [in-law] Maria Shoner, 86, & brother [in-law] Henry B Shoner. [6]

In 1921 Robert Highwood (Ida Mae) is in Chesterton and doing mill work. [12]

In 1924 Robert Highwood (Ida Mae) is in Chesterton and a mixer for Fraunfelter China Co. [12]

In 1930 Robert and Ida are in Chesterton. Robert owns his own home worth \$6000. he is 65, born in New York, parents in Sweden, and is a watchman for the railroad. With them is Robert's brother-in-law Butler Shaner, 54, widowed and a mechanic at a garage. Son Offley and his wife appear to be renting a room or apartment from Robert. [7]

In 1931 Robert Highwood (Ida Mae) is a wctchmn [watchman]. [12]

April 1937, Robert Highwood suffered several broken ribs in a fall 2 weeks ago. He is getting along "very nicely". [11]

In February 1938 both Mr & Mrs Robert Highwood were confined to their home with illness, but are now much improved. [9]

In the late 1930's & early 40's Robert appears to have owned and operated the Robert Highwood apartments on Porter Ave in Chesterton. [10]

In 1940 Robert and Ida are in Chesterton. Robert is 77, has an 8th grade education, born in New York State, is unable to work and has other income. Ida is 66, also an 8th grade

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education. [8]

Robert Highwood, son of Nels Highwood and Hildegard Highlander, both born NY [should be Sweden], died 16 December 1943 at Warren Clinic Hospital, Michigan City, La Porte County, Michigan, after a stay of 4 days. His cause of death was cardio. Renal [failure?] and arterioocleosis. Wife Ida May Highwood was the informant on his death certificate. She reported his birth as 4 May 1862 in New York [should be Sweden]. [1]

[1] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Robert Highwood, b. 4 May 1862 NY, d. 16 Dec 1943, Michigan City, La Porte Co

[2] Indiana United Methodist Church Records 1837-1970 (images) (Ancestry.com), Robert Highwood to Ida May Shaner, 20 Apr 1897, Valparaiso (indexed as Robert Hickwood & Lola May Shaner)

[3] 1900 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 69, sheet 2A

[4] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Oriss Dorven Highwood, b. 13 Jun 1901, Chesterton, d. 20 Mar 1902, Chesterton

[5] 1910 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 153, sheet 12B

[6] 1920 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 158, sheet 4B

[7] 1930 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 22, sheet 3B-4A

[8] 1940 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 64-23, sheet 5A

[9] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 22 Feb 1938, p. 3

[10] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 9 Jul 1938, p. 8; 11 Mar 1941, p. 8; 5 Apr 1941, p. 2 = notices of people moving in or out of the apartments

[11] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 21 Apr 1937, p. 3

[12] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Notes on birth:

Robert's birth record on Ancestry was indexed as born 7 May 1862, with father Nils Hendrik Högsberg. Looking at the image his birth was 4 May and his father was Nils Hendrick Hogskog.

(Sweden Indexed Birth Records 1860-1941 (images) (Ancestry.com), Hyllri Julius Robert Fortenius Hogskog, b.4 May 1862, Hogsby)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 4 May 1862, New York.¹²

Robert married **Ida Mae Shaner**,¹⁴ daughter of **George Shaner** and **Maria Augustine**, on 20 Apr 1897 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.¹⁴ Ida was born on 25 May 1873 in Burdick, Porter County, Indiana,¹⁵ died on 27 Nov 1960 in Westville, La Porte County, Indiana¹⁶ at age 87, and was buried on 1 Dec 1960 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.¹⁷ They had two children: **Offley Leonard** and **Oriss Dorven**.

General Notes: Mrs Robert (Ida May) Highwood died Sunday at Beatty Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of George Shaner & Marie Augustine, born 25 May 1872 in Burdick. Ida was predeceased by son Oris. Survivors were son Offley of Chesterton and grandchildren Marilyn and Warren Lee Highwood. [2]

Ida died 27 November 1960 at Dr. Norman M. Beatty Mem. Hosp. in Westville, La Porte County, Indiana, of pneumonia and arteriosclerotic heart disease. She was a resident of

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Chesterton. The hospital was the informant on her death certificate & no parents were listed. [1]

[1] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Ida May Highwood, b. 25 May 1872, IN, d. 27 Nov 1960, Westville, La Porte Co

[2] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 28 Nov 1960, p. 6, obit Mrs Robert (Ida May) Highwood

3-Offley Leonard Highwood¹⁸ was born on 23 Sep 1898 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana,¹⁹ died on 4 Sep 1964 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana²⁰ at age 65, and was buried on 8 Sep 1964 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.²¹

General Notes: In 1920 Offley Highwood is living in Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana, with his parents, grandmother and uncle. Offley is 21, born in Indiana, and a lineman. [2]

The 1921 City Directory for Chesterton shows Offley Highwood at a Stand. Oil Sta [Standard Oil Gas Station]. [9]

Offley went to work for the General Telephone Co of Indiana in 1923. [6]

In 1924 Offley Highwood is an electrn [electrician]. [9]

In 1930 Offley Highwood appears to be renting a room or apartment from his parents. Offley Highwood, renting, \$25/month, has a radio, age 31, repairman for the telephone company. Wife Verna, age 26, born Illinois, and a marceller at a beauty parlor. (A marceller creates deep waves of hair with a special curling iron.) Offley and Verna were married at age 29 & 24, about 1928. [3]

In 1931 Offley Highwood (Verna) is in Chesterton at his parents' address (421 w. Porter av). He is clk [clerk]. [9]

In 1940 Offley Highwood is in Chesterton. He is 41, a repairman for the telephone company, has an 8th grade education, owns his home valued at \$4000. With Offley are wife Verna, 36; she completed 2 years of high school. With them is daughter Marilyn Joan, less than one month old. [4]

In April 1953, Offley L Highwood was awarded a 30 year diamond pin in recognition of his long service with the General Telephone Co of Indiana. He is a combination man in the Chesterton office.

