

Sometime in the spring of 1921, Jessie Ice Mellady, daughter of Jesse A. and Dea Roach Ice learned she was to have surgery on one of her ovaries. She was living with her husband, Stephen J. Mellady in Sterling, Colorado at the time and had no other family and was frightened to be alone when she went through this, so she wrote and asked her sister, Goldie to come. Goldie left Shelbyville, her husband Ray and their daughter, Dorothy, now about 4 and went out to Colorado to be with her sister. She stayed and helped out until Jessie was up and around once again. These same problems would plague her once again in her later years.

Joseph Leonard Roach, Jr. was born on May 16, 1921 in Natural Dam, Oklahoma near Sand Springs; Tulsa County to Joseph L. and Sarah Lucille Mott Roach. He was their 2nd son and 4th child.

After being released from the army hospital in 1919, Joshua H. Ice went home to Indiana to see his father and his sisters there. His father, Jesse Ice was evidently home waiting for his arrival; Joshua then went to Shelbyville, Indiana to see his sister Goldie and her family; then to Crawfordsville to see Ollie Ice Barton and then stopped off in Omaha, Nebraska or Colorado to see Jessie and her husband, Stephen J. Mellady. He and his father, it is believed, went on west to Oregon where other Ice relatives were living and ranching at that time. They planned to stay out there and make it their home.

Either now, or possibly in 1920, Joshua H. Ice had claimed a homestead in southern Oregon in the Goose Lake area. The government was still offering homesteads in the western states that had not been settled, even as late as 1920. So Joshua, after having lived in the area for a year, decided to stay awhile and try his hand at farming. This was not the greatest country for farming-dry, rather bleak, tough land and severe winters; but it was near his relatives and father, Jesse A. Ice, so he became a homesteader and began to farm.

In late 1920 or early 1921, Cindy Smothers Roach Gillespie and her new husband, John J. Gillespie and her son Ray Roach, 8 or 9 moved from Kansas City to Denver to be nearer her children Tressa and Fern, who were still in the orphanage in Denver and to seek work. The railroad was about to go on strike, so Cindy would lose her job cleaning out the railroad coaches, so that may have prompted their move. While they had lived in Kansas City, Ray had learned how to earn his own money by hunting for empty bottles in alleys and alongside streets and sidewalks. He would then sell them to local bootleggers who filled them with their homemade and illegal liquor.

Mary Crawford Roach, wife of Joseph Dennis Roach, having been ill since February of heart trouble, finally died on June 10, 1921 of valvular heart lesions (mitral) and acute indigestion. She was living with her son Earl at 4316 65th St., S.E. there when stricken-where Joseph D. Roach was living then is not clear, but he seemed to still be estranged from the rest of his family-from his military pension records, he may have been living in Portland at this time, but a a different address. Mary Crawford Roach died at home at 3:00 A.M. and was taken to the A.D. Kenworthy & Co. Funeral Home and was buried on June 14, at Mt. Scott Park Cemetery in Portland. She was 54 years of age at her death.

On June 16, 1921 Bernard Perry Roach was born to John N. and Arabella McElderry Roach in Milbank, S.D.; Grant County. He was their 3rd child and 3rd son. John N. was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Thomas Allan Brown and Lyla June Cook were married on June 27, 1921

in Two Harbors, Minnesota; Lake County, by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Daniel James Kerr-First Presbyterian Church, Two Harbors. Their 2 witnesses were Mrs. Lila Sullivan and Claud F. Hiller. They stayed on in Two Harbors where Allan worked as an electrician, and later, helped his father in the mortuary they had there.

Charles William (Billy) Fancher was born on June 27, 1921 to Clark L. and Cora Roach Fancher in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Tulsa County. He was their first child. Cora was a daughter of William Patrick Roach.

On September 3, 1921, Joshua H. Ice, 24, and Bertie Boswell, 17½, were married in Lakeview Oregon; Lake County, by a Methodist minister at the parsonage-name unknown, as were any witnesses.

Richard Luther Ogan was born on October 4, 1921 in Ottumwa, Iowa; Wapello County to Andrew W. and Viola Strandberg Ogan-he was their 2nd child and 1st son. Andrew and his family had left the Kansas City area and come back up to live near his Aunt and Uncle Cheek.

The Roach Bros. Construction Co. was finishing up the road building jobs they had been doing the past 7 or 8 years; several of the boys had earlier teamed up with their in-laws to form new construction companies-from family stories, it seems one group was the older boys and, originally their father, and the other group was Ed, Bob, and Dan. Jack Bergin, Margaret Roach McDermott and her husband, Frank, may have done the office work, bookkeeping, and supply ordering for both groups. Mary Kelly Roach was still helping out-she was sharp and did alot of the work connected to the contracting. They all began a slow move to jobs in southeastern Minnesota to build roads in the area of Hastings, Kasson, Gaylord, and Mantorville.

The Franke and Jettie Hatler Roach family and the Hatler grandparents were farming now near Loma, Colorado-in early September, Myrtle and Cora Lee Roach started school in Loma; Myrtle in the 3rd grade and Cora Lee in the 2nd.

Now, other members of the John Roach family were moving to Minnesota and evidently, most worked together building a road along the Mississippi River in the Red Wing area. They began to run into problems-they were used to a different soil in Dakota and now this, plus their equipment and methods were not working as well with the heavier Minnesota soil. They may have fallen behind in their time schedules due to rain, which cost them more, but they continued to build roads and furnished their growing families a comfortable livelihood.

On December 8, 1921, Bess Roach and Clarence Burnett were married in Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Osage County. She was 20 at the time, daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smothers Roach Gillespie. Evidently, she stayed on in Oklahoma after her mother and Ray moved to Denver in 1917 or 1918. Cora was there in 1920, so maybe she had never left and had stayed on with Bess. In any case, Clarence and she had become acquainted there-he had been born in St. Francois County, Missouri; his mother left there and went to live in Oklahoma and Clarence stayed on in Missouri with his grandmother for a number of years. Finally at age 15, he left there and went to Oklahoma to be with his mother; did various jobs-drove dray wagons delivering coal, etc.. At age 16, he lied about his age and joined the Army-after the war he returned to the Pawhuska area where he met Bess. How long they stayed on here is not known, but it appears before too long, they joined Bess's family then living in Kansas City or Denver.

Daniel P. and Jalma Heng Roach had their 3rd child and 2nd daughter on December 18, 1921 in Milbank, S.D.; Grant County whom they named Joan Isabella Roach. The family had had a tragic loss 2 years earlier when their first child, Kathleen died on December 2, 1919 in Watertown, S.D.; she was only about 2 years old and the light of her family's lives. A devastating experience-at this time now in 1921, the new baby had an older brother, Daniel Eugene, now 2½. Daniel was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

In late 1921 or early 1922, William and Delia Roach Cheek and their daughter, Irene, 11, returned to Kansas City from Ottumwa, Iowa where he had been working for the railroad as foreman on a wrecking crew. They had been there a number of years and while there, each year a different Ogan child would come to live with them, spend that year in school and give their mother, Lizzie Roach Ogan one less person to worry about. All this time, she worked cleaning out railroad coaches when the trains returned to Kansas City and the trainyards there. Now in 1922, hard times came to people working for the railroad-a great strike took place and lasted a year or two. Some of our relatives were very affected by this strike.

