The Kneebones and the Bridgeport Pleasure Resort

Joseph Kneebone, Sr. came to Sacramento from England in 1868, purchased a ranch at Spenceville and started a teaming business. Joseph's wife, Mary, arrived at Spenceville in 1871 with six of their seven children. The seventh child, Andrew Reed Kneebone, remained in England to complete his education. Andrew, born in Cornwall, England, arrived at Spenceville in 1876. Andrew followed his father and became a well known team-



1919-1956 Kneebone House

ster, handling 12 to 20 animals using a "jerk line" to one lead animal. Andrew met Victoria Cole while driving wagons through Bridgeport on his route to the mines, and they were married at Bridgeport March 17, 1886. The couple had five sons including Alfred Alexander Kneebone born in 1892.

Alfred married Lucy Jane Moynier in 1918 and was living in the 1862 Cole house when it burned in 1919. A new home was built on the same foundation to use the existing cellar. In the 1920s Alfred was farming on the Cole Ranch at Bridgeport, then owned by Charles Cole's daughter (Alfred's mother), Victoria Cole Kneebone. The buildings on the ranch included the newly built 1919 ranch house, bridge, red

barn, granary, and dairy barn. In 1927 Alfred began to develop the Bridgeport Pleasure Resort. This included swimming, dancing, dining, and picnic areas about ¼ mile upstream from the ranch and a gas station, store, and watering trough (built in 1920) at the ranch.

The gas station and store opened May 12, 1927 and operated until about 1944. The store stocked food, beverages, and supplies for visitors and for families living in the rental cabins. Soft drinks,



Gas Station Opening Day—May 12, 1927



1 1/2 ton Chevy & Jack Knowlton (Alfrieda's future husband)

beer, fruit, vegetables, meat, ice cream, candy, and household supplies were stocked. In addition to the store, the gas station building included a cold storage room, a garage, and a retort to refine gold. Initially the cold storage room kept the fruit, vegetables, meat and milk cold with ice. Alfred's daughter Alfrieda recalls riding in the back of the ranch's 1 ½ ton Chevrolet pickup truck to Marysville to purchase the food and the ice. Later, a Kohler generator, installed in the generator/separator building (adjacent to the Visitor Center), produced electricity to operate a refrigeration system in the cold room.

The gas station garage had double doors for storage and maintenance jobs. During the depressed 1930s a second gold rush occurred along the South Yuba River, and snipers checked cracks in rocks and panned for gold. Al-



1930s Gas Station & Alfrieda Kneebone



Flume to deliver Kentucky Creek water to field

fred bought gold ore from the miners at \$18.20 per ounce, processed the ore in the retort behind the gas station, and sold it for \$20.70 per ounce in Grass Valley. Daughter Alfrieda recalled that 1938 to 1943 were the best years for the store.

Alfred raised goats and pigs, raised crops, and planted fruit trees all in the fields between today's Visitor Center and the Cemetery. Water for animals and crop irrigation was brought in a ditch that began at Arrastre Bend on Kentucky Creek and was carried over the Turnpike on an elevated flume. Later the flume was replaced by a pipe buried under the Turnpike road. The pipe



Open-air Dance Pavilion and Dining Hall

is located 165 feet west of the gas station, and disturbed rock walls are evident at that location.

The swimming resort opened June 12, 1927 with a beef barbeque and a dance on opening day. The area upstream (now called Kneebone Beach) featured a swimming hole, two diving boards, beach, changing rooms, showers, dining hall, a cement block cave in the hillside to

store cold drinks, a dance pavilion, picnic tables, electric lights, and five rental cabins all about ¼ mile upriver from the ranch. Occasionally Alfred would prepare "camp stew" in two large pots for the crowd. Daughter Alfrieda recalled that they charged \$.25 per bowl. Runoff