Offley started as a young man managing the Porter Home Co, until a big sleet storm wrecked the lines, after which he came to the Chesterton Company. He also worked for AT&T helping in emergencies. [6]

November 1953 - Offlie [sic] Highwood and Sam Soltz, General Telephone workers, were hurt when a tree they were cutting fell. Offlie suffered an arm injury and Sam an eye injury. [7]

In July 1961 there was a fire at the Offley Highwood property. Destroyed were a barn

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and the two cars stored in the barn - a 1953 Ford and a 1951 Nash. [8]

Offley Leonard Highwood died 4 September 1964 in Valparaiso of acute anterior myocardial infarction. He also had arteriosclerotic heart disease. He was widowed. Offley's occupation was on a telephone crew for the telephone company. The informant on his death certificate was daughter Mrs Marilyn McCorkel. [1]

Offley Leonard Highwood died at Porter Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack. He was born Sept 23, 1898 in Chesterton to Robert & Ida Mae (Shaner) Highwood. He married Verna Marcy Pirrung in April 1923. She died in 1954. [5]

Offley was employed by the General Telephone company in Chesterton for 44 years before retiring. He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Telephone Pioneers of America, Duneland Historical Society, and an honorary member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. [5]

Offley was survived by daughter Mrs Virginia [should be Marilyn] McCorkel of Chesterton, son Warren H of Chesterton, two grandchildren, & one brother [should be cousin] Donald Highwood of Chicago. [5]

[1] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Offley Leonard Highwood, d. 4 Sep 1964, Valparaiso, Porter Co

[2] 1920 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 158, sheet 4B

[3] 1930 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 22, sheet 3B-4A

[4] 1940 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 64-23, sheet 1B

[5] Findagrave.com, Offley Leonard Highwood, #62812415, obit posted w/ vitals, added 11 Dec 2010 by Searching for Answers

[6] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 8 Apr 1953, p. 8

[7] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 5 Nov 1953, p. 1

[8] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 13 Jul 1961, p. 6

[9] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1955, Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana.²²
- Residence: 1960, Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana.²³

Offley married **Verna Mary Pirrung**,²⁴ daughter of **Conrad J Pirrung** and **Carrie Hurd**, on 4 Apr 1929 in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana.²⁵ Verna was born on 21 Mar 1904 in Lily Lake, Kane County, Illinois,²⁴ died on 8 Oct 1954 in Illinois²⁶ at age 50, and was buried in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.²⁷ They had two children: **Marilyn Joan** and **Warren Leigh "Skip"**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Apr 1923.²⁸
- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1928.²⁹

General Notes: In 1910 Conrad J Pirrung is living in Margaret township, Ward County, North Dakota. He is 29, born in Illinois, and a farmer. With Conrad is wife Lydia J, age 29, born in Indiana. This is Conrad's 2nd marriage and Lydia's 1st. Conrad's daughter Verna is not with them. [3]

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In 1920 Conrad Pirrung, wife Lydia, and daughter Verna are in Margaret township, Ward County, North Dakota. Conrad is farming. Verna is 15, born in Illinois, her father in IL and her mother in the US. [4]

From the obituary for Verna's father:

Conrad J Pirrung of Chesterton died Monday [Jan 1929], age 47, born in Michigan City [about 1882]. Moved to Chesterton 7 years ago [about 1922]. Survived by his widow and daughter Mrs Offley Highwood of Chesterton. [2]

In November 1938, Mr & Mrs Offley Highwood was visited by the later's mother Mrs Barnard Goppert of Walkerton. [5] [Step-mother Lydia Jane (Walsh) Pirrung) Goppert (see Notes below)]

From notes on Findagrave:

Verna was born 21 March 1904, Lilly Lake, Kane County, Illinois, to Conrad & Carrie Pirrung.

Married Offley Highwood, 4 Apr 1929, South Bend, Indiana.

"She died at 8 a.m. Friday Oct. 8 on the Sante fe chief train between Streger and Joliet, Ill."

Died 8 October 1954

Adoptive mother of Marilyn Jo McCorkel and Warren Leigh Highwood. [1]

[1] Findagrave, Verna Mary Pirrung Highwood, #80671738, added 18 Nov 2011 by Eva Hopkins, biographical notes

[2] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 15 Jan 1929, p. 3, obit Conrad J Pirrung, dau Mrs Offley Highwood

[3] 1910 US Census, Margaret twp, Ward Co, ND, ED 197, sheet 1A

[4] 1920 US Census, Margaret twp, Ward Co, ND, ED 228, sheet 7A

[5] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 5 Nov 1938, p. 5

Notes:

Lydia Jane (Walsh) (Pirrung) Goppert (1879-1963), married Conrad Pirrung abt 1908, married Bernard Goeppert after Conrad's death. Obit posted - mother of Verna May Highwood

Findagrave, #45284213, added 9 Dec 2009 by Searching for Answers

4-Marilyn Joan Highwood

Marilyn married **Harold Max McCorkel Jr**,³⁰ son of **Harold Max McCorkel** and **Mary Dora Green**, on 27 Dec 1960 in Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.³¹ Harold was born on 7 Dec 1938 in LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana,³² died on 4 Jul 2017 in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana³³ at age 78, and was buried in Highland Cemetery, North Judson, Starke County, Indiana.³⁴ They had two children: **Harold** and **Julie**.

