

Subject: Re: Frame Book
From: Bobandjo50@aol.com
Date: 2/12/2010, 6:17 PM
To: tedhine@sprynet.com

Billius was the first child to be born in Poland. My Aunt Eloise wrote "He must have been thought of as that wild kid from Ohio, because he rode his horse once into the Yale president's office. (You see, every student had a horse in those days, which must have been about 1825). Another exploit of wild Bill happened one Halloween when he dressed in a sheet and waited for a half-witted boy to come by. When jumped at, the boy was scared 'to death' and never really recovered.

"When Bill returned to Ohio his father advised him to get married and settle down. He offered to take Billius to pay a call on the Frame girls. He said, 'There are some pretty girls over there, daughters of Mose Frame who just moved up from Baltimore. I'll take you over for a visit.' But Bill wanted to see for himself and got a good look when he passed the old swimming hole on Yellow Creek. The Frame girls were there swimming and laughing. He picked out Ruthanna and said to himself 'she's the girl for me!' Then he wrote her a letter of proposal which was the proper thing to do in those days."

Eloise was writing for her grandchildren. She was delightful and perhaps tempted to improve the stories in order to make them interesting. Eloise and my mother learned lots of stories from their mother, Ruth Mays Anderson.

To continue: "So, the father, Turhand Kirtland, was delighted. He sent for some good Connecticut builders to come and build them a beautiful house. We called it the Kirtland Manse. Bill settled down to be a plant scientist and a gentleman farmer. He had a wonderful greenhouse and laboratory and invented new varieties of melons and other fruits. He made a deep little lake for raising fish at the bottom of which is still, no doubt, a large chunk of some kind of phosphorous compound which he threw there because it is too dangerous to have around."

In addition to farming Billius also taught chemistry in the local high school. He shared the fruit experiments with his brother Jared. Billius and Ruthanna had a charming home, surrounded by farm land. My mother wrote several pages of her memories of that farm. I'll send you a copy. When they got old they had a couple who lived there to help, the Olsons. Lucy lived there, too, and eventually all Kirtlands died, and the Olsons remained until the house was replaced by a highway. The Jared Potter Kirtland house is almost exactly like Billius's. Rebecca Rogers, who is an historical architect, has bought that house and fixed it up wonderfully. Don't go back to Poland without meeting Rebecca Rogers. She has vast knowledge of the Kirtland family, probably the Hines, too.

When the snow isn't so big a problem, and when I can drive my car, I'll get several things copied for you. I hope it will be soon. You should see what we've got here on the ground. If you've heard what Philadelphia is dealing with, just imagine Willmington nearby -- without good snow plows.

Best wishes, Joanna

In a message dated 2/12/2010 1:37:49 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, tedhine@sprynet.com writes:

I didn't know that Billius got kicked out of Yale..... would love to know more about it if you have anything. Yes, I'd like of copy of the proposal letter. Do you know what Billius did for a living? I have no idea.

I don't have the Frame book and would love to see a copy. If you can give me the exact title, author and publication date I can see if I can find a copy to buy on the internet. If not, perhaps I can borrow one of your's and can digitally scan important pages and then return it.

Ted

----- Original Message -----

From: Bobandjo50@aol.com

To: tedhine@sprynet.com

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 8:38 AM

Subject: Re: Reunited again

Ted, I forgot --

I have a document you will certainly want. I'll send a copy. You probably know that Billius got kicked out of Yale

and went home. His father, expecting he'd return early, recommended he go to find the Frame girls, who had recently arrived in Poland, and marry one of them. According to family legend, he went forth and stumbled upon the ladies who were in swimming (Yellow Creek, of course), and observed the ladies for a while. He chose Ruthanna and went home and wrote a letter proposing marriage. She accepted.

I've had the original document -- very sturdy paper and very clear writing -- but I gave it to the MVHS, and I will make a copy and send it to you. You'll be amused. I don't know whether any of your relations have this document. It never occurred to me to spread it around. I wonder if my grandmother or mother had shown it. I'm ashamed to closet it.

Do you have a copy of the Frame book compiled by Julia Locke Frame Bunce? If not, you will find a lot of Frame information in that book. My mother got together with Mrs. Bunce and added a lot of information. Unfortunately she neglected to mention her own sister when the book was finished, and my mother may have been embarrassed to send it to anyone. I have two copies here, and I'll send you my extra book, but I think I'll copy some pages first and send them. Are you interested in the Frames?

Joanna

In a message dated 2/11/2010 4:16:07 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, tedhine@sprynet.com writes:

Hi Joanna:

I have some documents (included on the CD I just sent you) written by Nell (Ellen Louise Hine) titled "The Billius Kirtland Family" and "Charlie and Helen Green Hine and Family". Are these possibly the "Nellie's Memories" you mentioned? If not, I should request a copy.

My father is in fact interred in the Riverside Cemetery in his ancestor's plot. I flew his ashes from Florida to Poland in 1977. I visited the Riverside Cemetery again a year ago Oct. and you accurately recall the monument on which Samuel Hine is memorialized along with both of his wives (Ellen Montgomery and Emma Kirtland). In addition, the monument contains inscriptions (on various sides) for siblings Nell, Samuel Kirtland Hine and wife Alma, and Homer H. Hine and wife Rose (my grandparents), as well as my father. The actual burial locations are marked by small markers around the monument simply labeled with initials. Perhaps someday (far in the future I hope) I'll be there also. Nell's brother Charles is buried in Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery and the other brother, Alfred, is buried in the Homewood Cemetery in Pittsburgh.

