

# THE ROBISON FAMILY HISTORY

OUR BACKGROUND:

## THE GUNN CLAN

FROM SCOTLAND (NEAR LOCHNESS)

VIKING KINGS OF THE ISLE OF MAN.



WE WOULD NOT RAISE SHEEP

FOR THE BRITISH TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

RAISED HIGHLAND CATTLE ([fuzzy cows](#)).

WE WERE EXILED.

ESCAPED TO NORTHERN IRELAND,

NEAR BELFAST DURING 1780-90's

SETTLED IN ANTRIM TOWNSHIP.

## THIS IS THE STORY OF

### HARRY HUNTER ROBISON.

BORN MAY 29<sup>th</sup> 1926.

DIED JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 1996.

FATHER OF DARRYL ROBISON, MY FATHER;

DAVID; SUSAN; ANNETTE; JOHN; & ELLEN.

### CLAN GUNN RECAP:

The Robison name descends from the Gunn Clan in Scotland.

The motto of our clan is  
AUX PAX ANTEBELLUM  
(Either Peace or War).

Clan Gunn was one of the oldest and most northern located clans in Scotland. The Gunn's once held extensive territory in Caithness as well as NW and SE Sutherland. They descended from a Norse family of kings, claiming ancestry to Olaf the Black. Noted mostly for their hostile and bellicose character, our clan is named from the Norse word *gunnr*, meaning war. We were constantly warring with our Keith and Mackay neighbors, or so the story goes!

HIS LOVING WIFE WAS BORN OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> 1928.

SHE WAS NAMED MARGARET McDONALD – WE CALLED HER NANA.

### PATERNAL SIDE

#### ABRAM ROBISON

BORN DURING THE EARLY 1800's  
From Antrim Township - Ireland  
Immigrated to US circa 1815

(SON) → SAMUEL ROBISON  
b. 1840

FARMER IN YORK, PA  
MARRIED ANGELIE

(SON) → (HARRY) EDWARD ROBISON  
b. 1867

MARRIED TO JENNY GROSH  
THEY HAD 12 CHILDREN

(SON) → HARRY HUNTER ROBISON  
AKA "Pa Pa"

b. 1898 in Clear Spring, MD

(HIS SON HARRY HUNTER, JR. FROM  
PREVIOUS MARRIAGE DIED)

DIVORCED JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1923  
MARRIED ANNA SEAMAN SEMLER on  
JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

→ (1) EDDIE (ELDEST SON)  
b. Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1923 (one month after the  
marriage) – d. Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> 1931

DIED AT SEVEN YEARS OLD

(2) BETTY (DAUGHTER)  
b. 1925  
MARRIED TO FRED PEIFFER  
TWO CHILDREN – JEFFY AND BARBY

(3) HARRY HUNTER ROBISON, JR  
b. May 26<sup>th</sup> 1926 – d. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1996

MARRIED NANA MAY 30<sup>th</sup> 1950

### ROBISON TRIVIA

\*Uncle Jeffy knows everything. Internet research filled in the rest.\*

\*Please tell me more about Pa Pa's life.

\*There was a previous Harry Hunter JR

\*RECORD BREAKING  
SHOTGUN WEDDING\*

\*THE CAUSE OF EDDIE ROBISON'S  
DEATH WAS THE DISEASE HE  
CAUGHT IN THE HOSPITAL WHILE  
HE WAS BEING TREATED FOR  
SIMPLE INJURY WHILE PLAYING  
LEAPFROG\*

\*Thanks again Jeffy.

\*CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:  
Decorated Army Glider Corps  
St. Vincent de Paul Society,  
Knights of Columbus,  
American Legion Post 42,  
VFW Post 1936 and BPO Elks 378  
Board of Directions, St. Maria Goriatti  
High School

MATERNAL SIDE

**JOHN McCaffery**  
BORN IN CORK, IRELAND 1820

1857 JOINED CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH  
1859 THEN THE DENVER GOLD RUSH

LATE 1860's LEFT FOR CHICAGO  
HELPED FOUND THE AMERICAN STOCK  
EXCHANGE  
BECAME PRESIDENT OF BANK OF  
CHICAGO, 1890

MORE RESEARCH NEEDED

(DAUGHTER) → **MARY McCAFFREY  
SEAMAN/SEAMON**  
b. circa 1845 (D.C. area)  
MARRIED \_\_\_ SEAMON?

