

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

GEORGE P. & ELECTA J. (DOOLITTLE) BROWN
1858-1908 1862-1943

Being a collection of information from Public records, biographies, histories and family sources, and arranged to present a coherent view of said family and their individual relationship. This has all been done for the purpose of preserving for future generations a knowledge of their past.

Date June 1985

Edward E. Bartlett, Compiler

BROWN

Surname

FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name George P. BROWN
 born on 2 Dec. 1858 at Near Story City, Iowa
 married 31 Mar. 1881 at " " " "
 died on 20 May 1908 at " " " " 1.
 interred at Gilbert, Iowa, Cemetery . Groom's 1st marriage
 Farmer Congregational Church
 Occupation Religion Military Service
James F. BROWN . Rebecca Jane SMILEY
 His Father Mother's maiden name

Authority or Source of Data:

DOOLITTLE-- WARD FAMILY
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 lished in 1985.

Records, Census & Others:

Wife's maiden name 6. Electra Jerusha DOOLITTLE
 born on 6 June 1862 at Near Story City, Iowa
 died on 6 June 1943 at Des Moines, Iowa
 interred at Gilbert, Iowa, Cemetery . Bride's 1st marriage
Wm. Rochester DOOLITTLE Fidelia Electa WARD
 Her Father 1824-1893 Mother's maiden name 1831-1922

Abodes and removals :

Sex

Their Children

Additional Information:

(1) Name Cora A. BROWN
 born on 11 May 1883 at Gilbert, Iowa
 died on 1970 at _____
 married 18 Jan. 1905 at Gilbert, Iowa
 to: Frank F. COBB
4 July 1879 - 1960

Children:
 1. Ivadelle Cobb, b. 3 Nov. 1905
 2. virgil Cobb, b. 18 July 1907

Cora & Frank are interred at the
 Gilbert, Iowa, Cemetery.

(2) Name Ira James BROWN
 born on 6 Jan. 18 at _____
 died on Dec. 1976 at _____
 married 6 Sept. 1910 at _____
 to: Margaret GIBSON

Child:
 1. Dennis BROWN

Ira is interred at the Gilbert
 Cemetery. He was a farmer north
 of Gilbert until he retired and
 moved to Ames, Iowa.

(3) Name Ella Anna BROWN
 born on 25 June 1888 at Gilbert, Iowa
 died on 27 Aug. 1981 at Ames, Iowa
 married 27 Mar. 1907 at _____
 to: Harry DODDS
21 Oct. 1887 -

Children:
 1. Pauline Dodds
 2. Lois Dodds
 3. Harold Dodds
 4. Helen Dodds
 Ella & Harry resided at Ames, Ia.

List other children on the reverse side.

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1. George died a violent death by being
 caught in a corn sheller belt.

Prepared by Edward Bartlett, June 1985

CHILDREN OF George P. and Electa Jerusha (Doelittle) BROWN

Sex

() Name Ida BROWN
 born on 17 Dec. 1891 at _____
 died on _____ at _____
 married See below at _____
 to: #1. Casper TORP, 12 June 1912
#2. Thomas Groom, 3 Oct. 1955

Children:
 1. Marjorie Torp
 2. Electa Virginia Torp
 3. Casper Torp, Jr.
 Ida & Casper lived in California.
 Casper Torp was born July 18, 1886,
 died in 1944.

() Name _____
 born on _____ at _____
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 married _____ at _____
 to: _____

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 born on _____ at _____
 died on _____ at _____
 married _____ at _____
 to: _____

Use this side of another of these forms if there are more than nine children.

It blew from the northwest and the next day they were seen grazing on the east side of the river. As I had no other horse then to ride, the following day I walked many miles through the tall prairie grass, but found no track of them. The second day, W. R. Doolittle very kindly loaned me a good horse and saddle with which I started to hunt in earnest. I had faithfully looked every place over except the right place the day before on foot. I soon found where they pastured the day before on a fresh plat of previously burnt pasture, but not a shadow of my fugitives that day. The first word I got, some one saw them southeast of Nevada heading in the direction of Keokuk. The country was unfenced and horses in a strange land steer direct for their native home. I concluded the owner brought them to Iowa by the way of Keokuk and so I searched diligently in that direction. Occasionally I met some one who had seen them grazing on some fresh burnt prairie grass pasture, I could not find them by getting in their advance. It was like hunting the needle in the hay now. One night I took lodging with a German who could not talk English very well, so we sat up later than usual conversing in German. Before retiring he stepped out and by moonlight saw a white and a black but the other was hard to catch at best and we failed to get him. However, he knew me by daylight and voluntarily came to me next morning. I captured my team in Keokuk County, southeast of Sigourney, lost two weeks' time and had left my wife alone at home to keep house and think it over in sadness, which was followed by joy and gladness.

