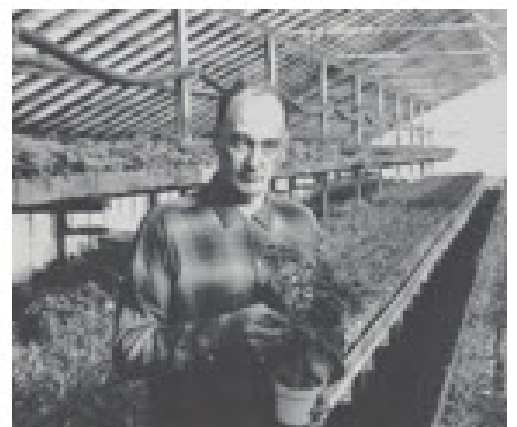
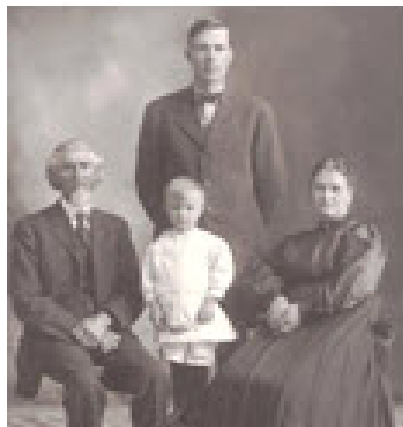
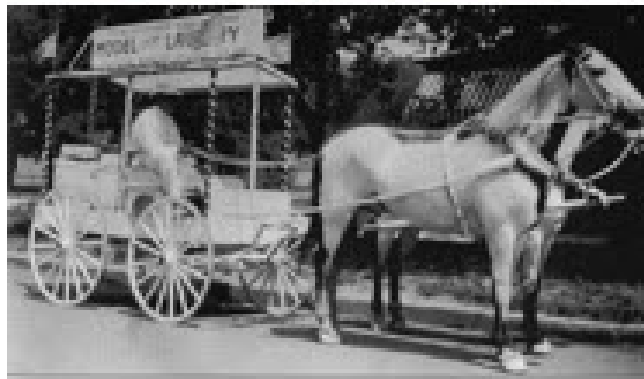


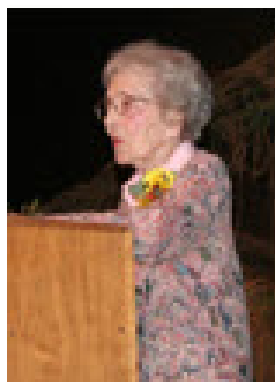
# Sheppard Family History

Ancestors, Relatives and  
Descendants of  
Wy and Alice Sheppard

Six Generations in North  
Dakota and Minnesota  
*150 Years | 1871-2021*



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Robert Wyman Sheppard*



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**Earliest Sheppard family photos:**  
*Top: Israel and Susannah Sheppard, the grandparents of William Thomas Sheppard. Bottom: Melissa Mann, mother of Priscilla Sheppard and mother-in-law of William Thomas Sheppard.*

**Cover:** Top row: Louisa Bahn Aker, Aker Cabin circa 1871. Second Row: Clarence Sheppard Model Laundry horse-drawn delivery wagon; Isaac and Alice (Mamsie) Lowe; Third row: Frank Paige (standing), grandfather Kitridge N. Putnam, son Charles Wesley, and mother Rose Putnam; Wy Sheppard in greenhouse. Bottom row: Alice Sheppard Teacher Fall of Fame acceptance; the Sheppards clan at Family Weekend 2019.

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Wy and Alice Sheppard  
(1914-2006; 1916-2011)



Alice visiting Lowe family graves at  
cemetery in Forest River ND, 2003.

## Introduction

**Scope.** This history chronicles the story of the Sheppard family whose lineage can be traced through Wy and Alice Sheppard, lifelong Grand Forks residents.

**Organization.** The story begins 150 years ago -- in 1871 -- when the George W. Aker became the first permanent resident in of Grand Forks and other ancestors among the earliest settlers in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota. This account is organized in six sections:

*First Generation:* Wy and Alice's grandparents, who represented the coming together of eight original families.

*Second Generation:* Wy and Alice's parents -- Clarence and Clara Sheppard and Frank and Genevieve Paige -- as well as their brothers and sisters (along with their siblings' descendants).

*Third Generation:* Wy and Alice, including recollections by family members.

*Fourth Generation:* Wy and Alice's children, Jean and Bob.

*Fifth Generation:* Wy and Alice's four grandchildren -- Sabin, Nate, Jenna, and Hannah.

*Sixth Generation:* Wy and Alice's 11 great-grandchildren. (Upon one or more of them will fall the task of updating this history for future generations.)