General Notes: In 1960 when their upcoming wedding was announced, Harold was in the US Navy in Florida. [1]

Harold worked as the Chief of Police in New Chicago, IN, and as a police officer for Ogden Dunes and Burns Harbor. He was also a volunteer firefighter and an

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arson investigator. At the time of his death he was a retired Lt. Detective of the Chesterton Police Department. [2]

He enjoyed fishing, country and blue grass music. [2]

[1] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 1 Dec 1960, p. 17

[2] Chesterton Tribune (IN) (chestertontribune.com), 6 Jul 2017, obit Harold M McCorkel of North Judson, d. 4 Jul 2017

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 2017, North Judson, Starke County, Indiana.³⁵

5-Harold McCorkel

5-Julie McCorkel

4-Warren Leigh "Skip" Highwood³⁶ was born on 18 Dec 1942 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana,³⁷ died on 22 Jan 2009 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana³⁸ at age 66, and was buried on 26 Jan 2009 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.³⁹ Another name for Warren was Warren Lee Highwood.⁴⁰

General Notes: Findagrave notes that Marilyn and her brother Warren were the adopted children of mother Verna. [2]

Warren was born 18 December 1942 in Valparaiso to Offley & Verna (Shaner) [should be Pirrung] Highwood. [3]

In 1963, Warren was a resident of Chesterton and a construction worker. [1]

In 1962 Skip became a member of the Chesterton Volunteer Fire Department, and the first full time firefighter in Chesterton in 1972. He became Fire Chief in July 1990. Skip was also a graduate of Ivy Tech [Ivy Tech Community College, formerly Indiana Vocational Technical College, i.e., IV Tech] with a degree in Fire Science. [3]

In 1992, Warren was a firefighter in Chesterton, had two ears of college, was 49 and born in Valparaiso. [5]

He was also a former Walsh Construction employee at Bethlehem Steel. [3]

Skip was a member of the Moose Lodge (Chesterton & Calumet), Porter County Fire Association (past president), Indiana Volunteer Fire Association, & other fire associations. [3]

Warren L Highwood died 22 January 2009 in Valparaiso of lung cancer and COPD. He was the fire cheif of the Chesterton Fire Department. Warren was married to Nancy Evans Highwood, born 18 December 1942 in Valparaiso to Offley Highwood and Verna Shaner [should be Pirrung]. [4]

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Skip was survived by wife Nancy Evans, son Todd Highwood, daughters Stephanie Choucalas, Heather Highwood, and [step] daughters Nicole Moskalick & Gwen O'Connor. [3]

[1] Indiana Marriage Certificates 1917-2005 (images) (Ancestry.com), Warren Leigh Highwood to Karen Ann Celm, 26 Apr 1963, Portage, Porter Co

[2] Findagrave, Verna Mary Pirrung Highwood, #80671738, added 18 Nov 2011 by Eva Hopkins, biographical notes

[3] Post-Tribune (Northwest IN) (GenealogyBank.com), 24 Jan 2009, obit Warren L "Skip" Highwood

[4] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[5] Indiana Marriage Certificates 1917-2005 (images) (Ancestry.com), Warren Leigh Highwood to Nancy Marie (Evans) Kniaz, 26 Sep 1992, Chesterton

Warren married **Karen Ann Clem**, daughter of **Durwood Orville "Bud" Clem** and **Dorothy M Kamaski**. They had three children: **Stephanie, Heather**, and **Todd Leigh**.

5-Stephanie Highwood

Stephanie married **Michael Choucalas**, son of **George Choucalas** and **Betty Jo Caraway**. They had two children: **Morgan** and **Michael**.

6-Morgan Choucalas

Morgan married **David Bradley**. They had three children: **Kenedi, Elyn**, and **Jaxon**.

6-Michael Choucalas

5-Heather Highwood

Heather had a relationship with **Richard J Sykora**.⁴¹ Richard was born about 1955⁴² and died on 23 May 2013⁴² about age 58.

General Notes: Richard J Sykora, age 58, of Chesterton, Indiana, died 23 May 2013. [1]

He was survived by fiancé Heather Highwood, and siblings Edwrd (Cheryl) of Linderhurst, IL, William of Big Bear, CA, Charles of Hillsboro, OH, Janet (Jim) Czerwinski of Munster, IN, and Cynthia Smith of Henderson, NV. He was predeceased by sister June (Ulius) Ulijasz. [1]

Richard's parents may have been Edward Sykora and Evelyn Kneccick/Knezicek, but this has not been confirmed. See Notes below.

[1] Chesterton Tribune (IN) (chestertontribune.com), 31 May 2013, obit Richard J Sykora, d. 23 May 2013, age 58

Notes:

June N Ulijasz, b. 1939 (US Public Records Index (Ancestry.com))

June N Sykora to Stanley A Ulijasz, 8 June 1959, Cook Co, IL (Cook County

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Marriage Index 1930-1960 (Ancestry.com))
1940 US Census, Chicago, IL, ED 103-1482, sheet 8A-8B
Anna Kneccicek, head
Edward Sykora, son-in-law, age 28
Evelyn Sykora, wife, age 28
June Sykora, daughter, age 10/12
Anna Knezicek, d. 30 Oct 1955, Cook Co (Cook County, IL, Death Index 1908-1988 (Ancestry.com))

5-**Todd Leigh Highwood**⁴³ was born on 13 Sep 1963 in Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana,⁴⁴ died on 19 Jan 2015 in Indiana⁴⁵ at age 51, and was buried in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁴⁶

General Notes: In 1991, Todd was living in Chesterton, a truck driver, and had completed 12th grade. [1]

When Todd died in 2015, he was living in Chesterton. [2]

Survivors included grandmother Dorothy Clem, mother & step-father Karen & Thomas Kiekenapp, sisters Stephanie & Heather, former spouse Carol Highwood. [2]

[1] Indiana Marriage Certificates 1917-2005 (images) (Ancestry.com), Todd L Highwood to Carol J Michaels, 28 Sep 1991, Chesterton

[2] White-Love Funeral Home (Chesterton, IN) (www.whitelovefuneralhome.com), Todd L Highwood obituary, of Chesterton, d. 19 Jan 2015

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 2009, Long Beach, California.⁴⁷

Todd married **Carol J Michaels**, daughter of **Bernard D Michaels** and **Donna Bende**.