For protection we built our house and stable on the sunny slope of the hillside, but it proved to be a mistake for us. The winter of '56 and '57 was severe with sleet and lots of snow. The prairie fires burnt the tall prairie grass after the frost in the fall, which left the snow to drift with the caprice of the wind in every direction. The snow drifts nearly covered both house and barn and also our well on the side hill. With slippery ice our unshod team could not be used. We had three cows with calves, and for two weeks we fed hay to our stock through a hole I made in the hay roof. We melted snow in our copper wash boiler on the cook stove to water team, calves and cows. God's sunshine in due time melted the icy fetters of snow and later came the green grass and the song of the birds, again singing the happy song of life. I need scarcely say the summer and fall of 1857 we moved our abode from the side to the top of the hill where we have lived ever since in sunshine and in storm.

In the fall of 1856 I shot a wolf while in the act of running down one of our few hens like a dog. A few days later I shot a prairie wolf in his sleep sunning himself in a dry spot in the bed of Kegley branch. They would visit our melon patch and select the choicest to eat. Mr. Doolittle killed two wolves in one night by putting poison on the carcass of an ox which had died for him. Prairie chickens, wild ducks, geese, brants and sand-hill cranes were very numerous here before the invention of breach

CHAPTER XVII.

TALES OF EARLY DAYS.

MR. AND MRS. J. F. BROWN—LAFAYETTE IN 1854.

I came to Iowa the first time in 1854. In June, 1855, a younger brother and I walked from Cedar County, Iowa, to the county of Story, a distance of about 150 miles. The country was new and neighbors lived scattered in the pioneer houses of small dimensions but cheerful and happy. At that time but few families lived on Story's fertile prairies with a carpet of heavy prairie grass, in spots mingled with acres of white and blue and pink flowers which gracefully nodded when the winds blew. With the exception of the many ponds at that time it was a land of promise to a wide-awake newcomer, which ponds filling is so nicely overcoming at the present-day, though then the filling was not dreamed of. In June, 1855, I entered the southeast quarter of section 26, Lafayette Township, Story County, Iowa. Went back to Pennsylvania and got married New Year's day, 1856. On March 5, 1856, we started for our new home in Lafayette Township, where we have lived ever since and raised our children, four boys and one girl, trained to honesty and industry. Our traveling outfit was a team of horses and muslin covered wagon, with plenty of warm wraps. We arrived on our plot of land April 13th, without a shack for shelter.

About the same time Mr. House and family came to Story City, then called Fairview, and located on the west bank of Skunk river with a portable sawmill. The mill was very heavy to move over muddy sloughs as traction engines were then not known; but it soon furnished us with native lumber sufficient to build a 14x16 feet house—a luxury not enjoyed by previous newcomers, who had to build houses out of logs. Dan and Henry McCarthy of Ames, were engineers and head sawyers 54 years ago last spring. Dick Jones had a small store in Fairview, size about 12x14 feet. I first met Peter Dekop with others June 13, 1855, selecting their future home where Peter still lives. That same year Peter and his father saw 24 deer in where now is our calf and hog lot. In 1856, I bought a span of horses in the then small and mostly log-house town of Des Moines. Later during a heavy thunder storm one night, the horses left their unfenced prairie pasture for shelter east of us in the Skunk river timber.

loaders. Elk and buffalo had been once plentiful but were of the past, when we located here. Fish of good size were also abundant. The only railroad then was a branch from Muscatine to Wilton Junction. Iowa City was the capital of Iowa. Merchandise was hauled by wagon back and forth from the Mississippi—an expensive method. The nearest grist mill was in Des Moines. Buildings were mostly made of logs. Eggs were 3 cents per dozen in Nevada at one time. The price of prairie land was \$1.25 per acre. Timber \$12 per acre. God ruled then as now in this fair land, in educational progress, in material prosperity and spiritual blessings.

J. F. BROWN.

Mrs. R. J. BROWN.

COL. HENRY H. ROOD.—1856-61.