As a starting point, readers are invited to review the accompanying one-page Sheppard Family Six Generations At-a-Glance chart.

**Photographs.** The history includes virtually all of the known photographs of Wy and Alice's grandparents and their ancestors and most of the extant images of their parents. The photographs of Wy and Alice and their children were selected from family memorabilia retrieved from Wy and Alice's basement after the 1997 Grand Forks flood. Artifacts included aunt Laura Aker Green's several photo albums of snapshots of her family, her husband's family, and various friends she visited. Photos of the fifth and sixth generations include those collected by Alice Sheppard or were curated or contributed by families.

### ***Frequently used abbreviations***

B: Born

M: Married

M/div: Married/later divorced

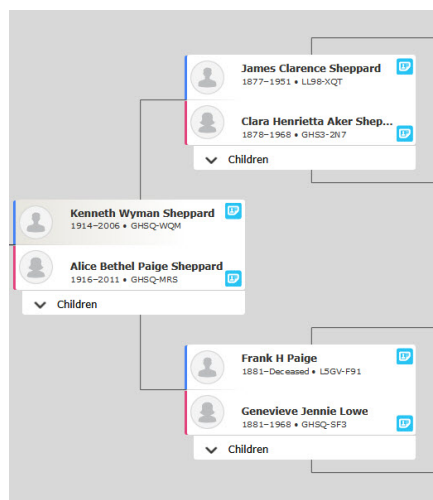
M/sep, sep: Married/separated

D: Died

ca (preceding date): Approximately  
(based on Latin word *circa*)

*Herald, Plain Dealer and Evening Times*: Grand Forks newspapers. (Digitized issues from the 1890s until about 1922 are available online via the Library of Congress's website:  
[chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov))

Standard two-letter US state and Canadian province abbreviations are used throughout, including:  
ON: Ontario  
MB: Manitoba  
QB: Quebec



*Screenshot of the starting point for the Sheppard family-related trees that can be explored on Family Search.com. Registration is required; members must be age 13 or older. The site is free and open to the public as a service of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and shares records with Ancestry.Com.*

**Presentation of Information.** For consistency, siblings in each section are listed in order of birth. For enhanced readability and for quick reference, full names and dates and places of births, marriages and deaths appear in the left margin. Individuals are buried in the same town as the place of death, except as noted. Cemetery information is provided where known, except for the Sheppard and Aker family members who passed away in Grand Forks (all buried at Memorial Park Cemetery-North) and for Lowe and Woods family members who died in Forest River (all buried at Memorial Park Cemetery in that city). See the adjacent legend of frequently used abbreviations.

**Sources.** This family history was informed by four streams of genealogy research conducted prior to 2000 by now-deceased extended family members. Researchers included cousin Verna Lowe Asmussen (the Lowes and Woods), aunt Nell Richardson (the Paiges), and cousin Harold Noble (the Akers). Additional family members were identified and details regarding dates and places of births, marriages and deaths were collected and/or verified using online genealogical websites such as Family Search.com. Ancestry.com. Genealogy Bank.com and Find A Grave.com. Special thanks go to Lisa Monson Sheppard, Deborah Murphy and Beckie Lowe for sharing their earlier online research.

**Online Family Tree.** An interactive, updatable Family Tree that includes deceased individuals can be found on Family Search.com. Begin by searching for Kenneth Wyman Sheppard (ID No. GHSQ-WQM) to access information about the Sheppard, Aker, Paige and Lowe Families. Follow the right-pointing arrows and pull-down menus for Children to track the lineages of various branches of the family. Grandchildren of Susan Sheppard also can explore their Fleck family ancestry beginning with the records of Sue's parents, John Fleck, ID No. G36C-KY4, or Audrey Crevier, ID No. LYRJ-QRP). Note: Living Persons (versus Deceased Persons) can be added on the site, but can be viewed only by the contributor in order to protect personal privacy.

**Archival Preservation.** All original and reproduced materials pertaining to the Sheppard, Paige, Lowe and Woods families have been donated to the newly established Wy and Alice Sheppard Collection (#0000) in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at the UND Chester Fritz Library. At the same time, materials related to Laura Aker Green and her father, sisters and husband were added to the Laura Green Papers established in 1991 (Collection #1234).

**Digital Exhibits.** Digital scans of all newspaper clippings, documents and images used in the compilation of this history are archived on an accompanying CD/thumb drive, available upon request. See the Table of Contents that appears as an Exhibit at the end of this document. A PDF version of this document is also included.

# Digital Exhibits

## Table of Contents

This is a summary of the contents of the electronic files that accompany *Sheppard Family History, Ancestors, Relatives and Descendants of Wy and Alice Sheppard*.

