

Lewis Descendants

Children¹ of Joseph W. Britton and Ellen Armstrong Lewis:²

Mary A. Britton was born in October or November 1869.

William H. Britton was born c. 1872. In 1910, William had his own barber shop in Brainerd, Crow Wing County, MN. He had been married for 6 years, to Nellie L. Avery, 30, born at Tracy, MN. In 1930, he had a shop at Sioux Falls, SD; Nellie worked as a presser in a cleaning business. William and Nellie were still at Sioux Falls, in 1945.

Children of William Britton and Nellie Avery:

They were probably born at Brainerd, MN.

Infant: born and died before 1910.

Della D. Britton was born June 1908. She married Clarence Skenke, born in Iowa, in 1903. In 1930, they lived at Sioux Falls SD with her parents. He was a laborer at a quarry.

She had previously married James H. Hackett of Sioux Falls on November 26, 1926 at Elk Point, Union County, SD.

Infant daughter was born and died February and March 1911.

Vera Britton was born c. 1913 and married Wallace V. Packman, c. 1914 in South Dakota, on 28 December 1935 at Sioux Falls.

Donald Britton 1915

Bessie Britton c. 1918

Merle Britton c. 1923, a daughter

Clarence Britton was born 25 September 1873, from his WW1 draft card. He married Mary C. McConnell, aka Dolly c. 1900. She was born in what became Alberta (1945 state census). In May 1910, he had a homestead in the west half of Township 90, Meade County, SD. He was also enumerated as a roomer two days earlier; this suggests that he had recently received his stake. In 1917, his address was Chalk Buttes. In 1920, his address was Buena Vista in Meade County with his brother Henry, nearby. In 1930, William was a barber, with his own shop in Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, SD.

His daughter, **Beulah Ellen Britton**, was born in 1913, at Chalk Buttes or Buena Vista. She was a teacher, with a BA from Sioux Falls College and married divorcé Hunter Tomlinson, 38, on December 21, 1946 at Sioux Falls.

Clarence Britton died 13 February 1938 in Sioux Falls. There are grave markers at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls for Clarence Britton, 1873-1938 and Mary C. Britton, 1875-1965.

Joseph Clifford Britton was born June 8, 1875 (draft registration). He was on a homestead in Meade County, SD in 1910 with his wife of two yrs, Minnie Benedix, 28, born c. 1881 in Illinois of German parents.

In 1930, Joseph and Minnie were at Brainerd where his occupation was "general draying", presumably a freelance trucker.

They had a daughter, **Beverly Britton**, eleven years. Joseph died in Crow Wing County on November 25, 1941. A death was registered for Minnie Britton at Crow Wing on March 4, 1945.

Margaret Myra Britton³ was born 3 September 1878 (Minnesota Death Index). She married, around 1897, Paul C. Read, a grocer, born c. 1877, in Iowa. They lived at Staples, Todd County, MN where their children were born.

Children of Paul Read and Margaret Britton:

Chester B. Read was born May 25, 1900 and died January 19, 1990 (Social Security Deaths Index).

Richard V. Read was born c. 1903.

Grace O. Read was born around March 1909.

Paul Read was born c. 1914.

Mildred Read was born c. 1917.

John Franklin Britton was born about 1880. He married, c. 1905, Anna Nelson (surname from sons' death registrations), a Danish girl born c. 1887 probably in Minnesota. He lived at Brainerd City, Crow Wing County, MN. In 1910, he was doing odd jobs and in 1920 was a railroad car repair man and in 1930 he farmed at Sylvan, Cass County, MN (enumerated as Brittan) which is near Brainerd.

His death was registered at Crow Wing County on April 10, 1938. It is likely that the Anna Britton of Crow Wing Minnesota (June 2, 1883 – September 15, 1965) is John's wife (MN deaths, SSDI).

Children of John and Anna Britton: presumably born at Brainerd, MN from census and death registrations. The younger two children were perhaps born in Cass County.

Archie Britton was born January 21, 1906. In 1930, he was married to Della Johnson, 17, a North Dakota native and he was employed as a car carpenter in the railway shops at Brainerd. His death was registered in Crow Wing on February 14, 1975.

Ray Britton was born November 25, 1908. He was single and farmed with his father at Sylvan in 1930. Possibly, he married Helen Stearns. His death was registered in Crow Wing County on March 9, 1988.