One of the best and most favorably known men that have gone out from Story County is Col. Henry H. Rood, now of Mt. Vernon. He came to Nevada in 1856, and in 1861 was at school at Mt. Vernon. He went from there to the war but never came back to Nevada, save as an always welcome visitor. He taught in Howard Township where the early settlement was, and was a most admirable type of the ambitious and capable young man with his own fortune to make. He enlisted in the First Iowa Infantry as a private and came out of the war as a brevet lieutenant-colonel. Since the war he has been active in business affairs, making his home always at Mt. Vernon. Of his life in Story County he has upon urgent request written as follows:

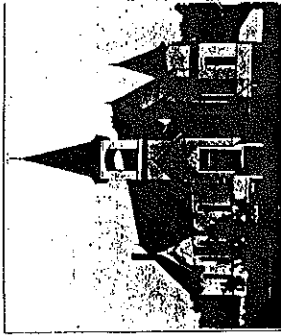
I left my home in Washington County, New York, April 10, 1856, coming to Chicago with a neighbor's son, who was shipping a well bred and valuable horse to Jo Daviess County, Illinois. At Albany he united with others who were shipping horses west; this necessitated coming by freight train all the way. At Chicago we separated. I staid all night at the Garden City House, which stood on Madison and Market streets, where Marshall Field & Company erected their wholesale houses after the Chicago fire in 1871. Thence I came to Rock Island on the Rock Island road, ferried the Mississippi across to Davenport and then took the railroad, now Rock Island, which had been completed to Iowa City, January 1, 1856.

At Iowa City took the Frink and Walker stage to Newton. A day or two later my brother Adolphus Rood came down from Nevada to meet me. Mr. Helphrey, the proprietor of a hotel, later known to the boys as the "Old Terrific," had driven down with my brother to meet me and young Dr. Adamson, who was returning from the medical college at Keokuk, where he had just graduated.

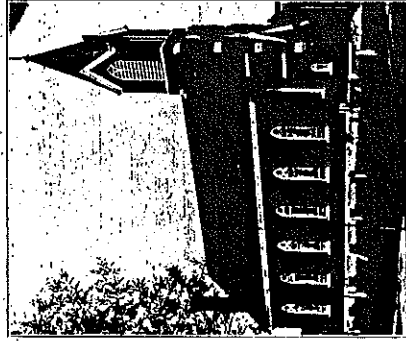
We passed over the then almost unsettled country to Edenville, now Rhodes, where we took dinner at Esquire Rhoads' house; between Clear creek and the east fork of Indian creek, we did not pass a single occupied cabin, and at dark drew up at the Helphrey House, where I spent my first



Methodist Church, Ames



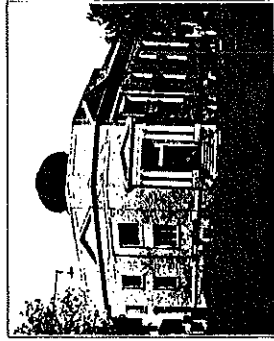
Christian Church, Ames



Catholic Church, Ames



Congregational Church, Ames



Baptist Church, Ames

DIED AT HOME HERE MONDAY

Services Friday for R. L. Doolittle.

R. L. Doolittle, 85, long time resident of Hamilton county, died at his home, 915 Bank street, Monday evening following a week's illness. He had been in poor health for several years. Death was caused by complications due to his advanced age.

Funeral services will be held at Foster's funeral home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial in the Williams cemetery, the Rev. C. A. Hughes of Central City, grand chaplain of Grand Lodge of Iowa, officiating.

Son of W. R. and Electa Doolittle, pioneer residents of Story county, R. L. Doolittle was born on a farm three miles south of Story City, May 24, 1860.

On Oct. 4, 1883 he was united in marriage to Annie C. Brown, also of Story City. Soon after their marriage they settled on a prairie farm southeast of Blairburg and continued to live on that farm until December, 1918, when they moved to Webster City.

Mr. Doolittle was preceded in death by an infant son, three sisters and four brothers.

Surviving are his wife and five children, Mrs. Charles (Effie) Greiner, Webster City; Fred, Blairsburg; Guy, Ellsworth; Clyde, Woolstock, and Harry at home; also 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. A brother, W. J. Doolittle and a sister Emma reside at Story City.

Mr. Doolittle was a prominent farmer, active in community affairs and a good neighbor. Having been affiliated with the I.O.O.F. lodge for more than 50 years, he was a member of Silver Leaf lodge of Blairsburg.