Warren next married **Nancy Marie Evans**, daughter of **Francis "Frank" Bernard Evans Jr** and **Florence G Neubauer**.

3-**Oriss Dorven Highwood**⁴⁸ was born on 13 Jun 1901 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana,⁴⁸ died on 20 Mar 1902 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana,⁴⁸ and was buried on 22 Mar 1902 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁴⁹ Another name for Oriss was Oris D Highwood.⁵⁰

General Notes: Oriss died of basilar meningitis. [1]

[1] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Oriss Dorven Highwood, b. 13 Jun 1901, Chesterton, d. 20 Mar 1902, Chesterton

2-**Niles Henry Highwood**⁵¹ was born on 17 Sep 1864 in LaPorte County, Indiana,⁵² died on 10 Jul 1944 in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana⁵³ at age 79, and was buried on 13 Jul 1944 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁵³ Another name

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for Niles was Nils Fredrick Högskog.⁵⁴

General Notes: In 1900 Niles Highwood is living in Westchester township, Porter County, Indiana. He is 35, b. September 1864 in Indiana, and working in insurances. With Niles are his wife Elizabeth, 32, and daughter Almyra, 9. Niles and Elizabeth have been married 11 years, she has had one child. [1]

In 1910 Niles Highwood is living in Westchester township. He is 45, born in Indiana, and a rail clerk for the railroad. With Niles is his wife Elizabeth, 42, and children Almyra, 18, and Donald, 7. Elizabeth has had 3 children, two are living. [3]

In 1920 Niles Highwood is living in Chesterton, Westchester township. Niles is 55 and a telegraph operator. With Niles is his wife Elizabeth, 47, and son Donald, 16. Also with them is Niles' brother-in-law Joseph Brown, 62 [also future husband of Niles' aunt Ida]. [4]

In 1921 Niles Highwood (Elizabeth) is in Chesterton. The City Directory shows him as a fine merchant tailor. [8]

In 1924 Niles Highwood (Elizabeth C) is in Chesterton and a tailor. [8]

In 1931 Niles Highwood won about \$10,000 in the Canadian army and navy run at Oriental Park, St. John, N.P. [sic] [New Brunswick, Canada]. He has been a telegraph operator at Chesterton for 25 years [since about 1906]. Niles is 52 [should be 67] married with two children. [5]

In 1931 Niles Highwood (Eliz) is a ticket agt for NYCRR [New York Central Railroad]. [8]

In September 1941 Mr & Mrs [Hattie] Highwood returned from a three week vacation to California, Salt Lake City, and New Mexico. [6]

When Niles died in 1944, he was 78 years old, He retired in 1936 with a pension after 29 years with the New York Central rail road. He had been working as an extra ticket agent in various stations along the line, and in July 1944 he was filling in at the Indiana Harbor station for a man on vacation. He was struck by a freight train. [7]

Niles Highwood died 10 July 1944 in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. He was a retired railroad ticket agent, but he was working at the time of his death when he was struck by a train and died of basal fracture of the skull. He probably died instantly. The death certificate showed his wife as Mattie Highwood. [2]

[1] 1900 US Census, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 94, sheet 4B

[2] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Niles HIGHwood, d. 10 Jul 1944, East Chicago, Lake Co, bur 13 Jul, Chesterton

[3] 1910 US Census, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 153, sheet 2B

[4] 1920 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 158, sheet 10B

[5] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 18 Feb 1931, p. 1

[6] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 26 Sep 1941, p. 8

[7] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 12 Jul 1944, p. 1, report of Niles HIGHwood's death

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[8] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Niles married **Elizabeth C Brown**,⁵⁵ daughter of **George Brown** and **Charity A Carter**, on 23 Jun 1889 in Porter County, Indiana.⁵⁶ Elizabeth was born on 12 Mar 1868 in Indiana,⁵⁷ died on 16 Dec 1938 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana⁵⁸ at age 70, and was buried on 19 Dec 1938 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁵⁸ They had three children: **Almyra, Niles**, and **Donald Horace**.

General Notes: In 1870 Elizabeth is 3 years old and living with her family in Jackson township, Porter County, Indiana. Parents George Brown (42, farmer, b. England), Charity A (30, b. NY [should probably be IN]), siblings Mary J, 13, Joseph, 11, John F, 9, Jerome, 7, George M, 5, James, 1. [2] Note: George Brown and Charity Carter married 17 Jul 1855 in Porter County. [3]

In March 1931, Mrs Niles Highwood returned from a 6 week vacation in Los Angeles, California. [4]

Elizabeth may be the "complaining witness" in 1936 when Elmira [?] Jordan of Chesterton was charged with assault and battery in Porter superior court by Prosecutor Walter Crisman. [5] No further information was found on this incident.

Elizabeth died 16 December 1938 of a coronary embolism. She also had hypertensive heart disease, a cerebral hemorrhage, and arteriosclerosis. [1]

When Elizabeth died on 16 December 1938, there were serious concerns that her death was suspicious:

Porter County Authorities Conduct Investigation Into Cause of Highwood Demise
DOCTOR REFUSES TO SIGN CERTIFICATE

A probe into Elizabeth Highwood's death followed a demand from her attorney George R Williams who was employed by Mrs Highwood to administer her estate.

She was living separately from Nels Highwood in their house, and had a divorce suit pending.

Dr GH Stoner refused to sign her death certificate. "The body ___ had been removed to the ___ in Chesterton and embalmed."

Coroner Carl M Davis conducted a post mortem and found her death due to a cerebral hemorrhage but sent her internal organs to Indiana University School of Medicine for an examination. [6]

A review of her death certificate shows an inquest was held (no date given), and Carl M Davis signed her death certificate, dating his signature Dec 16, 1938. [1]

In January 1939 it was reported that her son Donald filed court action to have her will declared invalid, and accused his father of fraud.

