



Dillman *

Descendants and Ancestors

(*Including other known variations of Dillmann, Stillman, Tillman, Dielman, Dhyllmann, Dihlmann, Dillaman, Tighlman, Dieleman, etc.)

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1. “Local Dillman Reunion in Tamms, Illinois”

By Phil Dillman



October 8th, 2011, found me and my cousin, Grant Chessman, down in Tamms, Illinois, for the annual Dillman reunion for those descended from our great-great-Grandparents, Frank and Christina Permilia “Minnie” Walker Dillman.

Minnie looked like an American Indian and was given the nickname for the female Indian, “Minnie Ha-Ha.” The nickname stuck since that how she was referred to in her obituary.

Frank Dillman was born February 25, 1864 in Willow Hill, IL and was a descendant of Hans Georg Dillman Sr., although, I doubt he was aware of those ancestors. His lineage was Hans Georg Sr.(1682), Hans Georg Jr.(1724), Andrew (1753), John Wesley Sr. (1783), and John Wesley Dillman Jr. (1830). He married Minnie in 1884, she being from Palestine, IL. The belief is that, after having a few of their children in the area of Willow Hill, Frank moved the family to the southern tip of the state after his brother, John Charles, had moved there. Frank was a farmer but the land down there was hardly suitable for farming. Older family members that I’ve spoken to say that Frank was a stubborn man and, once he made up his mind to do something, there was no talking him out of it so they think that is why he stuck it out down in Tamms. For about 20 years, they lived just south of Tamms in Unity Precinct according to the 1910 and 1920 Census records. Around 1929, Frank and Minnie moved to an area about five miles east of Anna, IL where Frank continued to farm with a couple of his sons until his death in 1941. Minnie died just two years later. They are buried in Beechwood (formerly

Thistlewood) Cemetery in Mounds, IL. Most of their nine children remained in the area. Their oldest son, Covey Dillman (Phil and Grant’s great-Grandfather), along with his oldest son, Willis their Grandfather), eventually moved up to the Chicago area where Phil and Grant live today.



Knowing that we had ancestors from our other lines buried in southern Illinois, Grant and I went down two days early and spent one full day looking through courthouse records, searching for the location of Frank Dillmans’ farm, and locating two abandoned and very overgrown cemeteries where our Dunning ancestors are buried. For over a month, I’ve been dealing with some sort of bug bites or rash from those woods! It was worth it, though, since we found what we were searching for.

There were about 60 attendees at the reunion, some of whom I’d met for the first time while some I’d seen each time I’ve attended that reunion, typically every other year, starting in 1999.



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2. 2012 Dillman Mega-Reunion to be in Ft. Wayne, Indiana

BEST WESTERN

Luxury Inn Fort Wayne

5501 Coventry Ln, Fort Wayne, Indiana
46804-7144

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Check-in Time: 2:00 PM

Check-out Time: 11:00 AM



The BEST WESTERN Luxury Inn Fort Wayne is committed to providing the best in customer service and accommodations at an affordable rate. This pet-friendly hotel is situated near many businesses and area attractions - perfect for any traveler.

Hotel guests are close to Fort Wayne International Airport, Allen County Public Genealogy Library, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Spiece Fieldhouse and Jefferson Pointe Shopping. It is also close to Lutheran Hospital and Grand Wayne Convention Center, with complimentary airport shuttle. This Fort Wayne, Indiana hotel offers spaciouly-appointed guest rooms and suites, each complete with a microwave, refrigerator, recliner and cable satellite television with HBO®. Guests will receive a complimentary hot breakfast each morning and fresh cookies in the lobby. Additional amenities at this Fort Wayne hotel include a seasonal outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, business center and guest laundry.

*Aside from the aforementioned amenities, our DFA group will have the use of one of the meeting rooms plus the hotel has agreed to turn one of their sleeping rooms into our library from that Wednesday night until Saturday morning. **August 8th—11th, 2012, Registration form in the next newsletter.***



The arrow points to the hotel, 5 miles NE from the airport.



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3. The Genealogy Center-- By Louise McKinney

The Genealogy Center, located at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana is the second largest genealogy library in the world! For those interested in their family history, it is a remarkable place to visit. An experienced staff provides excellent services to patrons. The Center has gathered an extensive collection of 350,000 printed volumes and more than 513,000 items on microfilm and microfiche.

