

This document includes a little history about the Applegate girls' maternal great-grandparents, Henry Pond Gordon and Margaret Hoffman Gordon of Morristown, Indiana, as well as some 'scandalous' details about Henry Pond Gordon. He and Margaret were divorced in 1899. These excerpts were taken from the 'Descendants of William Gordon' document.

Descendants of William Gordon

Generation No. 1

1. William¹ Gordon was born Abt. 1740 in Ireland, and died Abt. 1779 in Virginia. He married **Mary Duedworth/Duckworth**. She was born 4 September 1731 in Liverpool, England, and died 12 September 1822 in Metamora, Franklin Co., Indiana.

More About Mary Duedworth/Duckworth:

Burial: Metamora Cem., Metamora Twp., Franklin Co., Indiana

Children of William Gordon and Mary Duedworth/Duckworth are:

- 2 i. Elizabeth² Gordon, died Abt. 1796 in Fayette Co., Kentucky.
- 3 ii. Mary 'Polly' Gordon, died Abt. 1796 in Fayette Co., Kentucky.
- 4 iii. Nancy Gordon. She married Thomas Simmonds.
- + 5 iv. Alice 'Alcie' Lee Gordon, born 1761 in Loudoun Co., Virginia; died 7 October 1843 in Indiana.
- 6 v. Sarah 'Sally' Gordon, born 11 August 1779. She married Mark Bird/Byrd 1 November 1809 in Fayette Co., Kentucky¹.
- + 7 vi. William Gordon, born 11 August 1779 in Virginia; died 9 September 1860 in Franklin Co., Indiana; age 81Y,28D.

147. Henry Pond⁴ Gordon (Leonidas Knight³, William², William¹) was born 6 August 1857 in Shelby Co., Indiana, and died 16 April 1934 in Sumas, Washington. He married **(1) Lucinda Bravard**. He married **(2) Margaret H. Hoffman** 20 October 1880 in Shelby Co., Indiana¹⁷⁶, daughter of Peter Hoffman and Marguerite Sottong. She was born 22 March 1861 in Shelby Co., Indiana, and died 6 May 1952 in Morristown, Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana.

Notes for Henry Pond Gordon:

Obituary, Shelbyville Republican, Shelbyville, IN; Saturday May 5, 1934

Henry Pond Gordon, son of Leonidas and Julia Ann Gordon, was born near Shelbyville, Ind., August 6, 1857, and died at his home near Sumas, Wash., April 16, 1934. He was one of seven children all of whom have preceded him, except a sister Katherine Teal, of Shelbyville. He was united in marriage with Margaret Hoffman, in 1880, and to this union were born six children, Mrs. V. C. Patten (deceased), of Morristown; Howard and Harry Gordon, twins, born April 19, 1883; Mrs. H. O. Kelley, of Peru, Ind.; Leonidas, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gordon, of Morristown; Loren Gordon, of the tariff department of the New York Central Railroad, New York City. Howard Gordon lives in Morristown, Ind.; Harry Gordon, in Milroy. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Morristown about the year 1892. He was a highly successful farmer in the Morristown community for about 24 years. At the end of that time he went to Oklahoma to make his home. After a few years there he returned to Shelbyville, then to Morristown; finally to Sumas, Washington, though retaining his farming interests in Indiana. Besides the six children he leaves eleven grandchildren, Julia Ann Gordon and Henry Logan Gordon, of Morristown, Ind.; Mrs. Margaret Applegate, of Seymour, Ind.; Mrs. Marion Land, of Milroy; William Gordon Patten, of Silver City, N.M.; Rosemary, Carol and Julia Janet Kelley, of Peru, Ind.; Virginia, Anna Marie and Loren Kenneth Gordon, of New York City. Two great-grandchildren, Donna Jean Land, of Milroy, and Ann Vernon Applegate, of Seymour, also survive, in addition to a large number of nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends at Morristown, as well as in all of Shelby county. So we say of him, in the words of our own Indiana poet: I cannot say and I will not say that he is dead, he is just away; Think of him faring on, as dear in the love of there as the love of here; Think of him still as the same, I say; He is not dead--he is just away.

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Shelby Democrat, Shelbyville, Indiana; Thursday 17 August 1899, page 1; from the Greenfield Republican