DOOLITTLE

Surname

FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name Fred Brown DOOLITTLE
 born on 8 Mch. 1890 at farm southeast of Blairsburg, IA
 married 2 July 1918 at Webster City, Iowa
 died on 24 Nov. 1959 at Webster City, Iowa
 Interred at Calvary Cemetery at Webster City, Iowa Groom's 1st marriage
 Farmer Catholic
 Occupation Religion Military Service
 Royal L. DOOLITTLE Annie Caroline BROWN
 His Father 1860-1946 Mother's maiden name 1864-1963

Authority/Source of Data:
 Mrs. Howard Gordon
 Rt. 1 Box 135
 Webster City, IA 50595
 (1983)

Records, Census & Others:

Wife's maiden name Clara ZEIHAN
 born on 18 June 1889 at farm northwest of Jewell, IA
 died on 2 Nov. 1980 at Hamilton County, Iowa
 Interred at Calvary Cemetery Bride's 1st marriage
 John ZEIHAN Katherine YOUNG
 Her Father Mother's maiden name

Abodes and removals: After their marriage they resided on the Doolittle farm southeast of Blairsburg until December, 1950, when they moved into Webster City to their new home at 1210 Division Street.

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>(daughter) DOOLITTLE</u> born on <u>9 Apr. 1919</u> at <u>farm SE of Blairsburg, IA</u> died on <u>(stillborn)</u> at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	Interred 11 Apr. 1919 at Calvary Cemetery, Webster City, Iowa.
	(2) Name <u>Donald Francis DOOLITTLE</u> born on <u>22 Mch. 1920</u> at <u>farm SE of Blairsburg, IA</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>21 July 1942</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> to: <u>Opal Josephine CARPENTER</u> <u>28 Aug. 1920 -</u>	Children: 1. Dennis Fred DOOLITTLE b. 11 Jan. 1945 w. Webster City, Iowa 2. Royal Lee DOOLITTLE b. 3 Mch. 1951 w. Webster City, Iowa
	(3) Name <u>Deloris Marian DOOLITTLE</u> born on <u>8 June 1921</u> at <u>farm SE of Blairsburg, IA</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

CHILDREN OF Fred Brown and Clara (ZEIHAN) DOOLITTLE

Sex

(4) Name Frances Marcelyn DOOLITTLE
 born on 17 June 1923 at farm SE of Blairsburg, Iowa
 died on _____ at _____
 married 31 May 1946 at Ames, Story County, Iowa
 to: Howard Wesley GORDON
26 Mch. 1919 -

Children:
 1. Paul Howard GORDON
 b. 20 Aug. 1949
 w. Webster City, Iowa
 2. Marvin Lee GORDON
 b. 18 Feb. 1952
 w. Webster City, Iowa

PERSONAL NOTES:

Fred B. Doolittle was born on the farm located on the NW¹/₄ of Sec. 24, Liberty Township in Hamilton County, Iowa. After his marriage to Clara Zeihan in 1918 he operated this farm upto December of 1950 then they moved to 1210 Division Street in Webster City, Iowa. It was here that Fred died during his second heart attack.

His wife Clara died in Hamilton County in the ambulance on its way to Ames, Iowa.

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() Name _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died on _____ at _____
 married _____ at _____
 to: _____

() Name _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died on _____ at _____
 married _____ at _____
 to: _____

() Name _____
 born on _____ at _____
 died on _____ at _____
 married _____ at _____
 to: _____

DOOLITTLE

Surname

FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name Donald Francis DOOLITTLE
 born on 22 Mch. 1920 at farm southeast of Blairsburg, IA
 married 21 July 1942 at Webster City, Hamilton Co., IA
 died on _____ at _____

Authority/Source of Data:
 Mrs. Howard Gordon
 Rt. 1 Box 135
 Webster City, IA 50595

Interred at _____ Groom's 1st marriage
 Farmer _____ Police Action-Viet Nam
 Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____
Fred Brown DOOLITTLE Clara ZEIHAN
 His Father 1890-1959 Mother's maiden name 1889-1980

Records, Census & Others:

Wife's maiden name Opal Josephine CARPENTER
 born on 28 Aug. 1920 at Vernon Center, Minnesota
 died on _____ at _____
 Interred at _____ Bride's 1st marriage
 Her Father _____ Mother's maiden name _____

Abodes and removals:

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Dennis Fred DOOLITTLE</u> born on <u>11 Jan. 1945</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>9 Aug. 1969</u> at <u>Williams, Hamilton Co., IA</u> to: <u>Pamela Sue HOLT</u> <u>7 Aug. 1945 -</u>	Children: 1. Eric Donald DOOLITTLE b. 3 May 1974, Ames, IA 2. Grant Dennis DOOLITTLE b. 27 Dec. 1976, Ames, IA 3. Dirk David DOOLITTLE b. 11 Jan. 1979 d. 15 July 1982, Nestor Falls, Canada *
	(2) Name <u>Royal Lee DOOLITTLE</u> born on <u>3 Mch. 1951</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>1 Feb. 1975</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> to: <u>Linda Ann ABREHAMSEN</u> <u>2 Nov. 1953 -</u>	Children: 1. Anne Nichole DOOLITTLE b. 11 Sept. 1977 w. Fort Dodge, Iowa 2. Joseph Fred DOOLITTLE b. 27 Aug. 1979, Ames, IA 3. Kirsten Clara DOOLITTLE b. 24 Oct. 1980, Ames, IA
	(3) Name _____ born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	* Dirk's death was caused by accidental drowning

PERSONAL NOTES:

Don F. Doolittle was born on the farm located on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, Liberty Township in Hamilton County, Iowa. His occupation is farming; raising Cattle, Hogs, Corn and Soy beans. He attended Webster City Junior College in 1940 and got a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce at The University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1942.

His wife Opal graduated from Bernel Hairstyling College, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, in 1972.

Dennis F. Doolittle is a farmer near Ellsworth, Iowa, who raises Hogs, Corn and Soy beans. He majored in Farm Operations at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

His military service in the U.S. Army started in March of 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. On the 20th of January, 1968, he went with the 527th Personnel Company, 1st Logistics Command to Bien Hoa, Viet Nam. The 11th of January, 1969, he received his discharge therefrom.

His wife Pam is a graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. She majored in sociology and minored in psychology and education. For one year she taught social science at high school level. For six years she was a Social worker. She is also a Homemaker.

Royal L. Doolittle is a farmer near Blairsburg, Iowa, who raises Hogs, Corn and Soy beans. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Business from the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

His wife Linda is a Secretary and Homemaker.

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GORDON

Surname

FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO.

Husband's full name Howard Wesley GORDON
born on 26 Mch. 1919 at farm southwest of Webster City, IA
married 31 May 1946 at Ames, Story County, Iowa
died on _____ at _____

Authority/Source of Data:
Mrs. Howard Gordon
Rt. 1 Box 135
Webster City, IA 50595
(1983)

Interred at _____ Groom's 1st marriage
Farmer U.S. Navy, 1944-46
Occupation Religion Military Service

Records, Census & Others:

His father _____ Mother's maiden name _____

Wife's maiden name Frances Marcelyn DOOLITTLE
born on 17 June 1923 at farm southeast of Blairsburg, IA
died on _____ at _____

Interred at _____ Bride's 1st marriage
Fred Brown DOOLITTLE Clara ZEIHAN
Her father 1890-1959 Mother's maiden name 1889-1980

Abodes and removals:

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Paul Howard GORDON</u> born on <u>20 Aug. 1949</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>10 June 1972</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> to: <u>Marsha Chlo DAKIN</u> <u>28 Feb. 1952 -</u>	Children: 1. Angela Marie GORDON b. 2 Jan. 1976 w. Iowa City, Iowa 2. Jason Paul GORDON b. 30 Jan. 1980 w. Mason City, Iowa
	(2) Name <u>Marvin Lee GORDON</u> born on <u>18 Feb. 1952</u> at <u>Webster City, Iowa</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>16 June 1979</u> at <u>Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa</u> to: <u>Crystal Sue CARLSON</u> <u>1 Jan. 1955 -</u>	Children: 1. Nathan Lee GORDON b. 5 May 1982, Ames, IA
	(3) Name _____ born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

PERSONAL NOTES:

Howard W. Gordon graduated from Webster City High School in 1936. He served in the U.S. Navy from May 1944 to May 1946 (World War II), served on a Destroyer-Mine Sweeper in the Pacific Theater and took part in the action at Okinawa. Howard is a Farmer in Hamilton County and raises Hogs, Corn and Soy beans.

His wife Marcelyn got her Associate in Arts degree from Webster City Junior College in 1942; in 1945 her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. She taught in the 1942-43 school year at Liberty No. 6 Rural School; taught Home Economics and General Science the 1945-46 school year at Glidden High School as well as Blairsburg High School the 1946-47 school year. She was Substitute teacher for the Webster City Community Schools during 1956-1966. She is also a Homemaker.

Paul H. Gordon received a Associate in Arts degree from Webster City Junior College, Webster City, Iowa, in 1969; in 1971 a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Science at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. From the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa he received his Doctor of Medicine degree and then put in his three year Residency of Family Practice at Iowa City and Mason City, Iowa. In 1978 he was Board Certified for Family Practice and is now a Family Practice Physician (Drs. Coddington, Gordon, & Hunt) in Mason City.

