

The Following Is A History of The ABSALOM and JULIA SHRADER FAMILY

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Absalom came to America from Germany. He and his wife, Julia, were living in Marion County, Virginia, coming to Henry County, Indiana about 1816. Four years later they came to Blackford County, settling 1½ miles east of Dundee, which is now Roll.

They had the following children:

1. John R. Shrader-----born 1810 in Marion County, Virginia.
2. Henry Shrader-----moved from Indiana to Richardson County, Nebraska as a young man. I found in a marriage records book there was a Henry C. Shrader married Mary Dunn, May 1, 1853. I do not know if this our Henry Shrader or not.
3. MARY Ann Martha Shrader-----birthdate unknown, married Alfred Ratliff March 31, 1846 They were parents of one daughter, Sarah Emmaline Ratliff, born 1853, in Blackford County, Ind. She was married April 3, 1882 to Michael R. or B. Sills at the groom's residence. She was also married to first name unknown, Clark for her 1st husband.
4. Elizabeth Shrader-----birthdate unknown, married Nicholas Willman, August 11, 1846.
5. Julia Shrader-----born March 7, 1835, married Joseph B. Sills, who died April 9, 1881. Julia died February 2, 1910. Both are both buried in Schmidt Cemetery.

John R. Shrader married Mary Ann Cochran, daughter of Thomas B. and Margaret (Whitlock)

Cochran, March 28, 1852. They had the following children:

1. Martha Jane Shrader-----born May 8, 1858, in Blackford County, Indiana.
2. Jacob Marion Shrader-----born July 12, 1862, in Blackford County, Indiana.
3. William Henry Shrader-----born in Blackford County, Indiana, died at age 19.
4. Elva Viola Shrader-----born in Blackford County, Indiana, died at age 16.
5. Infant Shrader-----born in Blackford County, Indiana, died as infant.

Absalom Shrader died May 23 1869, his wife, Julia H., died March 22, 1879 at age 84 years, 1 month 14 days. They, along with all their children, are buried in the Schmidt Cemetery, east of Roll, Indiana.

Martha Jane Shrader married Phillip Schmidt, June 4, 1876, in Washington Township by Lemuel Johnson, Justice of the Peace. Phillip was the son of Wilhelm and Anna Margaret (Schwinn) Schmidt who were born and lived in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, coming to America during the early 1830's, shortly after their marriage.

Martha Jane Shrader (Schmidt) AND Phillip Schmidt were parents of four children all born in Blackford County, Indiana. They were:

1. Orville Schmidt-----birthdate unknown
2. Rexford Schmidt-----birthdate unknown
3. Herbert L. Schmidt-----born JANUARY 11, 1887
4. Frances Cordelia Schmidt-----birthdate unknown.

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1. Orville Schmidt married Dora STEvenson after first marrying a sister of hers who died very soon after. He and Dora had 11 children.
2. Rexford Schmidt married Addie Sills, daughter of Uriah and Mary(Dick) Sills of Wells County. They had no children of their own but raised a nephew of Addie's, Kenneth Keller. Rexford was a farmer in Blackford County.
3. Herbert L. Schmidt married Bertha Lillibridge, born in Blackford County, Ind. in 1889. Herbert and Bertha had a daughter, Norma, born at Roll, Ind., who married Kenneth Denton. They have a son, Kent, who is married to Cindy, unknown last name, they have two daughters, Stacy and Darcy.
4. Francis Cordelia Schmidt married Frank Pierce, Roll, Indiana. They had four children:
  1. Earl Pierce-----birthdate unknown
  2. Bonnie Pierce-----birthdate unknown
  3. Donald Pierce-----birthdate unknown
  4. Russell Pierce-----birthdate unknown

All the Pierce children are married and most have children but I do not have complete information for this.

Now continuing with the Jacob Marion portion of this history.

Jacob Marion Shrader married Phoebe Jane Lockett, daughter of James and Amelia (Leffingwell) Lockett who was the son of Jeremiah and Phoebe (Carnes) Lockett, on 18 April, 1885 by Alvin N. Morris J. P. in Blackford County, Ind. They had the following children: all born in Blackford County, INd,

1. Mary Belle Shrader-----born 1886, married Benjamin C. Silvers 12, September 1903. They resided in Roll. She died 1 April 1907 at her parents home. Burial Center Cemetery.
2. Homer Marion Shrader-----born 11 May 1887, in Blackford County, INd. He married Lena Etta Shelton, daughter of George and Mary (Jarrett) of Blackford Co. Ind. September 11, 1909. To them was born five children:

1. Ruby Garnet Shrader-----born July 1, 1910, she never married and died November 27 1995 at the University Care Center, Upland, Indiana. Services were held at Walker-Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ind. and burial was in the Roll Cemetery, Roll.

