Descendants of Richard Lee
Courtesy of Frazier Farmstead Museum

Our goal is to research the pioneers that came into the Walla Walla Valley Area, as a starter for those doing their family genealogy; we are not related.

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Generation No. 1

1. Richard ™ Lee (Richard £) was born 1815 in IL, and died 1853 in Jackson County, Illinois. He married Elizabeth Ann Burns 30 Nov 1834 in Perry County, MO. She was born 16 Dec 1813 in Jackson Cape Girardeau, MO, and died 16 Jan 1890 in Milton, Umatilla, OR.

Notes for Richard Lee:
1850 United States Federal Census > Illinois > Jackson > Northern District Line 41
Richard Lee 34 M Farmer !,000 IL
Elizabeth A. Lee 36 F MO (Married within year) Error.
Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: Northern District, Jackson, Illinois; Roll: M432_110; Page: 211; Image: 142.

More About Richard Lee:
Census 1: 1850, Illinois > Jackson > Northern District
Census 2: 1860, Illinois > Jackson > Township 8 Range 5 W P.O. Jones Creek
Notes for Elizabeth Ann Burns:
1880 Census OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D
Hiram B. LEE Self M Male W 35 IL Farmer IL MO
Sarah E. LEE Wife M Female W 27 NC Keeping House NC NC
Richard E. LEE Son S Male W 2 OR IL NC
Daisy A. LEE Dau S Female W 3M OR IL NC
Elizabeth A. BOON Mother W Female W 75 MO Boarder NY PA

More About Elizabeth Ann Burns:
Census 1: 1850, Illinois > Jackson > Northern District (see husband Richard Lee)
Census 2: 1860, IL Jackson Twp 8 Rg 5 W Pg 403 (see husband Bennington Boone)
Census 3: 1870, OR Umatilla Walla Walla Pct Pg 372A (see husband)
Census 4: 1880, OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D (Living with son Hiram Lee)
Marriage Notes for Richard Lee and Elizabeth Burns:
Marriage Index: AR, CA, IA, LA, MN, MO, OR, TX, 1728-1850
Spouse: Elizabeth Burns
Marriage Date: Nov 30, 1834
Location: Perry Co., Missouri
Source: Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
Microfilm: 0824069 item 7 & 0915640

More About Richard Lee and Elizabeth Burns:
Marriage: 30 Nov 1834, Perry County, MO

Children of Richard Lee and Elizabeth Burns are:
+ 2 i. Hiram Bentoni Lee, born 20 Dec 1844 in Jackson, Jackson Illinois; died Aug 1925 in Milton, Umatilla, Or.
3 ii. John Lee, born 1848 in IL.

More About John Lee:
Census: 1860, IL Jackson Twp 8 Rg 5 W Pg 403 (see stepfather Bennington Boone)

Generation No. 2
2. Hiram Bentoni Lee (Richard, Richard) was born 20 Dec 1844 in Jackson, Jackson Illinois, and died Aug 1925 in Milton, Umatilla, Or. He married Sarah Emily Moore 12 Nov 1877 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA, daughter of James Moore and Barbara Walker. She was born 1851 in Surry County, NC, and died 1931.

Notes for Hiram Bentoni Lee:
Historic Sketches of Walla Walla, Whitman, Columbia and Garfield Counties, W.T., also Umatilla County, Oregon. FRANK T. GIBLERT, Portland Oregon, 1882
BIOGRAPHICAL BREVITIES Living in Walla Walla City Appendix Page 62
Hiram B. Lee; lives two miles south west of Milton. He was born in Jackson County, Illinois, in 1844, and came to this County in 1867.

History of Umatilla County by Colonel Wm. Parsons and Morrow County by W.S. Shiach - in Oregon. Published by W.H. Lever in 1902.
H.B. LEE Page 411- 412
Among the hardy pioneers that blazed the way in this frontier region, and braved the fierce savage, enduring the hardships incident to their rugged enterprise, there is none that stands higher than the man whose name appears at the head of this article. Devoted to his country, he proved his love by offering himself to fight for the honor of the flag in defense of the Union that had been established by the sacrifice of the blood of his ancestors.

