

## Sarah Maria Dorcy and David Oliver Spangler

Sarah Maria Dorcy was born in Big Rapids, Michigan on 23 April 1889. Shortly after she was born her family took up a homestead near McHenry, Mississippi. The first thing we hear about her is in a letter written by her mother, Bridget to her grandmother, Mary Ellen, back in Michigan. Bridget says ,

“sarah larns her book one hour a day she is busie paren [peeling] shugar cane and chewing it”.

The letter is dated 18 Nov. 1894 so Sarah was just over 5 years old.

The next news we have is again in a letter from her mother to the family in Ireland. She talks of Sarah again and says she is 16 and larger than her mother. Sarah was working as a domestic in Folsom, Louisiana (15 miles from New Orleans) and had been for 13 months. Her mother, Bridget was very lonely for her.



**L-R: David Spangler, Elvina, Sarah, David, Louise**

In 1909 she met David Spangler at the Seattle World's Fair. He was born in Missouri in 1884 the son of Daniel Webster Spangler and Mary Alice Packwood. Sarah and David were married in November in Vancouver, British Columbia by H. Francis Perry, D.D. They may have lived in British Columbia for some time since their first child, Louise, was born there. By 1914 they are living in Bellingham in the Fairhaven area, at first on 10th Street. In 1919 they bought "The Ranch" on Cody Street, so called by the grandchildren. It was a wonderful rickety old house with a picket fence. Sarah was an excellent cook and worked in restaurants and bakeries most of her life. David worked as a laborer, dock worker, a planerman and later as a machinist in the mills around Bellingham. Sarah's nieces remember her wearing hats! It seemed she never went anywhere without wearing some interesting hat. Sarah and Dave moved to Bagley Avenue in Seattle sometime after 1941 and they lived there for many years. A man named Max Stave, a merchant seaman and cousin of Louise's husband, Perry Love, was a

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long time family friend. He often stayed in their home when he was in port. David died in 1956 in Seattle eighteen years before Sarah, who died in 1974 in Seattle.

The children are:

(4) **Louise Muriel Spangler** was born in 1910 in Vancouver, BC. She married Perry Otho Love in Bellingham, Washington in 1929. Perry was a sheet metal worker and they moved to Seattle in September 1939. Louise died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Seattle in 1950. They had four little girls:

(5) **Vivian Louise Love** was born in 1931 in Bellingham. After graduating from high school in Seattle she bought a restaurant to help care for her younger sisters. Because she was interested in art, the former owner of her restaurant introduced her to John, also an art lover. She married John Boyd Weers in 1953 in Seattle. John was born in Illinois in 1925, a member of a most illustrious family. His grandfather founded the town of Danville, Illinois. An uncle founded a power company, an aunt was a first woman mortician and there are other prominent people among his ancestors. John joined the Navy at age 17 serving in three invasions, Leyte, Borneo, and Luzon, as well as the Surigo Straights. At the war's end in 1945 he returned to Illinois and Bradley University earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. John was working as the staff artist for Kenworth Company in Seattle when Vivian met him, but spent most of his working years as an engineer for Boeing Company. They continued their studying when they could and John still teaches art history and is a docent for elementary children. Vivian says she has two main interests in her life, art and kids; so it was natural for them to step in when they found the need to care for their own grandchildren. They legally adopted them and soon realized there were no support groups for this difficult task. They became founders of the official organization for Washington State known as "United Grandparents Raising Grandchildren". This is the first and so far the only non-profit corporation in Washington for grandparents raising grandchildren. They spend many hours writing for grants and staffing an office to disseminate information so support groups can be formed where they are needed. Their children are:

(6) **Vicki Lynne Weers** was born in Everett in 1954. She earned her Associates degree from North Seattle Community college and attended the University of Washington for one year before joining the Air force where she served for two years. Vicky married James Edward Davis and their children are:

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- (7) **Jeffrey Allen Davis** was born in 1980 in Seattle and adopted by his maternal grandparents in 1994. He changed his name to **Wesley Owen Weers** because he wanted his initials to spell "WOW".
- (7) **Kerri Ann Davis** was born in 1982 in Bellevue, WA and adopted by the maternal grandparents in 1994. She changed her name to **Mary Louise Weers**.
- (6) **John Curtis Weers** was born in 1957 in Seattle. He is called Curt. He attended North Seattle community College and graduated from Renton Vocational/Technical School. He works in the corporate headquarters for Boeing Company and is their expert on Military Standards. Curt has rewritten and updated the manual for military affairs for the Boeing Company. Curt is not married.
- (5) **Joyce Nelene Love** (called Joy) was born in Bellingham, Washington in 1933. She graduated from high school in Bellingham and married Bernard Charles Koslosky, Sr., in Seattle in 1951. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1929 the son of Bernard Kazlauskas (the name is Lithuanian) and Julia Kadjeski. Joyce worked for the Federal Reserve Bank from 1951 till 1955 and again from 1965 until 1989. She has owned and managed a triplex since 1986. Joyce's special interests are kids, and grandchildren, sewing, handwork and working in the yard. Bernie served two years in the US Army and in 1951 went to work for Cudahy-Bar-S Meat Packing Company. Since 1986 he has been with Broadmoor Golf Club. Joy and Bernie's children are:
- (6) **Julia Louise Koslosky** was born in Seattle in 1953. She earned a B.S. Degree in Clinical Chemistry from Seattle University. She is currently a homemaker and volunteers at the schools as well as gardening, sewing, doing crafts. Julia married Roy Oliver Briggs, Jr., in 1974 in Seattle. Roy was born in Hampton, Virginia in 1951 and is the son of Roy Oliver and Melvin (Firman) Briggs. He studied music at Shoreline Community College and has worked for the Seattle Times since 1969 and is now district advisor. He likes anything "do it yourself" such as remodeling, cars, landscaping, model railroading and music. Julia and Roy's children are:
- (7) **Sarah Marie Briggs** was born 1975 in Seattle. She earned a certificate for medical secretary and

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automated office work at Sno-Isle Skill Center in 1993. She is currently employed by Bartel Drug in Seattle. She has played violin for Cascade and Everett youth symphonies.

- (7) **Joshua Richard Briggs** was born and died 19 April 1976, in Seattle.
- (7) **Rebecca Elizabeth Briggs** was born in Seattle in 1976. She is now transferring from Everett Community College to Edmonds Community College where she will study Emergency Dispatch Services. She is employed by the grocery outlet in Everett and enjoys crafts, especially miniatures and doll house building.
- (7) **Caryn Jean Briggs** was born in 1980 in Seattle. She plays soccer, is on the Snohomish High School news paper staff and is considering a career in journalism or meteorology.
- (7) **Roy Oliver Briggs, 3rd** was born in 1982 in Seattle. He will start Snohomish High and JROTC in the fall of 1996. He likes genealogy, designing board games, computers and medieval history.
- (7) **Robert Charles Briggs** was born in 1989 in Seattle. He loves school, soccer and making things from any media.
- (6) **Bernard Charles Koslosky Jr., (called Chuck)**, was born in 1955 in Seattle. He is a licensed Steam Engineer and the Senior Plant Engineer for Northwest Hospital. Chuck is a soccer coach, baseball umpire, bass guitar player and loves the outdoors. He married Teresa Lynn Brooks in 1985 in Woodenville, Washington and adopted her daughter Marguarite in 1988. Marguarite Brooks was born in Seattle in 1983 and plays clarinet and flute as well as soccer and loves Dalmations. Teresa is the daughter of James and Barbara Joan "Jolly" Brooks. Bernard and Teresa's child is:
  - (7) **Benjamin James Koslosky** was born in 1987 in Seattle and loves reptiles. He plays soccer and baseball and is a Cub Scout.
- (6) **Margaret Anne Koslosky** was born in 1956 in Seattle. She has a degree in Computer Information Systems. She is a systems analyst/programmer at Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center and also coaches soccer. She married John Forrest Collins, who was born in 1956 in

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Alaska. He is the son of Jim and Edna (Jensen) Collins. They were divorced in 1986. Their children are:

- (7) **Jacqueline Louise Collins** was born in 1980 in Edmonds and attends Shorewood High School. She works with street youth on a paid or volunteer basis and volunteers at food banks.
- (7) **Emily Starla Koslosky** was born in 1981 in Edmonds, attends Shorecrest High School, plays premier and varsity soccer and sings in the school choir.
- (7) **Aaron John Collins** was born in 1983 in Edmonds, attends Kellogg Middle School and is a licensed soccer referee.
- (6) **Michael Edward Koslosky** was born in 1957 in Seattle. He earned an accounting degree at Shoreline College and is employed at Ernest and Young, Intl. since 1981. He is a nationally licensed soccer coach and holds a Washington State Realtors license. He is unmarried.
- (6) **Kathryn Marie Koslosky** was born in 1962. in Seattle. She graduated from Shorecrest, Seattle in 1980. She is employed by the Sultan School District, plays soccer, and coaches two soccer teams. She married Michael Allen Perry in 1982 in Seattle. He is the son of Rex and Sharon (Levinson) Perry. Kathryn and Michael were divorced in 1989. She married Douglas Earl Savelesky in 1991. The two children of Kathryn and Michael use the name of their step-father. The children are:
  - (7) **Stephani Marie (Perry) Savelesky** was born in 1984 in Edmonds, attends Sultan Middle School, and is a soccer player, an artist and a writer.
  - (7) **Nicholas Ray (Perry) Savelesky** was born in 1988 in Seattle. He plays sports, loves animals, and enjoys woodworking, mechanics and math.
- (5) **Doris Peri Love** was born in Bellingham in 1935. She served in the WAFS (U.S. Air Force) as a radio tower operator during the Korean war and received a commendation by General Wainwright. Doris married James Riley in 1956. Jim was born in Kentucky in 1935 and served in the Air Force for twenty one years. He was a master sergeant serving in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. The family lived in Hawaii, Japan and Thailand as well as the USA. When Jim retired they moved to Puyallup, Washington. She was very proud to get her real estate broker's license and was a realtor in later years. She died

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of spinal cancer in Puyallup, Washington in 1994. The children of Doris and James are:

- (6) **James Perry Riley** was born in 1956 in Louisiana. Jimmy has never married and has no children.
- (6) **Ramona Marie Riley** was born in San Antonio, Texas in 1958. She married Fredrick Harbard in 1978. The U.S. Air Force is Fred's career. They live in South Carolina in 1996. Their children are:
  - (7) **Jesse Harbard** was born in 1982.
  - (7) **Nathaniel Perry Harbard** was born in 1986.
  - (7) **Megan Riley Harbard** was born in 1987.
- (6) **Tony Lee Riley** was born in 1959 in Japan. He married Joyce Johnston who had two sons, Lief and Ryan Johnston. Lief was a hemophiliac and died in 1995 of aids from contaminated blood.
- (6) **Robert Roy Riley** was born in Washington in 1967. He married Tami Kaye Schafer in 1990 in Lakewood, WA. They live in Puyallup and have a sign making business. They have no children in 1996.
- (5) **Kathleen Rose Love** was born in Bellingham in 1937. She married William Alfred Cummins in 1957 in Seattle, Washington. Bill was born in 1925 in Bellingham, Washington. In 1996, they are living with their son and his family in Edmonds, Washington. Their children are:
  - (6) **Ava Beth Cummins** was born in 1958 in Seattle. She married Joe King. They had:
    - (7) **Kathleen Rose King** was born in 1982 in Walla Walla, Washington.
  - (6) **William Allen Cummins** was born in Seattle in 1960. Al married Mary Jo McCarty in 1984 in Seattle, Washington. Mary Jo was born in 1959 and their child is:
    - (7) **Jonathan Earl Cummins** was born in Seattle in 1987.
- (4) **David Leonard Spangler** was born in Bellingham in 1914. and graduated from Fairhaven High School. He was called Dave and his son was David to tell them apart. He is the nephew who saved the piano from the burning house of Wm. T. Dorcy when he was about 15 years old. In 1936 he is listed in the city directory as a mill worker at Bloedel Donovan Mill in Bellingham. He moved to Seattle after his son was born. Dave was a master machinist and taught apprentices. He enjoyed dressing specially for different occasions and almost always wore a completely white outfit including a white cap to the "Dorcy Gatherings". Some of the family thought he was a baker by trade and

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some called him the "Ice cream man" because of this white outfit. Dave married Nora Lucile Mariotto in 1937 in Bellingham. Nora was born in 1916 in Raton, NM, the daughter of Ed and Caterina Mariotto. She retired from Boeing after thirty five years of service. Their child is:

(5) **David Cyrus Spangler** was born in Bellingham in 1938. He served in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and was assigned the job of surveying the desert near Death Valley. He married first Virginia Huffman in 1962 whom he met in California while serving in the army. They divorced in 1964. Their child is:

(6) **David Jason Spangler** was born about 1963 in Pamona, CA He is living in California.