Timothy F. and Bessie Farmen Roach had their 4th child and 2nd son Timothy John Roach, on January 9, 1922 in Gaylord, Minnesota; Sibley County. Timothy F. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

On January 22, 1922, Doris Mae Roach was born to Robert A. and Ingrid Ofstad Roach in Gaylord, Minnesota; Sibley County. She was their first child and first daughter. Robert Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Raymond Freeman Munger was born on January 29, 1922 in Shelbyville, Indiana; Shelby County, to Raymond F. and Golda Ice Munger. He was their 2nd child and first son. Golda Ice Munger was a daughter of Jesse A. and Dea Roach Ice.

On May 27, 1922, Nell Irene Ogan, 15 and Jack (Jike) Miller were married in Kansas City, Kansas; Wyandotte County. She was the youngest daughter of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan. Jack may have been working at a packing plant in Kansas City at the time.

Kenneth Kelly McDermott was born on June 14, 1922 in Twin Brooks, S.D.; Grant County, to Frank and Margaret Roach McDermott. He was their 2nd child and 2nd son. Margaret Roach McDermott was a daughter of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

On July 1, 1922, Constance Marie Cook, 15½ and Ollie Wyse were married in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. She was a daughter of Roy and Mame Roach Cook. They went to live in Onamia, Minnesota after they were married where Ollie had a job driving a bus.

James T. and Agnes Eaton Roach had their 4th child and 3rd son in Faribault, Minnesota; Rice County on August 13, 1922 whom they named John Jerome Roach. Most of the Roach family who had worked on the roads, had by now moved to Minnesota where they had contracts to build roads in southeast Minnesota. They had taken several sons-in-law into the businesses and by 1922-1923 they were all living in various small towns in the general area of their road building projects in Dodge, Wabasha, Sibley, Rice, and Dakota Counties.

Thomas Lyle Brown was born to Thomas Allan and Lyla Cook

Brown on August 16, 1922 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. He was their first child. Lyla was the daughter of Roy and Mame Roach Cook.

On September 6, 1922, Donna Marie Roach was born to John N. and Arabella McElderry Roach in Gaylord, Minnesota; Sibley County. She was their 4th child and 1st daughter. John N. Roach was the son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Betty Jane Sanders was born to Elsie Ogan Sanders and husband, Jesse F. Sanders on September 15, 1922 in Kansas City, Kansas; she was their 3rd child and 3rd daughter. Elsie Ogan Sanders was the daughter of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan, and granddaughter of William Patrick Roach.

On September 21, 1922, one of the last of the Irish parents who had come to America during the potato famine, related to our Roaches, died in North Dakota. Ellen Finnally McCormick, mother of Sarah McCormick Roache, died at age 91 in Williston, North Dakota. She died at the home of her son Michael McCormick there and was brought to Woonsocket, S.D. for burial at St. Wilfrid's Cemetery next to her husband, Matt McCormick who was buried there in 1906. Her son-in-law James L. Roache, Sr. was living in Woonsocket at the time.

In October, 1922, Clark L. and Cora Lee Roach Fancher, now living in Denver, Colorado, adopted an 11-year old boy named Milo Fancher. Just who he was is not known; could have been a son of Clark's by another marriage; anyway, they officially adopted him. By this time, Clark's and Cora's marriage was beginning to have problems and from family stories, Milo was a difficult boy to deal with and began to cause a lot of trouble for himself and his family. It appears he was headed for a sad and troubled life.

On October 16, 1922 Patricia Marie Bergin was born to Jack W. and Teresa Roach Bergin at Kasson, Minnesota; Dodge County. Patricia was their 2nd child and 2nd daughter. Teresa Roach Bergin was the daughter of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Jesse H. Roach, son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach married Edna Johnell Landreth in Sidney, Nebraska, on October 17, 1922. He was 21 at the time; Edna, 19½.

In October, Joseph Dennis Roach now surfaces officially in Portland, Oregon-how long he had been there is unknown, but he must've lived down in Los Angeles several years. He was now 74; an old, sick man, apparently alone. He again applied for an army pension for his disabilities from the Indian Wars. Recent laws passed by Congress, due to WWI, now gave any veteran of even 30 days service during the Indian Wars, eligibility for a pension. After over 37 years of trying to get a monthly allotment from the government he was finally successful. In mid-November, 1922, Joseph Dennis Roach gets his first letter from the government marked "Eligible" and he begins to receive \$20.00 a month!

Vera and Verva Roach, twin daughters of Joseph L. and Sarah Lucille Mott Roach, now about 4 years old, were victims of a tragedy in this period of time-they got some matches from somewhere, as children do, and took them out and under a porch of the family's home where they were living in or near Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Vera did not suffer the injury from the fire that Verva did-evidently caught her clothes on fire and burned her badly around her upper body and

neck. In later years, she was extremely sensitive about these scars so that she always wore clothes that came up around her neck and covered them. In warmer weather, she wore pleated organdy collars she made, which dressed up her outfits nicely and hid her burn scars.

Betty Rae Roach was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Tulsa County to Joseph L. and Lucille Mott Roach on December 12, 1922. Betty Rae was their 6th child and 3rd daughter. Joseph L. Roach was the son of William Patrick and Mary Quinn Roach. While they were living here in the Sand Springs area, or earlier, Joseph learned the glass blowing trade which he did for the rest of his life. He was good at it-for awhile he made lamp chimneys for kerosene lamps. He could also fashion little ornaments from glass which he would give to various members of the family as gifts. Lucille's brother, Virgil Mott was also a glass blower, as was Joe's cousin, Harry Roach.

On December 22, 1922, Andrew W. and Viola Strandberg Ogan had their 3rd child and 2nd son whom they named Robert Douglas Ogan in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. They had left Ottumwa, Iowa and their railroad job due to a strike and returned to Kansas City and their relatives for the time being. The Cheeks had also returned to Kansas City for the duration of the strike. These were hard times for Cheeks and Ogans.

Raymond Patrick Roache, 27, married Zita Kelley on December 20, 1922 by Fr. O'Connor in Huron, S.D.; Beadle County. She was living and working in DeSmet, S.D. as a secretary and met Ray there-he had left Woonsocket after the war to come to DeSmet to work in a bakery. He was kind of a wild young man-loved to have a good time and did some crazy things with his friends. He liked a drink or two and this caused his father no end of worry. Zita's parents were Thomas and Catherine Carrigan Kelley and Zita had been born in DeSmet, S D., Kingsbury County. Ray was a son of James L. Roache, Sr. and Sarah McCormick Roache.

On January 25, 1923, James L. Roache, Jr. and Cecilia Nugent were married in Brisbane Church in the eastern part of Sanborn County in the Artesian area,,by Fr. Joseph Duffey. Jim was 33 and Cecilia was 38. She was possibly born in Guthrie County, Iowa-Victory Township to Charles and Julia Cortney Nugent. James L. Roache, Jr. was a son of James L. Roache, Sr. and Sarah McCormick Roache.

According to records at the Eastern State Mental Hospital in Vinita, Oklahoma in early February, 1923, Harry Roach was admitted for care and treatment. He gave his home as Sapulpa, Oklahoma; Creek County and his cousin, Joseph L. Roach as the nearest relative to contact in case of an emergency. At that time, Joe L. Roach and his family was living in Sand Springs, not too far from Sapulpa. He was a patient at Eastern State until December 10, 1923, when he was released. He gave his occupation as a glass-blower and that he had worked at this job for the past 15 years. Where he went upon his release is not known. Harry Roach was a son of Thomas and Sarah Chapman Roach.

