

The John Henry Lael Family in Illinois

Introduction

This is the 4th year for this booklet that starts the dialog about the John Henry Lael family after they relocated to Illinois. In the early 1900's John's family consisted of his wife Dona Emma (Lail), his sons Ross Council, Everett, and Owen Boyd. At this time I do not know the year that the family moved to Illinois but it appears that it was after June 1907 (when Owen Boyd was born in Conover, North Carolina) and before January 1911 (when Skiles Enloe was born in Ashland, Illinois). In "*The Lagle/Lail Family in America*", third edition, 1991, written by Margaret Lail Hopkins and others (the *Lael book*) the author stated that the family moved to Illinois on March 5, 1909 which falls in between the birth dates just mentioned.

As just mentioned Skiles Enloe was the first born in Illinois following with Rena Bernice, R. V. Leonard and Homer V., the baby of the family. All of John's immediate ancestors, as well as Dona Emma's ancestors, were born in North Carolina in the 1800's. I'll dedicate at least one chapter in this booklet to the North Carolina history.

As I add information about our family to this booklet, I hope it inspires others who have additional information, dates and stories to bring them to me so at some point we will end up with a very complete history of the John Henry family and their descendants in Illinois. Much of the history for all of the Lael

ancestors in America is available in the *Lael book*. The bulk of the information I have on the Lael Family web site was obtained from that book. The balance of the material comes from a review of the U.S. Census, ranging from 1840 to 1930. The next Census will include 1940, but it will not be available until 2012, or 72 years after it was taken.

The 2011 Lael Reunion produced a good bit of new information, dates and photographs about the Lael family. As promised in the first booklet I will recap the previous year's Reunion with highlights and photographs.

I have started adding names for later generations to each family branch. In previous years (2009) I started with John Henry (the 6th generation) and included the 7th and 8th generations. In 2010 I added the 9th and 10th generations. For 2011, I added a number of 11th generation individuals.

I believe that one chapter should be used to work my way through each branch of our Family starting with the children of John Henry. The *Lael book* is pretty complete up to the 1970's & 1980's. I hope to continue on with current information that will reflect all of the additions to our family since the last edition of the *Lael book*.

There is also a Lael Family web site located at www.laelfamily.com where you can find more family history.

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Lael Family History in North Carolina

The early ancestors of John Henry and Dona Emma immigrated to the United States from Germany in the mid-1700's. They apparently followed the typical route by first settling in Pennsylvania and then migrating to North Carolina. It is felt that Hans George Lael was the first of our German ancestors to immigrate to the United States. He appears to have settled in York County, Pennsylvania. If he is in fact our ancestor he traveled from Germany to England and then on to Pennsylvania. He arrived in the Port Of Philadelphia on August 30, 1737.

It appears that the Lail and Lael names evolved over time from the German spelling of our surnames of Löhl to Lagel, Lagle, Legal, to list just a few. In her research of the Lael name, Margaret Lail Hopkins found that with the umlaut (Ö) placed over the letter O in Löhl, the name sounds very close to the way Lail is spoken in English.

If I have read the Family Charts contained in the Lael book correctly the following list traces the Lael head of the households back to Hans Georg Löhl, the first of our family to arrive in the United States in 1737.

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| John Henry Lael | 1881 – 1956 |
| Noah Lagle | 1857 – 1924 |
| Peter Lagle | 1828 - 1884 |
| Joseph Lail (Lagle) | 1801 – after 1851 |

John Jacob Lale 1750 – after 1801

Hans Georg Löhl 1703 – 1771

Branch of Hans Georg Löhl (1703 – 1771)

Hans Georg Löhl sailed on an English ship *Samuel*, and arrived in Philadelphia on August 30, 1737. Hans Georg probably made his way from the heart of Germany to Rotterdam and then on to England. Only English ships were allowed travel to American ports in those days.

Ship's records list Hans Georg on three separate documents dated August 30, 1737. He was identified by his mark, which was a crude capital "H". From the date of arrival in America there are no records that list Hans Georg until about 1743. This would be consistent with someone who paid for his trip to America by working for a business man or farm owner.

In the fall of 1752 Hans Georg migrated to the Yadkin Valley, which is in the northwest area of North Carolina. He first shows up in tax records in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1759. Later descendants spread throughout North Carolina, settling in Burke and Lincoln (which later became Catawba) Counties. It was around this time that those who settled in Burke County changed their name to Lail. Those who moved into Catawba County adopted Lael as the spelling of their last name.

Researchers found that the mark of Georg Legall on his property records in Rowan County dated in 1761 matched the mark of Hans Georg Löhl when he signed documents in Philadelphia in 1737. The mark as previously noted was a crude looking “H” which probably stood for Hans. The land Hans Georg held title to adjoined land owned by Daniel Boone.

Hans Georg had six sons with him in North Carolina. This was also the period in time that was the start of the Revolutionary War. Georg Lagle Jr. (another way our Family name was spelled) and his younger brothers Henry and Peter left North Carolina for Kentucky. Many men in North Carolina served in the military and fought the British. Sons of Hans Georg including Michael, Jacob and William stayed in North Carolina and served in the Continental army.

