

HENRY SIPES FAMILY HISTORY

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PREFACE

Two descendants of John Henry Sipes contacted Judy Welles seeking information on their ancestor, John Henry Sipes, and his family. According to the family, Mr. Sipes was a lock tender at Lock 21, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, during the period 1900 to 1903. Judy Welles then contacted William Bauman, who in turn enlisted the aid of Karen Gray. This draft family history provides a forum to document the family history to date.

A table of vital statistics is provided at the end of this story. The table was initially built from a 1900 U.S. Census report, with the applicable data highlighted in yellow. Then as other census reports, obituaries, family bibles, newspaper articles, World War I Draft Registration cards or other solid data are found, the table will be revised. The accuracy of the data is important to retain focus on this Sipes family; there are other unrelated families named Sipes in this time period.

This story development depends on input from all sources; it provides a place to record what is found. After the initial inquiry, the two descendants never made subsequent contact or inquiry. Recently Rita Hunter contacted the author about resuming the story based on family information she had; and so the story resumes. Text without reference or footnotes was taken from "AUNT ANNIE REMEMBERS - Recollections from William Beall's family about 1963" collected by Charlotte Anderson and transcribed by Rita Hunter in 2012.

This was a divergent family with several marriages, second marriages and even an occasional third marriage, although sometimes we cannot be sure of the remarriage dates. Information is provided on the families generated by earlier and/or subsequent marriages to provide a broad view of the several families living along Canal Road and Conduit Road.

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The 1850 census reported Henry Sipes, age 37, a Laborer from Germany, was living in the District of Columbia.¹ Living with him were: Ann, age 35, wife; Thomas, age 12, son; and Mary J., age 9, daughter.

On July 31, 1859 Michael Welsh married Mary J. Sipes, only daughter of Henry and Ann Sipes, at Concordia Lutheran Evangelical Church, Washington D. C.

In 1860 the census reported Michael Welsh, age 22, a laborer, was living in Washington, D.C.² Living with him were: Mary, age 18, wife; Mary, age 1/12, daughter; Ann Sipes, age 39, his mother-in-law; Thomas Free, age 22, a Laborer; and John Sipes, age 7, nephew.

During June and July 1863, eligible men had to register for the Civil War Draft; Michael Welsh, age 23, married, living on Glass House Row, working as a Laborer for the Government, registered and claimed 3 months service with the D. C. Volunteers.³

The 1870 census reported Michael Welsh, age 32, a Laborer, was living in District of Columbia.⁴ Living with him were: Mary, age 29, wife; George, age 5, son; and Annie, age 2, daughter. The absence of Mary, should have been 10 years old, suggests that she had died since the 1860 census.

in 1880 the census reported Michael Welsh, age 44, a Laborer, was living in District of Columbia.⁵ Living with him were: Mary, age 38, wife; George E., age 15, son; and Annie M., age 12, daughter.

In 1880 a John Sipes, age 27, single, a laborer, was living in Montgomery County, Maryland with William & Elizabeth Priestly.⁶ Living in the same house were six other men, all laborers; one of whom was William Pennifield a 51 year old, widower. Thus the supposition that this was a boarding house. The Pennifields were associated with Lock 22.

In 1880 Frank Elliot, age 35, married, a farmer, was living in the District of Columbia.⁷ Living with him were: Julia, age 34, 1st wife; Lucy V., age 8, daughter; James W., age 6, son; Saphronia, age 4, daughter; Margaret, age 1, daughter, Sarah F., age 3/12, twin daughter; Charles F., age 3/12, twin son; Margaret Payne, age 74, mother-in-law, widowed; and Joseph Barnes, age 18, a boarder working as a farm laborer. From the presence of the mother-in-law we determine Julia's maiden name. Frank Elliot will join the Henry Sipes family tree later on.

A marriage license was reported issued to John H. Sipes and Eliza V. Hill, both of Montgomery County, Md.⁸ The actual wedding took place on June 15, 1883.⁹

¹ 1850 Census, District of Columbia, Washington, Ward 1, enumerated on 7/23/1850, p. 30.

² 1860 Census, District of Columbia, Washington, Ward 1, enumerated on 6/11/1860, p. 72& 73..

³ U.S., Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865, D. C, 1st Sub-District, Vol. 3 of 5, p. N-6..