Donald H Highwood filed action in Porter circuit court against his father Nils Highwood and others to declare his mother Mrs Elizabeth Highwood's will invalid as she was not of sound mind. He alleges her will was executed under duress and fraud.

Her death was investigated by coroner Dr Carl M Davis to determine if she died of natural causes.

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The circumstances of her death led her attorney George Williams to order an examination of her body.

Coroner Davis sent her internal organs to Indiana university school of medicine for an analysis.

In her will husband Nils Highwood was to receive 1/3 of her estate, daughter Myra Highwood Jorgan [sic] \$100, son Donald Highwood \$500, and the remainder to Augustana Home for the Aged. [7]

No additional information was found on-line as to what happened with the suit. [CAR]

[1] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Elizabeth C Highwood, d.16 Dec 1938, Chesterton, b. 12 Mar 1868, father George Brown, bur 19 Dec, Chesterton

[2] 1870 US Census, Jackson twp (Westville PO), Porter Co, IN, p. 3

[3] Indiana Marriage Index 1800-1941 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 18 Mar 1931, p. 5

[5] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 30 Jun 1936, p.2

[6] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 19 Dec 1938, p. 1

[7] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 6 Jan 1939, p. 1 - 2

3-**Almyra Highwood**⁵⁹ was born in Apr 1893 in Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana⁶⁰ and died after Apr 1966. Another name for Almyra was Myra Highwood.⁶¹

General Notes: 1913 - 1917 - at home in Chesterton helping her sick father. [1]

Apr 1917 - Dec 1917 - ticket clerk, 31st St station, Chicago, RI [Rock Island] and NYC [NY Central]

Dec 1917 - Feb 1918 - ticket clerk, Gary, IN, NYC

Feb 1918 - Jul 1918 - ticket clerk, Albert Lea, MN, RI

Jul 1918 - Aug 1918 - operator, Rock Island, IL, RI

27 Aug 1918 - 16 Sep 1918 - clerk in Employment Bureau, General Office Bldg, St Paul, MN, Northern Pacific Railway

19 Sep 1918 - 9 Jan 1919 - operator & ticket clerk, Cloquet, MN, Northern Pacific Railway [1]

During this period, Almyra may have also worked in Davenport, Iowa. [1 - ltr from Almyra to Western Passenger Traffic Committee with her work history & seeking a position in Chicago.]

Before going to Cloquet, Almyra applied to CRI & PRR Co and NY Central Lines for positions in Chicago. [1]

Almyra was in Cloquet, Minnesota, in October 1918 when there were immense forest fires in the area. Cloquet was the hardest hit community. In total the fires killed 453, 52,000 were injured, and 38 communities destroyed. [2]

She resigned/sought a leave of absence due to illness effective 20 Jan 1919. [1]

In February 1919, Almyra again sought a position with Northern Pacific, but was told there were no open positions at that time. [1]

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In 1919 Oscar and Almyra are in Rock Island, Illinois:
Almyra Jordan, mngr Oscar N V C Jordan Consolidated Agency
Oscar N V C Jordan, shoemkr (Almyra)
Oscar N V C Jordan Consolidated Agency Inc, Almyra Jordan mngr, detectives [3]

The City Directory for Chesterton shows Miss Almin Highwood as living at her parents' home (22 Calumet Rd). [3] This is most likely an error and Almyra was elsewhere.

In 1924 both Almyra H Highwood and her brother Donald are shown in Chesterton at their parents' home. [3]

In 1930 Almyra Jordan is in Chicago. She is 38, single, born in Indiana, and a milliner at a hat factory. Almyra is rooming in a large rooming house with about 43 roomers. [4]

In 1931 both Myra Highwood and her brother Donald are shown in Chesterton at their parents' home. Myra is a dom [domestic]. [3] Most likely Myra and Donald were actually in Chicago.

In 1939 the Vidette Messenger refers to Almyra as Myra Highwood Jorgan [sic]. [5]

On 1 April 1966, Almyra Highwood Jordan sent a letter to Northern Pacific Railway for verification of her dates of employment. She was living in Evanston. [1]

Except for the railway personnel files, little has been found about Almyra. She has only been found with Oscar in the 1919 Rock Island city directory. Her death has not been found. [CAR 2020]

One possibility is Myra Jordan, b. 3 Apr 1891, d. Jul 1983, last residence Chicago. (Social Security Death Index)

Myra Jordan, burial 13 Jul 1983, Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, Cook Co, died age 93, b. abt 1890. (Illinois, Archdiocese of Chicago Cemetery Records 1864-1989 (images) (FamilySearch.org)

[1] US Northern Pacific Railway Co Personnel Files 1890-1963 (images) (Ancestry.com), file for Almyra Highwood

[2] Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>), Cloquet Fire

[3] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

[4] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 237, sheet 24B

[5] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 6 Jan 1939, p. 1 - 2

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Apr 1891, Indiana.⁵⁹
- Residence: 1944, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁶²
- Residence: 1966, Evanston, Cook County, Illinois.⁶³

Almyra married **Oscar N V C Jordan**⁶⁴ on 3 Apr 1919 in Lake County, Indiana.⁶⁵
Oscar was born about 1882.⁶⁶

General Notes: Oscar has only been found between 1910 and 1919. Searching on first

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name variations including initials and last name variations did not produce any plausible matches. (I wonder if Oscar Jordan was an alias. CAR 2020)

Oscar is most likely O N Jordan, agent for rail road:
1910 - Mayfield, DeKalb Co, Illinois
O N Jordan, age 28, b. IL, par Ohio & Il, agent for RR
Cora E, 24, b. IL
Keneth, 4, b. IL
Vivian, 1, b. IL [3]

Oscar and Cora appear to have split by 1914 when she is found in Joliet.
In 1920 the Census for Cora and the children show their father was born in PA, Cora in Texas, Kenneth in Indiana, and Vivian in Minnesota.
See below for more information.

