



Gilbert and Zoe

Roy's Family



THE MARYLAND PERRYS

Gilbert Judson (1897) and Roy Eldon (1889)

Perry Family History

Gilbert and Roy Perry's Grandfather, John P. Perry was born circa 1818 in Vermont. John married Mary Longware, on November 25, 1837, also who was born in New York circa 1818. They were both about 19. They had 5 children. Lincoln was born in 1809.

They were

1. Henry H. Perry, born November 3, 1838 in Westport, New York, died April 1, 1912 in Ferrisburg, Vermont.
2. Albert J. Perry, born about 1841 in Lewis, New York, died August 16, 1899 in West Ferrisburg, Vermont
3. Levi Perry born 1845 in Lewis, New York died August 16, 1911 in Panton, Vermont.
4. Ellen Perry born about 1848.
5. William Perry born October 10 1850

John Perry at age 44, was in the Civil War from August 11, 1862. It was passed down by word of mouth through the family (Ellery told Duane) that John enlisted to protect his sons Henry, 25, and Albert, Age 21.

He was killed in action at Bank's Ford, Virginia, May 4, 1863, and is buried at Basin Harbor, Vermont. Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. Mary, his wife died December 15, 1891, is buried at Basin Harbor also. It's somewhat hard to believe that John's body was taken back to Basin Harbor to be buried, given transportation and roads in 1863. An article in the Sun paper recently, says that during the civil war, Abraham Lincoln hastened the use of arterial embalming so the bodies of the officers killed in battle could be presented more palatably back home. John's widow was paid \$8/month pension for the rest of her life. The price for 1 acre of land at that time was about \$5.00.

Albert was shot in the right thigh in the war. He was wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia on May 10, 1864. He had enlisted on August 16, 1862, was mustered out at the Defenses of Washington, D.C. on June 19, 1865. He related in his application for a pension after being discharged, that he had served under very poor condition, in the winter of 1863, he had very hard exposure to the weather, the weather being very cold with severe snowstorms and rain storms. He was stationed in the outward post, one week at a time. He laid on the ground with his blankets, sometimes with snow up to 15 inches, his blouse (ie shirt) would freeze to his skin. This information was in an affidavit on April 19, 1885. He was discharged on June 30, 1865 as a Private in Co. K 2nd Regiment Volunteers Infantry. He was paid \$7.00 per month which was raised to \$13 per month by 1864. His pension application states that he was hospitalized for diarrhea, syphilis, and gunshot wounds. He subsequently suffered from rheumatism, heart palpitations, piles and pain on the left side. Further research show that if he were diagnosed correctly with syphilis, he would have advanced to the tertiary stage resulting in neurosyphilis and various types of psychosis. He probably was misdiagnosed. He received a pension of \$8.00/month.

He was a farmer. He married Sophrenia Croyer, January 1, 1867. Albert was 26, Sophrenia was 17. They were married by Reverend Mr. Winchester. They had 12 children.

1. John C. Perry, born in 1867, died in 1923
2. Arthur Perry, born 1869, died in 1889
3. Moses Levi Perry, born November 11, 1870, died September 24, 1942.
4. Ervin Burton Perry, born January 6, 1874, died February 5, 1953.
- 5. Mary A. Perry, born March 1875 , died January 6, 1889.
6. Maud Perry, born June 1876, died January 5, 1889.
7. Nellie M. Perry, born May 2, 1878, died ? Married Fred Goodrich

8. Pearl V. Perry, born March 8, 1880, married Andrew Ducharme.
9. Herbert Perry, born March 1881, died January 13, 1889.
10. Bertha Perry, born February 20, 1884, died January 6, 1889.
11. Gilbert J. Perry, born May 4, 1887, died 1952
12. Roy Eldon Perry, born September 12, 1889, died April 22, 1969.

Five children died of Diphtheria in January, 1889, the year Roy was born in September. Diphtheria is an upper respiratory tract illness characterized by sore throat, low-grade fever and an adherent membrane of the tonsils, pharynx, and/or nose. It occurs mainly in infants and children and at one time was the major cause of death in infants and children. Today, because of immunization, it does not occur. The children who died were Arthur, age 20, Mary, age 14, Maud, age 13, Herbert, age 7, and Bertha, age 4. It was told that Sophrenia was so distraught over the deaths of her children that she took to her bed. Roy's sisters Nellie and Pearl had to take over the task of caring for the baby Roy and the 2 year old Gilbert.

Albert died August 18, 1899 at the age of 58. Life expectancy at that time was 48. Cause of death was listed as Angina, which is a symptom of heart disease. He was buried at Basin Harbor Cemetary, Panton, Vermont. At the time of his death, Sophrenia's application for Albert's pension stated that upon his death, Albert owned one-half interest in eight cows, the approximate value being \$125.

In 1900, Roy, age 11, Gilbert, age 13 and their Mother, Sophrenia were living with Gilbert and Roy's brother John in Ferrisberg. John was a butcher and apparently never married.