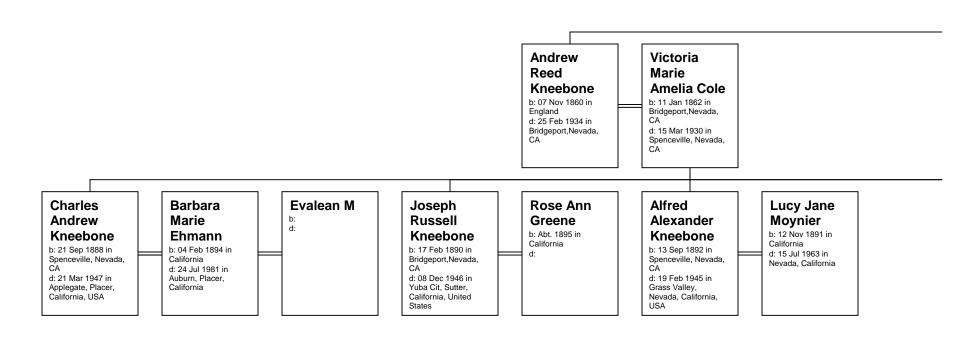
Alfred & Lucy Kneebone

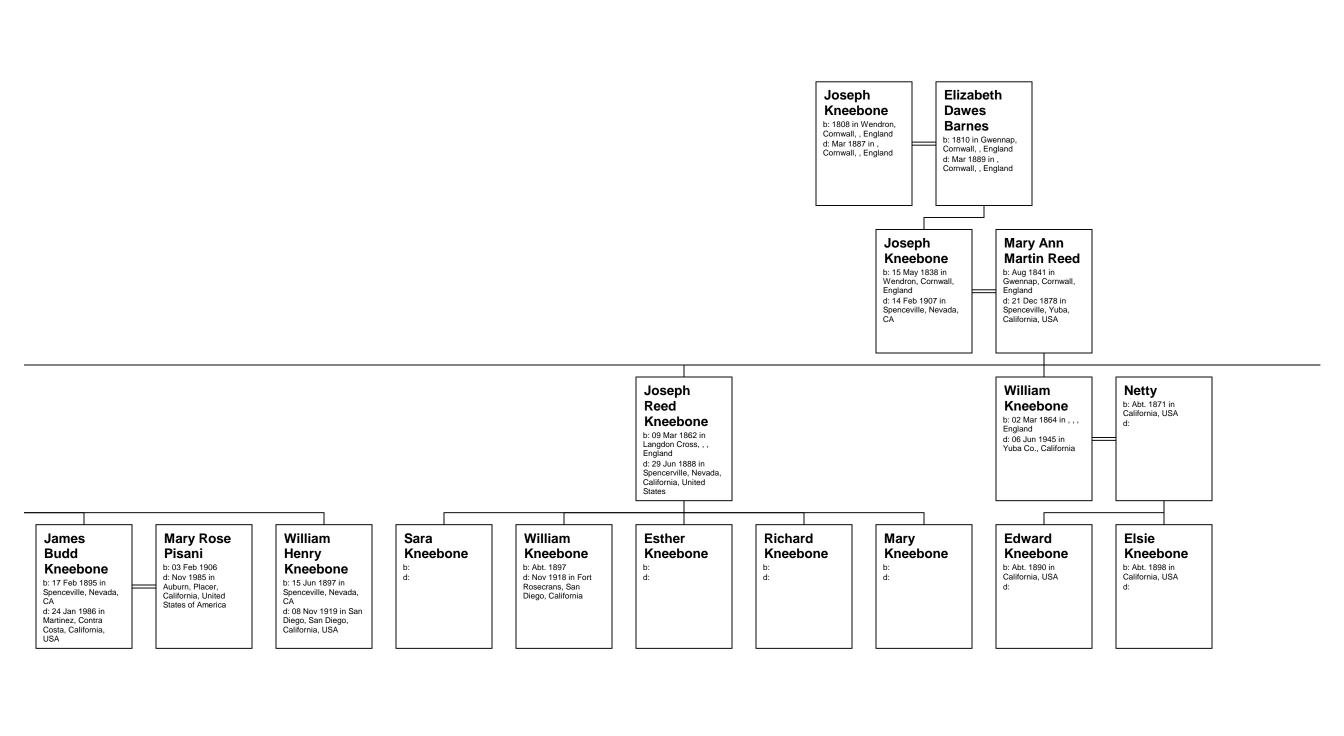
from winter storms in 1928 damaged the dance pavilion and other structures, but repairs were made and the resort opened June 3 that year. Upriver hydraulic mining in 1929 loaded the South Yuba River with sediment, fouled the Kneebone swimming hole, and delayed opening the Resort until July 4, 1930. Alfred filed suit against the Bonanza Gold Mining Corp. and Omega Hill Mining Corp. for loss of 1930 income. PG&E power came to the area in 1940. Alfred died in a 1945 car accident while returning from French Corral. His widow, Lucy, owned the ranch until 1955.