In 1918 Oscar N Jordan is tel opr [telegraph operator] C R I & P, rms [rooms] 3104 1/3 5th av. [2]

On 14 October 1918 O Jordan of Rock Island, Illinois, sent a telegram to Northern Railway superintendent Oakley D Johnson. He was inquiring about the safety of Miss [Almyra] Highwood after hearing about the devastating fire at Cloquet, Minnesota. The reply on the same day was that Highwood is safe. [1]

In 1919 Oscar and Almyra are in Rock Island, Illinois:
Almyra Jordan, mngr Oscar N V C Jordan Consolidated Agency
Oscar N V C Jordan, shoemkr (Almyra)
Oscar N V C Jordan Consolidated Agency Inc, Almyra Jordan mngr, detectives [2]

Oscar has not been found after 1919, and has not been found on any census but 1910. [CAR 2020]

[1] US Northern Pacific Railway Co Personnel Files 1890-1963 (images) (Ancestry.com), file for Almyra Highwood
[2] City Directories (Ancestry.com)
[3] 1910 US Census, Mayfield, DeKalb Co, IL, ED 28, sheet 1A

Notes on Cora and the children:

1920, Joliet, Will Co, IL
Cora Jordon, 34, widowed, b. TX, par NY, accountant for RR
Kenneth, 14, b. IN, father PA
Vivian, 11, b. MN, father PA
Esther A Cooper, mother
Esther Huckins, niece (1920 US Census, Joliet, Will Co, IL, ED 158, sheet 16A)

Cora Jordan, Cora E Jorda, Mrs Cora E Jordan -- in Joliet beginning in 1914 sometimes shown as the widow of Oscar V Jordan, in 1942 as the widow of Vance (City Directories (Ancestry.com))

Kenneth Day Jordan, b. 31 Dec 1905, Hammond, IN (resident of Joliet) (U.S. WWII

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Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com))
Vivan Esther Jordan, b. 13 Jan 1909, Dakota Co, MN, father __ Jordan, mother __
Cooper (Minnesota, Birth Index, 1900-1934 (Ancestry.com))
Cora E Jordan, father Cooper, d. 30 Dec 1947, Joliet (Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths
Index 1916-1947 (Ancestry.com))

3-**Niles Highwood Jr**⁶⁷ was born about 23 Dec 1900,⁶⁷ died on 19 Oct 1901 in
Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana,⁶⁷ and was buried on 21 Oct
1901 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁶⁷ The cause of his
death was congestion of the brain (15 days).

3-**Donald Horace Highwood**⁶⁸ was born on 4 Mar 1903 in Chesterton, Porter
County, Indiana,⁶⁸ died on 2 May 1983 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois⁶⁹ at age
80, and was buried on 5 May 1983 in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice, Cook
County, Illinois.⁷⁰

General Notes: In 1924 both Donald H Highwood and his sister Almyra are shown in
Chesterton at their parents' home. Donald is an ins agt [insurance agent]. [5] It is not
know if this is correct or if Donald was in Chicago.

Although the 1930 Census shows Donald in Chesterton with his parents, the local
newspapers in 1929 show him visiting from Chicago. [1]

In 1931 both Donald Highwood and his sister Myra are shown in Chesterton at their
parents' home. Donald is a lab [laborer]. [5] Most likely Donald and Myra were
actually in Chicago.

In 1940 Donald A Highwood is living in Chicago with his wife Ann Marie and her
parents Joseph and Mary Pacha. Donald is 38, born in Illinois (sic), has 3 years of
college, is an engineer in buidling construction. He worked 52 weeks in 1939 for
\$2600.

Ann Marie is 37, 3 years of high school, a telephone operator for the telephone co.
she worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$875.

Joseph and Mary Pacha are 72 & 60, and both born in Czechoslovakia. [2]

In 1942 Donald Horace Highwood is living in Chicago. He was born 4 Mar 1903 in
Chesterton, Indiana. Donald is employed by CA Metz Engineering Co of Chicago.
Wife Anna M Highwood is his closest contact. [4]

When Donald died in 1983, the informant on his death certificate was Dolores Gorski.
[3]

[1] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 1929

[2] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-1011, sheet 61A

[3] Illinois Cook County Deaths 1878-1994 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org), Donald
Horace Highwood, b. 4 Mar 1903, IN, d. 2 May 1983, Chicago

[4] US WWII Draft registration Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com)

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[5] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1944, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁷¹
- Residence: 1955, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁷²
- Residence: 1964, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁷³

Donald married **Anna Marie Suchovsky**,⁷⁴ daughter of **Nik Suchowski** and **Mary (Maria) Matonsek/Matusck**. Anna was born on 10 Jan 1904 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,⁷⁵ died on 22 May 1985 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois at age 81, and was buried on 25 May 1985 in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice, Cook County, Illinois.⁷⁶ Another name for Anna was Ann Marie Pecha.⁷⁷

General Notes: Anna was born Anna Suchowski on 10 January 1904 in Chicago to Nik Suchowski and ??ry [Mary] Matonsek. [3]

In 1905 the family is in Deerfield, Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Nick Suchovsky, 31 (b. abt 1874), born in Bohemia, farmer

Mary Suchovsky, 26 (b. abt 1879), born in Bohemia

Children Lewis, age 5, & Annie, age 1, both born in Bohemia [Annie was born in Chicago] [7]

On 17 Sep 1907, Louis Suchovsky, age 7, born in Vienna, Austria, died in Chicago. He was buried the next day at St Jospheh cemetery. Louis's father's birthplace is recorded also in Vienna. [8]

In 1910 the family is in Chicago without Nik.

Mary Suchowski, age 30, b. Austria Bohemia, immigration 1906, currently in 1st marriage, married 13 years [since about 1897], has had 6 children, 2 are living.

Annie Suchowski, age 6, born in Austria Bohemia [sic].