George Jr. gained ownership of land in northeast Kentucky in about 1778. This land was near the military fort called Ruddles Station in Harrison County, Kentucky. Information about the fort and the battle which occurred in the summer of 1780 was taken from the web site <http://frontierfolk.org/ruddles.htm>.

The three Lail brothers (as their names were spelled on list of individuals killed and/or captured in the June 1780 battle around the Station) included Peter, Henry and George Jr. The British and Indians attacked the fort. About 20 people were killed with the rest being taken prisoner and marched to Detroit (I could not determine if that was Detroit, Michigan or

some other Detroit). Those taken prisoner were held until the end of the War. It appears that Peter was killed on June 30, 1780, or sometime during captivity. Peter's wife, Mary, was taken captive and adopted into an Indian family. She was forced to marry an Indian and bore him a son. She later escaped to Canada leaving her son behind and married Jacob Markle (Miracle). Jacob Markle was a German and was probably captured at Ruddles Station.

George Jr. was taken captive and also made the trip to Detroit. He and his family were later released and he returned to Kentucky. His son George was not released with the family and he remained to live with the Shawnee Indians.

Henry was held in captivity and was finally released at the end of the war. He apparently married an Indian woman and they had two boys. After their release they returned to North Carolina.

The three sons of Hans Georg that remained in North Carolina, Michael, Jacob and William, served in the Revolutionary war and lived through the conflict. However, William was captured by the British and held prisoner on board a ship until about 1781.

The Revolutionary War ran from 1775 until the treaty was signed in 1783. The hostilities ended after the British surrendered at Yorktown in the winter of 1781/82. During 1782 the British started to remove their troops from America. It would have been during

this period 1782 and 1783 that the Ruddles Station captives would have been released.

Branch of Jacob Lail (1750 – about 1801)

As already mentioned Jacob Lail stayed in North Carolina during the War. He started his family in 1784 after the War ended. His first born was named Henry. He had three daughters and six sons. The two boys that are important to the current Lael Family are Henry (born in 1784) and Joseph (born in 1801). As we trace the Family tree you will see that descendants of Henry include Dona Emma Lail and descendants of Joseph include John Henry Lael.

Our branch of the family tree continues on from Hans Georg to his son Jacob. Jacob was born in York County, Pennsylvania in about 1750. His first son was Henry who was born in Mecklenburg, North Carolina in about 1784 and his fifth son Joseph was born about 1801 in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

Branch of Joseph Lail (1801 – about 1851)

Joseph and his first wife Mary had four boys and one girl between 1821 and 1829. He married Christine Lowman (born in about 1801) in about 1842 and had 4 daughters between 1843 and 1851 in Burke County, North Carolina.

I can find Joseph Lail in the 1840 Census for North Carolina, Burke County. His family consists of five males including him and four females including his wife. The Census information only shows the name of the head of the household and no other individuals are named. The Census material is further broken down by male and female and placed in age groups. The oldest male and female are both in the age group 30 – 40 years old. That matches the age of Joseph since he had been shown to have been born in 1801. The number and sex of his children almost match the family charts in the Lael book.

In the 1850 Census for North Carolina, Burke County, the names of all of the members of the household are included. The Census information not only includes their name but also their age at the time the Census was taken. Joseph and Christine are shown as 49 years of age. Christine brought three of her children from a previous marriage with her. They were Angeline Lowman, age 17, John Lowman, age 14, and Susan Lowman, age 13. Joseph and Christine had three daughters by this time, Rachel, age 7, Mira, age 5, and Mary, age 2 months in July 1850 when this Census was taken. Joseph's occupation was a farmer. Based upon the amount of land that his ancestors owned would indicate the Lail family was involved in farming since their arrival in America.

Branch of Peter Lail (1828 – 1884)

For our purposes the third son of Joseph is the center of our attention. Peter was born in 1828 in Burke County, North Carolina. He married Mary Ann Lagle on July 16, 1848. She was born on January 25, 1830 a daughter of Henry Lagle (Lail) who was also the Great Great Grandfather of Dona Emma Lail.

In the 1840 Census, as previously mentioned, Joseph, Peter's father, had five males living with him at home. One boy is shown to be between 10 and 15 years old and that would no doubt be Peter who would have been about 12 at that time. In the 1850 Census on the same census page the family that was enumerated just prior to Joseph and his family was Peter Lail. Additionally the next family after Joseph to be enumerated was Jacob Lail, another son of Joseph and a brother to Peter. You can assume by this that they were living very close to each other. As it appears in all of these historical documents the history of the Lail family had been as farmers, and their occupation listed in 1850 is also as farmers.

In 1850 Peter and his wife Mary had two children, Alexander, age 5 and Catherine age 10 months. Peter's age is listed as 21 which would fit as he was born in 1828. In the 1860 Census which was taken on September 5, 1860, I finally found Peter and his family. However their last name was listed as Lagel. Peter now has two girls, Catherine (age 11) and Julian (age 8), and two boys, Gerard (10) and Noah (age 1).