⁴ 1870 Census, District of Columbia, Washington, Ward 1, enumerated on 8/2/1870, p. 243.

⁵ 1880 Census, District of Columbia, Washington, Ward 44, enumerated on 6/1/1880, p. 2.

⁶ 1880 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, 4th Election District, enumerated on 6/24/1880, p. 34.

⁷ 1880 Census, Maryland, District of Columbia, District 1, enumerated on 6/18/1880, p. 33 &34.

⁸ *The Evening Star*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Wednesday, 6/18/1883, p. 2.

⁹ *District of Columbia, Select Marriages, 1830-1921.*

In 1884, Harvey E. Knott was a miller and lived on Rock-creek opposite 27th St.¹⁰ In 1885 his listing residence was Rock-creek about P-St. Bridge.¹¹

Lewis F. Elliott a farmer, was reported as living on Conduit Road, District of Columbia, in 1886,¹² on Loughboro Road, District of Columbia in 1889¹³ and 1890.¹⁴ Records found indicate that Lewis F. Elliott married Sarah D. _____ in 1887, which may be related to the move from Conduit Road to Loughboro Road. We need to find the wedding announcement.

In 1889 Harvey L. Knott was a miller, living on Conduit Road.¹⁵ On Feb. 19, 1890 Harvey Elmer Knott married Lucy V. Elliot; the place and announcement remain to be found. His listing for 1890 was unchanged from 1889.¹⁶

About 1897, when Annie Louise Sipes was 15, the family moved to Lock 21 (present day Swain's Lock) and lived in the lock house. Her father, John Henry Sipes, tended the lock. The adjacent undated National Park Service photo is of the house at Lock 21. The stone lock house was originally 32' x 18' and had one and a half stories, without a basement. The downstream end was added possibly after the flood of 1889. The coping stones of the lock are in the foreground; the house is on the berm side of the lock at mid-lock. This is the configuration when John Henry Sipes tended the lock.



At age 16, Annie had met 21 year old William Homer Beall. Her mother, Eliza, strongly suggested that the reluctant Annie should marry him. Her father, John Henry Sipes, was against the marriage; however, Eliza was the boss. The marriage took place in Washington, D. C. on August 25, 1898 against Beall's father as well. The Beall's were considered wealthy farmers who lived in Beallsville on land which had been granted by the King of England in the 1700's. William worked doing odd jobs which were not enough to support a family.

On June 7, 1899, William E. Beall was born weighing three pounds. When William was 18 months old, Annie left Beall and went to live with her family at the lock. She got a job as housekeeper for an elderly couple making \$4.00 a month. She also worked as a waitress at the Great Falls Tavern.

By 1899 Harvey Knott, although still a miller, had moved to Ridge Road, NW, Washington, D. C.¹⁷

¹⁰ 1884 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 534.
¹¹ 1885 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 531.
¹² 1886 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 357.
¹³ 1889 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 370.
¹⁴ 1890 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 376.
¹⁵ 1889 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 547.
¹⁶ 1890 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 559.

In 1900 John H. Sipes, 47 years old, married 21 years, working as a lock tender on the Canal [Lock 21] in the Potomac District of Montgomery County, MD.¹⁸ Living with him were: Eliza V. Sipes, 40 years old, his wife of 21 years, she had 6 children, only 5 of whom were then living; Annie L. Sipes (Beall), 18 years old, daughter, married one year, with one child who was still living; Frances S. Sipes, 14 years old, daughter; Walter W. Sipes, 11 year old son; Clyde R. Sipes, 8 year old son; Goldie R. Sipes, 4 year old daughter; William H. Beall, 22 year old son-in-law married one year; and William E. Beall, 11/12 year old grandson. Both Walter W. Sipes and William E. Beall were employed as farm laborers, vice Canal laborers. All the children were born in Maryland. Apparently there had been some reconciliation between William and Annie Beall.

Circa 1901 William H. Beall contracted tuberculosis and was cared for by Catholic priests. He died and was buried at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockville, Md. His obituary remains to be found.