In 1923, Earl J. Roach had moved to 245 E. 29th St. in Portland, Oregon-was working for Pacific Outfitting Company still. His mother had been dead 2 years now, and his father, Joseph D. Roach is not listed there anymore, but may have been living in a little rented room somewhere near the downtown. Evidently, he and Earl had very little contact.

Edward T. Roach, 27, and Dorothy Brossard, 22, were married on February 12, 1923 in Pine Island, Minnesota; Goodhue County. She was from Mant-

orville, Minnesota and met Ed while the Roach Bros. Construction Co. was building roads near her home. This may have been the younger group of Roaches; Ed, Dan, and Bob. Dorothy was born in Fountain Prairie, Wisconsin to Louis and Clara Leuders Brossard.

March 31, 1923, a week before her divorce from Spence Packard was official, Edithmary Davis Packard married William Herman Stokes in Collinsville, Oklahoma; Tulsa County. He was a bricklayer by trade and a widower with 2 small children which Edithmary proceeded to raise; Gerald Stokes and Betty Stokes. This marriage possibly began to have problems before too long, as Herman was a drinker and eventually made Edithmary's life a difficult one.

It seems that early in 1923, Jesse A. Ice became ill with what may have been tuberculosis or perhaps problems due to his drinking. He came east from Lake County, Oregon where he had been living and ranching with relatives, to the Woodmen Sanatorium in Colorado Springs, Colorado for treatment. During this time, he wrote a number of letters and cards to his daughter, Jessie Ice Mellady and her husband, Stephen, in Sterling, Colorado. He reported on his progress there-had gained some weight since he had arrived and asked them to come and see him when they could. He wrote them around Easter and then later near the 4th of July as he invited them over for that holiday. How much longer he was there until he was well enough to leave, is not known, but he evidently returned then to Oregon. One of his daughters, Goldie Ice Munger, in later years, told that he went there to have his gall bladder taken out, or had something wrong with that organ or his liver. His little cards and letters to family were sad and lonesome-sounding.

Patrick Roach was born on May 1, 1923 to Timothy F. and Bessie Farmen Roach, in Kasson, Minnesota; Dodge County. He was their 5th child and 3rd son. Tim was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

After a period of illness lasting 3 years, involving her kidneys, Bridget (Birdie) O'Leary Roache, wife of Matt E. Roache, died of heart complications and Bright's Disease on June 3, 1923. She was staying at the home of her sister, Minnie Bodine there in Tabor, S.D.; Bon Homme County where she had been taken after a hospital stay. Her body was taken back to Woonsocket and St. Wilfrid's Cemetery for burial on June 5. Her death left Matt a widower and her only child, Viator, 8, without a mother. In the months that followed "Birdie's" death, Viator and Matt picked up their lives and went on. Matt had a clothing-store and eventually, a dry-cleaning business in Woonsocket. To help out at home, Matt's father, James L. Roache, Sr. moved to town from the farm to live and be with Viator. Harry Roache, Matt's brother worked with him in the clothing store for awhile; worked also at a salebarn in town.

Vernon H. C. Roach, son of Joseph D. and Mary Crawford Roach may have been back working in the timber by this time and living near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. His father, Joseph was apparently living alone in a rented room in Portland, Oregon.

William Patrick Roach was living with or near his son, Tommy R. and Laura Taylor Roach in Denver and busy during the summer months or on his time off from the packing plant visiting various relatives. He'd go the end of each summer to Furnas County, Nebraska to the Quinn's farm and visit, usually bringing some of Tom's family along. Then he'd go up to Scottsbluff or Proctor, Colorado and visit Maggie

The George E. Humphrey family had moved from near Scottsbluff, Nebraska around 1920 and come down into northeastern Colorado to work the Great Western Sugar Plant near Proctor—they traveled around some in the next 2 or 3 years to various plants where George got work—even up into Wyoming for a time. By 1923, they were back in Colorado.

The past two years had been hard on the William Cheek family in Kansas City, Missouri, as he was a railroad worker and the railroads had been on strike for that long—in order to help out, Delia Roach Cheek went to work cleaning out restrooms at the packing plant. A number of the Ogan clan worked at this packing plant, too. Jack (Jike) Miller, Nell Ogan Miller's husband worked there—later he became a policeman. The Ogan girls got jobs at the National Biscuit Company and for a time their mother, Lizzie Roach Ogan ran a restaurant on Southwest Boulevard. She also worked for the railroad in earlier times, cleaning out railroad coaches in the yard there.

The Daniel Roach family up in Minnesota were running their harness and shoe repair shops—Alice Long Roach running her millinery business as usual. Jess E. Roach helped winters at home with the harness-shoe repair work and summers would go up north to the "iron-range" and do various jobs—one summer he worked at an ore-washing plant and would get absolutely rust-red by the end of the day. It was hard work and dirty work. The living conditions in the local boarding houses was not too good, so he and a couple of friends set up a tent near town (Calumet) and cooked their own food and "batched it". James Earl Roach was out in Washington State in the army. Violet Roach, 18, the youngest in the family was planning her first year of college that fall in Little Falls, Minnesota at the "State Normal School" taking teacher's training. Her older sister, Grace, was going with Philip Abbott and may have been engaged to him by this time.

Thomas Roach, Jr. was still in the State Mental Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota and by now had been there about 7 years. His son Harry was in the State Mental Hospital in Vinita, Oklahoma at this time; what had ever happened to his first wife Elsie McCulliam Roach is not known or if they had any children; family stories tell that about WWI or shortly thereafter, he may have met and married a woman named Mary Garruth who had been married before and had a young son. They lived in West Tulsa or Sapulpa, Oklahoma at this time. No records can be found for this marriage—Franke Roach, Harry's older brother was in western Colorado near Loma trying to farm with his in-laws. He had earned good and steady money on the railroad, but evidently was beginning to have hard times on their farm. They grew alot of sugar beets, and these required quite a bit of hand hoeing and thinning. Everyone in the family that was able turned too and helped in these endeavors. By this time, Myrtle was 10; Cora Lee almost 9; Frank T., 6, and Carl O. 3.

The John and Mary Kelly Roach children had mostly left South Dakota; Mary Roach Sailer and Bymo and their 2 girls may have been living still in Faulk County near Cresbard, S.D.; the Sedgewicks (Vernon E. and Anna Roach Sedgewick and their 2 daughters) were still on their farm or ranch west of Wessington Springs, S.D. in Jerauld County. But the rest of the families were nearly all now working roads in southeastern Minnesota and looking ahead to jobs in Wisconsin. There were still the two groups; one called Roach, Bergin and Roach Construction Company or just Roach Construction Company that included Dan Roach, Robert Roach, Ed T. Roach and Jack Bergin. They were working in one part of the state and the other group and most of the original one, was Joe Roach, John, Jimmy Roach, Tim Roach, and Frank McDermott. Frank and his wife Margaret Roach McDermott may have been the bookkeepers for this last group—bought

supplies, handled the money, kept the books, and possibly helped contract new jobs. Jack Bergin may have done the same for the younger Roach boys construction company-these were good times for the two companies; they were making money and living comfortably.