Irene L. Britton c. 1912, Irene was enumerated as a seamstress in a garment factory in 1930 according to her parents' census in Cass County, but she actually lived with her uncle, Herbert in Brainerd. Her occupation on that census was "odd jobs" in a garment factory.

Elsie M. Britton c. 1916

Mildred Britton June 1918 est.

Lester B. Britton was born April 12, 1920 and his death was registered at Crow Wing on May 30, 1971.

Ruby L. Britton c. 1922

Harold Britton was born August 10, 1927 and died in Hennepin County, MN on March 22, 1966.

Herbert D. Britton was born February 1, 1882 (draft registration; he was a machinist's helper). About 1903, he married Josephine E. He was a barber in Portland, Oregon in 1910 and 1920. In 1930, he owned a barber shop in Brainerd, MN. Also in their home in 1930 was his niece, Irene. Despite their residence in Oregon, all children were born in Minnesota.

Children of Herbert and Josephine Britton:

Gladys Britton was born c. 1904.

Denzil H. Britton was born 31 January 1908 and died September 1978 in Florida (from SSDI).

Dorothy J. Britton c. Oct. 1915

Herbert died at Brainerd on November 18, 1949. Josephine Britton was born 22 August 1882 in Minnesota and died 24 October 1963 in Los Angeles, California (California Death Index).

Chester Britton was born c. 1884.

Henry William Britton was born 22 May 1884 (draft registration). Curiously, he was not on the June 1885 census; his birth was also reported as May 1884, in 1900. In 1905, he lived with his parents and was employed as a drayman. He appears to be the husband of Emily, aged 18 and born in Canada. They had an infant born in 1904, Myrtle.

He was a divorcé when he married Alma E. Harris on May 4, 1910; they both lived at Chalk Buttes in Meade County, SD. Alma was Iowa born, c. 1881. He farmed at Buena Vista, Meade County, SD in 1920. In April 1930, he had a farm at Spring Creek, Howell County, Missouri.

Children of "Harry" Britton and Alma Harris:

Lawrence H. Britton was born March 15, 1911 in Missouri and died in Missouri⁴, June 1981 (SS Death Index).

Cedric B. Britton was born April 21, 1914 in South Dakota. He died in March 1972, place not indicated (SS Death Index).

Bruce J. Britton was born February 1917 in South Dakota and died in Missouri, January 1996 (SS Death Index).

Virginia Britton was born June 1918 in South Dakota.

Elinor Britton was born c. 1921 in Missouri.

Estella Britton was born in May 1886 in Minnesota and lived in the home of Margaret Read at Staples, Todd County MN, in 1900. However, she was not listed as sister but as a servant. She was found on the 1895 State Census at Brainerd, as "Estella", 9 years in the home of her parents J. W. Britton and his wife Hellen [sic].

Olive Viola Britton was born August 8, 1888. In 1920, she lived in Brainerd, Crow Wing County with her husband, Clifford A. Russell, a barber, a native of South Dakota who was born c. 1884. The 1920 household included Ellen Lewis Britton as well as Clifford's father and stepmother. He later had a barber shop in Escondido, CA.

Children of Viola Britton and Clifford Russell, from California Deaths Index and 1930 Escondido, California Census:

Eva Ione Russell was born May 22, 1912 in Brainerd, MN; she married Mr. Clark and died December 15, 1980 in San Diego County CA.

Lucille Clara Russell was born June 16, 1914 in Brainerd, MN; she married Mr. Vandine. She died September 13, 1993.

Lois Ellen Russell was born April 10, 1919 in Brainerd, MN; she married Mr. McDevitt. She died May 15, 1995 in San Diego County, CA.

Geraldine Russell was born c. 1925 in Brainerd, Minnesota

The death of Olive Viola Russell was registered in San Diego County, California on May 10, 1959.

¹ The dates are from several internet sources with assistance of Beth Wetherill of Cobble Hill, BC. All children are presumed to have been born at Sauk Center, although those born c. 1880 were perhaps at Red Wing. In 1910, John claimed birth in Illinois which seems doubtful; his wife's birthplace is also suspect.

² Ellen was the youngest child of Ellen Watters and William Lewis of Rawdon and Montreal and born 15 April 1848 in Montreal.

³ She was variously Margaret, Myra and Margaret M. and Maggie M. On censuses in later years, it was claimed her parents were born in US or Minnesota and once that her father was born in New York.

⁴ His last residence was Pottersville and the last benefit was mailed to West Plains, both are in Howell County.