

Addendum

...additional genealogy charts, pictures, and newspaper articles

Thomas Pritchard (also Prickett or Prichett)

Possibly born in about 1596 in England or Wales and possibly died before 1623

Arrived in Jamestown from England in 1610 on the ship "Starr", perhaps as a carpenter to help build a blockhouse for John Smith. He obtained land. His wife's name is unknown.



Thomas Pritchard

Born in 1618 and died in 1670 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.



Christopher Pritchard I

Born before 1670 in Westmorland County, Virginia, and died before 1730 in King George County, (West) Virginia

Married Jane Muse before 1696.

He was a master carpenter, cooper, and planter. He also was very literate and taught reading and writing and trades.

Each generation of the Virginia Pritchards seemed to have an interest in and collection of books and bibles.



Thomas Pritchard

Died in 1722 before his father.

Wife was likely Mary Donoly



Christopher Pritchard II

Born between 1704-1711 in King George County, Virginia and died about 1762 in Prince William County, Virginia

Married Sarah Golothan about 1740

He became caught up in the rush to settle Virginia lands to the north and west.

Received a Prince William County Land Grant of 216 acres in 1742 from Lord Fairfax.



Thomas Pritchard Sr.

Born in 1740 in Prince William County, Virginia and died in 1812 in Allegany County, Maryland

Married Rachel Davis.

A craftsman and pioneer at heart. Possibly fought in the Revolutionary War.

The numerous court proceedings in which he was involved (that happened to frequently involve in-laws) suggests he was an outspoken citizen, entrepreneur, and commanding force in the area. He was a slave owner and had a fiery temper. He left Loudoun County (perhaps because of so many lawsuits) and in 1797 sold the 216 acre land grant that had been given to his father. He probably followed the Potomac River to new frontier in Maryland.



Thomas Pritchard Jr.

Born 1768 in Loudoun County, Virginia and died in 1846 in Doddridge County near Ritchie County, (West) Virginia

Married twice. His second marriage was to Mary Moody, mother of Thomas Dickerson Pritchard.

He was a farmer, carpenter, a Justice of the Peace, and built the first sawmill in Preston County (West) Virginia.



Thomas Dickerson Pritchard

Born in 1818 in Monongalia County, (West) Virginia and died in 1897 in Gaston, (West) Virginia

He married Mary Polly Lowther in 1843, who was born in 1818 and died in about 1884 when they lived in Slab Creek, Ritchie County, (West) Virginia. He was a blacksmith and settled as a pioneer in Berea, Ritchie County where he built a mill.



Thomas Tavner Pritchard

Born 1849 in Ritchie County, (West) Virginia and died December 26th in 1922 in Hyattville, WY.

Married Lucy Ann Elizabeth Summers on December 25th, 1878.

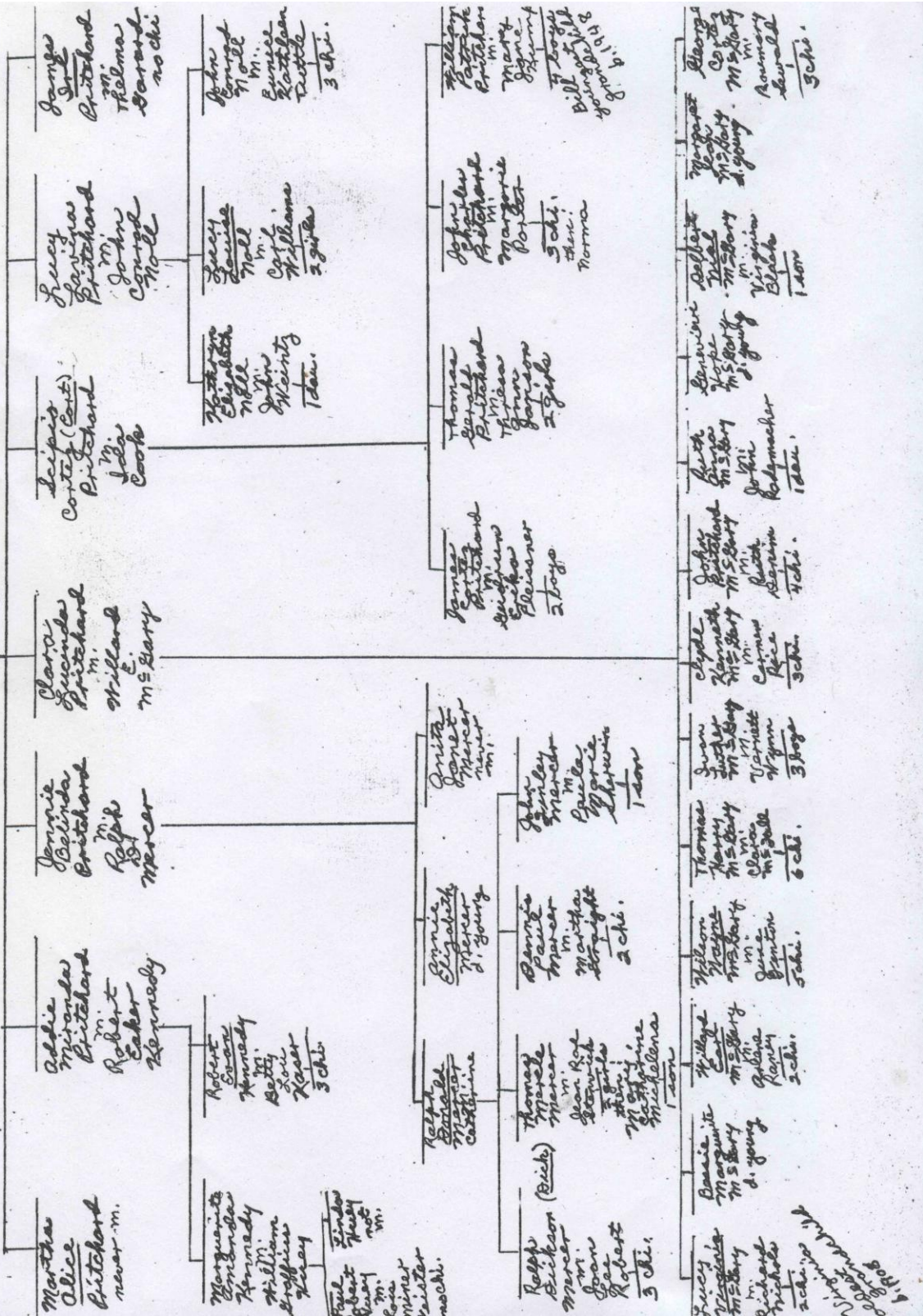
"Tavner" is found with different spellings...Tavener, Taverner, Taviner.

