

William Justin Marvel [61334(10)7]

and spouse Florence Gertrude Bowman

William Justin Marvel [61334(10)7] graduated from the Waynesville Academy in June 1898. As a youth on the farm he took one of his fathers prize riding horses out to jump fences and fell from the saddle. His left leg was badly gouged by barb wire and became infected. His father took him to the Doctor who wanted to amputated the leg. Wiley, his father, refused, saying that "No son of mine is going to have only one leg." He returned home where they nursed William back to good health. The accident left him with a stiff leg and he never grew any taller than he was at the time of the accident.



William Justin - Wiley - Florence Gertrude

He taught school for two years before he entered the Rush Medical College which he completed in 1905. He spent one year as an internee in the Post-graduate Hospital in Chicago

Illinois. He began the practice of medicine in Chicago. He was first assistant in the surgical department of the Post-Graduate Medical School until 1907, when he was made Professor of Anatomy and Operative Surgery. In 1910, he was made Professor of Clinical Surgery. From 1906 to 1909 he was in full charge of the X-ray laboratory at the Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. He built a fine home in the country, at 7956 South Elizabeth, which quickly became part of the city of Chicago. He maintained an office in his home where he saw many of his patients. Billy, as he was known, drove big cars and loved to take his family on long vacations.

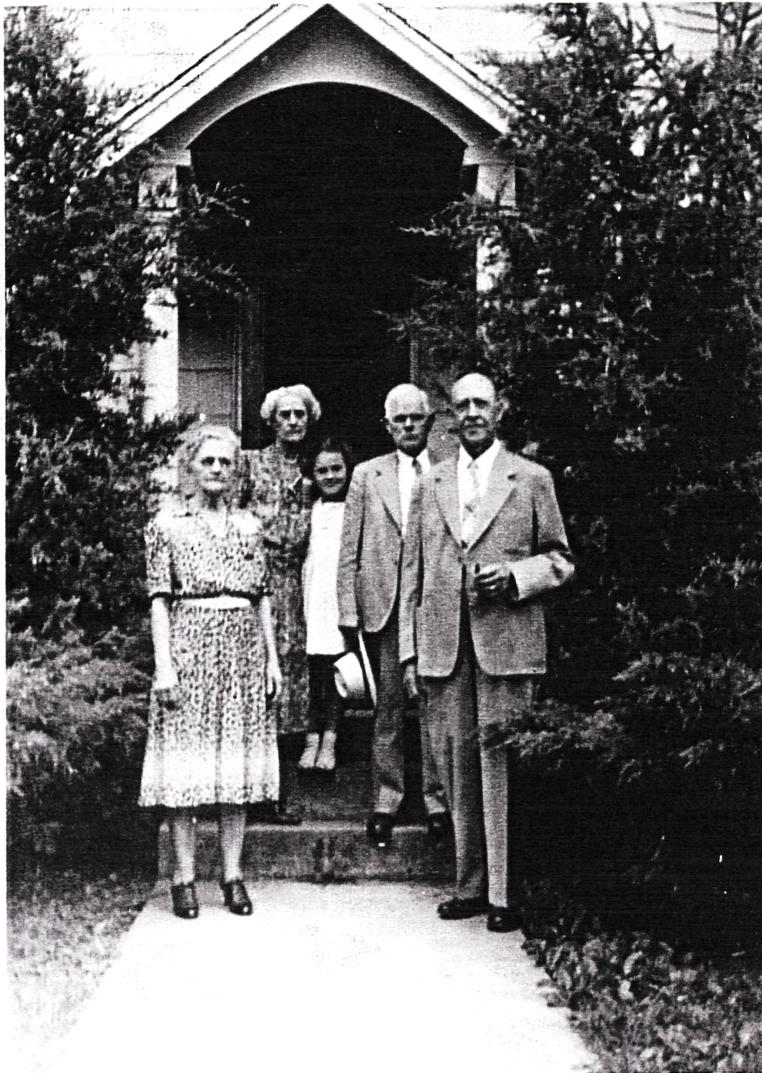
Billy, owned a farm located one mile east of Waynesville on the south side of the road to Wapella. Besides grain farming he had a large cattle feeding operation as well as a dairy herd. He maintained an apartment in the large farm house and he made regular visits to the farm; it was during one of these visits that he suffer a fatal heart attack.

Florence Gertrude Bowman was the fourth of five children born to Robert E. Bowman and Licetta Alice Westcott. Gertrude attended Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She taught school for two years before entering Post Graduate Hospital Training School for Nurses in Chicago. She finished her training in 1906, the year she married William Justin.

Her mother, Licetta was the eldest daughter of Stephen and Roxana Westcott and was born in Adams Center, New York on March 12, 1848. The Westcott family moved to Clyman, Wisconsin in 1852. Robert E. Bowman was born at Stockbridge, Madison County, New York on December 21, 1846. He came to Lowell, Wisconsin in 1858. Robert and Licetta were married on January 21, 1868. They moved to a farm near Pensaukee, Wisconsin in 1871 the same year as the infamous Peshtigo fire swept through the area. In 1877 a tornado destroyed Pensaukee. The Bowman log cabin escaped damaged from these catastrophes but not so in 1887 when it was completely destroyed by fire.

Robert E. Bowman died on November 13, 1926 and Licetta died in March 1938 while visiting her daughter, Daisy, in Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were buried near Brookside, Wisconsin.

After the death of William, Gertrude sold the home in Chicago and purchased a mobile home which was placed in the back yard of her son's home on East Jefferson Street in Clinton, Illinois. She was visiting relatives in 1961 when the mobile home was destroyed by a flash flood which also did considerable damage to Wiley's home. The water rose to a height within two feet of the ceilings of his house. She died in John Warner Hospital, Clinton, Illinois.



Florence Gertrude - William Justin
Sarah Diana
Cora (Marvel) Black - David Black