Ted

----- Original Message -----

From: Bobandjo50@aol.com

To: tedhine@sprynet.com

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 12:53 PM

Subject: Re: Reunited again

Ted --

I'm looking forward to your CD.

I listened to your dad with great interest. The names of his brothers and sister were especially interesting to me. I knew Cousin Nellie. I think I was twice in her home in Poland, first when I was about four and had a great picture taken of me in the door of the play house, and once two or three years later. Nellie and my grandmother were great friends -- Grandma Ruth corresponded with Nellie, and she went to Poland whenever possible. She (Grandma) was often in Poland early in her life because her mother and her clergyman father always lived near Poland. Later she married in Poland, and still later her mother Lucy went back to live in Poland when her husband died. The "Hine boys" were famous in the life of Grandma and Mom. I have never met any of them, but I've certainly heard about them. Grandma Ruth lived in Pittsburgh forever. I thought about the lively "Hine boys" when your dad was speaking. I don't know about their episodes, but I've heard about the collective "boys" -- probably they teased Cousin Nellie or made her life difficult. Nellie, I'm told, drove an ambulance in WWI. Is that true? I'm also told that Cousin Nellie built the play house, every bit of it.

Do you have Nellie's Memories? She made carbon copies, so you may have one. I've given mine

to the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, and if you want a copy, I think the archivist would make you a copy.

The address is 648 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502-1289. Her name is Pamela L. Speis. (She gave me that copy of Emma.)

It was great listening to your dad. Was he interred in the Riverside Cemetery? When I went through that cemetery I was told it was the "new cemetery." Did you go there? I noticed that Samuel Hine had a monument which included Emma Kirtland as well as his first wife. He died first so Emma must have agreed to the threesome, possibly initiating it.

Glad to get your information. Jo

In a message dated 2/10/2010 6:00:27 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, tedhine@sprynet.com writes:

Hi Joanna:

I'm still sore from 4 days of skiing.

I've received the photo you mailed of my great grandmother Emma Kirtland-Hine. Thanks. I didn't already have that one so it's a great addition to my collection of old photos.

I just burned and mailed another copy of the CD containing the stuff I've collected regarding the Poland Kirtlands (and some info regarding the Hine's). It's a more or less random collection of PDF files and photo files. You'll thus need photo viewing software and the Adobe Reader software on your computer to view the stuff on the CD (and I suspect you probably already have both as most computers do). The CD has several disk folders on it each containing files that you can view. To get to them you'll probably need to use a file utility (such as Windows Explorer) to view the contents of the disk folders and then double clicking on an individual file should open it for viewing. You'll find lots of interesting stuff buried in the PDF files. Many of the photo files have descriptive information in the file name as to who is in the photo. Let me know if you have any technical trouble accessing the files.

Feel free to copy the CD or any of it's contents and pass it along to others.

Ted

----- Original Message -----

From: Bobandjo50@aol.com

To: tedhine@sprynet.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:26 PM

Subject: Reunited again

Ted, glad to be back in touch. I don't remember what we were discussing when I was in China. I've been more or less settling my genealogy project. I've chosen one young woman in each family, daughters of my two brothers and I, and each young woman will get notebooks with my descendents listed and genealogy programs in order. I was getting most of my mother's information and concentrating on all four grandparents. My mother had boxes and boxes of information, but she got old and wasn't able to get organized. I'm sending notebooks to these three women, and I hope they'll get interested in genealogy. They actually have said they'd like to get into it. Of course I'll keep some things at home.

The cracked CD is labeled "Poland, Ohio, Kirtland information." Can you send me another? I'll be grateful.

I have a nice picture of Emma, and I've put it on a CD. It's all ready to send.

Best regards. Jo

In a message dated 2/2/2010 11:33:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, tedhine@sprynet.com writes:

Hi Joanna:

Actually it never occurred to me that you were dead. You just sort of drifted out of my consciousness as has also been the case with most of the distant cousins I've communicated with over the internet. After the usual flurry of actively exchanging fun information there comes a time when there's nothing more to say and communications just sort of fade away.

Anyway, without me digging out our previous communications (which are now buried somewhere in a file cabinet), I can't remember which of my many CDs I mailed you (I have several in various stages of completion). If you have the cracked one handy and can tell me it's title, I'd be happy to send you another copy. If you don't have it, I'll have to dig out our previous correspondence (which I'd be happy to do if necessary). Do you recall if we have any unfinished business that we didn't complete?

Ted

----- Original Message -----

From: Bobandjo50@aol.com

To: tedhine@sprynet.com

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 11:12 AM

Subject: Neglect

Ted --

You probably think that I'm dead.... but I'm not. We emailed each other when I was in China last May, and when I got home I turned to other matters and never emailed you back. I'm very sorry to tell you that when my mail came the end of last May, your cd was cracked, and I should have gotten in touch, but, as you see, I've diverted my interests. I think I'm terribly thoughtless to let you think I'm dead or demented for such a long time. Please forgive me.

Best regards, Joanna