His birth occurred in Jackson County, Illinois, on December 20, 1844, and there he received his education in the public schools. It was on July 25, 1862, that he responded to the call for volunteers and enlisted in Company A. Eightieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In this company he served continuously until June 10, 1865, when the work for which it was called into the field, was completed. During this long period he participated in many battles, a list and description of which would be beyond our limited space, however, we append the following: Perrysville, Kentucky; Vaughtshill, Tennesee; Missionary Ridge; and all the fighting around Resaca, Georgia, Franklin and Nashville Tennesee. Being mustered out of service he took up the occupation of agriculture in his native state until 1867, when he turned toward the west, crossing the plains with ox teams and settling on the land where he now lives, two and one-half miles southwest from Milton. Here he has given his talents and energies to the development and operation of his estate, which is now nearly four hundred acres. Mr. Lee has not striven to gain quantity, but to give quality in his agricultural pursuits, hence we find his domain a model in...
every respect, cultivation carefully and thoroughly done, wise rotation of crops, good selections of stock, substantial and roomy buildings, with an elegant residence and tastefully arranged grounds, thus making his rural abode one of comfort and delight. He owns forty acres of timberland in the mountains in addition to his cultivated land.

The marriage of H.B. Lee and Sarah E. Moore occurred on November 12, 1877, and to them have been born the following children: Richard E., Daisy A., attending Whitman College in Walla Walla; James C.; Minnie M., Robert H., Rosa A. He affiliates with the G.A.R., Stone River Post, No.60, at Milton. He is highly esteemed by all and because of his prolonged residence in the county, his integrity and intrinsic worth, is one of the leading and prominent citizens.

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Elizabeth A. BOON Mother W Female W 75 MO Boarder NY PA
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Mr. Lee is also listed in "OTHER PIONEERS"
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Hiram B. Lee was born in Jackson in Jackson County, IL, Dec. 20, 1844. He spent his boyhood in that state. When Mr. Lee was eight, his father died, leaving the son to care for himself to a great extent. He secured a good common school education. At eighteen years of age he enlisted in the Union Army, Joining Company A, Eighteenth Illinois Infantry. He participated in battles of Perrysville, Vaught Hill, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, and other engagements. He received an honorable discharge at Springfield, IL, and returned home and worked for his uncle, A.R. Burns. He came across the plains with ox teams, arriving at Milton in 1867. He took a soldier's homestead of 100 acres on Dry Creek to which he has added - until it is now 365 acres. In operation of his land he has had gratifying success, and in 1915 retired from active business life, and built a fine home in Milton, where he is now residing. He was readily conceded to be one of the representative citizens of Milton and served his fellow citizens as county commissioner from June 1906 to Jan 1, 1911.

One the 12th of November, 1877, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Sarah E. Moore, a daughter of James and Barbara (Walker) Moore, and a native of Surry County NC. Her father died a prisoner during the civil war and her mother later came west with her little family. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lee six children were born: Richard E.; Daisy; James; Minnie; Robert and Rosa.

Mr. Lee has been a staunch supporter of the republican party, and an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He assisted in the erection of the first house in Milton and since then his interest in the development and improvement of the community has never ceased.

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Valley Herald - Thursday August 31, 1978 - Page 6
Lees gather to celebrate farm's 100th Anniversary

Descendants of Richard Lee Courtesy of Frazier Farmstead Museum page 3
78 of the descendants and relatives of Umatilla County homesteader and pioneer Hiram Benoni Lee gathered on Saturday, August 26, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the housewarming on the ranch he homesteaded in 1871.

Hiram was married on the 12th of November, 1877 in Walla Walla to Sarah Emily Moore and they lived with his mother on her 160-acre claim while he built the home on Dry Creek into which they moved in 1878. The original house was of wood frame, and in 1883, one half was rebuilt with brick from the Weston, Oregon, brickyards. In 1892, the remaining part was also rebuilt of brick. This home is now the residence of his great-grandson, John Dale Lee and his wife, Deborah.

Hiram and Sarah had met quite by accident earlier in the summer of 1877. She was working for the William Steen family, one mile south of the homestead, and one evening when she was milking, one of the cows kicked over her bucket and went running down the road with Sarah in hot pursuit. Hiram happened to see them and went out to the road to head the cow off and the romantic flame was thereon lighted.