After discharge from the army David went to work in Aero Space Engineering, first for Boeing in Seattle then for Douglas in Santa Monica. He was transfered to Huntsville, AL to work on the "Man on The Moon project" (the Saturn Rocket) and he worked for Douglas through the "Sky-Lab project" While with the "Sky-Lab project" he worked and trained with the astronauts. He earned a BSBA from the University of Alabama in 1974 and an MBA in 1976. He has lived for thirty years in Huntsville and currently owns a video production business. He married Mary Margaret Neeley in 1968 and was divorced from her in 1975. David is planning to return to live in Washington in 1997 so he can again be close to family. David enjoys bridge, chess, and golf. In June, 1996 David went to Mississippi to find the homestead where his grandmother spent her childhood. He brought back some earth from the homestead and he calls it "The Dorcy Dirt". David and Mary Margaret's child is:

(6) **David John Spangler** was born in 1969 in Huntsville, AL. In 1985 he had his picture on the advertising flier for the "Space and Rocket Center" which is a camp for teaching about Space and Rockets. He presently lives in California.

(4) In 1944, in Seattle, David Leonard Spangler married Thea Jane Kirkland, the daughter of William Lee Kirkland and Bertha Wilson (May) Kirkland. Thea died in 1967 in Seattle and David died in 1988 in Seattle. David and Thea's child is:

(5) **Sandra May Spangler** was born in Seattle in 1947. She attended Lincoln High School and married Gary L. Rieman in Snohomish, WA in 1965 in Seattle. Their child is:

(6) **Cindy Louise Rieman** was born 1968 in Monroe, WA. and attended Sultan High School. She married Russell

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Lloyd Bouy in 1994 at Lake Stevens, WA. He is the son of Donald C. and Bernie J. Bouy, was born in 1966 and went to Sultan High School. Russ is the owner, manager of Bouy Co. Enterprise. Cindy is a home maker, sells Tupperware and Mary Kaye cosmetics and does the bookkeeping for her husband's trucking business. Their child is:

(7) **Robert David Bouy** was born in 1993 in Edmonds, WA.

(5) Sandra married Charles Akin in 1971. Charles died in 1989. He was the son of Loren and Dortha Akin. Sandy and Charles' children are:

(6) **Jody Jude Akin** (called J.J.). was born in 1972 in Everett, WA. J.J. likes to fish best of all. He has a child by Michele Apadoca:

(7) **Tianna Rose Akin** was born in 1995

(6) **Shawndrika Rae Akin** (called Shawny). was born in 1973 in Everett, WA. She is planning to return to school while she cares for her two children by Roy Allen Johnson, who was born in 1964:

(7) **Christopher Allen Johnson** was born in 1993 in Fortuna, CA.

(7) **Katherine Jollene Johnson** was born in 1994 in Monroe, WA.

(6) **Scott Loren Akin** was born in 1975 in Everett, WA. He works as a farmhand and at the speedway in Monroe, Washington.

For the past several years Sandra's constant companion has been Rob Roy Bittmann who was born in 1944 in California. They live in Gold Bar, Washington in 1996.

(4) **Elvina Marie Spangler** was born in 1919 in Bellingham, Washington. She attended Bellingham Normal School for one year and won a scholarship from the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association. She earned her B.S. in pharmacy in 1942 from University of Washington. She worked as a pharmacist for many years and held several offices in the King County Pharmaceutical Association. She married Harold Albert Wenske, a diesel engineer, in 1948 and later divorced him. In 1971 Elvina moved to Ketchikan, Alaska to manage a pharmacy. She married a man named George Martin Sivertsen in 1977. She played bridge in national tournaments and loved to travel. She lived in Ketchikan until her death in 1994. Elvina and Harold had one child:

(5) **Teresa Louise Wenske** was born in Seattle in 1951. She is called Missy or Terry by family and friends. Terry graduated



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as a Dental Hygienist from the University of Washington in 1974. She worked in that field for three years and then switched to advertising. She worked for Microsoft first in advertising then in software design. She married Dale Clarence Heppner in 1976 in Seattle. Dale was born in 1946 in Walla Walla and is an engineer with the City of Seattle Bridge Department. He also owns a medical equipment repair business. The Hepners are classic car collectors and own cars from Model-A Fords to early Thunderbirds. The family enjoys traveling in their motor home. Their two girls are:

- (6) **Trisha Marie Heppner** was born in Seattle in 1978 and will graduate from Lake Washington High School in Kirkland in 1997.. She likes basketball and computers.
- (6) **Lisa Marie Heppner** was born in Seattle in 1981. She likes art, drama, and interior decorating.



**Sarah (Dorcy) Spangler**

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