Some of the materials you will find:

All Federal Census records from 1790-1930. Included would be the Agricultural schedules for Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa Dillmans 1850-1880. Good news! The 1940 Federal Census will be available next spring—in time for us to use during our reunion!!

Many State Census records, (Iowa Dillmans) and all extant mortality schedules 1850-1880. The 1890 Union Veterans and Widows schedules.

Family histories—More than 50,000 volumes of compiled genealogies representing work already done on American and European families. They range from brief typescripts to well-documented multi-volume works. Dillmans are referenced in 27 books.

Military Records—Too many to list, but include the Revolutionary War Pension Index as well as the complete Revolutionary War Pension Files! You can also find the War of 1812, Mexican War, and Civil War service records of your ancestors. Other war records are available. Lots of Dillmans served in these wars.

The Genealogy Center holds the largest English-language genealogy and local his-

tory periodical collection in the world! There are more than 6,000 current subscriptions and more than 10,000 titles. PERSI (Periodical Source Index) has indexed articles on surnames as well as localities. There is an 1821 Kentucky affidavit of Andrew Dillman plus Abraham Dillman's Justice of the Peace report of fines collected on 25 November 1910. These are just two of the many articles about Dillmans. PERSI has been compiled by department staff and is available at www.HeritageQuestOnline.com. Find the titles you're interested in and read the articles when you come to Fort Wayne. Copies can be made by mail or in person.

Preparing in advance will make your trip to The Genealogy Center much more productive and enjoyable. Find out more about the many resources available at www.genealogycenter.org.

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4. Tillmann in Wisconsin - by Phil Dillman



I saw a sign for this place on my way to Green Bay, Wisconsin one morning and decided to stop there after unloading my truck at my destination. Tillmann Wholesale Growers is located about ten miles northeast of downtown Green Bay. The daughter-in-law that I spoke with said that the family was originally from Germany but wasn't sure where. I hope to hear from them for a future newsletter.



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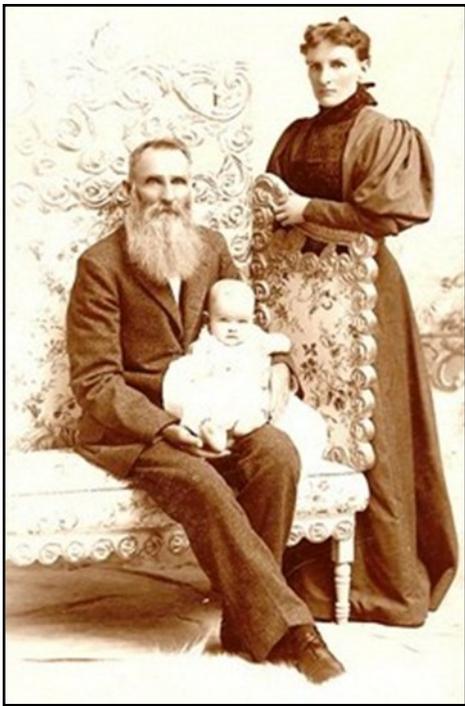
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William P. Dillman (1828 – 1904)

Third Generation American and Third Generation Veteran

By Mallory Fitch and Andrew Stillman

William P. Dillman was born January 31, 1828(1) in Brown County, Ohio, the son of Frederick Dillman (1792-1877) and Mary Turner (1797-1862) and the grandson of George Michael Dillman (1764-1830) and Christiana Heffer (-1832). William P. was a third generation American; his grandfather, George Michael, was the first generation of his family to have been born in the United States. Not only did George Michael serve in the Revolutionary War after enlisting in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, but William P.'s father, Frederick, served in the War of 1812. According to Frederick Dillman's obituary he replaced his brother in the War of 1812 because his brother was ill. William P. kept the tradition of serving his country and he enlisted in the Civil War.



William Dillman with his daughter (standing) Eva (Dillman) Roberts and Eva's daughter, Muriel Roberts, in William's lap. Circa 1896 in Missouri

Sometime after 1836 when his youngest sibling was born, William's parents moved from Brown County, Ohio to the Marshall County, Illinois area. There, William P. Dillman met and married Anna Marie Griffin born March 20th, 1833(2), the daughter of David Griffin and Ruth Morgan, in Illinois on 25 December 1849. William and Maria appear in the 1850 Federal Census for Hope, LaSalle County, Illinois as being aged 22 and 17 respectively and living next door to William's brother, George M. Dillman(3).