Research in the 1870 and 1880 Census have been unfruitful in finding Peter or Noah. I have sifted thru hundreds of Census pages looking for these families and using every possible spelling of the last name to no avail.

Branch of Noah Lail (1856 – 1924)

Noah first shows up in the 1860 Census as a one year old boy. He was living with his family in Catawba County, North Carolina. Noah married Polly Menah Holler on May 29, 1879. In the 1880 Census Noah and Polly had one daughter born in about January 1880. It appears that Noah and Polly live in the house or farm next to Peter and Margaret Holler, her parents. Both Noah and Peter were listed as being farmers.

I've noted in my research of Census information that in a number of instances a close relative or in-law of the person that I am searching for, lives next door or in the next farm house. I can only imagine that in the 1800's travel was limited and you were only exposed to other people that lived nearby. That is probably why so many of our relatives lived in close proximity to their in-laws and other family members.

Branch of John Henry Lael (1881 – 1956)

John Henry Lael was born on April 15, 1881 in Conover, North Carolina. He was the son of Noah and Polly Menah (Holler) Lael. Polly Menah was also born

in North Carolina. John Henry was the second of seven children. He had three sisters and three brothers.

Dona Emma (Lail) Lael was born December 7, 1883 in Conover, North Carolina, the daughter of Sylvanus (Vanie) and Mary Ann (Coonts). Dona Emma was the fourth of seven children. She had two brothers and four sisters. As just mentioned Dona Emma's family was the branch that probably settled in Burke County in the early 1800's.

John and Dona were married on August 6, 1899 in Hickory, North Carolina. In the 1900 Census John was living with Dona's family. Dona's mother and father, Sylvanus and Mary Ann, also had 5 daughters and one son at that time.

The John Henry family bible contained a note that he moved his family to Illinois on March 5, 1909. I am not sure if that is the date they arrived in Illinois or the date they left North Carolina. I also have not been able to determine why they settled in Cass County.

NOTE: *I would like to add any information about our Family that you may be aware of. Please say something to me or drop me a line so I can add to this booklet and keep it growing each year for our Reunions.*

Lael Family History in Illinois

John and Dona along with their young family, which at the time included Ross Council, Everett, and Owen, moved to the Ashland, Illinois area in 1909. The first child born in Illinois was Skiles in 1911. Next came daughter Rena in 1912. R.V. was born in 1918 in Virginia and finally Homer in 1922 who was born in Merritt.

In the 1910 Census John and his family were living in the Philadelphia area of Cass County. The children in the family at that time were Ross, Everett and Owen.

At some time prior to the 1920 Census John moved his family to the Chandlerville area. The size of the family had increased to now include Skiles, Rena, and R.V..

In 1930 the family was living in the Merritt, Illinois area, a few miles south of Chapin located in Scott County. Ross, Everett and Owen were no longer living at home, having gone on to marry and start their families. Skiles who was 19 at the time was listed as a farmer as was John. The latest addition to the family was Homer who was about 9 years old.

Family Trees

For the purpose of this booklet, Hans Georg is shown as the 1st generation of the Laels in America. John Henry is considered to be in the 6th generation. These numbers differ from those contained in the Lael Book since it starts counting back in Germany in about 1550. Over the next few pages I'll set out the family trees for each family member of John & Dona. For this year's booklet (2010) I have included family members thru the 10th generation. We do have some members that would be considered to be in at least the 17th generation from the very first Lael in Germany in 1550.

6th John Henry (1881) & Dona Emma *Lail* (1883) Lael

7th Hattie (1901) Lael (died as an infant)

7th Ross Council (1902) & Ruth *Shelley*(1904) Lael

7th Everett (1904) & Idel *Northcut* (1907) Lael

7th Owen Boyd (1907) & Myrtle Ham (1908) Lael

7th Skiles Enloe (1911) & Leva *Williams* (1917) Lael

7th Rena Bernice (1912) & Hugo Ehlert (1904)

7th R.V. Leonard (1918) & Marcella *Hinds* (1923) Lael

7th Homer V. (1922) & Fern *Pate* (1920) Lael

Ross Council Lael

Ross Council and Ruth Marion Shelley were married in Winchester, Illinois on December 10, 1921. Ruth was born in Virginia, Illinois. At the time of the 1930

Census, Ross and Ruth were living next door to Ruth's Grandfather's (William Franklin and Sarah Shelley) family and her father (John William) who was listed as being widowed.

- 7th Ross Council (1902) & Ruth *Shelley*(1904) Lael
- 8th Ross William (1922) & Betty *Becker* (1927) Lael
- 9th Patricia Lee Lael (1948) & Dannie W. *Eifert* (1st) & William *Barnhart* (2nd)
- 10th Todd William Eifert (1972) (father Dannie W.)
- 10th Will Barnhart (father William)

- 9th Joyce Ann Lael(1950) & James Wesley *Garrison*

- 9th Terry William Lael (1955)
- 10th Shane Lael

- 9th Joann Lynn Lael (1957) & Robert A. *Gielau*
- 10th Lindsey Gielau
- 10th Megan Gielau