He left West Virginia with his family and moved to Hyattville, WY in 1907

From *The Pritchard Family History, the Virginia Line from Thomas, Jamestown Immigrant*

By Emily Pritchard Cary

Thomas Turner Pritchard
 m. Elizabeth Sumners
 Lucy Ann



Genealogy Chart of the Pritchard family made by Betty Kennedy in the early 1990s

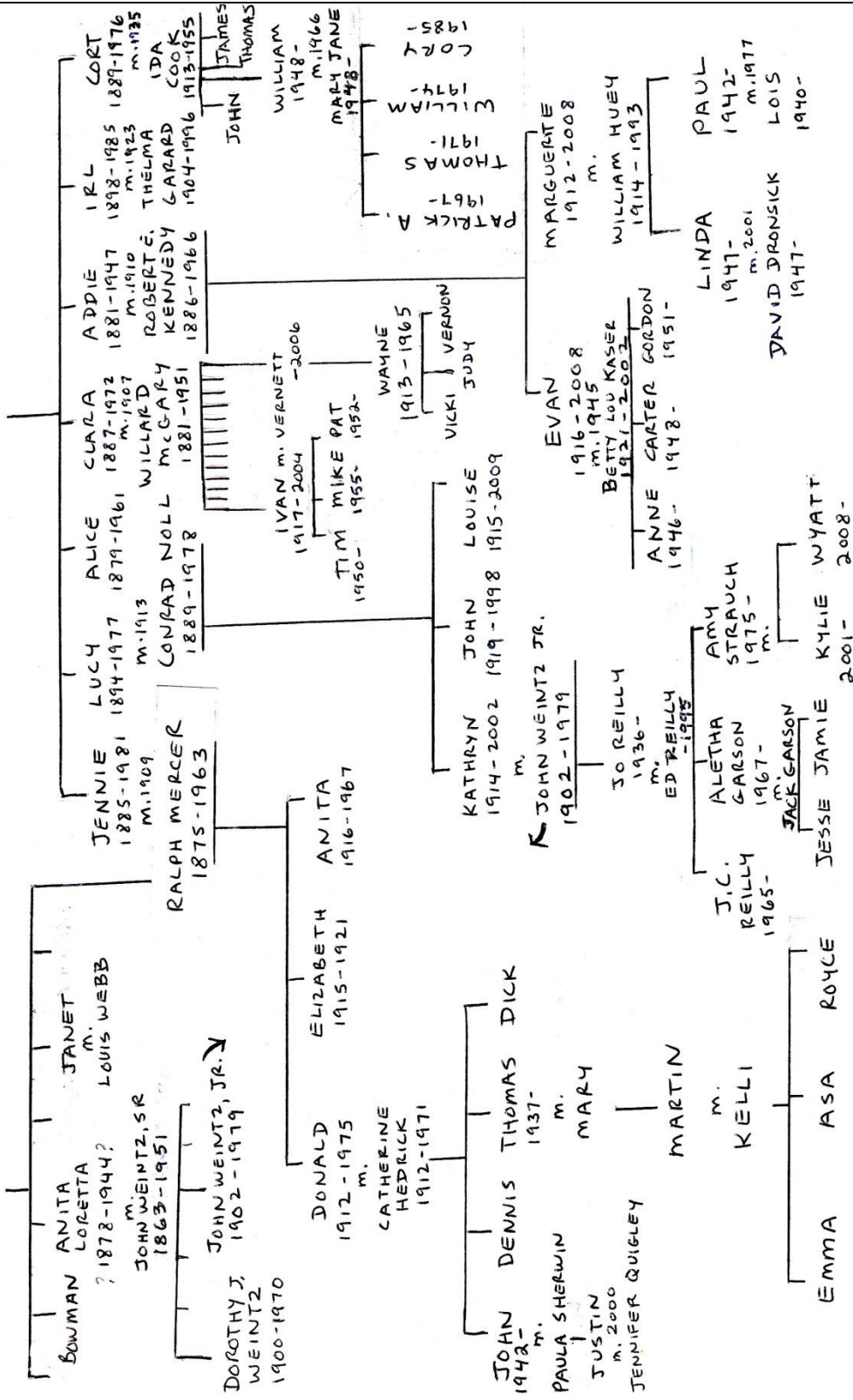
ASA SHINN MERCER
1839-1917
m. 1866

ANNIE E. STEVENS
1839-1900

People connected
in various ways
to this story

THOMAS TAVNER PRITCHARD
1849-1922
m. 1878

LUCY ANN ELIZABETH SUMMERS
1852-1928



Thomas T. Pritchard m. Lucy Ann Elizabeth Summers

1852-1928

- Alice
- Cort
- Irl
- Addie
- Clara
- Jennie (m. Ralph Mercer)
- Lucy Pritchard

1849-1922

m. John Conrad Noll

Kathryn Noll

Asa Shinn Mercer m. Annie E. Stevens

1839-1900

- Anita Loretta
- Ralph (m. Jennie Pritchard)
- Janet
- Bowman
- Thomas
- Annie
- Asa Stanislaus

1839-1917

m. John Weintz (Sr.)

John Weintz (Jr.)

Jo Reilly



Elias Summers (1809 – 1884) and Miranda (Wilson) Summers (1815 – 1900)

Parents of Bette (Lucy Ann Elizabeth Summers) Pritchard, wife of Thomas Tavner Pritchard. Their portrait above was photographed hanging on the wall of the old hotel in Hyattville in 2015. They married in 1835, and lived on Slab Creek, Ritchie County, West Virginia. Bette married T.T. Pritchard and lived on T.T.'s parents' farm where Wolf Pen Run meets Slab Creek, about three miles south of the house where she grew up.



The Summers' house on Slab Creek, owned by the Cox family. Picture taken in 2017.
Bette (Lucy Ann Elizabeth Summers) Pritchard must have grown up here.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@39.1503444,-80.9506431,77m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>



.Evan Kennedy, Marguerite Kennedy Huey, and Paul Huey (grandchildren and great-grandson of the Pritchards) and the "Pritchard house" in 1981.

Formerly believed to be the home of the Thomas T. Pritchard Family on Slab Creek in West Virginia.

Betty Kennedy, an expert researcher even before the days of the internet, led her husband, Evan Kennedy, my mother, and my brother on a trip to West Virginia in 1981 to find the house on Slab Creek they believed the Pritchards had left. They also found the old school nearby where Addie had first taught. We went back in 2017 and found the same "Pritchard house" still standing, near the mouth of Wolf Pen Run on the south side of Slab Creek on a jeep trail, three miles below where the Summers family lived. However, we determined the house was not old enough to be built by the Pritchards, but must have been built by the Haddox's who bought the property in 1908.