BAD LIQUOR MADE HENRY GORDON, OF SHELBY COUNTY, THINK HE COULDN'T BE ARRESTED

Henry Gordon, one of Shelby county's citizen's worth about \$35,000, came to Greenfield Saturday and attempted to show our sluggish people how they did in his bloody township. The first thing he did was to get gloriously drunk, not a plain drunk but hilariously so, and then the fun began. Taking advantage of the heavy thunder shower Saturday evening, he dropped into the "13" saloon and proceeded to make a pepper box out of the bartender with his six-shooter. Had it not been for a persuasive there might have been crape on some one's door Sunday. After the storm had somewhat abated and after the elements inside had been subsided by a strong application of seltzer water, Gordon wound his weary way to the Klondike where he again a rehearsal of the modernized drama made famous by "Diamond Dick." He only had a few fingers of the eighteen-year-old Rock and Rye at this last place when there was signs of a brewing storm and a flourish of weapons. Gordon said he was pretty tight but he came from Shelby county and didn't propose to be arrested in Hancock, either. He thought everybody was afraid of him and his big gun and sought the saloon next door. In the meantime Marshal Clarke had been summoned and he found his man heaping abuse on the town, the officers and the public generally, and swore in words most vehement that no living policeman could take him to jail, but when Clarke tapped him on the shoulder, there was a streak of yellow across his shirt back that resembled a Spanish flag. No violence was offered and the two wended their way to the county bastille under the great protestation of the prisoner. Two charges were preferred against Mr. Henry Gordon, of Shelby county for drunkenness and carrying concealed weapons. However, he found a bondsman and was released, to appear Wednesday in answer to his misdemeanors. He threatens to fight the case to the supreme court, but it is hardly probable on account of so many witnesses that will appear against him.

Notes for Lucinda Bravard:

Shelbyville Republican, Shelbyville, IN; Wednesday 14 April 1920

GORDON TRIAL OPENED TODAY, MORRISTOWN PEOPLE WERE HERE IN NUMBERS TO HEAR EVIDENCE IN CASE

The trial of Henry P. Gordon and Mrs. Lucinda Gordon, his wife, of Morristown, on charges of assault and battery and surety of the peace, which were filed against them by Charles Williams, of Morristown was held today before A. J. Williams, justice of the peace, in the council chamber of the city building. Mrs. Gordon was charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Monte Gordon, a daughter of Mr. Williams. Surety of the peace proceedings were filed against Mr. Gordon. The attorneys for the parties agreed to try both cases together, as it was stated that the evidence in both would be brought out by the witnesses called. Prosecuting Attorney George R. Tolen was assisted in presenting the state's case by M. O. Sullivan, Ed K. Adams and Elmer Bassett appeared as attorneys for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. A large number of Morristown people were here to attend the hearing. More than a score had been subpoenaed as witnesses in the case, which is attracting much interest among the people of Morristown and community where the parties are well known. Mrs. Monte Gordon was the first witness called by the state. She testified that on March 20 she had met Mrs. Lucinda Gordon in the alley which runs in the rear of the Gordon and Williams homes. She said that Mrs. Gordon was scattering ashes in the alley with a hoe, and that the defendant threw ashes on her dress and on her shoes with a hoe which she carried. The witness testified that Mrs. Henry Gordon also drew the hoe back across her shoulder as if to strike her with it. Ashes were also thrown against the garage on the Williams property, it was charged by the witness. The trouble between the two families arose over a garage on Mr. Williams lot. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon contend that it is three feet out of line, and part of it stands on what should be the alley. It was stated that ashes which the Williams family placed in the alley were thrown against the garage by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Monte Gordon, the daughter of Mr. Williams, makes her home with her father on Main street, Morristown. She is not a relative of the defendants.

Notes for Margaret H. Hoffman:

Source: Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN; Tuesday 6 May 1952

Mrs. Margaret H. Gordon, native of Shelby county, died shortly before noon today at her home at the south edge of Morristown. Mrs. Gordon was 91 years of age and for the past three years had retained a Bible which is presented to the oldest living woman in Hanover township. The daughter of Peter and Marguerite (Sottong) Hoffmann, Mrs. Gordon was born in Shelby county on March 22, 1861. She was a member of the Morristown Methodist church, the Morristown chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the Morristown American Legion Auxiliary. She was married in 1880 to Henry Gordon who preceded her in

death. Six children were born to the union and three survive. Howard Gordon and Mrs. Blanche Kelley of Morristown and Harry Gordon of near Rushville. A daughter, Mrs. Julia Patten, and two sons; Loren and Leonidas, preceded her in death. Other survivors are 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Frazier Funeral Home.

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Shelbyville News Wednesday 7 May 1952

Funeral services have been arranged for Mrs. Margaret H. Gordon, aged Hanover township resident who died Tuesday at her home at the south edge of Morristown. The rites will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Morristown Methodist church. Burial will be in Hanover cemetery. Friends may call at the late home.

More About Margaret H. Hoffman:

Burial: Hanover Cem., Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana

Child of Henry Gordon and Lucinda Bravard is:

422 i. Mary Ann⁵ Gordon, born 1906. She married Asa Schuett.

Children of Henry Gordon and Margaret Hoffman are:

- + 423 i. Julia Anne⁵ Gordon, born 26 April 1881 in Shelby Co., Indiana; died 1 September 1921 in Morristown, Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana.
- + 424 ii. Howard L. Gordon, born 19 April 1883 in Shelby Co., Indiana; died 22 September 1954 in Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana.
- 425 iii. Harry B. Gordon, born 19 April 1883 in Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana; died 11 January 1963 in Rush Co., Indiana. He married Vessie M. Pierson 25 December 1907 in Shelby Co., Indiana¹⁷⁷; born 24 April 1882; died 28 September 1964 in Rush Co., Indiana.