In 1910, Gilbert J. Perry and Roy E. Perry were listed as partners, living in Randolph with a boarder, Ellery Perry. In June, 1912 Sophrenia was living in Randolph, Vermont.

Gilbert married Zoe and Roy married Leah Mae Shipley April 21, circa 1912 or 1913. In 1914, Gilbert and his wife Zoe

along with Roy and his wife Leah lived on a farm with their mother Sophrenia in Brookfield, Vermont. Roy's daughter Avis was born there.

Then Roy and Leah moved to Randolph. Gilbert, Zoe & Sophrenia were not there. Merle was born there in 1916.

Then they moved to a farm north of Randolph. Uncle Sing (Moses), Aunt Josie and Mildred Perry lived there. Bert Ducharme, Herbert Tallman, & Ellery Perry, nephews of Roy and Gilbert all worked there. Avis started to school there, and in the winter, stayed with Grandmother Sophrenia in town. Erma was born there in 1918 and Dick was born there in 1920. Gilbert and Roy were listed as partners at this time.

Then they moved to a farm in Billerica, Mass. It had a very large, double house on it. Gilbert and Zoe, Donald and Gordon and nephews Herbert and Roy Tallman, and Ellery Perry also lived there. John was born there in 1923. It was described by Avis as being a Dairy farm. They bottled milk and delivered it. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by a fire.

It was in 1924, that Roy and Leah headed to Florida. There a large building boom going on there at the time. Erma's remerences, "I have always considered traveling an exciting adventure, but no trip has compared to the first one our family made from Vermont to Florida in October, 1924 when I was only six years old. The travelers included five adults (our parents and three young male realatives), four children ages 4-10, and our Boston Bull Terrier, Ginger. We motored in a three-car caravan: a Model T Ford, a Model A Ford, and a Cadillac, which led the way. The trip took us 12 days!

There is little comparison in traveling the same route today. The roads were for the most part gravel or dirt, since travel by cars on highways had not yet become popular. I can remember many delays caused by cars stuck in mud, running out of gas and cars breaking down. When one of our cars was forced to stop, the other two waited or went back until the difficulty was dealt with and all

three could get rolling again. Filling stations were few and far between, and tourist cabins, as they were known then, were scarce.

The scarcity of filling stations, which made running out of gas almost seem normal, also meant an absence of toilet facilities. Squirring children found relief by ducking behind roadside bushes to accomplish the task. Fortunately, there were plenty of bushes, and the sight of a car pulled over by the side of the road was not unusual.

Sleeping accommodations presented another kind of challenge. One of my most vivid memories is of camping in a cow pasture with much evidence of recent Bovine occupation, and the accompanying hazard of walking after dark. Besides the cow pasture, another less than perfect shelter remains etched in the memory of two survivors. We were in a Tourist cabin, but spent an uneasy evening. On leaving the next morning, one of the young men left a silent commentary for the cabin's owners—a safety pin on one pillow, on which he had strung some of the bedbugs that had plagued him during his sleepless night.

We considered Florida a reward for all of our difficulties. After all, we arrived with no really serious aftereffects—and what an eye-opener for us all to see the changing scenery and the way people lived in every state from Vermont to Florida.

I have made many trips in every type of conveyance, but none can compare to that first one to Florida. What marvels have occurred on our highways. I doubt if young individuals of today's world can visualize the way we traveled. It's hard now for me to believe.”

Roy & Leah rented a small house on the river. After a couple years they moved to west of Melbourne where Roy had a truck farm. The children went to school on a school bus to Melbourne. A crop of beans froze out. Then they moved back to Eau Gallie.

Afterward, they moved to Maryland. At this time, Gilbert was managing a farm called Mt. Ararat at Port Deposit, so Roy went to work for him. Then Roy got a job managing a farm in Churchville. Then the owner, Mrs. Vogel, sold the farm.

Then they moved to Towson on a small farm, where Roy Grew vegetables, and butchered hogs and made scrapple, lard, and sausage.

Sophrenia Perry died in Randolph, Vermont, November 20, 1929.

Then they moved to Sunnybrook where Roy grew vegetables.

The last move was to Paper Mill Road in Phoenix. Lawrence and Jeanette were born there. It was here that Roy started a hay & straw business. He would buy hay & straw from farmers, then he would sell and deliver it to the stockyards in Baltimore. He also invested in Real Estate. He died in this home. After his death in 1969, and then Leah's death in 1977, Dick made 33 acres into a Development which he called Pheasant Hills.