Picture of "Pritchard house" on the former Pritchard homestead property.
Picture taken in 2017

FARM MAP 1890-1910



- HOUSES
- - - ROADS
- PROPERTY LINES
- CREEKS

Locations of the Summers and Pritchard properties shown on an early farm map from a book of "County Farm Maps" available at the Ritchie County Historical Society. On a larger version of this map, many neighbors names are recognizable as they turned up in Hyattville, Wyoming also. Names include Bayne, Conaway, Wilson, Zinn, and Morris.



Topo map that shows the Haddox house and what must be Mandane Wilson's house in Clara's story. She said when she was eight she ran away from home to her "Aunt Marydane's" house across the creek.



We believe this was Mandane Wilson's house, built in the 1880's because it has square cut nails and hand hewn beams underneath. Owned by the Bee family. Picture taken in 2017.

The discovery of machine cut square nails in a hand-hewn beam meant this house was built in the 1800s when the Pritchards owned a lot of property in the area.. Now the question is...was this a Pritchard house? Even though the old farm map shows "M.L. Wilson" with a separate property line around it, could it have been part of the original 400 acres Clara says her grandfather had? That would mean he could have built this house. More research on deeds is needed

Who smoked these pipes?

When my brother, great grandchild Paul Huey, visited the Pritchard hotel in Hyattville, Wyoming as a teenager in 1957, he was given "T.T.'s pipes." My mother said T.T. smoked and always smelled of tobacco. But what about Clara mentioning in her memoir (p. 4) that her Grandma Summers smoked a clay pipe? Could they have been kept as family heirlooms? The pipe on top is made of clay and was produced by the Pamplin Company in Virginia in the later 1800s. The pipe on the bottom is made of wood, and the bowl still smells strongly of creosote. Both are typical of pipes smoked by men, and women as well, in the southern hill country. Who smoked these pipes? Another clue might be the teeth marks on the ends of both stems. Clara wrote that Grandma Summers did not have a tooth in her head.