- 8th Bobby Lee (1924) & Beulah Rae *Sullins* (1923) Lael (1st) & Joann *McClure* (1935) (2nd)
- 9th Thomas Michael Lael (1942)(mother Beulah Rae) & Deborah Jean *Rawlins* (1944)
- 10th Bradley Scott Lael (1965)
- 10th Christopher Michael Lael (1967) & Rebecca Irene *Huckabay*(1973)(1st) & Kristie *Ford* (1980) (2nd)

Huckaby

11th Britney Joyce (1989)

Bliss

11th Christopher Michael Jr. (1989)

Ford

11th Ethan Thomas (2006)

11th Chloe Elizabeth (2009)

10th Ryan Yates Lael (1975) & Janice
Eddington (1975)

11th Melanie Jean (1996)

11th Tommie Jo Yates (2007)

9th Charles Raymond (1944) (mother Beulah
Rae) & Sally *Rahn* (1945)

10th Buffy Ann Lael (1968)

Wolf

11th Antonea Ellis (2010)

10th Tarra Kost Lael (1973) & Jeff *Winters*

11th Mason Allen (2003)

10th Thad Vernon Lael (1974) & Angela
Anderson (1972)

11th Trent Joseph (1996)

11th Zac Vernon (2000)

9th Gwendolyn Sue Lael (1947) (mother Beulah
Rae) & Allen Rae *Palmer*

10th Allen Ray Palmer, Jr. (1965)

10th Stacey Lynn Palmer (1966) & Von
Geisendorfer (1964)

11th Audrie Lynn (1994)

11th Vance Edward (1998)

- 10th Matthew Wayne Palmer (1967)
- 11th Madison (2001)
- 10th Angela Sue Palmer (1968) & Michael Smith
- 11th Jessica Elaine (1988)
- 11th Kourtine Leigh (1992)
- 10th Leslie Ross Palmer (1969)
- 11th Nina Sue Marlene (1992)

- 9th Michael Lee Lael (1965)(mother Joann) & Kathy Nance
- 10th Kimberly Dianne Lael (1983)
- 10th Michael Lee Jr. Lael (1987)
- 10th Nichole Lael (1989)
- 10th Brittany Lael (1992)
- 10th Michaela Lael (2006)

- 9th Keith Allyn Lael (1968)(mother Joann)

- 8th Eugene Shelley (1926) & Mary *Parks* (1930) Lael
- 9th Robert Eugene Lael (1948) & Cindy Sue *Bear* (1947)
- 10th Michele L. Garthaus (1968)
- 10th Matthew N. Lael (1969)
- 10th Michael W. Garthaus (1970)
- 10th Timothy M. Lael (1973)

- 9th Gary Dwain Lael (1950) & Debra Diane *McKenzie* (1951)

- 10th Staci Renae Lael (1969) & Joseph *Britz*
- 10th Heather Michelle Lael (1974)
- 9th Mary Elizabeth Lael (1955) & Terry Lee
Fairclough (1951)
- 10th Sean Michael Fairclough (1979)
- 9th Marsha Jean Lael (1957) & Richard Robert
Neuber (1949)
- 9th Pamela Sue Lael (1959) & Steve J. *Eairheart*
(1959)
- 10th Jasen Robert Eairheart (1980) &
Melinda Marie
- 10th Melissa Marie Eairheart (1983)
- 8th Wayne Leroy (1928) & Barbara *Gust* (1st) Lael
& Ann Cox (1930) (2nd) Lael
- 9th Linda Diane Lael (1951)(mother Barbara) &
Jon *Quigg* (1944)
- 10th Jonna Leigh (1970)
- 10th Shelly Marin (1973)
- 9th Ruth Elaine Lael (1960)(mother Ann) & Frank
Paul *Jones* (1950)
- 10th Cody Wayne (1991)
- 9th Julie Ann Lael (1964)(mother Ann) & Keith
Wilkerson (1969)
- 8th Gaylen Franklin (1932) & Esther *Taylor* (1932) Lael
- 9th Brenda Lael (1954) & Arthur *Esslinger* (1953)
- 10th Andrea Leigh (1979)

- 9th Steven Ray Lael (1955) & Anita *Vermillion* (1957)
- 10th Stephanie Lee (1983)

Everett Lael

By 1930 Everett had recently married Idel *Northcut* and had started their family while living in the Winchester area of Scott County. They had two children at that time, Mary B. age about 4, and Everett Jr., age about 3. If you recall Everett's family was also living in Merritt, Scott County. No doubt that is how Everett met Idel. Everett was listed in the 1930 Census as being a farm laborer.

- 7th Everett (1904) & Idel *Northcut* (1907) Lael
- 8th Mary Bernice (1926) & Jim *McCarthy*
- 9th James (Butch) *McCarthy*
- 9th Darlene *McCarthy*
- 9th Michael *McCarthy*
- 8th Everett Jr. (1927) & Barbara W. *Weiss* (1930)
- 9th Karl Everett (1955) & Kathy
- 10th Karl Jr.
- 10th Collene
- 10th Shaun
- 9th Martha Ann (1956) & Phillip Lynn *Green* (1949)
- 9th Paul Allen (1960) & Doris Coburn
- 10th Christina Ann Coburn (1979)
- 10th Lisa Marie Coburn (1983)
- 10th Diane Lynn Coburn (1986)

- 9th Mona Marie (1961)
- 10th Phillip John (1984)

Owen Boyd Lael

Owen and Myrtle had just gotten married in October 1928 and by the 1930 Census had one daughter, Donna Mae, age 1 at home. Owen and family were still living in the Merritt area and he was a farmer.