(SON) → **JOHN HENRY SEAMAN**  
b. 1863 – d. Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1915

- CANAL RUNNER AROUND D.C.

- MARRIED **VIRGINIA SEYMOR  
SEIBERT SEIBERT** (WIDOWED WITH 3  
GIRLS) IN APRIL 1895

- SETTLED IN WILLIAMSPORT &  
HAGERSTOWN

HAD 8 SEAMAN CHILDREN:

GEORGE E (Nov 1895)  
**ANNA VIRGINIA** (Sept 1897)  
HENRY F (Apr 1899)  
ELSIE MARIE (Apr 1901- Apr 1919)  
EDWIN WILLIAM (Nov 1902)  
GLADYS IRENE (Apr 1905 – Jul 1906)  
GENEVA FLORENCE (Feb 1909)  
- *WILLIAM "BILL" SPIRES' MOTHER*  
ELNORE JANE (Dec 1911)

→ **ANNA VIRGINIA SEAMAN SEMLER  
ROBISON** (DAUGHTER)  
AKA "Nan Nan"  
b. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1897 – d. ?

- MARRIED ALVEY SEMLER IN NOV 1917  
WIDOWED BY 1918 FLU EPIDEMIC

- MARRIED **Pa Pa** IN JULY 1923  
WHEN SHE WAS 8 MONTHS PREGNANT  
WITH THEIR FIRST CHILD

- HAD THREE CHILDREN:  
EDDIE (decd.), BETTY, and

**HARRY HUNTER ROBISON, JR**

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT NANA:

Margaret "Marge" McDonald Robison died  
Feb. 18, 2009 at Washington County  
Hospital.

Born Oct. 20, 1928 in Martinsburg, WV, she  
was the daughter of Howard McDonald and  
Mildred Small McDonald.

Nana is survived by one sister, Norma "Sissy"  
Manor, preceded in death by two brothers,  
Issac McDonald and Howard McDonald.

She was a graduate of St. Joseph's High  
School in Martinsburg, W.Va.

She previously was employed by Ewing Oil  
Co. of Hagerstown for 34 years.

She has seven loving children.

MORE TRIVIA:

\*ORIGINAL HOLDER IN  
ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST

\*Geneva Seaman was born Feb  
1909 in Hagerstown – died May  
19<sup>th</sup> 1937 in Baltimore, MD. Agnes  
Long gave the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> as  
her birthday on different pages. She  
married J. Frederick **SPIRES** on  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 1925. They had a  
son William Spires who was taken  
care of by Nan Nan and Pa Pa – was  
Grandaddy's brother.

THE SEIBERT SIDEBAR

VIRGINIA SEIBERT SEIBERT?!

This is going to get weird now...  
Try to keep up.

SHE IS MY GREAT-GREAT-  
GRANDMOTHER.

Her first husband was named  
**MICHAEL SCOTT SEIBERT**  
(Yes, same name).  
He died in 1889, three months after  
his father also died  
from drinking bad whiskey.  
In August of that year, Virginia gave  
birth to her third baby girl in four  
years.

Virginia's grandmother was born  
Rosanna Troup, married Michael  
Seibert of unknown relation.  
Her sister, Nancy Ann Troup was  
married to Michael Scott's Uncle  
Sam Seibert.

Therefore **MS's aunt is also his  
wife's grandmother's sister.** This  
explains Virginia's marriage "within  
the family"

She later remarried to John Henry  
Seaman, BUT...

VIRGINIA'S BLOOD BROTHER  
WAS FRANKLIN OWEN  
SEIBERT.

Franklin Owen had a son  
with Mary Ida Sowers named  
FRANKLIN "FRANK" S.  
b. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917 –  
d. September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1994

Frank has a son named  
MARK SEIBERT,  
Who now runs the family-business,  
CLEAR SPRING CREAMERY  
Where Anna will work in 2011.