Notes for Harry B. Gordon:

Morristown Sun, Morristown, Indiana; Friday, September 13, 1907

Harry Gordon left Monday to join his father at Driftwood, Oklahoma. If he likes the county he will stake down there and take charge of his father's large stock ranch.

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Source: Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN; Friday 11 January 1963

HARRY GORDON, MILROY, DIES

Mr. Harry B. Gordon, 79, Milroy, a former school teacher and retired farmer, died Thursday night. He had been in ill health for the past six months. Mr. Gordon was born in Hanover township on April 19, 1883, a son of Henry P. and Margaret (Hoffman) Gordon. He married Vessie Pierson on December 25, 1907, and she survives with several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Milroy Methodist church, Morristown Lodge No. 193, F and AM, Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine of Indianapolis. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Frazier Funeral Home in Morristown. Burial will be in Hanover cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Sunday.

More About Harry B. Gordon:

Burial: Hanover Cem., Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana

Notes for Vessie M. Pierson:

Source: Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN; Saturday 26 September 1964

Mrs. Vessie P. Gordon, 82, of Milroy, formerly of Fountaintown and Morristown communities, died Friday afternoon at her home after an illness of several years. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Moster and Sons Mortuary, Rushville. Rev. E.L. North will officiate and burial will be in Asbury cemetery at Morristown. Friends may call at the mortuary after 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Gordon was born in Shelby county on April 24, 1882, the daughter of Dr. Will and Etoile (Mutz) Pierson. She was a member of the Milroy Methodist church, and Milroy Order of Eastern Star. Surviving are five cousins, Mrs. Ross Buck and Mrs. B.G. Breeding of Edinburg, Carl Mutz of

Shelbyville and Harold and Frank Mutz of Indianapolis. Mrs. Gordon's husband, Harry, preceded in death on Jan. 11, 1963. A brother and two sisters also preceded in death.

More About Vessie M. Pierson:

Burial: Asbury Cem., Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana

- + 426 iv. Blanche Gordon, born 10 July 1888 in Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana; died 18 June 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 427 v. Leonidas Donovan Gordon, born 6 May 1896 in Shelby Co., Indiana; died 24 July 1950 in Morristown, Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana. He married Myrtle Tecu Wicker Clegg 3 July 1936; born 5 August 1900 in Hancock Co., Indiana; died 21 September 1995 in Greenfield, Hancock Co., Indiana.

Notes for Leonidas Donovan Gordon:

Obituary, Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN; Tuesday 25 July 1950

Leonidas D. Gordon, 56, veteran of World War I and native of Shelby county, died suddenly Monday afternoon at his home at Morristown. He became ill while working with a threshing crew and died at 4:00 o'clock shortly after being taken to his home. Death was attributed to a heart condition. Born in Shelby county on May 6, 1894, he was the son of Henry and Margaret Gordon. He was graduated from Morristown in 1913, was a charter member of Willard E. Hensley Post, American Legion, of Morristown and was a member of the Morristown Methodist church, the Morristown Masonic lodge and Order of Eastern Star. On July 3, 1936, he was married to Myrtle Clegg who survives with a step-daughter, Mrs. Gwen Lowe; two step-grandchildren, Janice and Grant Lowe, two brothers and one sister, Harry Gordon of Milroy and Howard Gordon and Mrs. Blanche Kelley of Morristown, and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gordon of near Morristown. Funeral services will be held at the Frazier Funeral Home Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in Asbury cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:00 o'clock this evening.

More About Leonidas Donovan Gordon:

Burial: Asbury Cem., Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana

Notes for Myrtle Tecu Wicker Clegg:

Source: Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN; Friday 22 September 1995

Myrtle T. Gordon, 95, of Morristown died Thursday at Regency Place in Greenfield. Mrs. Gordon was born in Hancock County on Aug. 5, 1900, to Elijah Grant and Clarrisa (Booher) Wicker. She was married on July 3, 1936, to Leonidas Gordon, who preceded her in death in 1950. Mrs. Gordon retired in 1971. She had worked at the Morristown Telephone Co, as an operator, and also at J.R. Wortman Co. as a salesperson. She graduated in 1919 from Morristown High School. A member of the Morristown United Methodist church, Mrs. Gordon also belonged to the Morristown Eastern Star No. 316, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Warren (Gwen) Lowe, of Morristown; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, one brother, and one sister. Friends may call between noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday at Frazier Funeral Home in Morristown. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Asbury cemetery in Morristown.

More About Myrtle Tecu Wicker Clegg:

Burial: Asbury Cem., Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Indiana

- + 428 vi. Loren Gordon, born 4 September 1898 in Shelby Co., Indiana; died 13 August 1947 in Bellerose, Long Island, New York.