**A lineage of the Stansbery Family through the life of Charles S. Stansbery (1893 – 1957) and his immediate descendants**

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This document begins in 1628 and carries through to 2009. The numbers is front of many of the names indicate the number of generations in the New World. B and D (b and d) mean birth and death, of course. W (w) and H (h) mean wife and husband. M (m) means married.

**The family name Stansbery is spelled many different ways. Most common are Stansbery, Stansbery, Stanbourough and Stansbury. The word means stone or tin fort. Many genealogists place the origin of the family in Cornwall and Devonshire, England, an area of numerous tin mines from Roman times. In 1994, during a trip to England, my wife and I stayed at a B & B run by, yes, Charles Stansbury!**

**Part I**

**Prior to the New World –**

**March 26, 1628 1 Detmar Sternberg b in Sankt Marien Evangelisch, Dortmund, Westfalen, Preussen. Father -1 Dethmarus Sternberg and Mother Cathrina Morske. Detmar's grandfather said to have been an English earl who fled England to Holland as a Puritan. Changed name from Stansbury to Sternberg to sound more Dutch. Grandfather may have married one of daughters of William I of Orange (William the Silent) who organized Dutch revolt against Spanish rule.**

**Catherine Renske, w of 1 Detmar Sternberg b 1632 circa in Holland or Germany.**

**To the New World -**

**1 Detmar** and **Catherine Renske**, and 6 yr. old son **2** **Tobias** immigrate in 1658 to Baltimore Co., MD and name changed back to Stansbury. **Tobias** b 1652 in Netherlands. **Detmar** & **Catherine** m 1651.**Sarah Raven**, later wife of **Tobias**, b circa 1650 in Gloucester Co., VA. Father **Luke Raven** & mother **Elizabeth Hughes.**

**Sarah Raven** & **2 Tobias Starnborough** m 1677 circa. Have 5 children.

**1 Detmar Sternberg** d after 1682. **2 Tobias Starnboroug**h a grand jury member in Baltimore Co, MD 1683-84. **3** **Samuel A. Stansbury** b circa 1693 to **Tobias & Sarah** **Raven** in Baltimore, Co.

**2 Tobias Starnborough** a ranger under Capt. John Oldton. Rangers patrol the outlying districts as protection against Indians. From this activity **Tobias** gained tracts of Land.

**2 Tobias Starnborough** d 4/23/1708/09, Baltimore Co, MD.

**3 Samuel Stansbury** has 100 acres on the s side of Great Falls of Gunpowder River in Baltimore Co, MD.

**3 Samuel A. Stansbury** and **Mary Porter Harrod??,** b unknown. m. unknown, ca 1720?

**4 Samuel Stansbury**, Jr. b 1731 ca, son of **3 Samuel A. Stansbury.**

**4 Samuel Stansbury** m **Mary Andrews Baxter (Harrod)** ?? before 1749.

**5 Luke Stansbery** b 3/6/1750, Baltimore Co, MD, son of **4 Samuel** (b 1731) & **Mary Andrews Baxter Stansbury**.  **4 Samuel** would marry twice, second to Mary Harrod 4/1/1761 in St. John’s Parish, Baltimore Co, MD.

**Nancy Haddox Stansbery** b 1764, NC.

**4 Samuel Stansbury** d 8/5/1778. **5 Luke Stansbery** taken prisoner at capture of Charleston, SC by British. Held one year, escaped and rejoined NC Continental Army. Enlisted in Caswell Co, NC 1/17/1778, serving under Capt. Reading Bunt and Col. Robert Nebane. **3** **Samuel A. Stansbury** d 4/1783 in Caswell Co, NC. Second wife Mary Anne Culleson.

**5 Luke and Nancy Haddox Stansbery** m 1/30/1791. Would have 7 children; **6** **Solomon** being the last.

**6 Solomon Stansbery** b 1804, Caswell Co, NC. Child of **Luke & Nancy Stansbery**. **Frances 'Fanny' Gibson** b 1809 circa SC.