2. Herschel Emerson Shrader-----born June 24, 1912 in Blackford County, Ind. He was married to Fern Childers from Jay County, Indiana in 1937. They had 1 daughter:

Julia Ann Shrader-----born November 1, 1940 in Blackford County, Ind. at the Hartford City Hospital. Herschel died at the same hospital March 10, 1950 following surgery for gallstones. Herschel is buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery at Montpelier, Ind. Fern Shrader was born 31 January, 1909 in Charlevoix County, Michigan. She was a registered nurse and worked in the Blackford County and Ball Memorial Hospitals several years. In the 1970's, she moved to Monroe County, near Bloomington, and died there in her home 21 March, 1980. She is also buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery Montpelier, Indiana.

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Julia Ann Shrader married MORRIS Lee Souders, of Bloomington, Ind. on 4 April, 1965. They have two children:

1. Erik Lee Souders-----born 5 December, 1966 at Bloomington, Indiana.
2. Liane Elise Souders-----born 18 October, 1969 at Bloomington, Indiana.

Liane Elise Souders was married 15 October 1994 to William John Sims from Chicago, Ill. in Tempe, Arizona.

3. Mary Elizabeth Shrader-----born 16 November, 1914 in Blackford County, Indiana. She married Howard M. Howe of Indianapolis, Indiana 29 December, 1934. He was born 12 November, 1910, the son of Bard and Iva Howe. They spent several years of their married life in Indianapolis, where Howard was employed in the baking department of the A. and P. grocery. In the late forties they moved back to Blackford County and purchased a farm 5 miles north and 2 miles east of Hartford City where Mary still resides. Howard passed away 14 September, 1988, at age 77 years, at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ind. Funeral services were held at the Walker-Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, Indiana. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Montpelier, Ind. No children born.

4. George Jacob Shrader-----born 1 June 1919, in Blackford County, Indiana. He was married to Marjorie O. Moore, also of Blackford County, daughter of Harry and Hilda (Langdon) Moore, she was born 15 February, 1923, married 24 February, 1946 at the Roll Methodist Church, Roll, Indiana. Two sons were born to them:

1. Keith Marvin Shrader-----born 22 September, 1947. in Blackford County, In.
2. Gary Kenton Shrader-----born 14 December, 1950. in Blackford County, In.

Keith married Barbara Pulley, daughter of Chester and Maxine Pulley, of Van Buren, Grant County, INd. on 9 October, 1970 at the Farrville United Church of Christ. They have two sons:

1. Brian Keith Shrader-----born 8 January, 1976.
2. William Scott Shrader-----born 22 May, 1981.

Gary Shrader married Eva Joan McLaughlin, 21 June, 1975, daughter of Edward Leroy and Mary (Whitacre) McLaughlin of Portland, Indiana, at the Blaine United Methodist Church at Portland, Ind. They have three children: all born in Blackford County.

1. Shelbie Marie Shrader -----born 26 October, 1978.
2. Shanelle Lea Shrader-----born 17 November 1980.
3. Levi Jared Shrader-----born 23 February 1982.

5. John Marion Shrader married Mary Avis Perkins, born 7, November, 1927, daughter of Lee and Maxine (Foreman) Perkins of Blackford County. Their marriage was 4 August, 1946. They have lived all their married life at the farm home where John was born and which was the home of his parents and grandparents. They have two adopted children

1. Rebecca Sue Shrader-----born 5 June, 1953.
2. Steven Shrader-----born 28 March, 1960.

John Marion Shrader died at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic Hospital Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana 22 October, 1982. Funeral services were held at the Walker-Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ind, where burial was at the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Rebecca Sue Shrader married for her first husband, Gregory Alan Coffel, of Montpelier, IN.