On August 15, 1862(4), William enlisted in the Civil War in the 104th Company H, Illinois Infantry. Also enlisted with William were his brother John Glover Dillman, his nephew William O. well as his brother-in-law David F. Griffin. In December 1862, William was forced to march in the snow to Hartsville, Tennessee where he was involved in a battle. William was shot in the right arm and was blinded in one eye from the gun powder. According to family sources, his infantry had left him for dead. William lay there on the battle field wounded and was then captured and taken prisoner by the Confederates. William's brother-in-law David F. Griffin possibly took leave and is believed to be the person who notified the family that William was most likely dead. The family ordered a marker for William and it was placed in Cumberland Cemetery in Wenona, Marshall County, Illinois. (The marker is still there today but William wasn't buried there, he was buried in Nevada, Missouri in 1904.)

William was later taken to a hospital in Chattanooga. He had a high fever which couldn't be controlled. According to William's mili-

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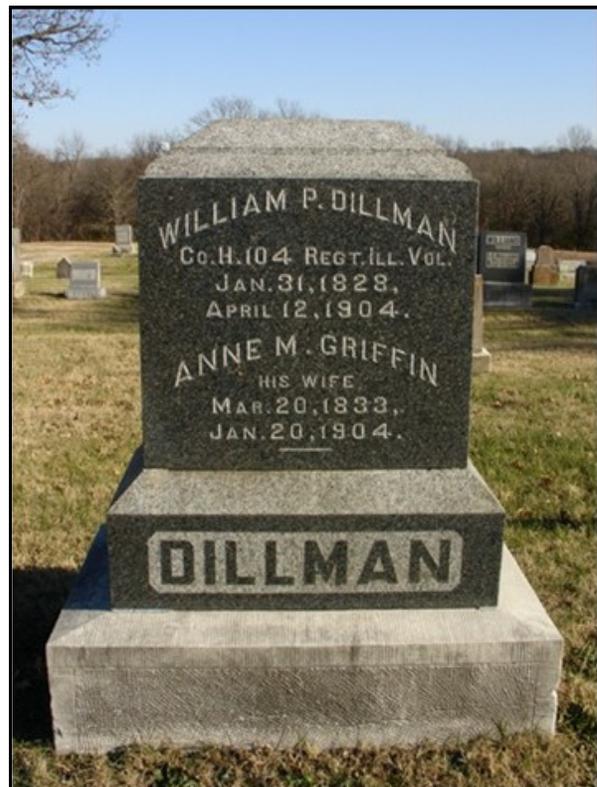
tary record the fever was still occurring in 1863. The attending doctor stated that he probably wouldn't live and therefore he was discharged in December 3, 1863(5). William O. Dillman, the son of George M. Dillman and Ann Burley, took sick on August 3, 1864 and died in hospital on October 1, 1864(6) in Louisville, Kentucky. He was buried in Cave Hill National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. He was only 18 years old when he enlisted in the war.

After the war, William and Anna moved to Evans, Marshall County, Illinois and were listed there in the 1870 Federal Census(7). Five of William P. and Anna Dillman's children were born after William came home from the war. William's hardships weren't over with his military service, he would see some of his children die before his own death in 1904. An infant died young. Next was Alfred at age 22. Alfred was buried beside his father's unused marker in Cumberland Cemetery, Wenona, Illinois. Then David F. Dillman contracted an illness which likely caused insanity. David F. Dillman then committed suicide and was buried in Schell City, Missouri. William P. Dillman had to identify David's body at the coroner's office. Gertrude, William's youngest daughter died at age 26. Only four of William's children had descendants. By 1900, William and Anna had moved to Curtis Township, Vernon County, Missouri(8) having sold their farm in Evans to Anna's brother, George W. Griffin (this farm is recognized by the Illinois Department of Agriculture as having been in the Griffin family for over 100 years).

According to William P. Dillman's Civil War pension file, his legs had developed ulcers during the war from the forced marches. The doctor described his veins as being three times larger than a normal lead pencil and this was due to the marching and the wounds

which never completely healed. William walked with a limp after the war. According to William's pension file he still did house chores and fed his horse in 1893. He couldn't hold a job because he couldn't ride his horse long distances due to the wounds on his legs. William became completely blind in his old age and moved in with his daughter, Evarella R. (Dillman) Roberts. He would often play hide and seek with his grandchildren. One grandchild noted that looking back she thought they had been cruel to William because he was blind and they would intentionally make him run into trees. While playing, William would laugh and the children would laugh about his running into trees, they were just having fun. William evidently loved his children and grandchildren.