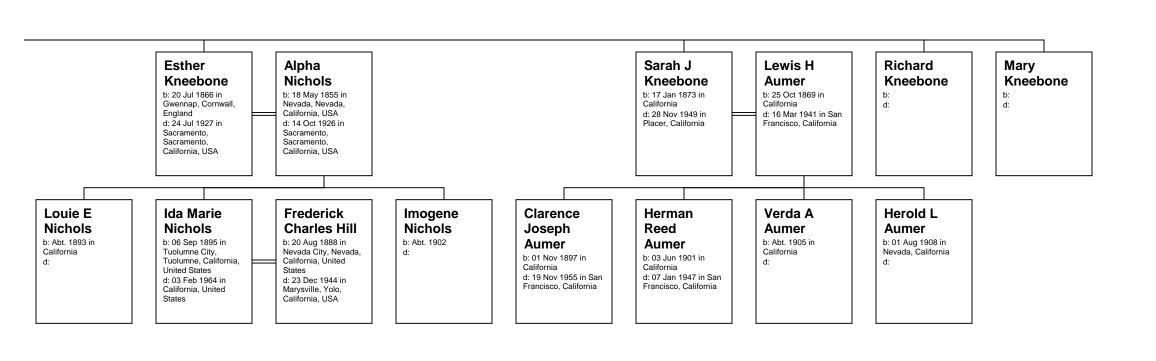
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Descendant Chart for Joseph Kneebone

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Descendants of Joseph Kneebone

Generation 1

1. **Joseph**¹ **Kneebone** was born in 1808 in Wendron, Cornwall, , England. He died in Mar 1887 in , Cornwall, , England. He married **ELIZABETH DAWES BARNES**. She was born in 1810 in Gwennap, Cornwall, , England. She died in Mar 1889 in , Cornwall, , England.

Joseph Kneebone and Elizabeth Dawes Barnes had the following child:

i. JOSEPH² KNEEBONE was born on 15 May 1838 in Wendron, Cornwall, England. He died on 14 Feb 1907 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He married Mary Ann Martin Reed in 1860 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She was born in Aug 1841 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She died on 21 Dec 1878 in Spenceville, Yuba, California, USA.

Generation 2

2. **Joseph**² **KNEEBONE** (Joseph¹) was born on 15 May 1838 in Wendron, Cornwall, England. He died on 14 Feb 1907 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He married Mary Ann Martin Reed in 1860 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She was born in Aug 1841 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She died on 21 Dec 1878 in Spenceville, Yuba, California, USA.

Joseph Kneebone and Mary Ann Martin Reed had the following children:

- i. Andrew Reed Kneebone was born on 07 Nov 1860 in England. He died on 25 Feb 1934 in Bridgeport, Nevada, CA. He married Victoria Marie Amelia Cole, daughter of Charles Jurden Cole and Mary Ann Russell on 29 Mar 1887 in Marysville, CA. She was born on 11 Jan 1862 in Bridgeport, Nevada, CA. She died on 15 Mar 1930 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA.
- 4. ii. JOSEPH REED KNEEBONE was born on 09 Mar 1862 in Langdon Cross, , , England. He died on 29 Jun 1888 in Spencerville, Nevada, California, United States.
- 5. iii. WILLIAM KNEEBONE was born on 02 Mar 1864 in , , , England. He died on 06 Jun 1945 in Yuba Co., California. He married NETTY. She was born about 1871 in California, USA.
- iv. ESTHER KNEEBONE was born on 20 Jul 1866 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She died on 24 Jul 1927 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California, USA. She married Alpha Nichols on 03 Oct 1889 in Marysville, Yuba, California, USA. He was born on 18 May 1855 in Nevada, Nevada, California, USA. He died on 14 Oct 1926 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California, USA.
- 7. v. SARAH J KNEEBONE was born on 17 Jan 1873 in California. She died on 28 Nov 1949 in Placer, California. She married Lewis H Aumer in 1896. He was born on 25 Oct 1869 in California. He died on 16 Mar 1941 in San Francisco, California.
 - vi. RICHARD KNEEBONE.
 - vii. MARY KNEEBONE.

Generation 3

3. ANDREW REED³ KNEEBONE (Joseph², Joseph¹) was born on 07 Nov 1860 in England. He died on 25 Feb 1934 in Bridgeport,Nevada, CA. He married Victoria Marie Amelia Cole, daughter of Charles Jurden Cole and Mary Ann Russell on 29 Mar 1887 in Marysville, CA. She was born on 11 Jan 1862 in Bridgeport,Nevada, CA. She died on 15 Mar 1930 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA.

