

Alvin, Illinois

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Greetings -

In our Danville, Illinois newspaper an article in the "Illiana Ancestors" caught my eye - it was your request to correspond with descendants of Sarah E. Musgrave, Herbert, whose daughter was Mattie who married Mr. Stransberry.

Now I am not a relative but grew up living one mile south of Alfred and Mattie Stransberry home. They were some of our best friends.

In fact Mrs. Stransberry was one who gave me my first bath and dressed me when I was born in my grandfather Mansfield's house, then occupied by my parents and two older sisters.

She was an ideal of mine in her systematic and immaculate house keeping.

She was I imagine about 5' 5" in height - small structure, curly auburn hair - brown eyes and a dear. Her husband of Swedish descent and lived to be a good age.

1. Their two daughters Jossie who married Carl Clapool - and they had two sons - Howard L. Clapool - address R. R. 5 - Danville, Illinois 61832 -

Birth
Dec 1902

She married Hazel Moss - they have three children Boris, John and Gladys, a nun.

The other son of Jossie was Clarence who lives in one of the northern states - Wisconsin or Michigan.

Do not know as to his address or family - but he looked much like his grandmother.

2. The daughter Bessie who married John Star, for their

early married life lived on a farm north west of Thorpeston Illinois, but later moved to Manville, celebrated their golden Wedding a few years ago but after that sold out and went to Florida to live but I do not know address.

They had three children - Helen now deceased but I think was married and had a family - then a son Larvell and another son do not know his name.

Bessie the age of my two older sisters often came to our house to play - and since I was one of the "little kids" often got the door closed in my face if I offered to tag along.

There was a Harry Harbert a cousin of Muttie's who lived west of Alvin and of whom she was very close to.

If you contact Howard L. Claypool I am sure he could

give you further information
but just in case he did not
read the article of your inquiry
am writing this.

I am interested in family
histories and have done some
research work in various
fields.

Mr. & Mrs. Stransberry are
buried in a rural cemetery
near here called "Walnut Corner."
My father was a palbearer for
him. It was spring time - mud -
mud - deep mud and four
horses were hitched to hearse to
enable them to get to the
Cemetery.

Let me hear from you

Sincerely

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