These newspapers are recorded up until 1922 or 1923 on the website
<http://newspapers.wyo.gov/>

Newspaper accounts of Thomas T. Pritchard:

Big Horn County Rustler September 4, 1908

Dad Pritchard of Hyattville raised 265 bushels of oats off of a four acre patch. How is that for a tenderfoot? This was Mr. Pritchard's first oat crop raised by irrigation.

Big Horn County Rustler September 25, 1908

Two tomatoes raised by Mr. Pritchard of Hyattville weigh 4 pounds. Mr. Pritchard says he is a tenderfoot, having only recently arrived from Virginia, but when he gets used to the country he expects to raise some fair sized tomatoes.

Big Horn County Rustler November 26, 1909

T.T. Pritchard, the Hyattville apiarist, brought fifteen cases of honey to town Monday, and it was all sold within a short time. He reported that he could have sold twice the amount.

Basin Republican, March 18, 1910.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

ENTHUSIASTIC DINNER AT WHICH SPEAKERS TELL OF CITY'S RESOURCES

...Short speeches were made by Frank Gapen, C. S. Pritchard and Dr. G. W. Walker, of Hyattville, in which pleas were made for necessary road improvements to facilitate travel between that town and Basin. The speakers also urged burial of small jealousies and differences and an effort to work together for the good of the entire Basin section. As Mr. Pritchard put it: "Let's make the advantages so apparent that the newcomer will be content to settle anywhere in the Basin—knowing that it is all good."

Basin Republican March 25, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard were given a pleasant surprise Sunday evening when a number of their friends gathered unexpectedly at their home, carrying well filled baskets with them. The occasion was commemorative of Mrs. Pritchard's birthday. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Big Horn County Rustler, June 3, 1910

WHEN BOOSTERS GET TOGETHER

WONDERFUL FLOW OF GOOD FEELING AT BANQUET

...Those in attendance were ... T.T. Pritchard, Hyattville....

Big Horn County Rustler August 19, 1910

BEES ARE MAKING HONEY.

While in Hyattville we were shown through the garden where Mr. T. T. Pritchard has his many stands of bees. The bees are very busy at this time of year and are piling up money for their owner. Mr. Pritchard gave it as his opinion that he would be able to sell in the neighborhood of 3,500 pounds of honey this year. He says he has always found a good demand for it and that he expects to increase his capacity as rapidly as possible. He says there is nothing that can be raised with so little trouble in the Basin as honey.

Big Horn County Rustler April 7, 1911

HYATTVILLE BOOSTERS.

The commercial organization at Hyattville on last Friday night as a result of the trip of President Collins and Mr. Ridgely to that place elected the following officers: [including] President, T. T. Pritchard.

Big Horn County Rustler May 26, 1911

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

...Among the visitors present aside at the meeting were Messrs. John Luman, Frank Gapen, John Seaman and T. T. Pritchard of Hyattville. Mr. Pritchard was called upon and said the club at Hyattville was working along nicely in a general way, endeavoring to do something for every part of the Basin. An invitation having been read asking the members to attend the fish fry to be given by the Hyattville club on Friday evening. Mr. Pritchard added his personal invitation to that of the club and promised all a good time.

Big Horn County Rustler, June 9, 1911

Mr. T. T. Pritchard has just finished his new addition to his residence, which adds much to the appearance of our village.

Big Horn County Rustler July 21, 1911

BEES ARE BUSY

Mr. T. T. Pritchard, of Hyattville, came down on Wednesday bringing 150 pounds of honey, which he sold to a local grocery store. Mr. Pritchard said he has about 130 stands of bees at work at this time and they keep him busy looking after them. He expects to take off between 4,500 and 5,000 pounds of honey this fall, and gives it as his opinion that there is nothing in which the Big Horn Basin so thoroughly excels as in the production of honey.

Big Horn County Rustler July 21, 1911 – February 9, 1912, six ads were placed:

HELLO! LISTEN!

Honey, Honey, Honey.

In any quantity—worth the money.

Say, you call or address Tourists' Home, Hyattville, Wyo.

T. T. Pritchard, Prop.

Big Horn County Rustler, May 24, 1912

SINKING OF THE TITANIC

Mr. T. T. Pritchard of Hyattville was in town the early part of the week soliciting for the sale of a book telling the story of the sinking of the Titanic. He was meeting with very good success.

Big Horn County Rustler, December 6, 1912

CLUB HOUSE IS OPENED

NEW HOME OF HYATTVILLE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The members of this association are...T. T. Pritchard....

Big Horn County Rustler April 3, 1914

Messrs. Jesse Matthews, David Matthews and T. T. Pritchard and Master Kay Matthews came down on Sunday from Hyattville, and Mr. Pritchard is remaining here to do some carpenter work on a house in the western part of town owned by Jesse.