Frank Suchowski, age 4, born in Austria Bohemia [sic]. [6]

On 19 Nov 1911 Frank Suchovsky died in Chicago at age 6. He was born 19 Nov 1905 in Wisconsin. His parents Nick Suchovsky and Mary Matusck were both born in Austria-Hungary. Burial was 20 Nov at Resurrection cemetery. [9]

In 1920 Anna Pecka is in Chicago with her family. Anna is 16, born in Chicago, a machine operator at a twine mill. [Step] father Joseph Pecka is 53, born in Austria, immigrated 1906, laborer in the packing industry. Mother Mary Pecka, 41, born in Austria, immigrated 1901. [Step] brother Frank is 11 & born in Chicago [should be Pennsylvania]. [5]

In 1930 Ann Pecka is in Chicago with her family. She is 26, born in Illinois, and an operator for the telephone company. She is living with [step] father Joseph Pecka, 64, born in Czechoslovakia, immigrated 1906; mother Mary Pecka, 50, born in Czechoslovakia, immigrated 1901; [step] brother Frank Pecka, 20, born in Pennsylvania, an enamel sprayer at a name plates company. [4]

In 1940 Ann Marie Highwood is living in Chicago with husband Donald and mother Mary and [step] father Joseph Pacha. Ann Marie is 37, 3 years of high school, a

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telephone operator for the telephone co. She worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$875. Joseph and Mary Pacha are 72 & 60, and both born in Czechoslovakia. [1]

When Anna died in 1985 the informant on her death certificate was Anne Cyrk. [2]

[1] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-1011, sheet 61A

[2] Illinois Cook County Deaths 1878-1994 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org), Anna M Highwood, b. 10 Jan 1905, IL, d. 22 May 1985, Chicago, father __ Suchovsky, mother Mary Pecha

[3] Cook County, Illinois, Birth Certificates 1871-1922 (index) (Ancestry.com), Anna Suchowski, b. 10 Jan 1904, Chicago, par Nik Suchowski & Mary Matonsek

[4] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 2548, sheet 4A

[5] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1782, sheet 12A

[6] 1910 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1548, sheet 5A

[7] Wisconsin State Censuses (images) (Ancestry.com), 1905, Deerfield, Waushara Co, WI, sheet 1

[8] Cook County, Illinois, Deaths Index 1878-1922 (Ancestry.com)

[9] Illinois Cook County Deaths 1878-1994 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1903, Illinois.⁷⁸
- Alt. Birth: 10 Jan 1905, Illinois.⁷⁹

Niles next married **Hattie Louise Carter**,⁸⁰ daughter of **John Philo Carter** and **Elizabeth Spear**, on 27 Apr 1940 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.⁸¹ Hattie was born on 19 Feb 1875 in Jackson Township, Porter County, Indiana,⁸² died on 24 Sep 1974 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana⁸⁰ at age 99, and was buried on 27 Sep 1974 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁸³ Another name for Hattie was Mattie Carter.⁸¹

General Notes: Hattie was first married to Alberto Pratt. [1, 3] They had four sons.

Mrs Hattie Highwood of Chesterton celebrated her 97th birthday on Saturday. A celebration and open house will be held Sunday. Mentioned were her two [surviving] sons Leslie Pratt of Chesterton and Carter Pratt of California. [4]

Hattie Louise Highwood died 24 September 1974 in Valparaiso of Bronchial pneumonia. She was born 19 February to John Philo Carter and Elizabeth Spear. [2]

Mrs Nils (Hattie L) Highwood died Tuesday age 99 at Porter Memorial Hospital. She was born 19 February 1875 in Jackson Township to John Filo & Elizabeth (Spear) Carter. She married Alberto Pratt on 20 August 1892 in Valparaiso, and then Nils Highwood on 27 April 1940. [3]

[1] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 4 May 1940, p. 6, married on 27 Apr, Valparaiso, Niles Highwood and Mrs Mattie Pratt

[2] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Hattie Louise (Carter) Highwood, d. 19 Feb 1875, IN, d. 24 Sep 1974, Valparaiso, bur 27 Sep, Chesterton.

[3] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 25 Sep 1974, p. 12

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[4] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 18 Feb 1972, p. 1

2-**Charles Highwood**⁸⁴ was born on 9 Nov 1866 in LaPorte County, Indiana⁸⁵ and died between 1870 and 1880. Another name for Charles was Carl Edward Högskog.⁸⁶

2-**Charles Axel Highwood**⁸⁷ was born on 3 Feb 1879 in Burdick, Porter County, Indiana,⁸⁸ died on 21 Jan 1955 in Beverly Shores, Porter County, Indiana⁸⁹ at age 75, and was buried on 25 Jan 1955 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁹⁰ Another name for Charles was Charles Axel Theodor Högskog.⁸⁸

General Notes: In 1900 Carl A Highwood is living in Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana, with his parents. Carl is 19, born Feb 1881 in Indiana, and a laborer for the railroad. [1]

In 1910 Axel Highwood is living in Chesterton with his mother Hildegod (sic) Highwood. Axel is 28, born in Indiana, and a towerman for the railroad. [2]

In 1920 Axel Highwood is living in Chesterton. He is 40, born in Indiana, and a signal driver for the railroad. With Axel is wife Pearl, age 25. Listed as Highwood are Pearl's children with Walter Burgwald - Mable Highwood, 9, Merce B [Marie], 6, Orval, 4, & Ulis T, 6 months. Also with them is Axel's mother-in-law Lovello Hester, 62. [4]

In 1921 C A Highwood (Pearl) is living in Chesterton. He is a leverman. [11]
In 1924 Charles A Highwood (Pearl) is a levermn for the NY Central RR. [11]

In 1930 Axel Highwood is living in Chesterton. He is 51, married [should be widowed], born in Indiana, owns his home worth \$2000 and has a radio. With axel is his mother-in-law Lovilla Nester, age 73 & widowed. Axel is a towerman for the railroad. [5]