By 1901 Harvey E. Knott had moved to Hurst Place, NW, Washington, D. C. and he continued working as a miller.¹⁹

Mary J. Sipes Welsh, "Aunt Sis" to the family, took in Annie Beall who worked at a dressmakers shop in Washington, D.C. for about one year earning \$3.00 per week. In 1904, at age 22, she met William Henry Anderson. The marriage took place in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 25, 1904 while she was on vacation. They moved to Great Falls and lived in a house near the Tavern and William Anderson tended the lock. On August 4, 1905 Benjamin Walter Anderson was born in a log cabin at Great Falls and weighed nine pounds. But we are getting ahead of the story.

In 1903 a newspaper reported: "Miss Frances Sipes, daughter of Mr. John Sipes, a lockkeeper on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, at Lock 21, a short distance above great Falls, had a very narrow escape from drowning a few days ago. While attempting to cross her father's lock her dress caught in the paddle lever and she was precipitated into the water, which was at least twelve feet deep. Her sister Annie happened to be near at the time and seeing her sister Frances disappear, hurried to her assistance. She grabbed her sister by the dress just as she rose to the surface the second time and dragged her safely ashore. Aside from a severe shock, the unlucky girl suffered no injury. Several years ago a little son of Mr. Sipes fell into the same lock and was rescued, although in a nearly drowned condition."²⁰

Later that same year John Henry Sipes died, as reported in a newspaper: "LOCK KEEPER DROWNED - John Sipes, a lockkeeper on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, stationed at Gibb's Lock [Lock 21], about three miles above the Great Falls, met death by drowning Wednesday night, just below his lock. He left his home about 8 o'clock Wednesday night to go down to the lock and let a canal boat pass. As he did not return in a reasonable time, his wife went in search of him. Yesterday afternoon his body appeared on the surface of the water, a friend of Sipes being the first to discover it. The coroner gave a certificate of death from accidental drowning, as it was generally thought that Sipes fell overboard while operating the gates of his lock. He was about fifty years old, and was one

¹⁷ 1899 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 631.

¹⁸ 1900 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Potomac District, enumerated on 6/9/1900. p.7.

¹⁹ 1901 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 661.

²⁰ *The Evening Star*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Friday, 5/15/1903, p. 20.

of the best known employees of the Canal Towage Company. His funeral will take place tomorrow."²¹

John Henry Sipes was buried in Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery, Potomac, Md.

On Sep. 19, 1904, Samuel P. Elliott married the widow Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes in Potomac, Md.

On March 1, 1906 Michael Welsh died. Because he had served as a Pvt., Foxwells Co., 2nd Battalion, D. C. Volunteers, in the District of Columbia, he was buried on March 3, 1906, in Arlington National Cemetery, with the white enlisted personnel, Grave No. 17119.

On Sept. 6, 1907 a newspaper reported under "**Marriage Licenses** - John Mulholland and Frances Sipes, both of Rosslyn, Va."²² It would appear that the ceremony on Sep. 7, 1907 took place in Washington, D.C.; an announcement remains to be found.

The 1910 census reported Lewis F. Elliott, age 63, married for the 2nd time for 23 years, living in census dwelling 220, was a Lock Tender on the Canal.²³ Living with him was: Sarah S., age 68, wife, who had 8 children 4 of whom were then still living. Two houses away in census dwelling 222, lived Jesse A. Swain, age 40, married twice, second marriage for twelve years, who was a Lock Tender. In census dwelling 223 lived Lloyd A. Watkins, age 60, a Lock Tender. In census dwelling 224 lived Daniel W. Hammond, age 52, a Lock Tender. In census dwelling 225 lived James L. Hill, age 48, a Lock Tender. And in census dwelling 226 lived William Anderson, age 29, married once, for five years, a Laborer at Gold Mine. Living with him were: Annie L., age 28, wife, married twice, second marriage for five years, she had two children both of whom were then living; Benjamin W., age 4, son; and William E. Bell, age 11, step-son.

William E. Beall went to a one-room school house on Brickyard Road until third grade - three times. At about the age of 12 he worked in the gold mines as an orderly. At age 15 he went to work in a shipyard in Chester, Pennsylvania.

On Dec. 29, 1911 Samuel P. Elliott, of Great Falls, Md., was accidently killed due to a falling tree which struck him and broke his neck. He was allegedly buried in Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery; that remains to be verified. Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes Elliott was left a widow, again.