Big Horn County Rustler October 1, 1915

Mr. Conrad Noll assisted by Mr. T. T. Pritchard finished stacking his oat field on the Wickwire place last week. If you don't, think T. T. can stack grain, just look at the stacks he built. He said his father taught him how when he was a boy way back in West Virginia.

Big Horn County Rustler December 24, 1915

Mr. T. T. Pritchard who has been ill with the lagrippe is able to be up and around once more.

Big Horn County Rustler February 18, 1916

Mr. T. T. Pritchard has invented and built a new combination, adjustable, hay and wood rack. In the near future he says he is going to Basin or Manderson to try to get a patent on it.

Big Horn County Rustler June 9, 1916

Sheriff and Mrs. B. F. Wickwire and daughter of Basin came to Hyattville in their car Sunday and while here took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard.

Big Horn County Rustler, January 25, 1918

Mr. Robt. Kennedy arrived home from Manderson on Monday with a load of coal for Mr. T. T. Pritchard.

Big Horn County Rustler June 14, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, all of Hyattville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy of Worland were in yesterday to bid farewell to Cort Pritchard who took the train with the bunch of soldiers.

Basin Republican August 25, 1922

PRITCHARD REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard of Hyattville were given a pleasant surprise last Sunday, August 20th, when all their seven children and fourteen grandchildren came home together and spent the day with them. There were present Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGary of Basin and seven little

McGarys, Virginia, Earl, Wayne, Harry, Ivan, Clyde and John; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noll of Worland with Kathryn, Louise, and John; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kennedy of Worland with Marguerite and Evan; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Mercer of Hyattville with Donald and Anita.

Of the unmarried children Miss Alice lives at home, Cort has been employed by the Mercer Bros, for twelve years, and Irl, the youngest is a Senior this year at the University at Laramie.

Two little girls were missing from the sixteen grandchildren. Baby Bessie McGary would now be twelve but she lived only a few months. Little six year old Elizabeth was claimed by death just a year ago.

The dinner was served under the apple trees where the afternoon was spent visiting. It has been twelve years since the last gathering of the family for the wedding of the Kennedys. At that time Virginia McGary was the only grandchild.

Basin Republican December 29, 1922

T.T. PRITCHARD PASSES AWAY

Daddy Pritchard in Hyattville passed away December 26, 1922 at the age of 73 years. He was decidedly striking character, frank, outspoken, and fearless in his convictions. He was a staunch admirer of Bryan and Wilson. His favorite topic, aside from our Big Horn weather, was the coinage of money.

Born in West Virginia in the days when it was all Virginia, he was a lad of twelve when the Civil War broke out. He had many interesting stories to tell of the lawless bands that went through that mountainous country.

He and his wife grew up together as children in the Slab Creek community near where he was born. They were married December 1st, 1878 and settled on a part of his father's homestead. To them were born seven children all of whom together with their mother survive him.

After living on that farm for fifty years he came to Basin country fifteen years ago and has resided at Hyattville ever since. HU children followed him out here. Mrs. R.D. Mercer and Mrs. W. K. McGary live near Hyattville, Mrs. R.E. Kennedy and Mrs. J. C. Noll live at Worland.

Three are unmarried: Cortez, Alice, and Irl their "baby" who is a senior at University at Laramie.

The old gentleman passed away very quietly, an old man gathered to his fathers in the fullness of years. Funeral services were held in Hyattville Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and internment made in the Hyattville cemetery.



August 1927, 5 years after T.T. died.

Back row: Cort, Irl. Middle row: Lucy, Jennie, Alice. Front row: Clara, Bette, Addie.

Newspaper accounts of Addie Pritchard:

Basin Republican January 22, 1909

Mrs. L. A. Parker of Hyattville, died Sunday morning after an illness of about 12 hours. She had been apparently well and attending to duties in the store as usual Saturday. She was sick only such a short time that her death was unexpected by everyone and her sad death is a shock to all.

Miss Addie Pritchard is staying in Parker's store for awhile.

Big Horn County Rustler February 12, 1909

Miss Addie Pritchard, who teaches a school on Nowood below Ten Sleep, was visiting her parents in Hyattville Saturday. Miss Pritchard is an estimable young lady and is very much liked by the pupils and parents of her district.

Basin Republican February 12, 1909 (same story with slightly different wording)

Miss Addie Pritchard, the efficient teacher of the Mann school on Nowood, spent Saturday with her parents in Hyattville. Miss Pritchard is very much liked as a teacher and is highly esteemed by all patrons of the school.

Basin Republican November 5, 1909

The members of the Ladies Aid society of Hyattville met last week with Mrs. Ilg. At this meeting it was decided to have a bazaar at Hyattville on Dec. 18, 1909, where they will have for sale Christmas presents, the funds to go for the support of the church. Addie Pritchard, Secy.

Big Horn County Rustler September 9, 1910

PRITCHARD-KENNEDY.

The Rustler regrets that it overlooked last week the wedding of Miss Addie M. Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard of Hyattville to Mr. Robert E. Kennedy, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Kennedy of Colter. This wedding took place at the home of the bride's parent on Sunday, August 28th, the ceremony being performed by the father of the groom. These young people are among the best people of the Basin, and the Rustler wishes them happiness and prosperity,

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy passed through Basin this week on the way to Chicago, where they will make their home. On the way they will stop in South Dakota, where they will visit Mr. Kennedy's great grandfather.