- 7th Owen Boyd (1907) & Myrtle *Ham* (1908) Lael
- 8th Donna May (1928) & Harold *Farmer* Jr. (1930)
- 9th Diane Elaine Farmer (1956) & Gerald Wayne Nickel (1956)
- 10th Heather Renee Nickel (1978) & Jason *Hays*
- 11th Camden Lane (2006)
- 11th Wyatt Shawn (2009)
- 10th Garrett Wayne Nickel (1981)

- 9th Dwayne Edward Farmer (1959) & Vicky Belinda *Ratliff* (1959)
- 10th Malinda Gail Farmer (1980) & Harold *Maltby*
- 11th Chloe Abigail (2008)
- 10th Stacy Erica Farmer (1985)
- 10th Kayla Mae Farmer (1993)

- 9th Denise Ellen Farmer (1963) & Paul Reginald *Anderson*
- 10th Kyle Anderson (1992)

- 8th Eleanor Marie (1930) & Glenn *Mason* (1928)
- 9th Gordon Lee Mason (1956) & Cheri Ellen *Pahlmann*
- 10th Andrew Devin Mason (1986)
- 10th Ashleigh Mason (1988)
- 10th Amie Elizabeth Mason (1992)
- 9th Joyce Marie Mason (1960) & Jeffery Michael *Jacobs*
- 10th Jill Marie Jacobs (1991)
- 10th John Mason Jacobs (1994)
- 8th Marilyn Irene (1939) & Larry Dean *Smith* (1939)
- 9th Michael Dean Smith (1963) & Thereasa Lynn *Riddle*
- 10th Rebecca Smith
- 10th Cheryl Smith
- 9th Melanie Dawn Smith (1964) & Helmer Daniel *Peterson* (1965)
- 10th Helmer Andrew Peterson (1994)
- 10th Bethany Dawn Peterson (1996)
- 10th Joshua Daniel Peterson (2000)
- 10th Rebekah Marie Peterson (2004)
- 8th Martha Carolyn (1941) & Larry *Summers* (1940)
- 9th Kimberly Ann Summers (1959)
- 9th Kelly Jean Summers (1961)
- 9th Anthony (Tony) Ray Smith (1964)
- 9th Timothy (Tim) Alan Smith (1967)

8th Rena Maxine (1943) & Dale *Homer*

9th Marsha Homer

10th Tyler Huddleston

10th Tanner Huddleston

9th Greg Homer

10th Brennan

9th Jennifer Homer

10th Ava Petefish

8th John Conway (1945) & Mary Lou *Tyner*

Skiles Enloe Lael

The only information I have on Skiles and his family is the dates and names contained in my genealogy program. Skiles and Leva married in 1934, well after the latest Census (1930) that is now available. The first of their children, Donald was born in 1939. It appears that Skiles and Leva were living in the Jacksonville area as they were married there and their children were also born there.

7th Skiles Enloe (1911) & Leva *Williams* (1917) Lael

8th Donald Eugene (1939) & Martha *Hill* (1940)

9th Randy Eugene Lael (1960)

9th Rusty Allen Lael (1964) & Nicole Marlow (1975)

10th Tanner Scott Lael (1998)

- 8th John Delbert (1943) & Phyllis Coe (1944)
- 9th Gregory S. Lael (1967) & Nicole *Marlow* (1975)
- 10th Tanner Scott (1998)

- 8th Dale Edward (1949) & Laura *Flinn* (1950)
- 9th Stephanie Nicole Lael (1987)

Rena Bernice Lael

Rena married Hugo Reinholt *Ehlert* in February 1931 in Quincy, Adams County Illinois. Again since this was after the 1930 Census I have little other information to add to this booklet. Their first child, Ruth Laverne was born in Jacksonville in 1935. The next three children Brenda Louise, born in 1939, Harold Alvin, born in 1941, and Carl Eugene, born in 1943 were all born in Scott County.

- 7th Rena Bernice (1912) & Hugo *Ehlert* (1904)
- 8th Ruth Lavern Ehlert (1935) & Donald *Bartlett* (1933)
- 9th Anita Louise Bartlett (1960) & Isaias *Rodriquez* (1953)
- 10th Anna Marie Rodriquez (1984)
- 10th Matthew David Rodriquez (1986)
- 10th Caleb James Rodriquez (1989)
- 10th Sarah Ruth Rodriquez (1991)

- 9th Susan Renee Bartlett (1965) & Dennis Matthews Stanoff (1964)
- 10th Jacob Matthew Stanoff (1995)