Hiram was born the 20th of December, 1844, in Jackson County, Illinois, the son of Richard Lee whose father, Richard, Sr. was a Methodist minister who came into Illinois from Logan County, Kentucky in 1807 and by 1823 had settled on the Mississippi River in Jackson County. Hiram's father, Richard was born in 1815 and had married Elizabeth Ann Burns in 1834 in Perry County, Missouri. They established their residence on the Mississippi in Jackson County. Richard was a farmer and a part time "local" Methodist Minister; he had acquired 475 acres of land, owned half interest in a sawmill, and operated a ferry across the river up to the time of his death in 1853, leaving Elizabeth Ann with six young children. Elizabeth Ann remarried in 1857 to Benningsen Boone, a widower, with three sons.

In July, 1862, Hiram, under-age at the time, secured a consent slip from his mother to join the company of volunteers being raised in Jackson County to serve in the Union Army. At the time a bounty of $100 was being paid to volunteers. Hiram enlisted on July 28, 1862 in Company A, 80th Illinois Infantry and served with Colonel Hall in campaigns through Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. His company was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, the 10th of June, 1865. In April 1867, Elizabeth and Benningsen Boone sold about half of their land in Illinois and started west with their families. They traveled up the Missouri River on the steamship Yellowstone to Leavenworth, Kansas where they purchased wagons and livestock for the long journey overland. They started in a train of nine wagons. By the time they reached Julesburg, Colorado Territory on July 25, 1867, they had a train of 17 wagons and 150 head of loose cattle. They arrived in the Walla Walla Valley late in November, 1867 and took up residence in Walla Walla for the winter. The following spring of 1868, Hiram, his brother John, and two step-brothers, Cyrus and Daniel Boone, struck out for the Idaho gold fields to make their fortunes, where they remained until 1871, sans the fortune. Hiram then laid claim to his 160-acre homestead which was immediately south of the homestead of his sister, Rachael, and her husband, William G. Bade. Rachael had married Bade in December of 1868 in Walla Walla and they settled on Dry Creek in 1869.
Hiram paid his first taxes on his homestead on the 24th of December, 1872. The tax receipt, now in the possession of John Dale and Deborah Lee, was for the sum of $6.07, and was signed by deputy, R. Wells, for A.W. Nye, sheriff of Umatilla County.

Six children were born to Hiram and Sarah Emily Lee: Richard, Daisy Ann (Mrs. Robert Still), James, Minnie (Mrs. Scott Bannister), Robert and Rosa (Mrs. Otimer Cannon). Since the nearest school was in Milton, some three to five miles distant, Hiram and his neighbors gathered on March 22, 1884, to establish the first school district on Dry Creek. Robert Still donated land, located a mile north of the Lee homestead, on which a one-room building, 16 feet by 22 feet was erected. Hiram was appointed the clerk of the district No. 110, and kept the records until the district was enlarged and renumbered as District No. 74 in March 1888. In 1886, the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. ran their rail line up Dry Creek from Milton, through Weston and Athena to Pendleton. Thereafter the Lees received the Walla Walla paper by afternoon train

In 1973, Howard B. Lee, grandson of Hiram B. Lee, was present at the Oregon State Fair to accept a certificate designating the ranch as a Century Farm, having been in the family for a period of over 100 years.

Howard, who is the family genealogist, gave a history of the Lee family at the potluck dinner held at the Rebekah Hall in Milton-Freewater. The guest of honor was Rosa Lee Cannon, 90-year old daughter of Hiram, from Portland. Other relatives and friends attended, (too numerous to name). Later, over 100 friends and neighbors joined them at an open house at the homestead on Dry Creek.

More About Hiram Bentoni Lee:
Burial: IOOF Cem. Milton, Umatilla, OR
Census 1: 1860, IL Jackson Twp 8 Rg 5 W Pg 403 (see stepfather Bennington Boone)
Census 2: 1880, OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D
Census 3: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Emigration: 1867, Came to Oregon

Notes for Sarah Emily Moore:
1900 census shows father and mother born in NC. Shows she had 6 children, 6 living.

More About Sarah Emily Moore:
Name 2: Sarah Moore
Date born 2: Aug 1857, 1900 census
Burial: IOOF Cem. Milton, Umatilla, OR
Census 1: 1880, OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D (see husband)
Census 2: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Marriage Notes for Hiram Lee and Sarah Moore:
Hiram B Lee and Sarah E Moore - Walla Walla County (Historic) Historic Marriage Record
Reference Number: eawwmcu563
Groom's Last Name: Lee
Groom's First Name: Hiram
Groom's Middle Name: B
Bride's Last Name: Moore
Bride's First Name: Sarah
Bride's Middle Name: E
Marriage Date: 11-12-1877
Filing Date: 11-12-1877
County: Walla Walla
VolunteerNotes:

More About Hiram Lee and Sarah Moore:
Marriage: 12 Nov 1877, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA

Children of Hiram Lee and Sarah Moore are:
4 i. Richard E. Lee, born Sep 1878 in Oregon.