Big Horn County Rustler April 7, 1916

Mrs. T. T. Pritchard left on Thursday morning of last week for Worland to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Kennedy, and her son Irl.

Word was received here last week that Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kennedy of Worland had become the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Kennedy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard of this place.

Big Horn County Rustler January 25, 1918

Mr. Robt. Kennedy arrived home from Manderson on Monday with a load of coal for Mr. T. T. Pritchard.

Big Horn County Rustler March 22, 1918

Mrs. T. T. Pritchard and son S. C. Pritchard drove to Worland on Monday, they having been called there by the serious illness of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy is a daughter of Mrs. Pritchard.



Addie and Robert Kennedy with their children Evan and Marguerite at the 1922 Pritchard reunion

Newspaper accounts of Cort Pritchard:

Basin Republican February 7, 1908

S. C. Pritchard, principal of the Spring Creek School, is home on a vacation. Young ladies beware.

Big Horn County Rustler and Basin Republican June 12, 1908

Cort Pritchard, while, assisting in laying stone for the foundation of the new church at Hyattville, yesterday, was accidentally hit on the head with a large stone, but is making a rapid recovery from the injury. Miss Alice Pritchard has been quite sick with measles for the past two weeks.



Hyattville around 1908 picturing the church Cort helped build. The Wickwire cabin that the Pritchards had bought may be one of the houses barely visible to the left of the church. The fancy house on the right with a two level porch is not the Pritchard hotel, and seems to no longer be there in 2016.

Basin Republican. August 19, 1910

HYATTVILLE'S BIG DAY

OPENING OF PAINT ROCK OPERA HOUSE DRAWS BIG THrong TO OUR CLASSIC LITTLE NEIGHBOR LAST FRIDAY-THE NEW STRUCTURE A SPLENDID EDIFICE AND IS BUILT ON MODERN LINES-TWO BALL GAMES-SEVERAL LITERARY NUMBERS-MUSIC BY THE EXCELLENT HYATTVILLE BAND-FINE SUPPER BY THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY, TOGETHER WITH A MAGNIFICENT DANCE-THESE CONSTITUTED THE SATISFYING FEATURES OF THE DAY-THE ENTERPRISE OF THE CITIZENS COMMENDED ON EVERY SIDE.

...Then came a number by the splendid band under the leadership of L. A. Parker, which they rendered in excellent style. Mr. Parker has taken the following persons and produced a band of which they have a right to feel proud. A. S. Mercer, Jr., C. S. Pritchard, Geo. Parker, B. F. Mercer. S. W. Creel, Lucy Pritchard, Jack Harold, and E. M. Mills....

Basin Republican September 17, 1912

Ten Sleep Band Here

The Tensleep band arrived in town yesterday afternoon and will play for the fair this week. The members of the band are...Cort Pritchard....

Basin Republican April 25, 1913

Cort Pritchard had a runaway this week. He tore down about a half a mile of wire fence and broke up a hayrack. Outside of a little scare Cort is still on deck with his grin.

Big Horn County Rustler, August 15, 1913

HYATTVILLE GOOD ROADS MEETING

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE IDEA OF GOOD ROADS

...Immediately afterward a program was rendered by local talent, assisted by several young gentlemen from Basin. The first number was a selection by the orchestra, composed of...Cort Pritchard....

Basin Republican January 16, 1914

To Take Examination

Examination under civil service for postmasterships will be held in Basin today at Fraternity hall. Among those who will take the examination are...S.C. Pritchard....

Postmasters - Many Wyoming Officers Named

The following Wyoming postmasters were appointed today...Hyattville, Big Horn, County, Scipio C. Pritchard

Big Horn County Rustler October 22, 1915

Con Noll and Cortez Pritchard went to the mountains recently and brought back a load of quakenasp wood.

Big Horn County Rustler November 5, 1915

PREPARING ENTERTAINMENT

During the visit of the X - Z Quartet to Basin, a meeting was held at which it was decided to combine the members of this organization with the members of the male quartet of Basin and to proceed to the preparation of something in the way of entertainment for the people of Basin and Hyattville during the coming winter. Those who will be interested in the proposed plans are Messrs. Warren Dailey, John P. Arnott, Jr., S. C. Pritchard and Mark Morris and Dr. L. G. VanSlyke, all of Hyattville, and Messrs. R. J. Extra, H. H. Hime, L. O. Gray and several others yet to be selected of Basin. It will not be their purpose of providing an entire evening's entertainment, but to give a substantial portion of such an entertainment.

Basin Republican June 14, 1918

T. T. Pritchard was in yesterday from Hyattville to see his son leave for the army.

S. C. Pritchard of Hyattville leaves for Logan, Utah, to that university to take up mechanics work for the war department.

Big Horn County Rustler, June 14, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, all of Hyattville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy of Worland were in yesterday to bid farewell to Cort Pritchard who took the train with the bunch of soldiers.

