



Grand Canyon vacation, 1994. Pictured l-r: John, Douglas, Timothy, Barb, and Erin Stein.

and Ellen's son, Frank Nelson, married Eva Charter and also lived in Good Hope. Frank and Eva's son, Frank Nelson, married Reva Argenbright and they lived and farmed in Emmet Township. Frank and Reva's oldest son was my father, Jerry.

Our family began July 9, 1983 in Macomb, IL when I married my high school sweetheart, John Stein. John was born in Des Moines, IA to Jay and Hazel Fick Stein. He moved to Macomb, IL at an early age. He graduated from Macomb High School in 1981 and from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY in 1985. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army and we spent the next 18 years travelling with the US Army and the US Air Force.

I was born at Phelps Hospital in Macomb, IL to Jerry and Betty Thorman Nelson. I attended Bardolph Elementary School until Bardolph consolidated with the Macomb Schools. I graduated from Macomb High School in 1980 and from Western Illinois University in 1983. Our family grew when Douglas was born at Fort Rucker, AL; Erin was born at Schwaebisch Hall, Germany and Timothy was born at Eglin AFB, FL.

Doug graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Chemistry and Aviation and from Rush Medical School in Chicago, IL. He is currently serving in the US Air Force as a Flight Surgeon in Arizona.

Erin graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Animal Science and from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently serving in the US Army as a Veterinarian in Alabama. Erin married Andy Jones from Mississippi in 2016.

Tim graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point, NY with a degree in Russian. He is currently serving in the US Army in Italy. Tim married Marina from Russia in 2015. Submitted by Barbara Nelson Stein.

STIPANOWICH – Joseph J. and Mary L. Forsythe Stipanowich came to Macomb in 1947 after their marriage at Central Christian Church in Peoria on June 28.

Joe was born at Canton on April 14, 1921 to Joseph A. and LaVada Sleeth Stipanowich.

Mary Laura was born to Thomas H. and Lettie Greenwell Forsythe on Feb. 14, 1922 on the family farm near Mt. Sterling, IL. Joe graduated from Canton High and received a B.S. from Western Illinois State Teachers College, M.S. from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Northwestern. Mary graduated from Mt. Sterling High and received a B.S. from Western. It was while students at Western the two met.

Joe was a weather forecaster in the Army Air Corp for three years in WW II. He returned to Western and began teaching in the Mathematics Department in 1947 and served for over 35 years, nine years as Head of the Department and one year as Chairman. He was an educator, public speaker and author.

Among his awards are the Distinguished Alumni Award from WIU, Distinguished Life Member of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics and was named Distinguished Teacher at WIU in 1970. He served as President of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics and was a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and in *American Men and Women of Science*. He is a past president of the Macomb Rotary Club and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He also received recognition for 45 years of service to Rotary. He was an active member of Macomb First Christian Church and served as an elder there for many years. Joe passed away Nov. 19, 2008.

Mary taught one year at Bell School, the rural school she had attended near Mt. Sterling. She also taught home economics at Clinton, Normal, WIU and did substitute teaching in the McDonough County area. She was the first president of the Western Illinois Area Home Economists, served as Regent of the General Macomb Chapter of DAR and is currently Honorary Regent of the chapter. She is a member of ME Chapter of PEO, a member of Western Illinois Museum and a 70 year member of University Women. She, too, is an active member of First Christian Church and is a long-time elder.

Two sons were born to this union, Thomas Joseph and James William. Tom was born Oct. 5, 1952 at Evanston, IL. He received his elementary and secondary education at the WIU campus school. He received three degrees from the University of Illinois – a bachelor's and master's in architecture and a doctor of jurisprudence. He is currently Academic Director of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and Professor of Law at Pepperdine University. He first married Celia Marks and has since married Sarah Kendall



Joseph and Mary Stipanowich

Yaney. His children are Laura, Thomas, Nicolas and Sarah.

James was born Feb. 4, 1959 at Macomb. He attended the WIU Campus School and graduated from Macomb High School. He received a BB in Accounting from WIU and a MA in Taxation from DePaul University. He is currently International Tax Manager for Hollister, Inc. He is a Licensed CPA and at present is treasurer of the Chicago Tax Club. He married Anne Makuck and their two children are James Makuck and Amy Laura. They have one grandson, Christopher James.

The Stipanowichs resided at 613 Memorial Drive for 43 years and moved to 1625 A. Madison in 2001. Mary still resides there.

From 1953 to 1970, Lettie Greenwell Forsythe, mother of Mary, resided with them. After an illness at Americana Nursing Center in Macomb for 11 years, she died there in 1981. She was a life-long member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Submitted by Mary F. Stipanowich.

STODGELL – Ambrose Winston Stodgell was born April 9, 1811 to Ambrose Stodgell and Cecilia Kidd, in Fluvanna County, VA. He was the third Ambrose Stodgell in his line, as far as can be traced. His father (1780-1812) was also from Fluvanna County and his mother (born in 1781) was from Kilmory, Fife, Scotland. In 1834, he married Mary Ann Johnson, born 1809 in Virginia to Richard and Mary "Polly" (Dickey) Johnson, in his home town. They were the parents of six children. Francis A. married Jessie W. Bugg Jr. William died in infancy. Robert A. was a private in Company E of the 833rd IL Infantry and married Anna Haskins. Barbara Ann married Calvin H. Sweeney, moving in the 1870s to Salisbury, MO. Mary Jane married Edward Hardy. Isaac Newton died at age 19 in the Civil War. After Robert was born, the family moved to Belfast in Highland County, OH. Ambrose and Mary ran a water wheel mill which was used to grind corn and wheat. Mary was killed in a horrible accident on May 9, 1846 when she was left to operate the mill. As she was attempting to turn it off, her long braids became entangled in the wheel and she was crushed. She was only 39.

One month later, Ambrose married Catherine Lear (16 years younger) in Ohio where she was born and raised. She was the daughter of Andrew Lear (born 1803 - Virginia) and Mourning Emma Blizzard (born 1808 - North Carolina) from Liberty of Highland County, OH. Together they had four children as he continued mill work. Chastean V. first married Sarah Lansdown and after her death, Susan Goochey, living in Moberly, MO. Martha Ellen married George Michael "Mike" Johnson and she died at age 30. Sarah E. died at 2 months and Catherine Melvina died at 2 1/2 years - all born in Ohio. Mother Catherine died at age 25 when her namesake was less than 3 months of age in May 1853, leaving Ambrose with eight children.

In the first part of 1855, Ambrose moved his family to Haw Creek Township in Knox County, IL. That October he married Elizabeth Cannon (born February 1828 in Kentucky) in