They were married at the Applegate Chapel at the Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, Ind. 11 February, 1972. They had one daughter, namely: Jennifer Coffel, born 21 Novv 1972 in Blackford County, INd. They were divorced and Rebecca married Donald LaFrance.

They had three children:

1. Amber LaFrance-----born 17 March, 1979; birthplace unknown.

2. Kimberly LaFrance-----born 17 May, 1981; birthplace unknown.

3. Matthew LaFrance-----born 3 April, 1984; birthplace unknown

Rebecca is now divorced from Donald and is married for the third time.

Steven Shrader married for his first wife, Claudia Shellene Earl, from Portland, Ind.

They did not have any children and were divorced after about one year. of marriage. He then married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sills of War ren, INd. They had 1 son:

1. Chazz Shrader-----born 5 March 1984, birthplace unknown.

Steven was again divorced and married again to Patricia (Koger) Clark. They had two children:

1. Fallon Clark-----born 18 September 1982, birthplace unknown.

2. J. D. Shrader-----born 17, May 1988., birthplace unknown.

Patricia Shrader died after suffering a long time with cancer. 1995, I believe.

PAGE 5. Continuing The History of The Absalom and Julia Shrader Family beginning with Caroline ( Shrader) and Clelland Marshall Shelton

Clelland Shelton was born in Blackford County, Ind. May 17, 1888; the son of George and Mary Shelton. George Shelton was born May 19, 1864 in Jasper County, Iowa, the son of Floyd and Rebecca (Wilson) Shelton. They died when George was very young. At the age of six, in 1870, he was sold out, like a slave, for \$300.00 to Elijah M. Twibell. Elijah was married to Josinah Perfect 21 February 1850. They brought George to Montpelier, Ind, under their guardianship and he remained in this area until his marriage. He was married to Mary Anna Jarrett of Chester Township, Wells County, Ind. in Montpelier on November 16, 1886. She was born November 16, 1868 in Wells County, the daughter of John and Mary (Sills) Jarrett, one of a family of 13 children.

They had the following children:

1. Clelland Marshall Shelton -----born May 17, 1888 Blackford County, Ind.
2. Arnett Foster Shelton-----born April 17, 1891, died September 1, 1893.
3. Lena Etta Shelton-----born July 24, 1892 Blackford County, Ind.
4. James William Shelton-----born September 22, 1894 , Blackford Co. Ind
5. Joseph Clarence Shelton -----born April 19, 1896 Blackford Co. Ind
6. Von Earnest Shelton ----- born September 4, 1907, Blackford Co, Ind.

Clelland "Cledi" Shelton married Caroline "Carrie" Shrader , born February 2, 1890, in Blackford County, Ind., September 13, 1910 in Blackford County by John Day, J. B.

Lena Shelton married Homer Shrader September 11, 1909.

James Shelton never married ; was a W. W. I veteran and served time overseas in France during that time. When returning home after this , he lived in Hartford City with his mother until her death. HE DIED JULY 1, 1963, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Fort Wayne, IND. Burial was in the Roll Cemetery, as also are his parents.

Joseph Shelton married for his first wife, Nellie Boyer, from South Bend, Ind. She had two sons by a previous marriage. This was Harry Boyer and Robert Boyer. Nellie Shelton died suddenly at a hotel in Wasseon, Ohio, in 1937. Joseph was checking into the hotel preparing to go to a job here. He married the second time at Bluffton, IND. to Evelyn Nicholson September 15, 1951. He died at his home February 25, 1958 in Bluffton after an illness of 1 week with pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Thoma Funeral Home and burial was at the Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Nellie Shelton is buried at the Roll, Ind. Cemetery.

Homer and Lena (Shelton) Shrader are buried at the Roll Cemetery, Homer died in 1940 in an Indianapolis Hospital, and Lena died at her home February 1946. Both are buried in the Roll Cemetery.

After returning to his home in Hartford City, 1945 after serving in the armed forces overseas in the European Theatre of operations, Von Shelton married Glenna Berniece Boxell, daughter of James W. and Martha (Smith) Boxell in Bluffton, Ind. Glenna was born February 6, 1914, in Blackford County, Ind. Von died at the Blackford County Hospital at Hartford City , June 26, 1973 . Glenna died April 20, 1994 at the Community Care Center West, Portland, Indiana, Both are buried at the Gardens OF Memory, Muncie, Ind.