In 1914 Lucy V. Knott, widow of Harvey Knott, was a dressmaker and living at 937 O St. NW, Washington, D. C.²⁴ Their son, Harvey E. Knott, worked as a tinner and boarded same address. That same year, Goldie Sipes was a clerk boarding at 808 11th St., NW, Washington, D. C.²⁵ In August of 1914 we read that "Indictments charging net fishing for shad in the Potomac out of season were returned against Eugene Shorter, Harvey Knott, Alvord Queen and Harry Ardinger."²⁶ Since Lucy V. Knott was listed as a widow, it must have been their son, Harvey E. Knott. Four days later

²¹ *The Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Friday, 9/25/1903, p. 12.

²² *Evening Star*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Friday, 9/6/1907, p. 5.

²³ 1910 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Potomac, enumerated on 4/29/1910. p.16B

²⁴ 1914 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 770.

²⁵ *Ibid*, p. 1182.

²⁶ *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Saturday, 8/8/1914, p. 14.

we read: "United States vs. Harvey Knott; illegal fishing; bench warrant; returned cep1; recognizance, \$300 taken, with Edward T. Woody, surety."²⁷ The case continued: "United States vs. Harvey Knott; illegal fishing; plea, guilty; sentence deferred, Attorney, J. T. Sherrier."²⁸

Early in 1915 a newspaper reported: "**Rockville**, Mrs. Frances Mulholland, of this county, has, by her attorney, Robert L. Warfield, of Rockville, filed suit in the circuit court here for an absolute divorce from John Mulholland, of Virginia, on the grounds of desertion. She charges that four months after they were married, in September, 1907, she was deserted. She also asks to be awarded the custody of their only child."²⁹ John Mulholland had until March 20, 1915 to appear in Circuit Court to show cause, if any he has, why a decrees ought not to be passed as prayed. On March 20, 1915, the widow Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes Elliott married Lewis D. Connor, in Rockville, Montgomery County, Md.

Then on May 13, 1915, Aaron Gracen Bolton, age 27, a farmer, married Frances Sypes [*sic* Sipes], age 29, a divorcee, at Rockville, Md. by S. R. White, Minister.

Sometime during 1915 William Henry Anderson opened a restaurant in Great Falls, details to be found. In that same time period William Anderson built a house at 4926 St. Elmo Ave. Bethesda where they lived for thirty years. William Anderson died on Nov. 27, 1938 and Annie remained in the home until 1957 when she moved to Kensington. But we are getting ahead of the story again.

World War I came along and eligible men had to register for the draft, in particular:

Aaron Grason Bolton, was 29 years old, worked as a Farmer for James Lowe in Potomac, Md.³⁰ He had a wife and two children and could not write; he made his mark on the registration card. He was of medium height, medium build, brown eyes, black hair and not bald.

Walter W. Sipes, was 28 years old, worked at the N. Y. Rag & Startup Co., in Hagerstown, Md., where he lived.³¹ He was married with a wife and 2 children. He was of medium height, slender build, gray eyes and light colored hair, not bald.

Clyde Raymond Sipes, was 23 years old, worked as a lock tender on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at Great Falls, he was single and could not write; he made his mark on the registration card.³² He was of medium height, medium build, with gray eyes and brown hair, not bald.

John T. Sipes, age 18, enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served from May 1920 until September 1921. His draft registration card has not been found.

Circa summer 1917, over 200 Montgomery County, Md. men applied to their local exemption boards and the district board at Annapolis for exemptions from military service. The boards reviewed the cases and certified back to the district board 214 names of men as having been selected for military service. One of those was Clyde R. Sipes, Great Falls; however, no record has been found that he was inducted into military service.³³

²⁷ *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Wednesday, 8/12/1914, p. 11.

²⁸ *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Sunday, 5/30/1915, p. 6.

²⁹ *The Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Wednesday, 1/27/1915, p. 4.

³⁰ WW-I Draft Registration card, Montgomery County, Md., Serial No. 16, dated 6/5/1917

³¹ WW-I Draft Registration card, Hagerstown, Md., Serial No. 769, dated 6/5/1917

³² WW-I Draft Registration card, Montgomery County, Md., Serial No. 82, dated 6/5/1917.

³³ *The Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, 9/23/1917, p. 15.