William's wife Anna died January 20, 1904 (9) in Nevada, Missouri. William P. Dillman died within a few months of his wife's death on April 12, 1904(10) also in Nevada, Mis-



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souri.

William P. Dillman and Anna Marie Griffin had eleven children:

Elizabeth Frances – b. 14 Oct 1850(11) Wenona, Illinois, d. 23 Jan 1926(12) Kansas City, Missouri. She married James E. Adams 22 Sep 1875 Evans Township, Illinois.

Alfred – b. 26 May 1853, d. 10 Apr 1875(13)

Infant – b. 1855, d. 1855

Mary Bernice – b. 9 Sep 1856 Illinois, d. 3 Dec 1942 Colorado Springs, Colorado. She married Willis Samuel Thompson on 24 June 1888(14) Vernon County, Missouri.

Ida M. – b. June 1860(15) Illinois, d. May 1937. She never married.

Sara – b. 29 Apr 1862 Wenona, Illinois, d. 30 Jul 1944 Gravity, Iowa. She married Adin Brown.

John – b. 1865, Illinois, d. before 1909.

David Franklin – b. 10 Jul 1867, d. 17 Dec 1883.

Evarella R. – b. 30 Oct 1869(16) Evans, Illinois, d. 8 Sep 1914(17) Nevada, Missouri. She married James Edwin Roberts.

Ethelyn – b. May 1873(18) Illinois, d. May 1938 Colorado Springs, Colorado. She never married.

Gertrude M. – b. 26 Apr 1875(19) Illinois, d. 14 Dec 1901(20) Missouri. She never married.

Footnotes

1. Tombstone, Deepwood Cemetery, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri.
2. Tombstone, Deepwood Cemetery, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri.
3. 1850 Census for Hope, LaSalle County, Illinois, page 431, household 749.
4. U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA
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6. National Cemetery Administration. U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:
7. 1870 Census for Evans, Marshall County, Illinois, page 27 & 28, household 188
8. 1900 Census for Curtis (enumeration district 122), Vernon County, Missouri, page 1279, household 253, 805 Sycamore Street
9. Tombstone, Deepwood Cemetery, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri.
10. Tombstone, Deepwood Cemetery, Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri.
11. Death Certificate
12. Death Certificate
13. Tombstone, Cumberland Cemetery, Marshall County, Illinois
14. Missouri Marriage Licenses, page 47
15. 1920 Census
16. Death Certificate
17. Death Certificate
18. 1910 Census
19. Tombstone
20. Tombstone

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6. “DILLMAN REUNIONS”

Several groups of Dillmans hold reunions in different locations each year. In this part of the newsletter, those reunions will be posted with times and locations updated as they become available to us. If you would like your Dillman reunion listed here, please send us the appropriate information. All dates, locations and times are subject to change.

2012 - Saturday, June

Descendants of Andrew & Elizabeth Bruner Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group near Bloomington, IN

Saturday, July

Descendants of C.K. & Bertha Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group Hoopston, IL

Wed.-Sat, August 8-11

Dillman Family Association Mega-Reunion

Open to all Dillman researchers

Ft. Wayne, IN

Martin & Agatha Dillman (gg parents: Peter & Sabina Dillman) family Reunion will be held August 3,4 & 5th 2012. In the Drumheller area of Alberta. The venue is on the Red Deer River, 10 Km west of

Drumheller at the Lions Campground, there are many interesting thing to do in this area; this is the home of the Tyrell Museum (Dinosaurs) large displays and interpretative centre; plus local live theaters and more.

Call or email Susan & Garth Neihaus, Box 901, Drumheller, Alberta T0J 0Y0. Accommodations available near by.

Phone Home: 403-823-9311 Cellular 403-820-5889 email: niehaus1@xplornet.com

If you need more info please contact Chris Dillman at dillmanc@telus.net

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Please let us know your reactions to this issue of the DFA newsletter. Are there any particular features you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter?

“FUTURE ARTICLES”

We would like to include any Dillman-related stories and/or photos that you might wish to submit for upcoming newsletters. We will try to include your submitted stories/photos as quickly as possible.

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by Phil Dillman