1. James L. Shelton -----born February 7, 1850 in Iowa  
James married Anna Sickles-----born September 3, 1852 They had the following  
children: James and Anna married January 9, 1871 by J. P.
  1. Peter Shelton-----born November 3, 1870
  2. Margaret -----born December 29, 1875 Died March 28, 1890.
  3. William -"Willie"-----born February 4, 1879 died October 22, 1879.
  4. Sarah Anna Shelton-----born October 12, 1886.
  5. Daisy Mearl Shelton-----born June 29, 1893.
2. John Thomas Shelton-----born 1852
3. William Washington Shelton-----born 1856  
William Washington married -Esther Roark, June 20, 1878 by J. P.-- had <sup>5</sup> children:
  1. Eythl Shelton
  2. Stella Shelton
  3. Ruby Shelton
  4. Nora Shelton
  5. Edyth Shelton
4. Mary Etta Shelton-----born 1860.
5. Marshall Shelton-----born 1862.

I believe all these Shelton's were born in Iowa. I do have a report that two of the brothers of George Shelton went to California gold fields and no contact was ever made with the family thereafter.

1. Opal Evelyn Shelton-----born 12 September, 1911.
2. Milo Leroy Shelton -----born 15 December, 1912. He never married was a farmer and factory worker, living with his father, south and east of Roll until his death 18 August, 1949 at the home of Floyd Shelton, in Roll, Ind. after suffering a severe heart attack.
4. Homer Foster Shelton-----born 25, August, 1915. He died 5 December 1915 from having influenza.
3. William Edward Shelton-----born 22 August, 1914.
5. Lena Mae Shelton-----born 21 February, 1915; died 12 May, 1918 influenza
6. Floyd Everett Shelton-----born 23 July, 1919
7. Clifford Shelton-----born 12, July, 1921. He died 1 September, 1924.
8. Herschel Francis Shelton-----born 23 February, 1924,

Opal Shelton was married to Ralph Highley, from Warren, Ind. 6 August, 1931 and had two children:

1. Clarence Richard Highley-----born 17 October, 1932 Huntington County, Ind.
2. Agatha June Highley-----born 27 June 1935 Huntington County, Ind.

Clarence Highley married Alta Droke, Van Buren, Grant Co., - Ind. 12 November, 1955.

They have three children:

1. Terry Highley-----born 14 September, 1957 in Huntington County, Ind.
2. Nancy Ann Highley-----born 27 November, 1960 in Huntington County, Ind.
3. Larry Wayne Highley-----born 4 May, 1964 in Huntington County, Ind.

Terry Richard Highley was married to Janet Bailey from Huntington County, Ind. on June 7, 1980, at the Applegate Chapel, Warren Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, Indiana. Huntington County, Ind.

Nancy Ann Highley was married to Greg Keller from Warren, Indiana at the Jefferson Center United Methodist Church, Huntington, County, Ind, 24 April, 1984.

Alta's parents were Russell and Ruby Droke.

Greg and Nancy Keller have two children:

1. Justine Keller -----born December, 1987. Huntington County Hospital Huntington, Ind.
2. Garrett Keller-----born April 3, 1990. at Huntington County Hospital Huntington, Ind.

Terry and Janet Highley had one son, Chad Richard Highley, born 9 October, 1982 at the Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind. They divorced shortly after that.

LARRY Wayne Highley was married to Janis Elaine Zeller April 2, 1988 at the United Church of Christ, Warren, Ind. Parents of Janis are Marvin and Rosemary (Hauptof) Zeller of Warren, Ind. Larry and Janis have two sons:

1. Aaron James Highley -----born May 4, 1989, Huntington County Hospital,
2. Brian Wayne Highley-----born April 24, 1991, Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Indiana.

2. Agatha June Highley married James Frederick Miller 21 August 1955 at the Mt. Zion United Brethren Church Parsonage at Warren, Huntington County, Ind. James was the son of Elwood and LuLu (Payne) Miller, living in Mt. Zion, Wells County, Ind.

James and Agatha had four children:

1. Cindy Kay Miller-----born November 27, 1957 at Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind.
2. Connie Kay Miller-----born 22 August, 1960 at Huntington County, Hospital, Huntington, Ind.
3. Cathy Kay Miller-----born 8 March, 1962 at Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind. She met a very tragic death in the yard of their home when she was hit by a truck, on October 17, 1963. Her burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, Ind.
4. Garry Duane Miller -----born 12 June, 1965 at Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind.