**6 Solomon & Fanny Gibson Stansbery** m 1/12/1827.

**7 Pryor Lee Stansbery**, child of **6** **Solomon & Fanny** **Stansbery** b 3/16/1832 in GA.  **Eliza Baxter Hines**, wife to be of **Pryor Lee Stansbery** b 6/11/1834 Knox Co, TN. **7** Another son of **Solomon** and **Fannie** was The Rev. *J.M.* *Stansberry*. He began preaching around 1850. Rt to E. TN & ordained New Hopewell Baptist Church in E. Tenn in April 1853. Left TN on account of political troubles in 1860 and assumed church at Dalton, GA, which he retained until church shattered by the war. M. Mollie Johnson of Knox Cty, TN Sept 1856 and after her death 2/1873 m Matie Kead of Whitefield Co, GA.

**5 Luke Stansbery,** Revolutionary War veteran**,** d. Knox Co, TN 10/13/1848. Buried New Hopewell Baptist Cemetery, Kimberlin Heights, Knox Co. TN.

**7 Pryor Lee Stansbery** m **Eliza Baxter Hines Stansbery** 9/161852 (another source repts marriage 9/16/1860) . **Nancy Haddox Stansbery** d Knox Co, TN 7/29/1854. **6** **Solomon Stansbury** in 1850 census lived in E Chickamauga, Walker Co, GA, occupation a mill Wright with property of $1,000. Wife, **Frances Stansbury**.

**8 William Luther Stansbery**, son of **7 Pryor Lee** and **Eliza Stansbery** b 4/29/1861 Hopewill, Knox Co, TN. Wife **Annie Eliza McCray**  b 12/20/1863 at Jonesboro or Limestone, TN. In 1860 census, **6 Solomon Stansbury** listed as mill wright in Knox Co, TN, age 55, real estate value of $500, b. NC. Parents of 12 children. **7** One **Pryor L***.* **Stansbery**enlisted in TN Union 9th Cavalry Regiment. Two brothers enlisted in the Confederacy and three in addition to Pryor joined the Union Army. It was truly a war of brother against brother.

**6 Solomon Stansbery** d Knox Co, TN 1877. Wife **Fanny** **Stansbery** d Knox Co, TN.

**7 Pryor Lee Stansbery** d 11/18/1896 Knox Co., TN. **9** **Charles Skelt Stansbery, Sr**. b 12/5/1893 Afton, TN. **Mayme Osborne** b 1/16/1896.

**Eliza Baxter Hines Stansbery** d Afton, TN 4/19/1906.

**9 Charles S. Stansbery, Sr**. m **Mayme Tarence Osborne** 4/29/1914. **10** Frances Louise Stansbery b Afton, TN 1/27/1916. **10 Charles Skelt Stansbery** b Afton, TN 6/15/1918.

**10 Patricia Geraldine Stansbery** b 11/16/1923 Bristol, TN, daughter of **9 Charles and Mayme Osborne Stansbery**.

**Annie Eliza McCray Stansbery** d Afton, TN 1/11, 1936 when dress caught fire from fireplace, wife of **8 William** **Luther Stansbery. Mayme Osborne Stansbery** marriage dissolved with **9** **Charles Stansbery;** she files papers September 1933. **Charles** remarries Lucy Lee Barkley c 1935 and becomes father of additional daughters, **10** **Nancy Stansbery Higginbotham,** b 1940 Afton, TNand **10** **Jean Stansbery Dobbs**, b 1944, d 1999.

**8 William Luther Stansbery** d 4/9/1942 Afton, TN. **Mayme Osborne Stansbery** d 11/1943 Philadelphia, PA. Buried Bristol, TN. '**Frankie' Wilson Osborne** d 11/1940, Bristol, TN.

**9 Charles S. Stansbery**, father of **10 Louise Stansbery** **Sherwood**, **10 Charles Stansbery,** **10 Geraldine** **Stansbery Holliman,**  **Nancy Stansbery Higginbotham** and **Jean Stansbery Dobbs** d 11/19/1957 Afton, TN of natural causes, a retired farmer.