Andrew Reed Kneebone and Victoria Marie Amelia Cole had the following children:

i. Charles Andrew⁴ Kneebone was born on 21 Sep 1888 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 21 Mar 1947 in Applegate, Placer, California, USA. He married (1)

Generation 3 (con't)

BARBARA MARIE EHMANN, daughter of Paul Ehmann and Rosa Schmidt on 20 Feb 1918. She was born on 04 Feb 1894 in California. She died on 24 Jul 1981 in Auburn, Placer, California, He married (2) EVALEAN M before 1910.

- ii. JOSEPH RUSSELL KNEEBONE was born on 17 Feb 1890 in Bridgeport, Nevada, CA. He died on 08 Dec 1946 in Yuba Cit, Sutter, California, United States. He married ROSE ANN GREENE. She was born about 1895 in California.
- iii. ALFRED ALEXANDER KNEEBONE was born on 13 Sep 1892 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 19 Feb 1945 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA. He married Lucy Jane Moynier on 29 Nov 1918. She was born on 12 Nov 1891 in California. She died on 15 Jul 1963 in Nevada, California.

Notes for Alfred Alexander Kneebone: Per WWII draft registration card, Alfred was 5' 8" and weighed 192 Alfred and Lucy owned a 1939 Chevy in 1944 with 34K miles In 1940s the property and buildings were valued at \$22,500.

- iv. JAMES BUDD KNEEBONE was born on 17 Feb 1895 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 24 Jan 1986 in Martinez, Contra Costa, California, USA. He married Mary Rose Pisani on 12 Jun 1923. She was born on 03 Feb 1906. She died in Nov 1985 in Auburn, Placer, California, United States of America.
- V. WILLIAM HENRY KNEEBONE was born on 15 Jun 1897 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 08 Nov 1919 in San Diego, San Diego, California, USA.
- 4. **Joseph Reed**³ **Kneebone** (Joseph², Joseph¹) was born on 09 Mar 1862 in Langdon Cross, , , England. He died on 29 Jun 1888 in Spencerville, Nevada, California, United States.

Joseph Reed Kneebone had the following children:

- i. SARA⁴ KNEEBONE.
- ii. WILLIAM KNEEBONE was born about 1897. He died in Nov 1918 in Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California.

Notes for William Kneebone: Died from influenza at WWI training camp

- iii. ESTHER KNEEBONE.
- iv. RICHARD KNEEBONE.
- v. Mary Kneebone.
- 5. **WILLIAM**³ **KNEEBONE** (Joseph², Joseph¹) was born on 02 Mar 1864 in , , , England. He died on 06 Jun 1945 in Yuba Co., California. He married **NETTY**. She was born about 1871 in California, USA.

William Kneebone and Netty had the following children:

- i. EDWARD⁴ KNEEBONE was born about 1890 in California, USA.
- ii. Elsie Kneebone was born about 1898 in California, USA.
- 6. **ESTHER**³ **KNEEBONE** (Joseph², Joseph¹) was born on 20 Jul 1866 in Gwennap, Cornwall, England. She died on 24 Jul 1927 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California, USA. She married Alpha Nichols on 03 Oct 1889 in Marysville, Yuba, California, USA. He was born on 18 May 1855 in Nevada, Nevada, California, USA. He died on 14 Oct 1926 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California, USA.

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Alpha Nichols and Esther Kneebone had the following children:

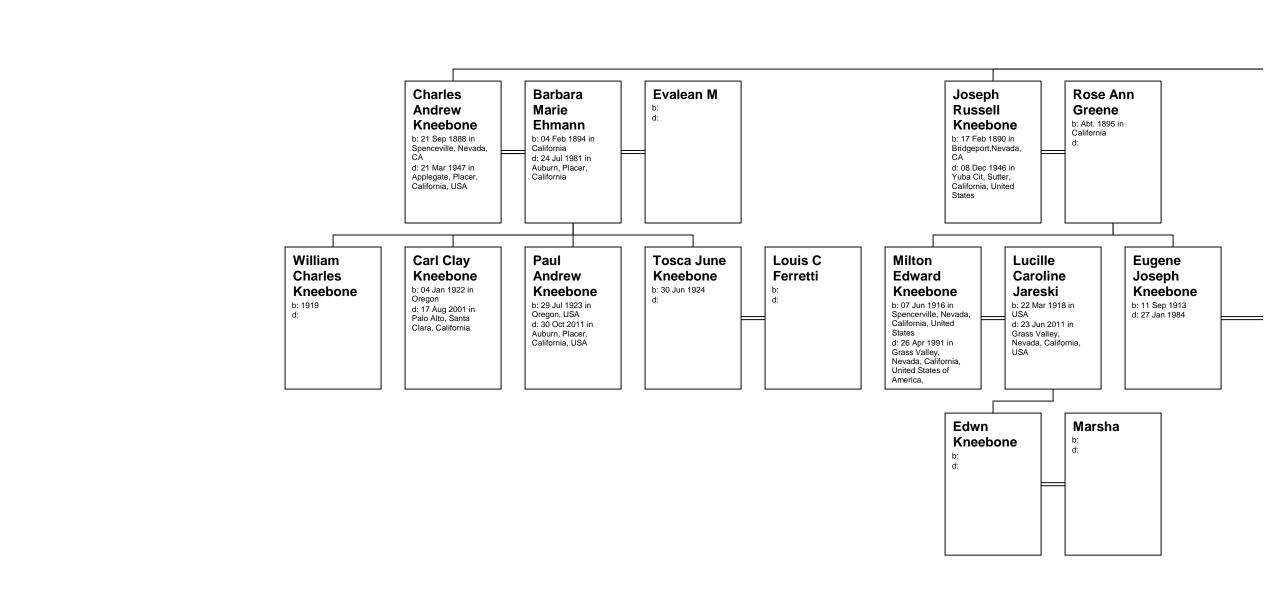
- i. Louie E⁴ Nichols was born about 1893 in California.
- ii. IDA MARIE NICHOLS was born on 06 Sep 1895 in Tuolumne City, Tuolumne, California, United States. She died on 03 Feb 1964 in California, United States. She married Frederick Charles Hill. He was born on 20 Aug 1888 in Nevada City, Nevada, California, United States. He died on 23 Dec 1944 in Marysville, Yolo, California, USA.
- iii. IMOGENE NICHOLS was born about 1902.
- 7. **SARAH J**³ **KNEEBONE** (Joseph², Joseph¹) was born on 17 Jan 1873 in California. She died on 28 Nov 1949 in Placer, California. She married Lewis H Aumer in 1896. He was born on 25 Oct 1869 in California. He died on 16 Mar 1941 in San Francisco, California.

Lewis H Aumer and Sarah J Kneebone had the following children:

- i. Clarence Joseph⁴ Aumer was born on 01 Nov 1897 in California. He died on 19 Nov 1955 in San Francisco, California.
- ii. HERMAN REED AUMER was born on 03 Jun 1901 in California. He died on 07 Jan 1947 in San Francisco, California.
- iii. VERDA A AUMER was born about 1905 in California.
- iv. Herold L Aumer was born on 01 Aug 1908 in Nevada, California.

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Andrew Victoria Reed Marie **Amelia Cole** Kneebone b: 07 Nov 1860 in b: 11 Jan 1862 in England Bridgeport, Nevada, d: 25 Feb 1934 in Bridgeport,Nevada, CA d: 15 Mar 1930 in Spenceville, Nevada, William **Mary Rose** Alfred Lucy Jane **James Alexander** Budd Pisani Henry Moynier b: 12 Nov 1891 in b: 03 Feb 1906 Kneebone Kneebone Kneebone California d: Nov 1985 in b: 13 Sep 1892 in b: 17 Feb 1895 in b: 15 Jun 1897 in d: 15 Jul 1963 in Auburn, Placer, Spenceville, Nevada, Spenceville, Nevada, CA Spenceville, Nevada, Nevada, California California, United States of America d: 19 Feb 1945 in d: 24 Jan 1986 in Martinez, Contra d: 08 Nov 1919 in San Grass Valley, Diego, San Diego, Nevada, California, Costa, California, California, USA Mary E Alfrieda Lucille William **Jack Bruce** Yvonne M Aldien A Dorothy Washburn Victoria Marie Kneebone Eugene Knowlton Kneebone Louise b: 01 Feb 1915 b: 19 Oct 1922 b: 02 Jul 1939 b: 22 Aug 1926 Kneebone Brandt Kneebone Kneebone d: 01 Jun 1984 d: 20 Jan 2010 in b: 08 Nov 1919 in b: 12 Dec 1916 in b: 06 Nov 1925 b: 27 Apr 1928 in Redding, Shasta, California, USA California Newcastle, Placer, Nevada, California California d: 31 Mar 2002 in Newcastle, Placer, d: 01 Apr 1988 in California Newcastle, Placer, California Terry Phyllis L Terry E Kneebone Knowlton Kingsford