The Jesse Ice family had scattered from their beginnings in Otterbein, Indiana-he had gone to Oregon to live with relatives; suffered health problems. Son Joshua Ice was living in the Goose Lake area of Lake County, Oregon, homesteading with his wife, Bertie Boswell Ice. Raymond and Goldie Ice Munger were in Shelbyville, he working the administrative and business end of a local furniture factory; their two children were Dorothy, 6 and "Bud", now about a year old. Sam and Ollie Ice Barton were still in Crawfordsville with their 2 sons-Paul, 14 and Bernard C., 12.

The Davis and Alexander family was still down in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; the Davis children off and on kept their mother, Kate, worried over one thing and another. One or two of the boys traveled with carnivals or circuses for awhile; Edithmary was married to W. Herman Stokes and raising his 2 children-they were having difficult times but she was enduring. Tom Alexander, Kate Roach Davis Alexander's husband was working for the National Zinc Company there.

On May 3, 1923 Robert Warren Roach was born to Robert A. and Inrid Ofstad Roach in Kasson, Minnesota; Dodge County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son. Robert A. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Jesse H. and Edna Landreth Roach had their first child on July 23, 1923 in Proctor, Colorado; Logan County. Jesse H. Roach was a son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach. This baby was named Jesse H. Roach, Jr. after his father.

In late July, 1923, James L. Roache, Jr. sold his homestead in Dewey County, S.D. that he had claimed in about 1911. To do this he had to have a birth certificate but he was unable to get proof as the little church where he had been baptised in Hyde or Faulk County had burned and all its records, too. At an army reunion of his division that summer, a sargeant of his vouched for his age and wrote an affidavit so James had a verification of his age. Then, he was able to sell his land between Trail City and Timber Lake-when he sold it in July, 1923, it was listed on the Warranty Deed as 320 acres and the amount he received for it was \$940.00. Times being what they were, this newly married couple could certainly put this money to good use.

Grace Roach, 33 and Philip S. Abbott, also 33, were married in Long Prairie, Minnesota; Todd County on August 22, 1923. She was the daughter of Daniel and Alice Long Roach-they were wed by Rev. C. J. Tingeley, a minister of the gospel. Attendants were Grace's sister, Violet Roach and Roy Abbott, Phil's brother. Their parents did not know they were being married and later on when Grace's father and mother learned of it, they were heart-broken not having known earlier or having been there. Philip Abbott was from Eagle Bend but had been away attending Mankato Business College and was now working for the Great Northern Railroad in the freight office in Osakis, Minnesota. They went there to live then and set up housekeeping.

It may be that sometime in mid to late 1923, Ray Roach, son of



Locations of some of the Roach Family's homes, births, deaths, and marriages in this period of time-the early 1920's.

Cindy Smothers Roach Gillespie and William Patrick Roach was put in the St. Clare's Orphanage in Denver where his sisters had been for a number of years due to his running away from home and Cindy not being able to control him, etc.. He would have been about 11 or 12-he wasn't there long before he climbed the walls and got out, running away again. When he was found or returned on his own, he learned his sister Tressa had also climbed the walls and run away. This may have been the reason the orphanage finally let Tressa go-Fern apparently was already out and that may have been another reason they let Tressa go. Ray was never put back in, in any case. Cindy, their mother was living in Denver now and had been for possibly 1½ or 2 years. John J. Gillespie, her 2nd husband, had up and left the family in this period of time-went back to Kansas City where he was from-evidently our family didn't try to follow him or try to get him to come back; just let him go and maybe thought it was just as well.

Mary Kathleen Brown was born to Thomas Allan and Lyla Cook Brown on September 8, 1923 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. She had a little brother, Tom now about a year old. Lyla Cook Brown was a daughter of Roy and Mame Roach Cook.

In this period of time, Violet Roach began her studies at Little

Falls Normal School in teacher's training in Little Falls, Minnesota. Violet was the youngest child of Daniel and Alice Long Roach.

On October 27, 1923, Cora Roach Fancher went to court in Denver to obtain a divorce from Clark L. Fancher—evidently, he was treating her badly and had threatened her life. She was to be free on May 23, 1924. Through it all she was still keeping and raising Milo Fancher.

Anna Maxine Roach was born November 3, 1923 to Daniel and Jalma Heng Roach in Mazeppa, Minnesota; Wabasha County. She was their 4th child and 3rd daughter. Dan was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Elaine McDermott was born November 8, 1923 in Red Wing, Minnesota; Goodhue County to Frank and Margaret Roach McDermott. She was their 3rd child and 1st daughter. Margaret Roach McDermott was a daughter of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

On November 14, 1923 Wayne James Roache was born to Raymond and Zita Kelley Roache in DeSmet, S.D.; Kingsbury County. Ray was a son of James L., Sr. and Sarah McCormick Roache.

Gertrude Clement Jean Roache was born on November 25, 1923 to James L., Jr. and Cecilia Nugent Roache in Woonsocket, S.D.; Sanborn County. She was their first child. James L. Roache, Jr. was a son of James L., Sr. and Sarah McCormick Roache.

Charles Lyndal Ogan was born to Andrew W. and Viola Strandberg Ogan on December 1, 1923 in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was their 4th child and 3rd son. Andrew Ogan was a son of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan.

On December 29, 1923 Robert Glen Ogan married Erma Inez Hoch of Dresden, Missouri; Pettis County in Kansas City, Kansas; Wyandotte or Johnson County, and their witnesses were Lizzie Roach Ogan and her friend, Sy Willie.

In late 1923 or early 1924, the railroad strike was finally over and William Cheek was asked to come back to work on the Milwaukee Road on their wrecking crew and was sent to Perry, Iowa. Before the family went there, they made plans to drive west to Nebraska and Colorado after school was out to see relatives. On the way back they would drop off their daughter, Irene, with Kansas City relatives where she would stay and finish her last year of junior high school.

On January 17, 1924, Wanita Alexander was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Washington County to Thomas and Kate Roach Davis Alexander. Kate was the daughter of William Patrick and Mary Quinn Roach.

Fern Roach, released from St. Clare's Orphanage in 1923 sometime at age 17 and before too long, she met a man named Tracy Samuels in Denver. They were married on April 5, 1924 by a Methodist minister there. Cindy, now living with only Ray, 12 and Tressa, 14, would have to support them and she had a hard time.

Twin babies were born to Joe and Nellie Stavig Roach in April, 1924; Farmington, Minnesota; Dakota County. They died soon after birth and were buried in St. Michael's Cemetery there.

The Cheek family may have made their long awaited trip about this time—going back to Furnas County, Nebraska and Oxford where Della Roach

Cheek was born. While there, they went to St. Mary's Catholic Church at Orleans and got her baptism record. Later, they went on further to Denver, Colorado where they visited William Patrick Roach, Delia's father and her brother, Tommy R. Roach and his family. While in Denver Tommy and Laura Taylor Roach and some of their children and the William Cheek family decided to go up into the mountains just west of Denver to sightsee and have a picnic. On the way, due to the thinner air and other problems the car broke down and would not go. They did what they could to it; let it cool, and came back to town with their picnic. After a good visit, they drove back to Kansas City, Missouri with their daughter Irene to leave her there with relatives so she could finish junior high school (7th grade) there.