- 10th Zachary Dean Stanoff (1997)
10th Emma Renne Stanoff (2001)
- 8th Brenda Louise Ehlert(1939) & William *Grisham* (1935)
9th Judy Grisham (1965) & Michael *Williams*
10th Ethan Williams (2001)
- 9th Gina Grisham (1967) Jerry Don (JD) *May* (1961)
10th Jordan May (1994)
10th Jacquelyn May (1998)
10th Jayden May (2006)
- 9th Heather Grisham (1975) & Matthew (Matt) *Boynkin* (1975)
10th Caroline Boynkin (2002)
- 8th Harold Alvin Ehlert (1941) & Patsy *Ledbetter* (1941)
9th Jeffery Ray Ehlert (1968) & Christy Stretch
9th Todd Ray Ehlert (1971) & Rachel Benter
- 8th Carl Eugene Ehlert (1943) & Nancy *Jones* (1945)
9th Elizabeth Ann Ehlert (1964) & John William *Stankoven* (1964)
10th Courtney Marie Stankoven (1992)
10th Jordan Patrick Stankoven (1997)
- 9th Kristen Kaye Ehlert (1967) & William Joe Kruzan (1966)
10th Bradley William Kruzan (2006)

R.V. Leonard Lael

R.V. and Marcella were married in Missouri in March of 1940. R.V. was living at home in the 1930 Census in Merritt, Scott County, Illinois. That same year Marcella was at home with her family in Salisbury, Sangamon County, Illinois. Salisbury is located North of Springfield and a number of miles from Merritt which is over by Jacksonville.

- 7th R.V. Leonard (1918) & Marcella *Hinds* (1923) Lael
- 8th Barbara Jean (1940) & Lynn *White* (1936)
- 9th Kenneth White (1958)
- 9th Debra White (1961) & Patrick Wilkin
- 9th Phyllis White (1963) & Greg Spencer

- 8th John William (1945) & Diana *Bosaw* (1949)
- 9th Twanya Lynn Lael (1969) & James McCann
- 10th Morgan Allexiss McCann (2002)

- 9th Angela Sue Lael (1972) & John Price
- 9th Bobbie Sue Lael (1976) & Ricky Moore
- 10th Colton John Moore (2003)
- 10th Kyndel Ann Moore (2005)

- 9th Kimberly Ann Lael (1985) & Steubs
- 10th Madalynn Arlene Steubs (2003)

Homer V. Lael

Homer and Fern were married in June 1940 in Palmyra, Missouri.

7th Homer V. (1922) & Fern *Pate* (1920) Lael

8th Sharon Kay (1941) & Bobby *Rhoades* Sr.

NOTE: I could use as much information and/or stories that you would care to share. We can start our own Lael Book.

NOTES

2008 Lael Reunion

The 2008 Lael Family Reunion was held in Jerome, Illinois on May 4, 2008. A birthday celebration was held for Leva Lael, wife of the late Skiles Lael. Leva is the sole remaining family member of the 7th generation of the Laels in America and descendants of John Henry. The Lael family's 8th generation is still well represented with quite a few relatives still living.



Leva getting ready to blow out her birthday candles.



Some of those in attendance.



Everyone getting in line to see what is on the menu.



More of the families enjoying the 2008 Lael Reunion.



There isn't anything as good as a potluck dinner.



We want to thank Dale for reserving the meeting facilities for the Reunion. It is a perfect spot especially if the weather is bad. (Sorry the picture was blurry)

The following pictures are a few of those that were scanned at the Reunion. Thanks to everyone who brought pictures for me to copy.



This is one of John and Dona with all the family except for Ross. It has been difficult to find a complete picture of John and all of his family. It seems like in every picture someone is always absent.



I guess I am not sure who this is. I had named the file “JeannieLael.jpg” when I scanned it. But I do not remember who brought this photograph.



This is Barbara and her mom and dad, Marcella and R.V..



This is Ross & Ruth with Elaine, Brenda, Steve, Diane, and Suzie in the background with the top of her head cut off. The date on the picture is October 1960.



Wayne, Ann and Elaine in 1961



This is R.V., Marcella, and Barbara probably taken in the early 1940's.



This photograph was dated 1945. The people in the picture from left to right were – Quint Lael, Eliza Lael, Ed Lael(John Henry’s brother), Bertha Kerley, Ed Lael (Dona’s brother), Dona Lael, John Henry Lael, and Fanny Killian.



From left to right are Ed Lael (born 1886), Quint Lael (born 1882), John Henry Lael (born 1881), and Fanny Killian (born 1879). These are John’s brothers and sister.



Pictured l. to r back row, Eleanor Marie, Owen, Myrtle, Donna Mae, front row, Marilyn Irene, John Conway, Rena Maxine, and Martha Carolyn. (thanks for the names)



I can identify a few people in this photograph. It would be nice if we could name everyone.



What a handsome couple.