His wife Marsha attended Iowa Central Community College at Webster City, Iowa, one year. In 1972 she graduated from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa. She also attended the University of Iowa two years. She is also a Homemaker.

Marvin Lee Gordon is a Farmer near Duncombe, Iowa, and raises Hogs, Corn and Soy beans. He attended Iowa Central Community College one year. In 1974 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

His wife Crystal, in 1977, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Administration and in 1979 a Master of Science degree in Industrial Administration Sciences from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. She instructed at Central College, Pella, Iowa, during the 1978-79 term and was a part time instructor at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, in 1980 to 1982. She is also a Homemaker.

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Howard & Marcelyn Gordon
& Grandchildren

Angela Gordon

Jason Gordon

Nathan Gordon

Sept. 1982

July 2, 1918

Zeihan-Doolittle.

Simplicity marked the morning marriage service of Miss Clara Zeihan of this city to Mr. Fred B. Doolittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Doolittle, who reside south of Blairsburg, which took place in the rectory of St. Thomas Aquinas church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Barry performing the ceremony.

The bride, beautifully gowned in a costume of taupe satin and georgette crepe with hat and shoes to match, was attended by her sister, Mrs. O. G. Furman. Mr. Furman, who is a cousin of Mr. Doolittle, performed a similar service for him. Only close friends and relatives of the couple attended the service.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Henry Roskopf, 386 Bank street, where places were laid for the same group of intimates. Congratulations preceded the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle for Chicago, where they will spend a few weeks' honeymoon before returning to this city to make their home on the Doolittle farm southeast of Blairsburg. The bride was very attractive in her trim, blue tailored suit and natty black sailor as she departed with her husband.

The bride is very well known to a large circle of friends here, having made her home with her sister, Mrs. Roskopf, for a number of years. With all the sterling qualities to endear her in the hearts of her friends, she has rare wit and good humor to add to her characteristic charm. She has a large group of friends to extend well wishes although she did not confide her wedding plans and they were not permitted to show their interest before the happy event. Mr. Doolittle is a Hamilton county boy with the respect and admiration of all who know him. He is a progressive young farmer and well deserves the bride he has wed.

Family of Clara Zeihan Doolittle

3-8-1890
11-24-1959
Age 69

Fred Doolittle Dies Suddenly

Nov 24 59
Fred B. Doolittle, 69, long-time resident of Hamilton county, died at 12:30 a.m. this morning at the Hamilton county hospital. He had suffered a heart attack at his home early last evening.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning, with the time of services to be announced tomorrow. Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Foster funeral home, with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Fred Brown Doolittle, son of Royal L. and Annie Doolittle, was born March 8, 1890, on a farm southeast of Blairsburg, and received his elementary schooling at Blairsburg. He later attended and was graduated from the C. C. C. C. business college in Des Moines.

He was united in marriage July 2, 1918, to Clara Zelhan, and Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle resided on the Doolittle farm place southeast of Blairsburg until December, 1950, when they moved into Webster City to their new home at 1210 Division St.

He is survived by his wife; one son and two daughters: Donald Doolittle of Blairsburg; DeLoris Marian Doolittle of Woodward, Iowa, and Mrs. Howard (Marcelyn) Gordon of Webster City; four grandsons, Dennis and Royal Doolittle, and Paul and Marvin Gordon; his mother, Mrs. Annie C. Doolittle, 95, of Webster City; two brothers, Clyde G. Doolittle of Woolstock and Harry S. Doolittle of Webster City, and one sister, Mrs. Effie Greiner of Webster City.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, who died in infancy; his father, who died in 1948, one brother, Guy H. Doolittle, in 1949, and one brother, Charles, who died in infancy.

Mr. Doolittle was a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows lodges and was very active in community organizations.

Clara Zelhan Doolittle
family

6-18-1889 Age
11-2-1980 91

Mrs. Fred Doolittle

Mrs. Fred (Clara) Doolittle, 91, longtime Webster City and Blairsburg resident, died suddenly late Sunday afternoon following a fall at her home where she suffered a fractured hip.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church with Father Clarence Kruse officiating and with burial in the Calvary cemetery.

Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Foster Funeral home.

Clara Zelhan, daughter of John and Katherine Young Zelhan, was born June 18, 1889, on a farm near Jewell and was reared and educated in that community.