Basin Republican April 2, 1920

Cort Pritchard has been under the weather for a few days and has taken the opportunity to visit with his folks and recuperate.

Newspaper accounts of Lucy Pritchard:

Big Horn County Rustler July 14, 1911

HYATTVILLE ON JULY 5

Feeling that the program on July 4 had not been quite satisfactory, Messrs. Dailey, Pritchard, Nelson, and Allen decided that the good old town should "redeem" herself on the 5th....

This was followed by the Ladies Horse Race which was won by Mrs. Gus Allen of Basin, Lucy Pritchard of Hyattville; second.

Big Horn County Rustler September 26, 1913

At the parsonage at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening Miss Lucy Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard of Hyattville and Mr. Conrad Noll, one of the sterling young farmers of the Paintrock were united

in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Albone. This excellent young couple has the best wishes of many friends in the Paintrock and Tensleep country.

Big Horn County Rustler, June 23, 1916

Mrs. Lucy Noll and daughters were visiting with Mrs. Noll's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard on Monday.

Newspaper accounts of Irl Pritchard:

Big Horn County Rustler, March 10, 1916

Mr. Robert Kennedy of Worland accompanied by Mr. Irl Pritchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Pritchard, arrived in Hyattville on Sunday for a short visit. While here they caught a nice mess of fish. They returned to Worland on Tuesday.

Big Horn County Rustler, June 23, 1916

Mr. Irl Pritchard, Dr. C. E. Fawcett and Mr. Ross Kirkpatrick went to the cliffs south of town on Sunday and procured a large amount of honey from a bee nest in the rocks.

Worland Grit, February 9, 1917

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

PUPILS OF WORLAND HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT "CUPID AT VASSAR"

Fair Rue as "Kate Newton" is the vivacious college girl with whom Jack Gage, as the admirable "John Willis" falls in love. Wanda Carrol (Sevilla Chatfield) and Anton North (Irl Pritchard) are the "villains"....

Worland Grit February 23, 1917

RIGS COLLIDE IN DARK

Wednesday night an accident happened east of town when the vehicle driven by Mr. Chance, who was on his way home after attending the revival meeting, collided with the one driven by Irl Pritchard and Helen Horsley, who were coming into town. The night was very dark and neither driver could see the other rig approaching when the front wheels of the vehicles locked but the horses just kept on going, walking free of the harness and buggies. The sudden jar threw all occupants to the hard ground, Mr. Chance lighting on his head and being quite stout the blow dazed him and it was necessary to have a car remove him to his home. Miss Horsley was slightly hurt about the back and Mr. Pritchard escaped without a scratch.

Worland Grit, March 2, 1917

CAPACITY HOUSE GREETES "CUPID AT VASSAR"

"Cupid at Vassar" was greeted by a packed house last Friday night. In fact part of the crowd was turned away as even standing room was at a premium. The players lived up to their expectations and gave the audience a real "live" performance. Each actor was a star in his or her particular part and it would be difficult to single out any individual, so well was each part taken. Miss Fair Rue as Kate, Sevilla Chatfield as Wanda, Lester Gregg as Shiny, Jack Gage as John Willett, Irl Pritchard as Amos North and Ben Gregg as Hank continually "brought down" the house....

Worland Grit May 16, 1918

EVERY BOY OF THE 1918 GRADUATING CLASS ENLISTS

The 3 boys of the 1918 graduating class of the Worland high school, Irl Pritchard, Ben Gregg and Jack Gage, will leave about the 25th of the month to join the military service. Neither of these young men are of draft age and their act will be voluntary. All are exceptionally fine specimens of young manhood and no doubt will give good accounts of themselves in Uncle Sam's service and reflect great credit on the community

Worland Grit June 13, 1918 and Basin Republican June 14, 1918

Camp Winfield Scott, June 5, 1918

Dear Mother:

Just finished my supper and I thought I would write you a few lines. We had rice, apple sauce, potatoes, beans, beef stew, tea and bread for supper. Don't you think that was a very good meal?

We are drilling from seven in the morning until four in the evening with two hours off at noon. It isn't near as hard as I expected. I expect it will get monotonous before I am through. I am still feeling fine and have gained six pounds since I landed here. The corporal of our company is certainly a fine fellow. We lost one of our boys from Worland. He was put in another company. The other three of us are in the same company and two of us in the same squad. I nearly laughed my head off today at a fellow who couldn't march nor learn how. They tried to teach him to keep step and couldn't, so they tied his left leg to a sergeant's leg and marched him up and down the street until he did learn. The trouble is, he hasn't learned yet. I went out on the bay and watched a bunch of fishermen pull in their nets. Talk about fish! They sure had a load, something like five hundred they said. There is a fellow here exactly the same height as myself, built just the same and we weigh the same to an ounce. Our hair is the same color and everybody says we look exactly alike. Several have asked us if we weren't brothers. We have decided to pass off as twins. His name is Pendergrass.

The fellow from Worland, who was put in another company, was just here and said he did not like his bunch at all.