**9 Charles S. Stansbery Sr'**s second wife, **Lucy Lee Barkley Stansbery**, dies June 25, 1978. Buried on Stone Dam Road in Methodist Church cemetery next to Charles Sr.

**Jean Stansbery Dobbs** dies Sept. 9, 1999. B 1944.

**10 Charles S. Stansbery** d 11/14/2006 Greeley, CO near daughter **11** Susan Mackenzie. Buried Black Hills National Cemetery at Sturgis, SD. **10 Frances Louise Stansbery** Sherwood d 2006. Buried Maryville, TN. One son,**11 Vance** **Sherwood**, b 12/7/1946, Knoxville, TN. Geraldine Stansbery Holliman Feick visits **Nancy Stansbery Higginbotham**, half sisters, July 2009. **Glenn Holliman, Becky Holliman** **Payne, and Sean Murphy** (age 20) on this trip to visit surviving family and grave sites.



**Left to right, the children of William Luther and Ann McCray Stansbery, Afton, Tennessee, spring 1953: Maggie Stansbery Williams (Mrs. Roe Williams) of Bristol, VA; George Stansbery of Jefferson City, Tennessee; Arthur ‘Pete’ Stansbery of Virginia; Fred Stansbery of Greenville, Tennessee; Charles S. Stansbery of Afton, Tennessee; Cecil Stansbery of Cleveland, Tennessee, harry Stansbery of Georgia and Eva Stansbery Williamson (Mrs. Guy) of Afton, Tennessee.**

**Part II**

**The Parents, Brothers and Sisters of Charles Skelt Stansbery Sr. (1893 – 1957)**

Parents:  **William Luther Stansbery** (4/29,1861 at Hopewell, Knox County, TN - 4/9/1943 in Afton, TN).  **Annie Eliza McCray Stansbery** (12/20/1863 at Jonesboro, TN - 1/11/1936), m. 1/1/1884. Annie died when her night gown ignited as she stood next to an open fireplace in her home.

 William's father was **Pryor Lee Stansbery**, an Union Civil War veteran.  An earlier grandfather was a N.C. Revolutionary War veteran, **Luke Stansbery**, incarcerated by the British in Charleston, SC in 1780.  The Stansberys immigrated to Maryland in the 1660s after several generations in the Netherlands.  Originally from England, probably Devonshire.  (Note:  My first wife and mother of my children, **Lynn Draper** **Armstrong** (5/28/1946) and this writer share a common great-great grandfather, Pryor Lee Stansbery who is buried at the New Hope Baptist Cemetery in Knoxville, TN.)

Children:

**Margaret Edith Stansbery** (10/15/1884 - 10/26/1954) in Bristol, VA.  Married Roe Williams, 5/19/1907.  One son, J.C. Williams.

**George Lee Stansbery** (11/14/1886 - 9/25/1965 in Jefferson City, TN.)  M. Annie Lee Stansbery 12/20/1906, one son and two girls.

**James Arthur Stansbery** (12/19/1888 - 6/14/1969 in Virginia). M. Nellie Homes 3/4/1914.

**Fred Walker Stansbery** (5/9/1891 - 5/27/1969 in Greenville, TN).  M. Flora Eunice Dennis (11/11/1891 in Bristol, VA.) M. 9/10/1913*. Additional lineage added courtesy of* ***Laura Davenport*** *of Greenville, Tennessee September 2011.* Laura is the daughter of Mike Davenport who is the son of Doris and Carl Davenport. Doris is the daughter of Fred and Flora Stansbery.

**Charles Skelt Stansbery Sr**. (12/5/1893 - 11/19/1957 in Afton, TN).  M. **Mayme** **Tarrence Osborne** 4/29/1914 and who died 12/3/1943 in Philadelphia, PA of a abdominal infection.  Buried in East Hill Cemetery, Bristol, TN.  The couple divorced in 1933.  Charles is buried in Afton, TN in the Stone Dam Road Methodist Church cemetery with his second wife, **Lucy Lee Barkley Stansbery** and daughter **Jean** **Stansbery Dobbs**.  Charles Stansbery is this writer's grandfather.

