

JOSEPH STANNARD BAKER'S TEN REMARKABLE CHILDREN



JSB, 1885 or 1890



Alice, 1875

Joseph Stannard and Alice Potter

were married from 1868
until her death in 1883
They had six boys.

1. RAY STANNARD, (1870-1946) Journalist, Author



Following his B.S. at Michigan Agricultural College and a year at the University of Michigan's law school, Ray worked briefly at his father's Baker Land & Title Co. He then began an illustrious career, as a leading muckracker journalist. He wrote for the Chicago Record and McClure's Magazine and was a founder of American Magazine. He went to Europe as a reporter on assignment for the State Department. Later he was director of the Press Bureau for the American Commission at the Paris Peace Conference in Versailles, France. He wrote numerous books and spent 12 years writing the eight volume Woodrow Wilson, Life and Letters, winning a Pulitzer Prize. He was equally well known as David Grayson, author of essays and books celebrating nature and humanity.



Ray married Jessie Irene Beal, daughter of a Michigan Agricultural College professor. Their children were Alice Beal, James Stannard, Roger Denio and Rachel Moore.



2. CHARLES FULLER, (1872-1927) Scientist, Professor, Dean



With a B.S. from Michigan Agricultural College and M.A. from Stanford, Charles taught biology at Pomona College (CA) and worked as a botanist in Cuba and Brazil before moving to the Philippines where, for 25 years, he taught and was Dean of the College of Agriculture at University of the Philippines, Los Banos. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and member of scientific societies in six countries. He published over 100 scientific articles and conducted numerous scientific expeditions, mainly in Central American and Asian tropics. His collection of over 300,000 insects is in the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D.C.



In California he married Ninette Evans; they had no children. According to family lore, she could not compete with his love of science, especially insects. She did not grant the divorce he sought. He is buried in Saye Temple, Tatsuno Japan, next to Tome Matsumoto, the Japanese woman he loved in the Philippines but could not marry.



3. HENRY (HARRY) DENIO, (1874-1970) Real Estate, Community Activist



Following graduation from Michigan Agricultural College, Harry joined his father at the Cushing Land Agency, later Baker Land & Title Co., in St. Croix Falls, WI. (That building is now home to the St. Croix Falls Historical Society)

He managed the company for 72 years and was president of nine banks. A community activist, he was elected to local government offices and had leading roles in Red Cross, Salvation Army, Hospital board and Presbyterian Church. He was instrumental in establishing Wisconsin's first state park at the Dalles of the St. Croix River.

He and his wife, Helen Gower, had a son John Gower and lost a second child in infancy. Following the loss of his first and second (also Helen) wives, he married Fannie Heller. Their children were Harriet and Robert Denio.



4. CLARENCE DWIGHT, (1876-1906) Teacher, Publisher's Rep



The first Baker born in St. Croix Falls WI, Clarence studied at Macalester College (Minnesota). where he was editor of the paper and captain of the football team, and at the University of Chicago. While a student he spent summers in Alaska as a railroad worker and prospector. He taught high school for three years and authored a physics textbook. In 1902 he became an education/textbook representative for D. Appleton Publishers.

His marriage to Carolyn Chubb was a mere six months before he died of a brain tumor at 29. Carolyn and their daughter, Mary Dwight continued to be very much part of the Baker family, as was Carolyn's half sister, Helen Sutton. Mary Dwight and Helen were married in a double wedding at the home of their uncle, Ray Stannard Baker. Helen's children, the Gulicks, are considered part of the Baker tribe with the number 4s.



L-R: Helen, Carolyn and Mary Dwight at double wedding

5. HUGH POTTER, (1878-1950) Forestry Professor, College President



Hugh was an academician. He studied at Macalester College, Michigan Agricultural College (B.S.), Yale (M.S.) and University of Munich in Germany (D. Econ) and received five honorary degrees. He taught forestry at Iowa State College, Pennsylvania State College and New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, where he twice served as Dean. His career pinnacle was as President of Massachusetts State College (1933-47)

Hugh was married to Fleta Paddock from 1904-28. They had three children, Carolyn, Steven Paddock (who died in infancy) and Clarence Potter. After Fleta died, he married Ricarda Sahla from Germany.