Jarold DeWayne Roach was born in Proctor, Colorado; Logan County on June 16, 1924 to Jessie and Edna Landreth Roach. He was their 2nd child and 2nd son. Jesse H. Roach was farming in the Proctor area; several of his brothers were also living and farming in the area. Jesse H. Roach was a son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach.

On July 3, 1924, Kathryn Joan Roach was born to John and Arabella McElderry Roach in Red Wing, Minnesota; Goodhue County. She was their 5th child and 2nd daughter. John N. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

In Woonsocket, S.D.; Sanborn County, Marie Genevive Roache, 21 and George Wayne Munro, 31 were married on July 8, 1924 at St. Wilfrid's Rectory by a Rev. H.E. Walsh. Marie was the youngest child of James L. Sr. and Sarah McCormick Roache. George Wayne (Chub) Munro was a Sanborn County native and a veteran of WWI-had been a close buddy of Marie's brother, Ray, throughout the service and at home.

John W. Bergin was born to Jack and Teresa Roach Bergin on July 17, 1924 in Marion, Wisconsin; Waupaca County. He was their 3rd child and 1st son. Teresa Roach Bergin was a daughter of John and Mary Kelly Roach. Evidently the one road construction group had already obtained contracts for road building jobs in Wisconsin-Jack Bergin was associated with the younger Roach boys construction group for a time.

Wanda Fern Burnett was born on July 20, 1924 in Oklahoma and her parents were Clarence and Bess Roach Burnett. She was their first child. In later years, Clarence and Bess would raise 5 foster children. Bess Roach Burnett was a daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smothers Roach.

On September 20, 1924, Walter T. M. Cook, 20, and Fern (Peggy) Dugan were married in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. He was a son of Roy and Mame Roach Cook and a grandson of Daniel Roach.

Joseph Walter Roach, 20, and his cousin Cora Roach Fancher, 22, were married on September 21, 1924 in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Larimer County. He was the youngest son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach and Cora, a daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smother Roach Gillespie. These two had met when Joe went down to Denver to look for work and visit relatives from his home in Angora, Nebraska-Cora and her family had come back from Kansas City and had been there for several years-she had married and divorced in that time, and her former husband, Clark L. Fancher had stayed friendly with Cora and liked Joe, too and went around with them quite a long time after they were married. Cora and Joe became fond of one another right away and after Joe returned home to Nebraska, Cora soon came to live near-by. She stayed with the Humphreys for a time. The Edward Roach family were not too thrilled in the beginning over this liaison and tried to discourage it. Joe's mother, Maggie,

cried and reminded him how the church felt about first cousins marrying and begged him to reconsider—she got real upset over it all. But, once again, true love won out and they were married. They went down to Denver to live then where Cora's mother, sister, and brother and their families were.

On September 22, 1924, Anna Pauline Ogan was born to Robert Glen and Erma Hoch Ogan in Dresden, Missouri; Pettis County. She was their first child. Robert Glen Ogan was a son of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan.

Teresa Margaret Mary Roach, 14, and Clarence Hollenbeck, 29, were married on October 19, 1924 in Denver, Colorado at the Church of the Annunciation. She had been in St. Clare's Orphanage since 1915 and evidently was released when she was 13 in 1923 when her sister Fern, and possibly her brother, Ray, were let go. Usually, these places did not release their charges until they were 17 or 17½, but in this case it seems the Roach children were let out early into their mother's care, as she was now and had been for several years, a resident of Denver.

Clarence Hollenbeck was evidently Protestant as he joined the Catholic church before he married Teresa (Tressa) Roach. He was a native of Denver and was a veteran of WWI; suffered its affects and the gassing he had received while in France. His parents were Frank and Mary Smith Hollenbeck and lived in Denver.

On November 9, 1924, Edward M. Roach was born to Edward T. and Dorothy Brossard Roach in Mantorville, Minnesota; Dodge County. He was their first child. Edward T. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Mary Ann Ogan was born on November 26, 1924, in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County to Andrew W. and Viola Strandberg Ogan. She was their 5th child and 2nd daughter. When she was 7 months old, she came down with whooping cough and died from it in June of 1925. Andrew W. Ogan was a son of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan.

Timothy F. and Bessie Farmen Roach had their 6th child and 3rd daughter on February 20, 1925 in Red Wing, Minnesota; Goodhue County whom they named Betty Lou Roach. Tim Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Earl J. Roach was still in Portland, Oregon working as an advertising agent at 312 Central Building and still living at his 1923 address; 245 E. 29th St.. Joseph Dennis Roach now appears living at 2 Union Ave. North.. No occupation was given for him—he was too old and ill now and was getting a pension from the government.

On March 11, 1925, Joseph Leo Roache was born to James L., Jr. and Cecilia Nugent Roache in Woonsocket, S.D.; Sanborn County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son. James L. Roache, Jr. was a son of James L., Sr., and Sarah McCormick Roache.

Constance Mae Cook was born on March 23, 1925, to Walter and Peggy Dugan Cook in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. Walter was a son of Roy and Mame Roach Cook, and a grandson of Daniel Roach.

Stephen J. and Jessie Ice Mellady returned to the east—their previous home in Indiana, in 1925. They went to live near Indianapolis, Indiana where Stephen got a job in the accounting department of the

Standard Oil Company headquarters there. They lived on a little farm just outside of Indianapolis. After 18 years, they retired to a farm near New Palestine, Indiana in White County. Sometime after settling in there, they moved back to Benton County, Indiana to a small place near Otterbein in their remaining years, where they had met years before, previous to WWI.

On June 8, 1925, James Davis, 23½, and Dona Holman married in Nowata, Oklahoma; Nowata County. James was the son of Andy and Kate Roach Davis Alexander. He worked in the zinc plant as had his father and his step-father, in Bartlesville.

In Kansas City, Missouri, Margaret (Peggy) Lorraine Roach was born to Joseph W. and Cora Roach Fancher Roach. She was born on July 20, 1925 and was their 1st child. Joe was the son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach.

Ray P. and Zita Kelley Roache were now living in Pierre, S.D.; Wayne was now 1½ years old and Ray was working there as a baker for the Albertson Stores grocery chain- they were there about 2 years.

Tracy and Fern Roach Samuels had left Denver and the rest of the Roach family and gone east to seek work or live near a Samuels relative in the greater Toledo, Ohio area in a little town called Lime City. This is where their first child and first son was born-Tracy E. Samuels, Jr., whom they nicknamed, "Buster". He was born on February 3, 1925 in Lime City, Ohio. On June 7, 1925, near Perrysburg, Ohio, a little town



not far from their home, the Samuels and the Victor McCann family went to the near-by Rockaway Quarry to picnic and swim and spend a relaxing, pleasant afternoon. They spent some time at Rockaway and then the Samuels, Mrs. Gladys McCann and her infant son, Richard, decided to go down the road a ways to another quarry. Victor McCann, the husband of Gladys and father of Richard stayed on to swim at this first place and didn't accompany the others. Along the way Fern Roach Samuels begged to have a turn at driving the car but Tracy didn't want her to-when they got to the 2nd quarry, a gate had to be opened in order to gain entrance to the grounds. Tracy stopped the car, got out and went to open the gate; while he was out of the

car, Fern slid under the wheel, started the engine and began driving it through the gate. Tracy jumped on the running board and tried to stop the car by putting on the emergency brake but it was too late and everyone, plus the car rolled over the edge of the quarry and plunged into the 90 ft. deep water. According to a newsitem in the "Toledo Blade" Tracy was thrown through the windshield suffering cuts on one arm and his face. Fern surfaced near him and he pulled her to safety. Mrs. McCann came up soon and Samuels struggled to save her but she slipped from his grasp. By this time Victor McCann still at the near-by quarry heard there had been a drowning and he rushed to the scene, but could do nothing but look on as the authorities dragged the quarry for his wife's body and that of his son, Richard. Of course, "Buster" Samuels,