She was married July 2, 1918 to Fred B. Doolittle, and the couple resided on the Doolittle farm southeast of Blairsburg until December, 1950, when they moved into Webster City and made their home at 1210 Division St.

She was preceded in death by her husband Nov. 24, 1959, and she had continued to make her home in this city.

She is survived by one son and two daughters, Donald F. Doolittle, Webster City; Deloris Marian Doolittle of Hampton, and Mrs. Howard (Marcelyn) Gordon, of Webster City; four grandsons, Dennis Doolittle, Ellsworth, Royal Doolittle, Blairsburg, Dr. Paul Gordon, Mason City, and Marvin Gordon of Duncombe; eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, who died in infancy; her parents; five brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas church and the Catholic Daughters.

Rites held for Mrs. Doolittle

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred (Clara) Doolittle, 91, were held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church with Father Clarence Kruse officiating and with burial in the Calvary cemetery.

Rosary services were held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Foster Funeral home.

Mrs. Robert Doerning was organist for the services.

Pallbearers were Dennis Doolittle, Royal Doolittle, Kenneth Furman, Richard Furman, Marvin Gordon and Dr. Paul Gordon.

Mrs. Doolittle, a longtime Webster City resident, died Sunday evening

GET THREE LETTERS FROM GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Doolittle
Get News From
Their Son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Doolittle of this town have recently received two letters from their son, Clyde G. Doolittle, with the American expeditionary forces in Germany. Clyde has also written to his brother Harry. Following are extracts from these letters.

Germany, Dec. 22, 1918.—Dear Folks: I will take time and write a few more lines to you. I'm still fine and able to eat my three-meals each day. I am sleeping now when it is warm and dry. Next Wednesday is Christmas once more; does not seem that far in the season as the ground here is not frozen and it rains almost every day. The boys say it is still pretty weather. I miss the good peach at home, also milk and apples. Think maybe I will have a chance to write home oftener from now on. I hadn't received a word from any of my friends since I was at Stratford, N. J. in September. I would like to be asking about you and folks at home, because I haven't seen them until I don't expect to receive a letter. I am in a machine gun company now. At the place where I stay the stove exploded today noon. It flew into little parts but hurt no one and the room was full of fellows.

A fellow in another company here from Stratford, Iowa, and I have been together since the day we left Webster City.

Best regards to relatives and friends.

Private Clyde G. Doolittle,
M. G. Co. 9th Infantry.

Bendorf, Germany, Jan. 1, 1919.—Dear Brother Harry: Guess you folks look for a letter oftener than I have time to write. Well, I'm the same as usual and feel fine. I haven't been sick but a couple days since I have been on this side of the water. I landed at Brest, France, September 29th. Have been in Belgium, also Luxemburg, and now in Germany. I was with a fellow from Stratford,

Iowa, last night. We went down town and had a drink of beer and talked of the people around home. We drill about four hours each day. Yesterday and today seems like days in October in Iowa.

The people here are short of horses; they work mostly cattle. Saw some people plowing today. This town is on the Rhine river; quite large steam boats on the river. I have been doing guard duty 8 hours out of 24 every four days. I wear a large pistol and shot a machine gun yesterday. It shot about 20 times a minute.

I'll bet you folks are having some cold weather now. We got chocolate, cigars and cookies for our Christmas. All the candy we got comes from the states. The people here are crazy over candy.

Wish you a Happy New Year.
From your brother,
Clyde G. Doolittle,
M. G. Co. 9th Infantry.

Bendorf, Germany, Jan. 5, 1919.—Dear Folks: I am in good health and hope you are the same. I go on guard four hours tonight and drill tomorrow. This is quite a good sized town; they have electric cars. Guess you folks think I have spent my time here enjoying life, but I spent three or four weeks on the front lines dodging J. I. cars and machine gun bullets, also gas that is sent over in clouds and shells. War is no joke. I think Carl Pinkle from Webster City was killed in the last drive. He never returned that I heard of. Clara may know him and his people. He and I were together from the day we left home, July 26, 1918. Was just at the Y. M. C. A. There are two Y's in this town. There is where we get our writing material. There are fellows in our company from every state in the Union. I chum with Ed Peterson, from near Stratford. Seems like one from our home neighborhood. Guess our company will load belts with ammunition tomorrow. Have machines but they don't work very well. It would be great for pa and Harry to see the large guns and how they work; but let us hope we don't need to work them any more. It is warm enough here; we hardly ever put on our overcoats; haven't seen frost but about four times this winter. It still rains often. You would laugh to see people here plowing with a horse, an ox and a mule hitched to a walking plow.