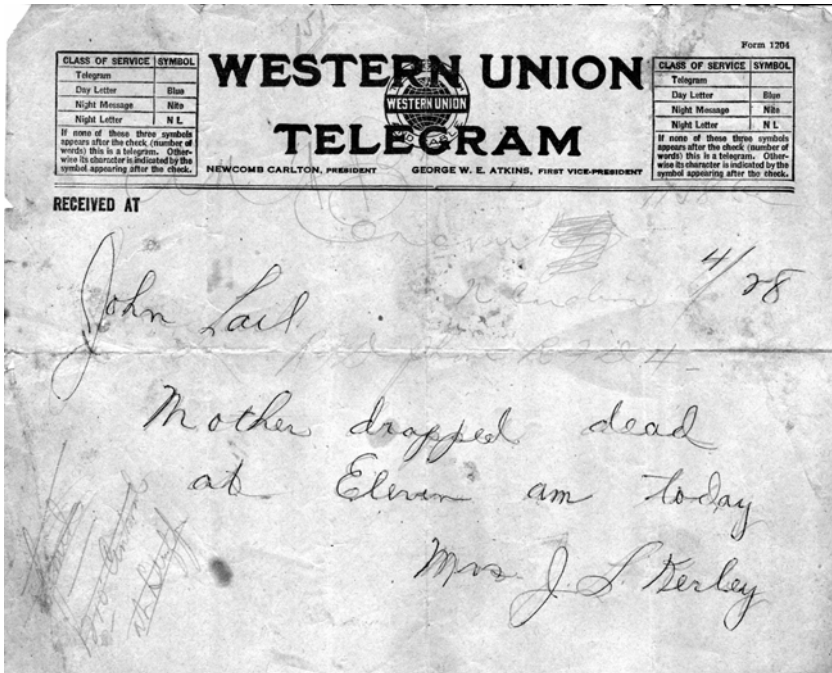
John Henry Lael taken on Easter, 1949



Donna Mae and Eleanor Marie Lael daughters of Owen & Myrtle Lael (thanks for the names-2011)



I could use some help to identify everyone in this photograph taken in the early 1900's.



This is sort of blunt and to the point. Note the date is April 1928 so this must be for Polly Menah Lael.



I had to at least add one current photograph. This is Carolyn Lael Summers and her family.

NOTES

2009 Lael Reunion

The 2009 Lael Family Reunion was held in Jerome, Illinois on May 3, 2009. There was a good turnout for this year's gathering. I was able to scan a number of new Lael family pictures and was able to take photographs of a number of family groups.

We will start with the family groups and I apologize for not including the names of each person in the picture. I will make sure to get everyone's name next year.



Ann Lael family



Barbara & Lynn White



Chris Lael family



Delbert Lael family



Donald & Martha Lael



Dona Mae Farmer family



Eleanor & Glen Mason



Gaylen & Esther Lael



Von Geisendorfer & family



JoAnn & Keith Lael



Leva Lael family



Mary Lael family



Ryan Lael family



Sue Palmer family



Tom Lael family

The next few pages include a number of photographs I was able to scan at the Reunion. I hope this is the first time many have seen them.



John Henry & Dona and many of their family



It looks like some of the boys have a Daisy Red Ryder BB gun



Fern Lael (wife of Homer) & Betty Lael (wife of Bill Lael)



I was told that the man on the left is Skiles, John Henry, Dona, Homer, and R.V.



RV, John, Dona and Homer



Skiles, Leva and two of their boys

SEB-16-48 N 90415 1-158-97 1050

Name *John Lael*
(PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT FULL NAME, USE BLACK INK)

Street Address *RR # 1 2328174*

City *Sherridon* County *Logan* ILLINOIS

Name of Car *Chrysler* Style of Body *2 Door* Year *1947*

Factory No. *3ET-B-127* Engine No. *EAA 58040*

Model No. and Bore and Cyl. Horse Power *44*

WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF OWNER *John Lael*

STATE OF ILLINOIS

1948 LICENSE PLATES bearing above number are assigned to owner named hereon for motor vehicle described for year ending December 31, 1948.
 EDWARD J. BARRETT, Secretary of State

Vehicle registration for John from 1948



Ross and Ruth in Winchester in front of Hugo & Rena's home

2010 Lael Reunion

The 2010 Lael Family Reunion was held in Jerome, Illinois on May 2, 2010. The weather was good and there was a good turnout. We had a very good surprise for this years Reunion. We have not been able to add much information about Everett Lael and his family over the years. Everett and Ideal (Northcut) moved to Chicago early on. I seem to remember seeing Everett (Carl Smith) at a few Reunions back in the 1960's or 70's when my father (Bobby Lee) would coordinate the event.

Out of the blue I received a call from Martha Ann (Marty) Green who is Everett's granddaughter. Everett Jr. was Marty's father. It seems as though Marty and her siblings had been attempting to find out more about the Lael family. They happened to come across the Lael Family web site and the rest is history. Marty and a number of the descendents of Everett Lael were able to attend the Reunion. This is a great addition to the history of the family.

This is the second year that I have taken family group photographs. I hope you enjoy seeing them and being able to follow the different families as we gain children and families add members.