4 months-old had gone down with the car, as well, and was drowned. Toledo police had been called and reached the scene 20 minutes later. Several local men plus the local undertaker helped recover the bodies and raised the car. They were then taken to the Witzler Mortuary in Perrysburg. Tracy and Fern were treated by a Perrysburg doctor and returned to their home in Lime City. A funeral service was held for "Bus-

ter" Samuels at the Witzler Funeral Home in Perrysburg and he was buried there in a local cemetery on June 9, 1925. This whole affair must have been one of the most terrible things to live through and with in the ensuing years.

In late summer or early fall of 1925, Violet Roach went to teach near Ada, Minnesota up in the northern part of the state in a country school. The pay was so poor and conditions so dull and bad that teachers only stayed about a year in each school. Violet was a daughter of Daniel and Alice Long Roach.

Terrance Boland Roach was born on October 16, 1925 to John N. and Arabella McElderry Roach in Sandstone, Minnesota; Pine County. He was their 6th child and 4th son.

On November 5, 1925, Betty Mae Humphrey was born to George E. and May Burns Humphrey near Iliff or Proctor, Colorado; Logan County. She was their 9th child and 5th daughter-also, their last one. May Burns Humphrey was the daughter of Maggie Roach Burns Roach and her first husband, William Burns.

Dean Kenneth Munro was born on November, 10, 1925 in Woonsocket, S.D.; Sanborn County to George W. and Marie Roache Munro. He was their 1st child and 1st son. Marie Roache Munro was the daughter of James L. Sr., and Sarah McCormick Roache.

On December 4, 1925, Norma Wagner was born to Elmer O. and Agnes (Tootsie) Ogan Wagner in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. She was their 4th child and 3rd daughter. Agnes was the daughter of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan.

On January 11, 1926, Kathryn Margarite Ogan was born to Andrew W. and Viola Strandburg Ogan in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. She was their 6th child and 3rd daughter. Andrew W. Ogan was a son of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan, and a grandson of William Patrick Roach.

Peggy June Miller was born on January 29, 1926 to Jack (Jike) Miller and Nell Ogan Miller in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. She was their first child and first daughter. Nell and Jike had been married for over 3 years when about 3 weeks before Peggy June was born, he walked out. He would come back off and on.

On April 4, 1926, Mary Roach was born to Edward T. and Dorothy Brossard Roach in Spring Green, Wisconsin; Sauk County. She was their 2nd child and 1st daughter. The family had returned from the Springfield area of Illinois and the last road job the younger Roach brothers construction company had-they hit hard times in Illinois and were forced to sell out to another company.

In this time, spring of 1926, Joseph Dennis Roach, now 78, moved from Portland, Oregon to be with his son, Vernon H. Roach. Vernon may still have been living and working in or near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He lived in an isolated cottage on the north shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene accessible only by a boat from Suave Dock, a marina and boatyard in Coeur d'Alene. A man, Moses Suave, owned and ran a boatyard and marina service to cabins around the lake-delivered groceries, supplies, and mail and carried passengers back and forth. Evidently, Joseph's health was deteriorating and/or he was becoming lonely and having difficulty caring for himself, so he moved to be with his son. He

and Vernon had always gotten along well and seemed to be alike. As time went on, Joseph's health must have become more and more precarious, but he held on.

Joseph Dennis Roach's younger brother, Thomas Roach, Jr., a patient for over 11 years now at the State Mental Hospital in Yankton, S. D. was also having health problems. Very little is known of his years there and his care—the records are confidential, but it seems he began to become more and more senile and then developed enteritis which is an inflammation of the small intestine. This would cause him diarrhea which he could not suffer from too long until he became dehydrated and malnourished. He deteriorated rapidly in early April and finally on April 10, 1926, he died. His death seems especially sad as he died all alone, apparently in such a state he may not have realized what was going on. To think of him there all those years and having few if any visitors or loved ones come—he was buried all alone on the hospital grounds in grave no. 468—no stone marks his final resting place.

On April 28, 1926 Carmen Lou Davis was born to James and Dona Holman Davis in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Washington County. She was their first child and first daughter. James Davis was a son of Andy T. and Kate Roach Davis Alexander.

In connection with the fortunes of the Roach Bros. Construction Company, one of the family members tells this: "Dan, Bob, and Ed were in the one company, together; they formed back in Dakota in 1919-1920. Dan later pulled his horses and left. They had disagreements about things between them. Dan rented his horses to John and Jim. They went broke at Spring Valley, Minnesota. Sublet from a contractor and could not meet the expiration date to finish the job. On account of rain; it never stopped raining. The contractor was a crook—we pulled our horses out and went up into Minnesota. This was in 1924. We sublet again with John, Jim, and Dan, a guy from Duluth, Minnesota. They always held back 15% of the job until they took over. He gave John a song and dance and the contractor collected our 15% and we were never paid. We had a judgement, that's all. (Another family member tells of a similar deal in 1929—Joe was the one that signed the papers so he was the one who had to pay off; they took his mules—he was broke. He and his family had some hard times right after this; he went out and got any kind of job he could find—working on the railroad shoveling snow and cleaning off switches, etc..) We didn't go to Missouri when some of the others did—Dan worked for Minneapolis—Nelson and an Irish man I can't remember. Dan was very good at finishing". So it seems that things started going badly for some of them before the late 1920's. After the younger group of Roach boys fell on hard times, Stevens Brothers of St. Paul, Minnesota bought their equipment and Edward went to work for them as a superintendent. Where Robert Roach went then is not known, but he may have gone to work in Wisconsin for himself, selling insurance. Daniel and Jalma Heng Roach stayed on a year or two working near the older Roach boys again in Goodhue County at road jobs other companies were doing and then talked about heading west to Idaho.

Duane Bernard Roach was born on May 13, 1926 to James T. and Agnes Eaton Roach in Sandstone, Minnesota; Pine County. He was their 5th child and 4th son. James T. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Possibly in this same time period, Philip S. Abbott and wife Grace Roach Abbott were transferred by the Great Northern Railroad from Barnsville, Minnesota to Monticello, Minnesota, further south. Grace Roach

Abbott was the daughter of Daniel and Alice Long Roach.

Gerald Walter Cook was born to Walter and Peggy Dugan Cook on May 31, 1926 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Itasca County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son. Walter Cook was the son of Roy and Mame Roach Cook and a grandson of Daniel Roach.

It may be that in 1926 Joseph W. and Cora Roach Fancher Roach and their daughter Peggy, now about a year old, moved from Denver up to Logan County to the Proctor or Sterling area where Joe's folks lived—Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach. Joe would come to his family's place, visit, and help out with some of the farm work, but Cora rarely came. Some of the family got in the moonshine business in this time or made it for their own use. A number of the other Roaches in different places got into moonshining in various degrees during prohibition—how it turned out for them all, I don't know. They were not alone.