More About Richard E. Lee:
Census 1: 1880, OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D (see father)
Census 2: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Occupation: 1900, Farm Laborer


More About Daisy Ann Lee:
Census: 1880, OR Umatilla Milton Pg 10D (see father)

6 iii. David O. Lee, born Mar 1880 in OR.

More About David O. Lee:
Census: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Occupation: 1900, At college.
+ 7 iv. James Carrington Lee, born Dec 1881 in OR.

8 v. Millie Minnie Lee, born Feb 1884 in OR. She married (1) Scott Bannister. She married (2) Walter Scott Bannister¹; born 02 Jul 1883 in Hydesville, Humbolt, CA; died 15 Sep 1970 in Colfax, Whitman, WA.

More About Millie Minnie Lee:
Census: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Occupation: 1900, At school

Notes for Walter Scott Bannister:
1910 census Weston Umatilla OR ED 263 Pg 18
Bannister, Walter S. 26yrs.m1.5yrs.CA. - IN.farmer.gen'l farm
Minnie M. 26yrs.m1.5yrs.OR.IN.IN.2-2 children
Velma M. ID
Violet L. OR

1920 census Umatilla Co. OR ED 153 Pg2
Bannister, Walter S. 36 M CA KY IN
Minnie M. 35 M OR IL NC
Velma M. 18 S. ID CA OR
Lucile 9 S OR CA OR
Leta G. 7 S OR CA OR
Walter 1 1/2 S OR CA OR

Generation No. 3
7. James Carrington 4 Lee (Hiram Bentoni 3, Richard 2, Richard 1) was born Dec 1881 in OR. He married Lillian Griffith.

More About James Carrington Lee:
Census: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]

Children of James Lee and Lillian Griffith are:
11 i. Gene Roselene 5 Lee, born 28 Nov 1919 in King County, WA 2.


Notes for Robert Hamilton Lee:
1920 United States Federal Census > Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150
Line 15 Farm
Lee, Robert Head Rent MW 33 M OR IL NC Farmer/Wheat Farm
-------Ada Wilfe FW 27 M OR CA OR None
-------Howard Son MW 6 S OR OR OR None
-------Roberta Dau FW 4-6/12 S OR OR OR None
-------Bernita Dau FW 2-10/12 S OR OR OR None
-------Frances Dau FW 1-10/12 S OR OR OR None
Line 21 Farm
Bade, George W. Head OM MW 46 M OR Germany MS Farmer/Wheat Farm
-------Rose Wife FW 41 M OR IA MO None
---Descendants of Richard Lee---

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Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Precinct 12, Umatilla, Oregon; Roll: T625_1504; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 150; Image: 736.

---1930 United States Federal Census > Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17

Line 72

Lee, Robert H. Head Rent no radio MW 43 M@37yrs OR IL NC Farmer/Wheat Farm
-------Ada A. Wife FW 37 M@21yrs OR CA OR None
-------Howard B. Son MW 16 S OR OR OR None
-------S. Roberta Dau FW 14 S OR OR OR None
-------Bermita R. Dau FW 13 S OR OR OR None
-------Frances J. Dau FW 12 S OR OR OR None
-------John E. Son MW 2-6/12 S OR OR OR None

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Precinct 12, Umatilla, Oregon; Roll: 1956; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 17; Image: 134.0.

Historical Newspapers > Walla Walla Union Bulletin (Walla Walla, Washington) > 1969 > December > 18

MILTON-FREEWATER - Robert H. Lee, 83, of Route 3, a life-long resident of the Milton-Freewater area, died Wednesday in a Walla Walla hospital.

Lee was born March 13, 1886 on Dry Creek, near Milton, the son of early pioneer parents, Hiram and Sarah Lee. He was educated at the Dry Creek School and was a wheat farmer on Dry Creek, living there all of his life.

Lee married Ada Ann Bannister May 26, 1913 in Athena and she died July 8, 1957. A son and two brothers also preceded him in death. Lee was a member of the Herculean Lodge 51 Knights of Pythias.