Cindy Miller married Robert Haley of the Mt. Etna area in Huntington County, Ind. They were married at the Mt. Etna Methodist Church December 18, 1976 and have one daughter: Dianne Maree Haley----born March 14, 1981 at Huntington County Hospital.

Connie Miller married Steven Crouse from northern Indiana. They had two sons:

1. Scott Allen Crouse-----born 22 January 1983 at the Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind.
2. Bryan Wayne Crouse-----born 19 August 1987 at Huntington County Hospital.

Connie and Steve were married at the Jefferson Center Methodist Church in Huntington, County, Ind. They soon were divorced and Connie is now married to James Harold Shook from Warren, Ind. They are living in Wells County, in the Dillman area.

Garry Miller married Lisa Pinkerton from Warren, Ind. December 1, 1990 at the Church of Christ in Warren, Ind. They have two children:

1. Kelsey Ann Miller-----born June 3, 1994 at the Huntington County Hospital.
2. Kory Duane Miller -----born October 25, 1996 at the Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, Ind.

Opal (Shelton) Highley died at the Huntington County Hospital February 9, 1988 after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Bergman Brown and Son Funeral Home, Warren, Ind. Burial followed at the Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren, Indiana.



## Continuing The History Of The Absalom and Julia Shrader Families

Continuing with The Clell and Carrie (Shrader) Shelton Children and Grandchildren

William Edward Shelton married Doris Roberta Smith from South Bend, Indiana, born to

John E. and Sada (Bobo) Smith, on January 15, 1918. They were married June 1939.

Children born to William and Doris were:

1. ~~William Marshall Shelton~~-----born August 8, 1940 in Blackford County, Ind.
2. Jeanne Ann Shelton-----born November 26, 1941 Blackford County, Ind.
3. John Edward Shelton-----born February 8, 1946, Blackford County, Ind.
4. Karen Lynn Shelton-----born January 2, 1950, The New Years Baby in Blackford County that year.
5. Rebecca Sue Shelton-----born July 13, 1952, Blackford County, Ind.
6. Michael Trent Shelton-----born March 10, 1957, Blackford County, Ind.

William Marshall Shelton married Barbara Joan Pryor at the Christian Church in Hartford City, Indiana. Joan was a local girl, a registered nurse, working at the Blackford County Hospital. They had four sons:

1. William Marshall Shelton, Jr.-----born January 13, 1964 at Blackford County Hospital, Hartford City.
2. John Norman Shelton-----born April 6, 1965, Blackford County Hospital.
3. James David Shelton-----born January 27, 1967, Blackford County, Hospital.
4. Robert Shelton-----born July 18, 1970, Blackford County, Hospital.

William Shelton, Jr. was married 5 years then divorced and is not now married.

John Shelton married 1st time and had a daughter, Kristi M. Shelton---born 1985.

He was divorced and married a second time to Billie Jo Townsend, July 23, 1994, in Hartford City. Her parents, Steven Townsend, a stepfather, and Marjorie (Norris) Townsend were from Hartford City. Billie Jo was killed in a tragic accident near Marion, Ind. Grant County, January 6, 1995. Funeral services were held at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, Ind. and burial was in the Hartford City Cemetery.

William M. and Joan Shelton also had a foster son, Miller (Mick) Sherman, New Castle Indiana, who died at the home of John Shelton in Hartford City, Ind. December 4, 1992.

His funeral services were held at the Keplinger Funeral Home and burial was in the Crown Hill Cemetery at Indianapolis, Indiana. He had lived in Indianapolis, before coming to the Henry and Delaware County areas.

Jeanne Ann Shelton married Dannie Gable from Hartford City, in the Presbyterian Church in Hartford City, Indiana., May 28 1958. They were parents of three children,:

1. Tamyra Lynn Gable-----born February 28, 1959 in Hartford City, Blackford Co.
2. Danny Alan Gable-----born August 14, 1960 in Hartford City, Blackford Co. I.
3. Patrick Shelton Gable-----born April 2, 1962, birthplace not sure only know it was in Indiana, maybe Greenfield.