Matt Roache and Lorinda Maddock were married on June 8, 1926 in Sioux Falls, S.D.; Minnehaha County. It was Matt's second marriage and Lorinda's first; he had a son by Bridget O'Leary Roache, his first wife who had died in 1923. Lorinda had been born in a sod shanty in Floyd Township, Sanborn County on March 12, 1892. She was a school-teacher when Matt married her.

In Idaho, Joseph Dennis Roach was becoming more and more ill; his health failing; on June 17, his son Vernon brought him to the Reed Hospital in Coeur d'Alene from their isolated home on the lake. On the 19th of June, Joseph Dennis Roach developed lobar pneumonia amongst other things and died. Being a veteran of the Indian Wars he was eligible to be buried in a G.A.R. lot in Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene. His grave is only marked with a concrete slab flush with the ground and says, "Dennis J. Roach" and the grave number—nothing more—no dates—nothing about his origins or his service career. He was buried June 21, 1926. There was no obituary in the local paper and a small service at the English Funeral Home was all that was held.

In early summer of 1926, Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach bought a new car. They then began planning a trip out to California along with their son Eddie and his family. They drove out there and visited their oldest twin daughter, Florence Roach Kelsey and her family, possibly daughter Myrtle Roach Noble and husband, Ed in San Francisco. It may be that their daughter, Floss Roach Kelsey and her husband, Cash, were also out in Santa Monica living there and so they saw them, too. While in Santa Monica, they were in a big department store or clothing place and there ran into Earl J. Roach; he was a manager there at the time. Their family stories tell that this store was run by Joseph Dennis and his wife, Mary Crawford Roach, but this could not be as both these people were dead by this time. Evidently, he had left Portland, Oregon and was now living and working in the Los Angeles area doing the sort of thing he had done for years.

Fred Lessley Roach was born on July 23, 1926, to Franke F. and Jettie Hatler Roach in Loma, Colorado; Mesa County. He was their 5th child and 3rd son. Franke Roach was the oldest son of Thomas and Sarah Chapman Roach.

Violet Roach, daughter of Daniel and Alice Long Roach, went to teach near Randall, Minnesota; it was about 30 miles from her home in Eagle Bend, Minnesota. This would be her third year of teaching and

third school.

On October 2, 1926, Max Vernon Roach was born in Sterling, Colorado; Logan County to Jessie H. and Edna Landreth Roach. He was their 3rd child and 3rd son. Jesse was the son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach.

Elizabeth Hollenbeck was born to Clarence and Teresa Roach Hollenbeck on October 15, 1926 in Denver, Colorado; Denver County. She was their first child and first daughter. Teresa Roach Hollenbeck was a daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smothers Roach Gillespie.

For the past several years, perhaps since 1922 or 1923, Fred J. McElderry Roach and his brother, Harry O. McElderry Roach, the two children of Arabella McElderry DeLong Roach by her first marriage, had come to live with the John N. Roach family in the Red Wing, Minnesota area and re-join their mother. They had lived on in South Dakota with their McElderry grandparents after their mother married John N. Roach in 1916. Mary Kelly Roach kept after her son, John, to have these boys brought to live with their mother and new father-brothers and sisters, but he was reluctant. Finally, they came to live with their new family-Fred was 8 or 9; Harry, 9 or 10. Before long, they were taught how to handle horses and mules and help in the pursuit of road building. At age 9, Fred told how he was given the responsibility and could handle a span of 2 to 4 horses or mules.

Irene Roach, 9, daughter of Joseph D. and Nellie Stavig Roach became ill with Scarlet Fever and its complications in early November, 1926 and on November 7, she died. This was while the family was living and working in Farmington, Minnesota. Her funeral services were held at St. Michael's Catholic Church; she was buried in the cemetery connected to that church in Farmington. Irene was a dear, sweet child and this was a terrible event in this family's life.

Robert Glen Ogan, Jr. was born on November 22, 1926 to Robert Glen and Erma Hoch Ogan in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son. Robert Glen Ogan was a son of Robert D. and Lizzie Roach Ogan.

Evelyn Louise Roach, 21, and Leo Root were married in Cloquet, Minnesota; Carlton County, on December 4, 1926. They were wed by a Rev. Hans J. Wolner; their attendants were Blayne Roach and Lillian Roy. Evelyn was a daughter of Thomas and Anna Roeper Roach Brewer and a granddaughter of Daniel Roach. After Evelyn and Leo were married they moved to Duluth where Leo had a job.

Teresa Maureen Bergin was born December 17, 1926 in Hastings, Minnesota; Dakota County, to Jack W. and Teresa Roach Bergin. She was their 4th child and 3rd daughter. Teresa Roach Bergin was a daughter of John and Mary Kelly Roach. This family was still living in the area while Jack worked with one of the family road construction groups.

On March 25, 1927, Beulah Edna Ice was born to Joshua H. and Bertie Boswell Ice in Paso Robles, California; San Luis Obispo County. She was their first child and first daughter. Joshua H. Ice was the son of Jesse A. and Dea Roach Ice. He and his wife had sold their homestead claim in Lake County, Oregon 4 or 5 years before and had come to California to live. Farming was just too hard in Oregon and now

Joshua took up carpentry in Paso Robles. His health was pretty good and he was doing much better than anyone thought he would due to his war injuries; had respiratory problems off and on. Due to his health and that of his wife, they became interested in the "Seventh Day Adventist Church" and joined it soon after they were married. They were loyal and true church members.

Regina Andrea Roach was born on April 7, 1927 in Hastings, Minnesota; Dakota County to Daniel P. and Jalma Heng Roach. She was their 5th child and 4th daughter. Dan was a son of John Roach.

On June 20, 1927, Rita Agnes Roache was born to James L., Jr. and Cecilia Nugent Roache in Woonsocket, S.D.; Sanborn County. She was their 3rd child and 2nd daughter.

Ever since Agnes Roach Lalley's husband, John Lalley had gone West, she and her children had lived with her parents, Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach. In 1926 or early 1927, she met Cecil Burry in Bridgewater or Broadwater, Nebraska. He was a horse and cattle buyer; a very nice man and he liked the Lalley children. On July 21, 1927 they were married in Sidney, Nebraska; Cheyenne County.

In the fall of 1927, Violet Roach, daughter of Daniel and Alice Long Roach, went to her new teaching job near Perham, Minnesota.

Catherine Roache was born in Aberdeen, S.D.; Brown County on September 3, 1927 to Ray P. and Zita Kelley Roache. She was their 2nd child and 1st daughter. Ray was working as a baker in Aberdeen for a large grocery store-Albertsons. Their other child, Wayne Roache was now 2.

On October 11, 1927, Michael Thomas Roach was born to Timothy and Bess Farmen Roach in St. Paul, Minnesota; Ramsey County. He was their 7th child and 4th son. For some reason, he only lived 6 weeks and died there on November 30, 1927. His burial place is unknown.

It is believed that Harry Roach, son of Thomas and Sarah Chapman Roach, died November 11, 1927 of a drug overdose in Seminole, Oklahoma-an oil "boom-town" where he had gone hoping to find work. A mortuary, L.A. Armstrong handled his body and he was buried in Seminole, possibly in Maplegrove Cemetery. Little is known of his untimely end.