6. JAMES FREDERICK (FRED), (1880-1934) Forestry Professor

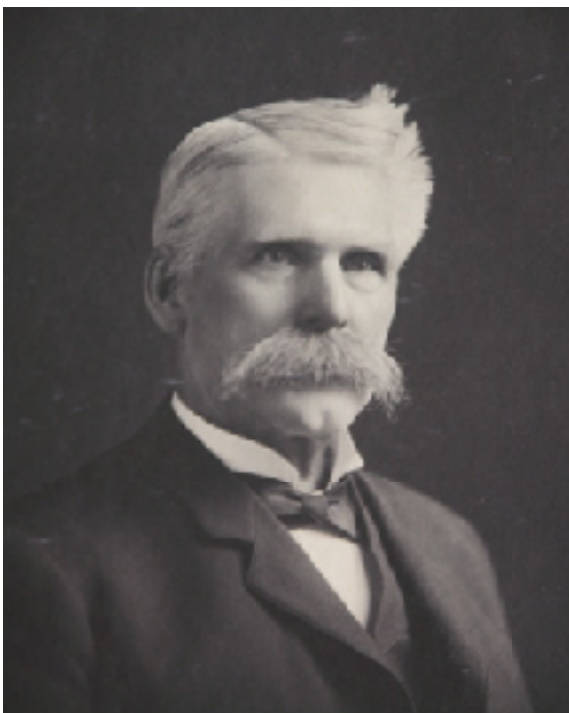


Fred was a forester and professor. His training was at Michigan Agricultural College (B.S., M.S.) with two additional Masters degrees from Yale and University of Munich, Germany. Between a short stint with the U.S. Forest Service and farming in Michigan, he taught forestry for 15 years at Pennsylvania State Forest Academy, Colorado College, Michigan Agricultural College and New York College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

He married Bessie Irene Buskirk and they had two children, Louis Stannard and Elizabeth Hoyt.



Joseph Stannard and Mary Lovila Brown
married in 1886; they had two daughters and two sons.



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Mary, 1904

7. WINIFRED LOVILA, (1887-1931) Music Teacher



Winifred studied piano in her youth and college. She graduated from Carlton College (Minnesota) with a double major in English and Latin. She earned an M.A. in piano at Pomona College in California. She was teaching Latin and piano at the Osecola, WI, high school when she met her husband, Stanley Leighton. Winifred remained active in music and community affairs, especially the Baker home church, First Presbyterian where she was the pianist and taught Sunday School.

She taught piano privately and performed publicly, often with her sister Florence.

Winifred and Stanley had two sons, Frederick Baker and James Robert.



8. FLORENCE IRENE, (1892-1985) Teacher, Volunteer

Florence studied biology, botany and related sciences for her B.A. at Carleton College in Minnesota. She did advanced study in marine biology at Woods Hole, MA. Florence was an environmentalist and ecologist before those words were part of the national vocabulary; she instilled in others her deep respect for nature and conservation. The year after graduation she married Dr. Jake A. Riegel. They lived in the old Baker family home which, in 1920, became the community's first hospital. Florence was the first hospital manager, dietician, seamstress, housekeeper and laundry supervisor.

She did all this while raising their four children, Stephen Arthur, Gordon Stannard, Fred Burnett and Mary Inez *and* caring for five other children of relatives! She remained a leader and volunteer in many community activities and served for many years as director of music and choir at the St. Croix Falls, WI First Presbyterian church.



9. JOSEPH STANNARD Jr, (1894-1971) Chemical Engineer



After graduation from Carlton College (Minnesota), Joseph Stannard Jr. joined the National Guard with his brother Roland and nephew, John Baker, serving on the Texas border. Then for two years he served in the army on the West Coast and after that in France with an Aero Squadron. Following his military service he went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a B.S. and subsequently embarked on a 38 year career as a chemical engineer with firms such as Merck, DuPont and E.R. Squibb and sons.

While at MIT he married Emily Margaret Fraser; their son was Joseph Stannard III. After his wife's death, when he was retired, he married Lottie Baker Keller.

10. OSCAR ROLAND (POLY), (1894-1996) Agriculturalist, Lay Minister

Poly's education, begun at Carleton College (MN), was interrupted by military service. As a National Guard member he patrolled the Mexican border, and then served with the American Expeditionary Forces in four campaigns in France 1917-19. He resumed his education at the University of Wisconsin where he was a student leader. There he Completed a B.S. and an M.A. in agriculture and met his future wife, Ruth Winifred Peterson. They corresponded for a year when he was caretaker at Camp Mishiki. The summer of 1929 when both were counselors at Camp Mishiki they married on a camp island.



After a year of teaching high school in Washington state he commenced a life-long career of dairy farming near Centuria, WI. Poly and Ruth had seven children: Natalie Ruth, Roland Arthur, Daniel Remember, James Alan, Lorna Katherine, Winifred Marie and Laurence Stuart.