In 1931 Chas A Highwood is in Chesterton and a signalman. [11]

Lovilla lived with Axel until her death in 1936 while visiting her daughter in Michigan City, La Porte County. Axel was listed as Ansel Highwood in her obituary. [6]

In 1940 Charles Highwood is living in Chesterton as a lodger in the home of Ernest Polley (wife Vera, sons Manson & Nolan). Charles is 61, widowed. No birthplace or occupation is listed. Ernest is 35 or 34, born in Indiana, was in Gary, IN, in 1935, and is a chemist at a steel mill. [7]

In 1942 Charles Axel Highwood is living in Chesterton at the same address as Mr E Polly, the person who will know how to find him. Charles was born 3 February 1879 in Burdick. He is employed by NYC RR, Indiana Harbor. [8]

When Axel died in 1955, he was a retired rail roader. [3]

Charles Axel Highwood, died 21 January 1955 at Woods Rest Home, city unclear, Porter County. He was widowed. The informant on his death certificate was [nephew] Offley Highwood. [3]

Charles Axel Highwood died 21 January 1955 at Woods Rest Home, Beverly Shores. He was a retired New York Central railroad employee. He had worked at Porter for NYC as a

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tower man.

Charles was born 3 February 1879 in LaPorte County to Nels and Hildegard Highwood. He was survived by nephews Offley Highwood of Chesterton, Donald Highwood of Chicago, and niece Marie Highwood of Chicago. [9] It is not clear if this is Axle's niece Almyra (Highwood) Jordan, great-niece Marilyn Highwood, or Donald's wife Ann Marie.

Left off Charles Highwood's original obituary were his step-daughters Marie Harvey of Furnessville and Marian Bleck of Munster, and step-son John O Burgwald of Grand Rapids. Highwood was married to Pearl Burgwald in Chesterton. She died in 1929. [10]

[1] 1900 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 94, sheet 8B

[2] 1910 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 153, sheet 11A

[3] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Charles Axel Highwood, b. 3 Feb 1879, LaPorte, d. 21 Jan 1955, Porter Co, bur 25 Jan, Chesterton

[4] 1920 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 158, sheet 6B

[5] 1930 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 22, sheet 12B

[6] FindaGrave, Lovilla Kinney Nester, #119309090, obituary image included, dau Mrs Emma Green, son-in-law Ansel Highwood, husband John Nester d. 1904; Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Lovilla Nestor Coslet, d. 2 Nov 1936, Michigan City, res Chesterton, cause Lobar Pneumonia; Indiana Marriages 1810-2001 (Ancestry.com), Lovilla Nester to Wesley Coslet, 23 Dec 1904 [the marriage must not have gone well as her name is usually shown as Nester]

[7] 1940 US Census, Chesterton, Porter Co, IN, ED 64-23, sheet 6A

[8] US World War II Draft Registration Cards 1942 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[9] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 22 Jan 1955, p. 2, obit Charles Axel Highwood

[10] Vidette Messenger (Valparaiso, IN) (Ancestry.com), 24 Jan 1955, p. 2, obit Charles Highwood corrections

[11] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1877, Indiana.⁹¹
- Alt. Birth: 3 Feb 1879, LaPorte County, Indiana.⁹⁰
- Alt. Birth: Feb 1881, Indiana.⁹²

Charles married **Pearl Nester**,⁹³ daughter of **John Nester** and **Lovilla Kinney**, on 17 Dec 1919 in Porter County, Indiana.⁹⁴ Pearl was born on 13 May 1894 in Porter County, Indiana,⁹⁵ died on 2 Apr 1929 in Chesterton, Westchester Township, Porter County, Indiana⁹⁶ at age 34, and was buried on 4 Apr 1929 in Chesterton Cemetery, Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana.⁹⁷ They had no children.

General Notes: Pearl was first married to Walter J Burgwald. [1, 3]

In 1910 Pearl Bergwald and husband Walter are living in Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana. Pearl is 17, Walter is 21. They have been married less than a year. Walter is a delivery clerk for a furniture store. [7]

Pearl and Walter had four children - Mable, Marie (Merce on the 1920 Census), Orval, and Ulysses (Ulis on the 1920 Census). [4]

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Walter Burgwald died 30 November 1918 in Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, of peritonitis due to influenza and pneumonia. He was married to Pearl, and a brakeman for the railroad. [5]

Ulysses Theodore Burgwald was born 26 Jul 1919 in Chesterton, almost 8 months after the death of his father. [3] Ulysses died 17 Mar 1923 in Chesterton of peritonitis. His parents were Walter Burgwald & Pearl Nestor, the informant was [step-father] C A Highwood. [6]

Pearl died 2 April 1929 of pyonephrosis [kidney infection] & nephritis. [2]

- [1] Indiana Marriages 1810-2001 (images) (Ancestry.com), C A Highwood to Pearl Burgwald (b. 1894 Porter Co, par John Nestis? & L Kinney), mar 17 Dec 1919, Porter Co
- [2] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Pearl H Highwood, b. 13 May 1894, IN, d. 2 Apr 1929, Chesterton, bur 4 Apr, Chesterton, husb Axel Highwood
- [3] Indiana Birth Certificates 1907-1940 (images) (Ancestry.com), Ulysses Theodore Burgwald, b. 26 Jul 1919, Chesterton, par Walter J Burgwald (deceased) & Pearl H Nester
- [4] 1920 US Census, Chesterton, Westchester twp, Porter Co, IN, ED 158, sheet 6B
- [5] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Walter Burgwald (indexed as Burgwall), d. 30 Nov 1918, Michigan City, La Porte Co
- [6] Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011 (images) (Ancestry.com), Ulysses Theodore Burgwald, d. 17 Mar 1923, Chesterton
- [7] 1910 US Census, Michigan City, La Porte Co, IN, ED 106, sheet 10B

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