Bob Davis was born on November 17, 1927 to James and Dona Holman Davis in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Washington County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son. Jim was a son of Andy and Kate Roach Davis.

On November 26, 1927, Mary Jane Wagner was born to Elmer O. and Agnes (Tootsie) Ogan Wagner in Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County. She was their 4th child and 3rd daughter.

On the same day, November 26, 1927, Virginia Hollenbeck was born to Clarence and Teresa Roach Hollenbeck in Denver, Colorado; Denver County. She was their 2nd child and 2nd daughter.

Shirley Root was born to Leo and Evelyn Roach Root at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota; St. Louis County on November 30, 1927. She would be their first and only child. Evelyn was a daughter of Thomas and Anna Roeper Roach Brewer.

On December 16, 1927, Leon Gregory Roach was born to John and

Arabella McElderry Roach in Osceola, Wisconsin; Polk County. He was their 7th child and 5th son. John N. Roach was the son of John and Mary Kelly Roach. John N. Roach worked for the older family road construction crew, and they now, too, were working in Wisconsin on road contracts. Perhaps, they were working for other companies, now.

Possibly in this period of time Elsie Ogan Sanders and Jesse F. Sanders separated and/or divorced in Kansas City, Missouri.

On January 6, 1928, Jackie Coogan (John Joseph, baptismal name) Roach was born to Joseph W. and Cora Roach Fancher Roach in Globeville, Colorado; Denver County. He was their 2nd child and 1st son; he had a sister, Margaret (Peggy) Roach, now 2½. Joseph W. Roach was a son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach. Cora was the daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smothers Roach. He and Cora had moved back to Denver from the Proctor-Burdette area of Colorado where they may have lived for several years. Edward and Maggie also had moved from near Bridgewater-Angora, Nebraska about this time and were farming in the Proctor-Burdette area of Colorado near their sons, Jesse and Eddie.

Joseph Lige Davis and Geneva Chamberlain were married on April 19, 1928 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Washington County. Joseph Lige was the son of Andy T. and Kate Roach Davis. He was 18 at this time.

Warren Roach was born on May 14, 1928 in Farmington, Minnesota; Dakota County, to Joseph D. and Nellie Stavig Roach. He was their 4th child and 2nd son. At this time he had an older sister, Irene who had died of scarlet fever 1½ years before; one named Dorothy, 9, and "Bud", his brother, now about 7. Joseph D. Roach was a son of John and Mary Kelly Roach.

Sometime in late 1927 or early 1928, Philip S. and Grace Roach Abbott moved from Monticello, Minnesota to St. Cloud, Minnesota; he was working in the freight office in St. Cloud for the Great Northern Railroad.

Apparently the Bymo and Mary Roach Sailer family was, and had been living in Minnesota for several years at this time—had come along when most of the Roaches moved with their road construction business to eastern Minnesota. Bymo Sailer brought along his equipment and shop furnishings to do his harness-making and repairing. In late 1928 and possibly before that, they lived in Montevideo, Minnesota. Mary Kelly Roach lived during these years since John's death with her son Tim and his family and then in Minnesota with her daughter, Teresa Roach Bergin and son Jimmy's family, later on.

On June 17, 1928, Cecilia Nugent Roache died in Mitchell, S.D.; Davison County following surgery. She had had health problems following the birth of her last child and decided finally to have an operation and feel better once again, but things evidently did not go well and she died. It was exactly a year to the day of her daughter Rita's birth. She was buried in Woonsocket in St. Wilfrid's Cemetery. Her husband James L. Roache, Jr. and his 3 children were left alone. They were Clement Jean, 4½; Joseph, 3; and Rita Agnes, 1. Soon after Cecilia's death, a Nugent relative (possibly her sister married to a man named Joe Haynes) offered to take Rita back to Iowa with them and raise her. This arrangement lasted about a year and then they brought Rita back to Woonsocket and her Aunt Agnes Roache Bolton took her to raise. James L. Roache, Jr. and his 2 older children were then living in Woonsocket along with his father, James L., Sr. in a house across the street from

Rita and the Boltons. James, Jr. had a draying business in Woonsocket at this time-did a little bit of everything to make ends meet.

On August 11, 1928 Dorothy Hollenbeck was born to Clarence and Teresa Roach Hollenbeck in Denver, Colorado; Denver County. She was their 3rd child and 3rd daughter. Teresa was a daughter of William Patrick and Cindy Smothers Roach Gillespie.

Robert James Bergin was born in Hastings, Minnesota; Dakota County to Jack and Teresa Roach Bergin. He was their 5th child and 2nd son, born August 21, 1928. Teresa was a daughter of John Roach.

On August 31, 1928 Joseph W. Roach, son of Edward and Maggie Roach Burns Roach went to his parents farm or a brother's place near Proctor or Burdette, Colorado to help with the haying in the late summer. Several miles from their place along the riverbottom, they would cut the hay each August. Several of the Roach boys were there, each with a team and a mower to get it done fast. Jim Burns, Joe's half-brother was first, then Jesse or Eddie Roach, each with a team and mower. They would each cut a separate swath; on the end of this line-up was Joe. He had in his team a horse that had been out to pasture most of the summer and was not too used to the harness and working with another horse. Joe's father, Edward warned Joe not to put the mower-blade down until he had this horse moving ahead and under control; for some reason, Joe put the blade down first and then called to his horses to start. When he gave the reins the first slap, this one horse started off with a jerk and a lunge, throwing Joe off the mower seat and down onto the ground in front of the blade which cut into his right wrist so deeply, his hand was only hanging on by a piece of skin. He yelled for help, but everyone saw what had happened and came running. He was bleeding terribly-Jim Burns grabbed his hand and held it on the arm stump-wrapped their shirts around it and someone put a tourniquet around his upper arm to stem the bleeding. They ran with him to the road quite some distance away and spotted a car parked by the side of the road. The man who owned it was down in the field checking out his irrigating. They called out to him-said they had an emergency and needed his car, but he said they couldn't use it-it was almost out of gas. They put Joe in the backseat anyway, jumped in this car and sped off. The car was not nearly out of gas and it got them to the hospital and doctor in Sterling. In the ensuing hours the doctors tried to re-attach Joe's hand-he and the family insisted that they try, but it just didn't work. His thumb first began to turn black and became gangrenous. They had to operate again and this time they took his arm off just below the elbow. For some reason, he wanted this arm and they saved it and the family took it home. But Edward, his father, thought it terrible and buried it in the garden. When Joe was finally released from the hospital, he asked where his arm was and they told him-he went out and dug it up and from then on it was saved-kept in rolled up newspapers and in a box. The family kept this arm around for a number of years-it was finally relegated to the garage in a mailbox; later, Maggie kept it in a wooden box she had-by this time it was mummified and mostly bones. The doctors fitted Joe with a hook which he learned to use quite well and a flesh-colored hand that he could put on when he wanted to. When he went to look for a job, he would kind of hold his right arm behind him so the hook wouldn't show until he got the job. He could do almost anything a person with a real arm could do.

Violet Roach left her teaching job for a year to return to school herself, in the fall of 1928-she attended St. Cloud Normal in St. Cloud, Minnesota and lived with her sister, Grace Roach Abbott there.