Gilbert bought a farm on Old Court Rd. For a while his three sons farmed with him. Eventually Gordon & John left farming and moved away. Then Gilbert & Donald farmed. When Gilbert died, the farm was sold.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF VERMONT

No.
 Place of death:
 County..... Orange
 City (or) Town Randolph Ward.....
 Street and No.....
 Full Name..... Sophronia Perry

Special Information for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Non-Residents.
 Former, or Usual Residence.....
 How long at place of death.....
 If in Hospital or Institution give its name

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

Sex Female Color or race White
 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced
 Date of birth
 Month Feb. Day 13 Year, 1850
 Age 79 years 9 mos. 17 days
 Occupation (If none so state) None.
 Birthplace (State or Country) ?
 Name of husband or wife, if married Albert Perry
 Name of Father Moses Coyier
 Birthplace of Father (State or Country) ?
 Maiden name of Mother Mary
 Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) ?
 The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Informant..... Irving Perry
 Address..... Vergennes, Vt.
 Place of burial..... Pleasant View Cemetery
 Date of burial..... Dec. 2, 1929
 Undertaker..... Jewellbury & Mayo
 Address..... Pandolph
To be filled by person issuing burial permit.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Date of death
 Month Nov. Day 30 Year 1929

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from
Nov. 29, 1929 to Nov. 30, 1929
 that I last saw her alive on Nov. 30, 1929
 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 10:50 A.M.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows:

CAUSE OF DEATH
 (See instructions on back)

Chief..... Cerebral anoplexy
 Contributing..... Arterio-sclerosis

Duration..... 24 hours.

Where contracted.....

Signed..... D. J. Marshall M. D.

Date..... Nov. 30, 1929

Address..... Randolph, Vt.

Filed..... Dec 2, 1929

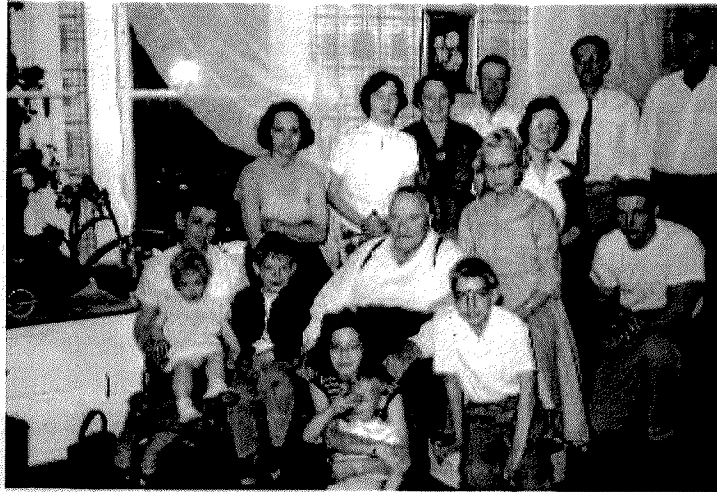
May C. Jones asst. J. H.

Sophrenia's (Gilbert & Roy's Mother) Death Certificate



**House in Billerica,
Mass (1923)**

**Roy Perry's
Family
(1955)**



**Leah, Roy and
Briar (1968)**



Letters from Roy to Leah

Rancho de la Oca
Apr 21. 1913. Vermont.

My Dear Giliel,

I just a word to night
as it late and I have not
to get up at 4 A.M. that is it
late for me. you have phoned
so you know about that

time it is I am going to
Montpelier to Johnson's trade
horses so you see I still fear
Northfield. if we find any
we want I will drive up
to Montpelier and come back
through and stop one night

3 -
to the party at Mrs Sworrs to
day and report a fine time
I'll be with the old High
horn camp yesterday and tonight
I'm home today.
My Dear little Fannie Mother
wants to meet you very much
and if I could there next
week wish you would come
home with me a few days
I am sure I would enjoy it
to do it for you?
Well the old clock is just
saying nine o'clock so
think I had better go to

-2 -
and see you I hope I can
see my Debe you do just as
you think best about time
of course I ~~will~~ would like it
them very much but don't
want to make you sick to get
ready I want you to do the
way that will please you
of course I can not be really
happy until you are with
me but it gives me courage to
think that you will be some
time: can you get ready by
August it don't seem far though
I don't wait till then even
Mother and I have been

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bed.

I assure you I hope we can
trade today so I can see
you next week will phone
you when.

This is from your old money

Roy Perry

P.S. please excuse your waiting
for I have a hurry as I can see

Roy P

Randolph St.

Apr 15-1913

Summit,

My Dear Father:

I am going to write you
a few lines this morning
altho' am so sleepy I
cant say I was up late last
night with one of the horses
the best one I have very sick
I thought he was going to die
but he is better this morning
last night his fever was 106
you see he was some
sick. I will be glad when
you come you want to be
sure and bring some with you
for I paid for three fares so

Well, I have got to get the
 cows watered, and get the cows
 We bought, would have, written
 last night, but had to be
 with the horse, so you see
 I could not.
 Well, I will say good-bye
 till I see you & the subleard
 Come with me.

From your old boy
 Roy Perry

you see you must come;
 My but this is a great old
 day it is so warm & sud-sunny
 it makes me feel lazy, but
 I guess that is nothing, yerr
 do you think so?

Well, Gilbert has gone to
 Randolph with the little team
 so I have got to chore - alone.
 What a job for a little fellow
 like me, I do wish I could

from some - about you?
 I do wish I could write a long
 letter, like you, can, but that
 I can not do - but I am sure
 you will forgive me when
 I do the best I can with you
 not?