We had a jumping contest the other evening and I have the championship of the company. Ben Gregg and I sure took them to a cleaning. They got the boxing gloves and we boys from Worland cleaned the whole darned bunch. It sure was some fun. We took them turn about. The company sergeant refereed. I never had as much fun in such a short time as I did then.

Tell everybody hello. Write me as often as you can and I will do the same.

Irl J. Pritchard,

44th Co. C. A. C, Presidio,

San Francisco. Cal.

Worland Grit December 19, 1918

SURE LIKES SUNNY FRANCE

Somewhere in France

Dear Addie:

I received your letter this evening and it was the first I have had. I was glad to hear from home believe me. I was certainly some sick our second day on the water but I think I will come back before the sea goes dry for there is some water there believe me.

I believe this would not be a bad country to live in for it is certainly fine. I have not seen any frost yet. Everything is still green. Looks like Wyoming in September.

Cort sure had bad luck with his cattle. I suppose he is cussing because he didn't get to come over. I am mad because I didn't get here sooner. I would like to have helped finish them at least. I suppose we will be headed for home soon judging from the looks of things. There was some celebration here when that armistice was signed.

I wrote the folks at home a letter and told them to send it to you. Send me the Grit as often as you can. I have not received one for some time. I will tell you all about things here when I get home.

Ursal Morgan is somewhere near here but I have not got him located yet. We had a parade this afternoon led by the band and it seemed to please the French people. The American flags are about as numerous as the French flags around here. They always hang the U. S. flag beside their own.

As I said "This is some country." We drink wine instead of water. The water is bad and the wine is weak so we take the better. We are getting some intensive training now but good eats so I should worry.

Say I can hardly write for a fellow next to me is reading a letter from his girl and I believe he has gone crazy. He is yelling and singing all at once.

I can still catch fish. After trying for an hour to find out if there were any fish in a river near here a Frenchman finally succeeded in telling me they were there but couldn't be caught. I couldn't see it that way so I got a friend and we went for the river Sunday afternoon. We got three the smallest about fifteen inches long. I found that Frenchmen and showed them to him and he got a dictionary and made me tell how I caught them. I used a trout line and paid 3 franc for a boat. They sure tasted good. Reminded me some of the old trout from Paint Rock. Well Addie it is

late and I must write to mother and shave so will close for this time. Write soon.

As ever,

Irl J. Pritchard,

Bat E. 46th Reg.

A. E. F.

Worland Grit, May 1, 1919

MORE BOYS BACK HOME

Irl Pritchard arrived in Worland on Saturday from France, where he has been taking a hand in the war. He remained for a few days visiting with his sister, Mrs. Robert Kennedy. He left on Monday for his home. Glad hands were extended to Mr. Irl Pritchard. congratulating him on his safe return from the Western Front. He was very happy in his place at church Sunday, faithful and appreciative as in the days before the war. He is expected to give the B.Y.P.U. a talk Sunday evening.

Worland Grit, December 18, 1919

Ben Gregg and Irl Pritchard, who have been attending the State University at Laramie arrived in Worland Saturday to spend the holidays at home.

Newspaper obituary for Asa Mercer:

Worland Grit, August 23, 1917

DEATH CLAIMS COL. ASA S. MERCER, SR.

Col. Asa. S. Mercer, Sr., one of the pioneers of the state and of the Big Horn basin, passed away on Friday last at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Webb, of Buffalo, after an illness of several months, at the age of 78. The remains were brought to his home at Hyattville on Monday by his son, Mr. R. D. Mercer, and funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of his son, Asa Mercer, Jr. The services were in charge of Rev. Gaither of the Methodist church. A choir consisting of Miss Ida Walters, Mrs. Lucy Noll, Mr. Cortez Pritchard and Rev. Gaither, rendered several selections. Following the services the remains were laid to rest in Hyattville cemetery beside those of his wife, who passed away seventeen years ago. The poll bearers were Messrs. John Seaman, Nick Carstensen, Dave Matthews, Willis Booth, D. W. Cook and Frank Walters. The funeral was largely attended and the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of friends of the deceased.

In 1896 with his family he moved to the Big Horn Basin and settled on 'the land which is now known as the Mercer ranch, near Hyattville. Here, with the aid of his sons, he took out a ditch on the north side of the creek and began watering a large body of land. Years of toil and hardship followed, but today his sons and his son-in-law, Mr. Weintz, have under water in the neighborhood of 2,000 acres of land and large herds of cattle which tell the story of his far-sightedness in locating in the Basin country. Col. Mercer was a writer of exceptional ability in the use of the English language. He was the author of "The Banditti of the Plains," "The Pioneer," "The Life of Chief Washakie," and "The Gem of the Rockies."



Lucy Ann Elizabeth Pritchard (Bette) with two of her grandchildren
(my mother on the left and her cousin Kathryn on the right)
on the porch of the Pritchard hotel,
Christmas 1914



The old Pritchard hotel in Hyattville, Wyoming, in 2015.



On the foot bridge in front of old hotel...

Top: Evan Kennedy, Anita Mercer, and Marguerite Kennedy (my mother) in 1924

Middle: Linda Huey, 1957

Bottom: Linda Huey, 2015