Surviving Lee are three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Bermita) Piper of Milton-Freewater, Mrs. John (Roberta) Burles of Coos Bay and Mrs. Charles (Frances) Paynter of Portland; two sons, John E. Lee of Milton-Freewater and Howard B. Lee of Umatilla; and three sisters, Mrs. Scott (Minnie) Banister of Colvax, Mrs. Rose Cannon of Portland and Mrs. Daisy Still of Milton-Freewater. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the United Church of Christ, Federated Church in Milton-Freewater with Rev. Delbert McAmis officiating. Vault interment will follow in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

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More About Robert Hamilton Lee:
Burial: 19 Dec 1969, Milton-Freewater IOOF Cemetery, Oregon
Census 1: 1900, S. Milton Pct, Umatilla, OR [135a]
Census 2: 1910, OR Umatilla S Milton ED 265 Pg 9B
Census 3: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150
Census 4: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17

More About Ada Ann Bannister:
Burial: 10 Jul 1957, Milton-Freewater IOOF Cemetery, Oregon
Census 1: 1910, S, Athena, Umatilla, OR ED 271 Pg 15
Census 2: 1900, OR Umatilla N Athena ED 113 Pg 22
Census 3: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150 See husband)
Census 4: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see husband)

More About Robert Lee and Ada Bannister:
Marriage 1: 26 May 1913, Pendleton, Umatilla, Oregon
Marriage 2: 26 May 1913, Pendleton, Umatilla, OR

Children of Robert Lee and Ada Bannister are:
13 i. Howard Benoni Lee, born 10 Dec 1913 in OR; died 31 Oct 1980 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

More About Howard Benoni Lee:
Census 1: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150 (see father)
Census 2: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see father)

Notes for Roberta Lee:
Service Notice
Roberta L. Burles - 88, of Lakeside, died Dec. 12, 2003, in Coos Bay. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church of Coos Bay, 438 Elrod. Arrangements are pending with Coos Bay Chapel, 267-3131.

More About Bernita Lee:
Census 1: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150 (see father)
Census 2: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see father)

Notes for Bernita Lee:
OBIT - Thursday, April 15, 1999
Bernita Lee Piper
Bernita Lee Piper, formerly of Milton-Freewater passed away April 8, 1999 at the Quail Run Retirement Center in Walla Walla; she was 82.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice through the funeral home. Piper was born Feb. 25, 1917 near M-F on the family farm, the daughter of Robert H. and Ada Bannister Lee. She grew up in M-F on the family farm and attended Dry Creek School, Central School and graduated from McLoughlin Union High School in 1935. After her graduation from high school she attended Behenke-Walker Business College in Portland, OR.

On October 9, 1939, she married Harold Piper in M-F. The couple lived in Weston for a time and then Pendleton while working at the Umatilla Army Depot and then they moved to Hermiston, OR. They then moved to Scotts Bluff, NE, where she worked for Alliance and then to Ainsworth, NE. where she worked on air bases. The couple then moved to Rapid City, SD, where they worked at an Ordinance Depot. They then lived in Boise, Idaho, Klamath Falls, OR and then Tacoma, WA, where she worked fpr Morrison-Knudsen for a time, then moving back to Boise. They then moved to Tri-Cities where she worked in the accounting department at the Hanford Project and then for A & J Construction for 8-1/2 years, then Blaw-Knox Construction Company. The couple then moved to Venezuela for 18 months working in construction, returning to M-F in 1956. She then went to work for Lamb-Weston where she worked for 25 years. Piper returned on April 1, 1982. Her work was her hobby and she enjoyed her nieces, nephews and family. Mr. Piper preceded her in death on April 16, 1985. She was a member of the First Christian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by two sisters, Roberta Burles of Lakeside, OR, Frances Paynter of Portland, OR, a special friend, Al Dill of Walla Walla, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Lee, Howard Lee, and Donnie Lee.

More About Bernita Lee:
Census 1: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150 (see father)
Census 2: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see father)

More About Harold Piper and Bernita Lee:
Marriage: 09 Oct 1939, Milton, Umatilla, OR
16 iv. Frances J. Lee, born Abt. 1918 in OR. She married (1) Charles Edgar Paynter; born 10 Aug 1912; died 04 Aug 1982 in Multnomah County, OR\(^{12,13}\). She married (2) Chalres Paynter.