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### 01-Read Me First

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### 02-Sheppard Family History

PDF of printed version of Sheppard Family History

### 03-Wy and Alice Sheppard Documents

**00** pages: 1985 profile of couple in East Grand Forks *Exponent* | Obituaries in 2006 and 2011 | Scripts for funeral services conducted by Rev. Gretchen Graf in 2006 and 2011 | Alice's family remembrances ca 2008-2009 | Alice's remarks in accepting Teacher of Fame award 2008.

### 04-Newspaper Clippings

**00** pages: PDF of newspaper clippings related to other family members, mostly obituaries, arranged in chronological order.


### 05-Genealogy Research by Family Members


#### 5.1 Aker Family - Cousin Harold Aker Noble, 1960s-1980s

**00** pages: Includes two family trees with annotated notes as well as correspondence and newspaper clippings

Original documents can be found in the Laura Aker Green Collection (#1234), UND Special Collections

#### 5.2 Paige Family – Aunt Nell Richardson, 1920s-1940s

 **Summary documents.** **42** pages: Includes a hand-drawn Family tree that traces the Paige lineage, along with vignettes of various key ancestors.

 **Source documents.** **100** pages: Materials from various sources consulted by Nell Richardson and her husband Ralph Johnson Richardson to complete author to complete these vignettes.

Original documents are included in Wy and Alice Sheppard Collection, UND Special Collections.

#### 5.3 Lowe Family – Cousin Verna Lowe Asmussen, 1970s-1990s\*\*

**00** pages, excerpted from bound photocopied volume on Lowe Family history compiled by daughter of Chester W. Lowe.

The full volume can be found in the Family Research Room of UND Special Collections. (#1 of 3)

Companion volume: *Two Farmers: Bill Hank Johnston's Letters to Chester W. Lowe* [1967-1989; published ca 2002] also was compiled by Asmussen as a bound, photocopied volume also donated to UND Special Collections (#2 of 3)

- ☐ **5.4 Woods Family**—Cousin Verna Lowe Asmussen, 1970s-90s  
00 pages, excerpted from bound photocopied volume compiled by Asmussen about her the family of her grandmother, Alice (Mamsie) Woods Lowe.

The full volume can be found in the Family Research Room of UND Special Collections. (#1 of 3)

## ☐ 06-Photographs

000 images, organized by family, with subfolders.

*Original prints of images in folder 6.1. can be found in the Laura Aker Green Collection (#1234); original prints of images in \ folders 6.2-6.7 are preserved in the Wy and Alice Sheppard Collection (#XXXX), UND Special Collections.*

### *First Generation*

#### ☐ **6.1 Aker-Bahn Families**

- ☐ George and Louisa Aker
- ☐ Laura Aker Green
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- ☐ Bahn Family

#### ☐ **6.2 Lowe-Woods Families**

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- ☐ Lowe Siblings and Descendants
- ☐ Woods Family
- ☐ Vera Kelsey (Woods Family Cousin)

#### ☐ **6.3 Paige-Putnam Families**

- ☐ Nell Richardson

#### ☐ **6.4 Sheppard-Mann Families**

- ☐ Sheppard Siblings and Descendants

### *Second Generation*

#### ☐ **6.5 Paige -- Frank and Genevieve**

- ☐ Frank Paige
- ☐ Genevieve Photos








#### ☐ **6.6 Sheppard -- Clarence and Clara**

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- ☐ Clarence Business
- ☐ Clarence Sports
- ☐ Clara Sheppard
- ☐ Willis Sheppard
- ☐ Maple Lake Cottage







### *Third Generation*

#### **6.7 Sheppard--Wy and Alice**





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-  Wy Business
-  Alice Youth and Teaching
-  Alice Business
-  Wy and Alice as Couple
-  Aunts and Kids
-  Maple Lake Cottage

### *Fourth Generation*

#### **6.8 Jean Sheppard Hallahan**





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-  Kirk Hallahan-Husband
-  Family Life
-  Maple Lake Cottage/Family Weekend

#### **6.9 Sheppard, Robert and Susan Fleck**

-  Bob as Youth
-  Bob Career
-  Susan Faye Fleck-Wife
-  Early Family Life

### *Fifth Generation*

#### **6.10 Sheppard – Fifth Generation**

-  Sabin Sheppard
-  Nathan Sheppard
-  Jenna Paige Hallahan
-  Hannah Sheppard

### *Sixth Generation*

#### **6.11 Sheppard – Sixth Generation**

#### **07-Sources**

Bibliographic references for *Sheppard Family History* narrative.

#### **08-Library Finding Aids for Family Papers**

Laura Aker Green Collection (UND #1234)  
Wy and Alice Sheppard Collection (UND #XXXX)  
Vera Kelsey – Regional research (NDSU #XXXX)  
Vera Kelsey – International research (UND #XXXX)