2010 Lael Family Group Photographs



The 56th Lael Reunion



Andrea & Nick w/Cole, Callie & Cash Peters



Angela & Kourtnie Smith



Angela, Trent & Zac Lael



Lynn & Barbara White



Brenda & Arthur Esslinger



Buffy Lael, Jay Wolf & Antonea



Larry & Carolyn Summers



Chris, Kristie, Ethan & Chloe Lael



Dale & Laura Lael



Donald, Martha, & sons Randy, Rusty Lael



Donna & Ed Farmer



Glenn & Eleanor Mason



Esther & Gaylen Lael



Gaylen & Esther Lael and family



Paul Allen Lael, Christopher Benters & girlfriend,
Martha & Phillip Green



Leva Lael and sons, Dale, Delbert & Donald



Marsha & Richard Neuber



Mary Lael & daughter Marsha /Richard Neuber



Nina Palmer & Angela Moore



Chelle & Ray Palmer



Ryan & Janice with Tommie Jo & Melanie Lael
(and Cousin Ethan Lael)



Sally Lael & family



Brian & Shelly Bahlow



Sue Palmer & her children Stacey, Angela and Ray



Von & Stacey Geisendorfer with children Audrie and Vance



Tom Lael & sons Ryan and Chris



Sue Palmer & family



Tom Lael & family



Chuck Norris & Mike Lael (son of Bobby Lee & Joann Lael)

NOTES from the 2010 Reunion

2011 Lael Reunion

The 57th Lael Family Reunion was held in Jerome, Illinois on May 1, 2011. The spring weather was great and there was a good turnout. As usual there was a wide variety of food for the potluck lunch. I think everyone has a favorite dish they look forward to.

The descendents wall chart keeps getting a bit longer each year. It would have been considerable longer had I not picked a small font for the printing. That did make it a bit harder to read. But it was still about 35 feet long.

I do need to figure out a way to get more family history and stories from everyone to add interest to this booklet. So if you see me setting down in your groups while you are talking about the old days or things that have transpired since you all last got together you will know I am not nosy just attempting to get some history.

About 6-months after the Reunion I was contacted by a lady that had discovered our laelfamily.com web site. She was tracing her family history when she found our web site. It turns out her great-grandmother Eliza Lail was a sister to Dona Emma Lail. In correspondence with her I was able to add a good number of new names and facts to our family tree.



Our thanks to Dale Lael for making the arrangements for the Reunion and for the banner.



Getting in line to make sure everyone gets a taste of their favorite dish.





Angela Moore and daughter Nina



Angle (husband Thad), sons Trent & Zac Lael



Ann Lael (husband Wayne) and family



Brenda Esslinger & granddaughter Callie



Buffy, Jon & daughter Antonea



Chris, Kristie and Chloe & Ethan Lael



Dale & Laura Lael



Daughters of Owen Boyd & Myrtle Lael
Maxine, Carolyn, Eleanor, & Donna



Debbie Lael & Madison Palmer



Delbert & Phyllis Lael



Donald & Martha, sons Randy & Rusty Lael



Gaylen & Esther Lael and Esthers' Sister



Von & Stacy and Audrie & Vance Geisendorfer



Jessica & Kournie Palmer



Leva Lael & sons, Dale, Delbert & Don



Mary Lael and family



Patsy & Bill Barnhart and Joyce & JoAnn (Lael)



Ryan & Janice Lael and Melanie & Tommie Jo



Sally Lael and family



Sally Lael, Sue Palmer & Debbie Lael



Sue Palmer and family



Sue Palmer & Tom Lael



Tom & Debbie Lael, son Ryan, Chris & Brad



Tom Lael and family

Miscellaneous Photographs



This is the Lael Family bible I received from Gaylen Lael a couple of years ago. This bible has over 1800 pages and contains dates and names of significant family history. John Henry first wrote in this bible as noted on a number of pages "Riten by J.H. Lael Dec 22, 1907 – Hickory". The bible does not contain a date it was published but we know it was well over 100 years ago.

I had the bible evaluated to see if it could be restored. It can be, but to do a complete restoration would be very expensive plus a near by document restoration company has over a two year lead time to finish any restoration. To see what could be done to the bible, go to www.biblerepair.com



Ross & Ruth Lael at their 50th Wedding Anniversary taken in 1971 with their 5 sons, l to r – Gene, Wayne, Bill, Gaylen and Bobby.



The sons of John Henry Lael taken in the early 1970s at the annual Lael Reunion. l to r – Ross, Everett, Owen, RV, Skiles & Homer.

RECEIPT

WARNING: Read your receipt carefully and report any errors immediately. If you do not hear from the company within 10 days write:

Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company
624 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 9/11/47

Received of..... John Lael.....

Address..... Sherron..... City..... Ill..... State.....

The Sum of Twenty Dollars..... Dollars

No liability is assumed by the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, unless said applicant is accepted by the Home Office Underwriting Department. No agent has authority to bind the Company. If your application is not accepted your full premium deposit will be returned within ten days.

COST \$31.00 FIRST YEAR
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REPRESENTATIVE John Lael.....
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A health insurance policy for John Henry dated in 1947 for \$51.00 per year.

\$ 461.72 Jan. 23⁰⁰ Williamsville, Illinois, March 12, 19 45

One Year after date, for value received, I, we, or either of us, promise to pay to the order of WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK

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328 John Lael (Seal)

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This is a bank note for \$461.72 with the Williamsville State Bank in 1945.

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