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Andrew Reed Kneebone and Victoria Marie Amelia Cole had the following children:

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Charles Andrew Kneebone and Barbara Marie Ehmann had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM CHARLES³ KNEEBONE was born in 1919.
- ii. Carl Clay Kneebone was born on 04 Jan 1922 in Oregon. He died on 17 Aug 2001 in Palo Alto, Santa Clara, California.
- iii. PAUL ANDREW KNEEBONE was born on 29 Jul 1923 in Oregon, USA. He died on 30 Oct 2011 in Auburn, Placer, California, USA.
- iv. Tosca June Kneebone was born on 30 Jun 1924. He married Louis C Ferretti.

Notes for Tosca June Kneebone: Divorced from Ferretti Nov 1970

3. **Joseph Russell**² **Kneebone** (Andrew Reed¹) was born on 17 Feb 1890 in Bridgeport, Nevada, CA. He died on 08 Dec 1946 in Yuba Cit, Sutter, California, United States. He married **Rose Ann Greene**. She was born about 1895 in California.

Joseph Russell Kneebone and Rose Ann Greene had the following child:

Generation 2 (con't)

- i. MILTON EDWARD³ KNEEBONE was born on 07 Jun 1916 in Spencerville, Nevada, California, United States. He died on 26 Apr 1991 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, United States of America,. He married LUCILLE CAROLINE JARESKI. She was born on 22 Mar 1918 in USA. She died on 23 Jun 2011 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA.
- 4. ALFRED ALEXANDER² KNEEBONE (Andrew Reed¹) was born on 13 Sep 1892 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 19 Feb 1945 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA. He married Lucy Jane Moynier on 29 Nov 1918. She was born on 12 Nov 1891 in California. She died on 15 Jul 1963 in Nevada, California.

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Alfred Alexander Kneebone and Lucy Jane Moynier had the following children:

- LUCILLE VICTORIA³ KNEEBONE was born on 08 Nov 1919 in California. She died on 31 Mar 2002 in Newcastle, Placer, California. She married William Eugene Brandt on 10 Jun 1939. He was born on 12 Dec 1916 in Newcastle, Placer, California. He died on 01 Apr 1988 in Newcastle, Placer, California.
- 7. ii. Alfrieda Marie Kneebone was born on 06 Nov 1925. She married Jack Bruce Knowlton on 21 Jan 1944. He was born on 19 Oct 1922. He died on 20 Jan 2010 in Redding. Shasta, California, USA.
- 5. **James Budd**² **Kneebone** (Andrew Reed¹) was born on 17 Feb 1895 in Spenceville, Nevada, CA. He died on 24 Jan 1986 in Martinez, Contra Costa, California, USA. He married Mary Rose Pisani on 12 Jun 1923. She was born on 03 Feb 1906. She died in Nov 1985 in Auburn, Placer, California, United States of America.

James Budd Kneebone and Mary Rose Pisani had the following children:

- i. ALDIEN A³ KNEEBONE was born about 1926.
- ii. DOROTHY LOUISE KNEEBONE was born on 27 Apr 1928 in Nevada, California.

Generation 3

6. **MILTON EDWARD**³ **KNEEBONE** (Joseph Russell², Andrew Reed¹) was born on 07 Jun 1916 in Spencerville, Nevada, California, United States. He died on 26 Apr 1991 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, United States of America,. He married **Lucille Caroline Jareski**. She was born on 22 Mar 1918 in USA. She died on 23 Jun 2011 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California, USA.

Milton Edward Kneebone and Lucille Caroline Jareski had the following child:

- i. Edwn⁴ Kneebone.
- 7. ALFRIEDA MARIE³ KNEEBONE (Alfred Alexander², Andrew Reed¹) was born on 06 Nov 1925. She married Jack Bruce Knowlton on 21 Jan 1944. He was born on 19 Oct 1922. He died on 20 Jan 2010 in Redding, Shasta, California, USA.

Notes for Alfrieda Marie Kneebone:

Per WWII ration book, Alfrieda was 5' 2" and weighed 126

Jack Bruce Knowlton and Alfrieda Marie Kneebone had the following child:

i. PHYLLIS L.⁴ BURGER. She married TERRY E. KINGSFORD. She married (2) BURGER in 1995 in Nevada, USA.