Tamyra Gable was married December 31, 1977, in the Trinity Park United Methodist Church, Greenfield, Indiana, to Airman Robert D. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wyatt, Greenfield. They were making their home at this time in Biloxi, Miss. where Robert was schooling in electronic computer repair.

Continuing with the Clell and Carrie (Shrader) Shelton Children and grandchildren and the William Edward and Doris Shelton Family.

John Edward Shelton was married to Diane (last name unknown). They had two sons:

1. Christopher Shelton-----born February 15, 1972
2. John E. Shelton-----born October 23, 1970.

John served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, serving one year over there

Karen Shelton was married to Dennis Bolt from Hartford City, Indiana. They had a daughter, Traci, who is married, to whom is unknown, and she has a son, no other info. Traci Lynn Bolt was born February 26, 1970 in Hartford City, Ind.

Rebecca Sue Shelton was married to Steven Harrison Cooley, Montpelier, Ind. 1969, July 27. Steven is the son of Homer and Hazel Cooley. He was serving in the United States Army at the time of their wedding. They had two sons, Michael Cooley, second sons name unknown. Rebecca and Steven were then divorced.

Michael Trent Shelton was married to Penny (last name unknown) I have no other information on Michael.

William Edward Shelton died at his home November 9, 1961 following a heart attack. His funeral was held at the Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, Ind. and burial followed in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie, Delaware County, Ind.

Doris Roberta Shelton then shortly after married Herschel Stevenson and they had a daughter, Evelyn Joann Stephenson-born February 24, 1963. Doris and Herschel were divorced. Evelyn was married and had a set of twin sons who died shortly after birth. Herschel Francis Shelton died in a friend's home in Hartford City, April 1, 1984.. A short memorial service was held at the Veterans Administration Cemetery, Marion, Ind. and butial followed there.

Floyd Everett Shelton ,living 6 mile N and ½ mile west of Hartford City, Ind. married Rachel Annette Ross from Roll, Ind. March 9, 1941, at the Methodist Church parsonage Warren, IND. by Reverend Verlin Vernon, witnessed by Ralph and Opal Highley of Warren. They had two Children:

1. Lewis Edward Shelton-----born October 12, 1941 at the Blackford County Hospital Hartford City, Ind.

2. Gloria Sue Shelton-----born August 18, 1943, at the Blackford County Hospital Hartford City, Ind.

Lewis Shelton graduated from Roll High School May 3, 1959; he then entered Taylor UPLand, Ind. He graduated here June 1963; receiving a bachelor of Arts University Degree. He then continued to Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. and received A Masters degree in History here in 1964. He then continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, receiving a Masters Degree in Speech and Theater also a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1971 at Madison. January 25, 1965, he married Lynn Barbara Mahler, also a student of theater and speech at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She was from Riverdale, New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mahler. Their wedding took place at The Simon House in Madison, Wisconsin. The ceremony was performed by Judge William L. Buenzli. September, 1971, they accepted teaching positions at The University of California at Oakland, They were here 1 year, then transferred to Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas. Lewis is still teaching at Kansas State but he and Lynn were divorced in 1973 and she is now living in California. They had no children. Lewis has married twice since and is now married to Marcia Lake (McFarland)

Gloria Shelton graduated from Roll High School May 2, 1961. She immediately went to work at the Lord's Dress Shop in Hartford City. After working there a few months, she was employed by the Three-M Company at Hartford City. After working for two years, she was married to Michael Deon Ray, from Millgrove, Ind.. on June 30, 1963. Michael was a graduate of Montpelier High School, Montpelier, Ind., 1960.

His parents were Donald and Estella (Alfrey) Ray. Michael and Gloria have 1 daughter:

1. Traci Dawn Ray was born 1:40 P. M. May 14, 1965 at the Blackford County Hospital, Hartford City, Indiana. She went to and graduated from The Southern Wells High School Wells County, Ind. 1983. She went right into working in a bank, then into factories and was married October 21, 1995, to Kelly Swaney from Charlotte, North Carolina at Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They are now living at the home of her parents.

Michael and Gloria were married at the Roll United Methodist Church in Roll.

A beautiful reception was held at the Roll High School Gymnasium.

Herschel Shelton was married in 1955 to Gelene Reff from Millgrove, Ind. the daughter of Oscar and Thelma Reff. They had a daughter, Teresa Lou Shelton, born at the Blackford County Hospital, Hartford City, Ind. March 10, 1962.