Best regards,
Private Clyde G. Doolittle,
M. G. Co. 9th Infantry, American
E. F.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1947

Mrs. Annie Doolittle Honored on Birthday

Mrs. Annie Doolittle was honored on her 83rd birthday yesterday when about 40 relatives gathered for a birthday dinner at her home.

The table was decorated with an angel food cake and bouquets of jonquills and snapdragons. The snapdragon bouquet was sent by her granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Fleming, Lyman, Neb.

The afternoon was spent socially, with a short get-together program including music, a reading by Miss Shirley Nail, and the singing of "Happy Birthday."

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doolittle and Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Greiner, Charles and Tommy, Blairsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Claude, Carol, Jeanone, and Vergene, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melvin, Woolstock; Guy Doolittle, Ellsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Greiner, Lynn and Gary, Jewell; Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Nail, Shirley and Lloyd, Kamrar; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greiner, and Harry Doolittle, Webster City.

Mrs. Annie C. Doolittle Celebrates 85th Birthday

Mrs. Annie C. Doolittle celebrated her 85th birthday Sunday, at her home at 915 Bank street by entertaining relatives and friends.

All of her children were present for the occasion as follows: Mrs. Charles (Effie) Greiner and Harry Doolittle of Webster City; Fred Doolittle of Blairsburg; Guy Doolittle of Ellsworth and Clyde Doolittle of Woolstock.

A decorated angel food cake, baked by Mrs. Esley Greiner of Webster City, was served to the 33 guests present.

Potted plants and a basket bouquet decorated the room.

The guests presented Mrs. Doolittle with gifts and a purse of money.

The afternoon was spent socially. Several hymns were sung at the close of the afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Doolittle presiding at the organ.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Doolittle and Dennis and Lyman Greiner and Charles, Tommy and Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Doolittle of Ellsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Doolittle and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Claude of Woolstock; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Greiner and Lynn and Gary of Jewell and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nail, Shirley and Lloyd of Kamrar.

Mrs. Doolittle observed her birthday today.

CALVARY CEMETERY
webster City, Iowa

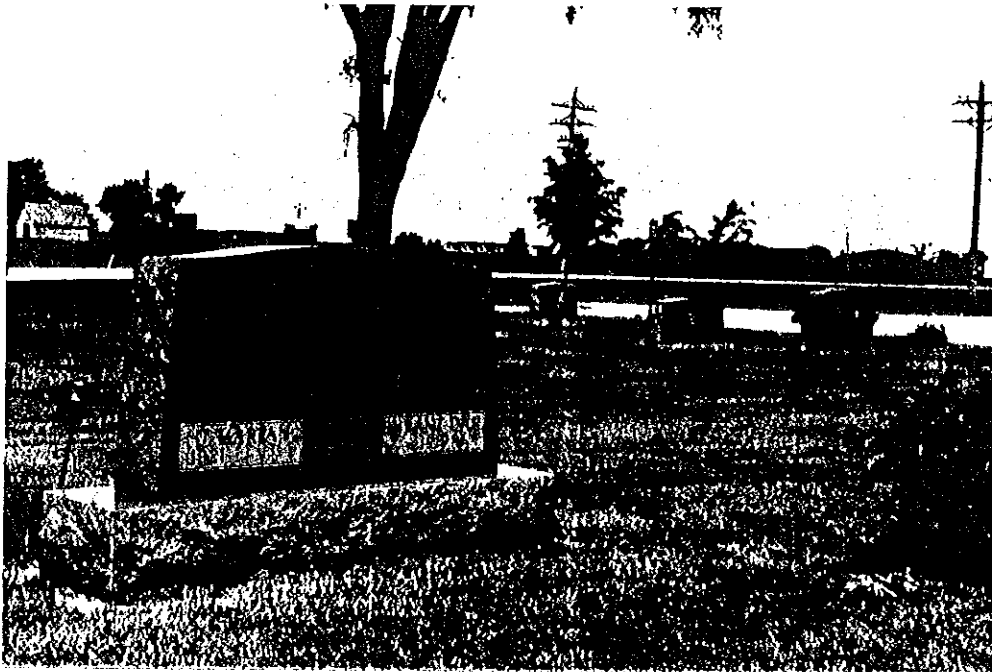


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DOOLITTLE

CLARA
1889-1980

FRED B.
1890-1959



(back)

D. MARIAN
1921-

INFANT DAU
1919

GRAVE OF THE
D. MARIAN
AND HER DAUGHTER
INFANT DAU