More About Frances J. Lee:
Census 1: 1920, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 150 (see father)
Census 2: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see father)
17 v. Donald Dean Lee, born 1924 in OR; died 1926 in WA.

More About Donald Dean Lee:
Burial: Milton-Freewater IOOF Cemetery, Oregon\(^{14}\)
+ 18 vi. John Eldon Lee, born 08 May 1927 in Dry Creek, Umatilla, OR; died 05 Aug 1997 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.
Generation No. 4
18. John Eldon⁵ Lee (Robert Hamilton⁴, Hiram Bentoni³, Richard², Richard¹) was born 08 May 1927 in Dry Creek, Umatilla, OR, and died 05 Aug 1997 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA. He married (1) Debra w/o J.E. Lee. He married (2) Debra. He married (3) Debra 'Lee'. He married (4) Patricia Ann Porter 04 Sep 1949 in Milton, Umatilla, OR.

Notes for John Eldon Lee:

OBIT - Valley Times - August 14, 1997
John E. lee

John E. Lee, 759 Village Way, Walla Walla, formerly of Milton-Freewater, passed away August 5, 1997 at his home at the age of 70 years.

Funeral services were Friday, August 8, at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home Chapel in Milton-Freewater with Rev. Sally Carlson of the Grace Presbyterian Church officiating. Concluding services and interment were in the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walla Walla Community Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice through the funeral home.

Mr. Lee was born May 8, 1927 at his family's home on Dry Creek near M-F, the son of Robert and Ada Bannister Lee. He attended Grove and Central schools and graduated from McLoughlin Union High School in 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, receiving the WWII Victory Medal and American Area Campaign Medal. After his discharge from the Navy he attended Oregon State University.

On September 4, 1949 he married Patricia Ann Porter at the Federated Church in M-F. The couple lived and worked in the North Richland area of Washington where Mr. Lee worked in construction in the Hanford area. From 1957 to 1967 the couple farmed the Lee Homestead south of M-F where he was born. In 1967 they settled on an irrigated tract of ground near Umapine, farming there until 1996 when they moved to their present residence, a new house which Mr. Lee designed and furnished.

Mr. Lee was a family man and enjoyed his children and all aspects of his farming operation. Several nieces and nephews spent summers helping with work on the farm. He was a member of the American Legion and helped with their annual dinners. He enjoyed fishing, camping and fishing for salmon in the Pacific Ocean. He liked to play cards with his family and bridge and poker with his friends. Mr. Lee helped with Cub Scouts and Little League when his boys were that age. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post #24, and was a past board member of Pendleton Grain Growers and was a past board member and owner of Century Chemical in Milton-Freewater.

Mr. Lee is survived by his wife Patricia Lee at the home; two sons, John D. Lee and David Lee, both of M-F; two daughters, Peggy Ann Johnson of Salem OR, and Susan E. Reedy of Jefferson, OR; three sisters, Roberta Burles of Lakeside, OR, Bernita Piper of Walla Walla, and Frances Paynter of Portland; five grandsons, Andrew Lee, Nathan Lee, and John Brinker Lee, all of M-F, and Jacob Reedy, and Daniel Reedy, both of Jefferson, OR; one granddaughter, Stefani E. Lee of M-F, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.
Mr. Lee was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard B. and Donald D. Lee.

More About John Eldon Lee:
Burial: 08 Aug 1997, IOOF Cem. Milton-Freewater, OR
Census: 1930, Oregon > Umatilla > Precinct 12 > District 17 (see father)
Military service: U.S. Navy
More About John Lee and Patricia Porter:
Marriage: 04 Sep 1949, Milton, Umatilla, OR

Children of John Lee and Patricia Porter are:
19 i. John Dale Lee. He married Deberah w/o J.D. Lee.
20 ii. David Lee.
21 iii. Peggy Ann Lee.
22 iv. Susan E. Lee.

Endnotes


Name: Gene Roselene Lee Birth Date: 28 Nov 1919 LOCATION: King Sex: Female Race: White Father's name: J C Lee Mother's name: Lillian Griffith Image Filename: 3514 .

Name: Donna Rabecon Lee Birth Date: 27 Mar 1918 LOCATION: Spokane City Sex: Female Race: White Father's name: James Carrington Lee Mother's name: Lillian Griffith Image Filename: 3514 .


