



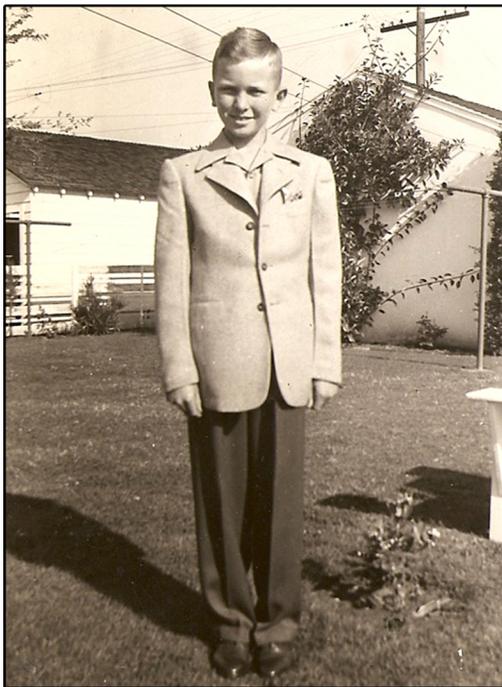
Lela & "Pop"
perhaps the late 1930s

Lela Lucille McFarland (1908-1968) and Hiram Clifford Klemesrud (1901-1980) married in 1929. The news made the local newspaper back home in Illinois. Lela's parents were Jessie McFarland (born in 1890) and Florence McCormick (1890-1987). Both were born in Illinois as was her brother Earl.

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**ALTO PASS GIRL
MARRIES IN CALIF.**

Mrs. Florence Holcomb of Alto Pass has received news of the marriage of her daughter Lela McFarland, of Los Angeles, Calif., to Clifford Klemesrud, also of Los Angeles, Saturday. The bride was formerly a popular Alto Pass girl, and her many friends here join in wishing her the utmost in happiness. She is an attractive young lady of the blonde type. She was graduated from the Alto Pass Community High School in 1927 and four years earlier she won the honor of the eighth grade scholarship for the highest average grade in the township. She left here in the summer of 1927 for Cherokee, Iowa, where she was employed in the state hospital until last October when she went from there to Los Angeles. The groom is 28, the bride 21. They are both employed by The Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles. After a brief honeymoon on the Cataline Islands, they will make their home in that city.



Their son, Clifford Leland
Klemesrud, was born in 1931.

The Irish McFarland name can be traced back to Scotland and the MacFarlane clan. In the 1600s some of them moved to the Ulster Province in Northern Ireland.

Jessie had a step-father named James McFarland, but his biological father was George Moles of Kentucky. Jessie's brother, Grover (1886-1947), went back to using the Moles name which appears on various records including an Army Enlistment prior to WWI. A record for Jessie, on the other hand, shows him crossing the border from Canada to Vermont in 1920, two years after the war. At this point, Florence married Frank Holcomb. On the border crossing record, Jessie is listed as Scottish. The Moles name is known to have strong connections to Roxsburghshire, Scotland, but that's right on the English border and the clan stems from Molesworth, England.



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Lela's grandmother on her father's side (Jessie's mother) was Elizabeth Brady (1850-1944). Elizabeth's last name changed from Brady to Moles to McFarland. Her parents were George Brady, born in 1799, and Susan Brady, born in 1810, and her siblings were George (1842), Mary (1843), and James (1846). Brady is an Irish name.

Lela's mother, Florence, had a maiden name of McCormick. There's a good chance that Florence was a descendant of the Irish McCormicks that came to America prior to the Revolutionary War. McCormicks have a long history in Ireland. However, there was also a McCormick sept in Scotland that was part of the Buchanan Clan which, like the MacFarlane Clan, borders on Loch Lomond. It appears that Florence was 1/2 English, 1/4 Irish, and the other 1/4 of her nationality is mostly German although the German Lipe family can be traced back to the Leupp family of Switzerland.

Florence's 2nd husband, Frank Holcomb, died in 1929. Later Florence married Rex Weaver and a 1940 record shows that they both worked at a hospital in Cherokee, Iowa.

Lineage of Florence McCormick's Father

Alexander McCormick, 1813-1880, Tennessee (Irish)
 Mary J Compier, 1841-1880, Tennessee (English)

George W. McCormick, 1861-, Illinois (Irish/English)
 Ester Lipe, 1858-1940, Illinois (German)

Florence McCormick

Florence said that she thought there was a little French from somewhere, but that has yet to be discovered.

Lineage of Florence McCormick's Mother

Hans Rudolph Leupp, 1605-1654, Beggingen (Schleitheim, Switzerland)
 Ursula Vogelsanger 1615-1654

Melchior C. Leup, 1644-1724, Beggingen
 Margaretha Muller, 1645-1704, Reihen (Baden, Germany)

Hanson Rudolph Leippe, 1668-1727, Reihen
 Maria Agnes Orth, 1669-1707, Reihen

Johannes Orth Leipp, 1696-1754, Reihen
 Anna Margaretha Hertzell, 1702-1769, Reihen (migrated to America in 1727)

John Godfrey Lipe Sr, 1740-1791, Pennsylvania
 Barbara Rudisill, 1740-1785, Pennsylvania

John Godfrey Lipe Jr, 1763-1849, North Carolina
 Elizabeth House, 1770-, North Carolina

Evan Lipe 1802-1868, North Carolina
 Easter (Esther) Hagler 1804-1884, North Carolina

Edmund Lipe, 1835-1910, Illinois
 Elizabeth "Eliza" Holder, 1835-1897, Illinois

George W. McCormick, 1861-, Illinois
 Ester Lipe, 1858-1940, Illinois (German)

Florence McCormick



John Godfrey Lipe Jr of North Carolina fought in the Revolutionary War.

The research shows that Lela was 1/2 English, 3/8 Irish, and nearly 1/8 German.