**William Cecil Stansbery** (12/15/1896 0 d. ?).  Was a doctor in Cleveland, TN.  M. Etta Mayers Henley, 9/20/1925.  They had one son, a dentist and one daughter.

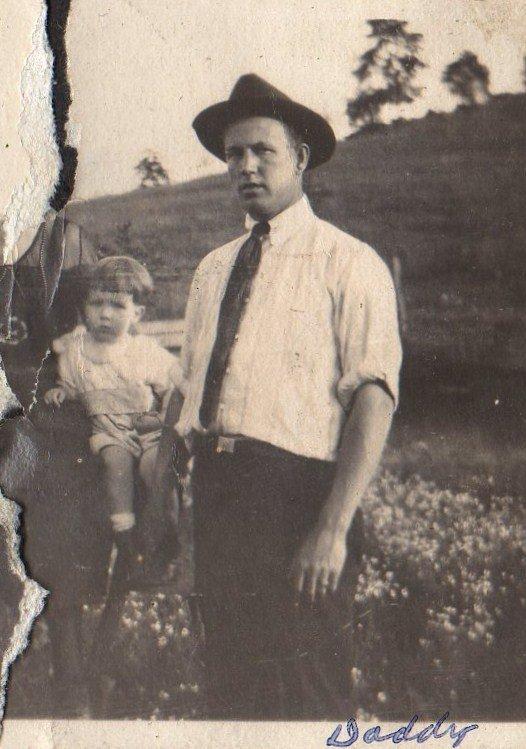
**Harry Price Stansbery** (12/14/1899 - D ?).  Lived in Georgia as of 1981.  M. Zola Rymer 6/18/1924.

**Selma R. Stansbery** (4/10/1902 and died two days later.)

**Eva Kate Stansbery** (9/10/1903 - 1979 or 1980 in Afton, TN).  M. Guy Williamson 14/14/1922, one son Guy, Jr.



The year is approximately 1921 in Bristol, Tennessee with Charles Stansbery, Sr. playing with puppies. Louise Stansbery Sherwood (1914 – 2006) pats one of them.

 Photo taken approximately 1919 of Charles Stansbery holding Charles Stansbery Jr and Louise Stansbery.

**Photo taken ca 1921 of Charles Stansbery Sr. and Jr. in Bristol, Tennessee.**

***Descendants of Vance R.  and Louise Stansbery Sherwood***

**Vance R. Sherwood, Jr**.

***Descendants of Charles S. and Anne Duthil Stansbery***

**Susan Stansbery MacKenzie**

The Children of Susan Stansbery MacKenzie

A.**Roxanne Hayes**

B. **Gavin Stansbery**

***Descendants of Patricia Geraldine Stansbery Holliman Feick and H. Bishop Holliman***

**1. Glenn N. Holliman, b 1946**

**2. Rebecca Louise Holliman Payne, b 1950**

**3**. **Alice Lynn Holliman Murphy, b 1956**



Left to right in this 2003 photo are front row, Susan MacKenzie (daughter of Charles Stansbery, Jr.), Glenn Holliman, son of Geraldine Stansbery, Vance R. Sherwood, son of Louise Stansbery. Back Alice Holliman Murphy and Becky Holliman Payne, sisters of Glenn Holliman and daughters of Geraldine Stansbery.

***Descendants of Nancy Stansbery Higginbotham (b 1940)***

1. **Charles Higginbotham, b 1962**
2. **Sharon Higginbotham Potter, b 1966**



Left to right on September 25, 2011, Katie Potter, Ron Potter, Sharon Higginbotham Potter, Geraldine Stansbery Holliman Feick, Nancy Stansbery Higginbotham, Charlie Higginbotham, Theresa Higginbotham and Danielle Potter. Photo taken by Glenn Holliman in Greenville, Tennessee.



Photo above taken 2003 of Geraldine and Charles Stansbery, Jr. who died in 2006.