In 1920 the census reported James L. Hill, age 60, living in census dwelling 271, a Lock Tender; then Jeremiah Conners, age 73, in census dwelling 272, a Lock Tender; Benjamin Davis, age 51, in dwelling 273; Lewis Elliott, age 75, in dwelling 274; and Lewis D. Conners, age 39, in census dwelling 275, he was a Laborer on the Canal.³⁴ Living with him were: Eliza, age 60, wife; and Clyde Sipes, age 25, step-son, working as a Lock Tender. Living in census dwelling 276 were William Anderson, age 39, a carpenter on the canal; Annie, age 37, wife; and Benjamin, age 19, a messenger for the U. S. Government.

In 1920 Walter W. Sipes, age 31, was working as a Operator at an Electric Plant near Falling Waters, W. Va.³⁵ Living with him were: Bertha L., age 31, wife; Louise H., age 5, daughter; Edith E., 3-4/12, daughter; and Walter E., age 1-2/12, son.

1921 found Lucy V. Knott, widow of Harvey, was living at 1515 - 29th St. NW, Washington, D. C. Living with her were son Harvey E. Knott working as a plumber and Gladys working as a telephone operator.³⁶

John Theodore Sipes and Agnes Elizabeth Powell were married per certificate of marriage #117881 in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 1, 1923 by John Paul Tyler whose residence was 908 Mass. Ave., NE.

On June 1, 1926 Mary J. Sipes Welsh died, widow of Michael Welsh, Pvt. 2nd Battalion, D. C. Volunteers, in the District of Columbia, and was buried on Jun. 3, 1926. Her obituary remains to be found. She was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with her husband, Grave No. 17119.

In 1928 John T. Sipes was a laboratory attendant for National Institute of Health and residing on Cabin John Parkway, Md.³⁷

The 1930 census reported Walter W. Sipes, age 40, working as a Laborer, was living in Cabin John.³⁸ Living with him were: Bertha L., age 42, wife; Louise H., age 15, daughter; Edith H., age 13, daughter; and Walter E., age 11, son.

The 1930 census reported John Sipes, age 28, working as a Chemist in a Laboratory, living in Cabin John, Md.³⁹ Living with him were: Agnes, age 23, wife; Elsie, age 4-6/12, daughter; Gloria, age 3-4/12, daughter; Betty Jane, age 1-7/12.

By 1930 Lucy V. Knott had moved to Arlington, Va. where she lived on Wilson Blvd.⁴⁰ She was 57 years old, widowed and owned the home, valued at \$10,000. Living with her were: Gladys A. Jones, age 33, daughter; Arthur J. Jones, age 39, son-in-law, who was working as an automotive upholster; Katherine M. Jones, age 17, step-grand-daughter; and Margaret, age 13, step-grand-daughter. Arthur and Gladys Jones had married in 1921, details to be found, and so these were his daughters from a

³⁴ 1920 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Potomac, enumerated on 2/2/1920, p. 2.

³⁵ 1920 Census, West Virginia, Berkeley County, Falling Waters, enumerated on 1/20&21/1920, p. 11B.

³⁶ 1921 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p.

³⁷ 1928 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 1498..

³⁸ 1930 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Cabin John, enumerated on 4/18/1930. p.13B

³⁹ 1930 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Cabin John, enumerated on 4/18/1930. p.10B.

⁴⁰ 1930 Census, Virginia, Arlington County, Arlington, enumerated on 4/5/1930. p.4A.

previous relationship. Also living in the house was William A. Lynch, age 57, a roomer, working as a bricklayer for a home contractor.

The 1930 census reported Benjamin Anderson, age 24, was living on Connecticut Ave., NW, and working as Assistant Manager, Hotel.⁴¹ Living with him were: Mildred M., age 27, wife; and Benjamin, Jr., age 8/12, son.

Joseph J. and Ruth B. Davis were living at 1216 B. St., NE, and he was working as a clerk at the Patent Office in 1928⁴² and 1930.⁴³

By 1931 Harvey E. Knott had married Marie, details to be found, and were living at 3039 O St., NW, Apt. 5, Washington, D. C. and he continued working as a plumber.⁴⁴

Oct. 1, 1931 brought the following tragedy as reported:

"FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE OF WOMAN, 75 -

"Made homeless by the fire which today destroyed her home on Conduit Road at Great Falls, Md., Mrs. Denton Connor, 75, sat atop the meager salvage of her possessions, watching the last wisp of smoke trail up from the embers and expressed a philosophy in keeping with her years. She said: 'There is nothing to worry about, I have a lot of nerve, and I am afraid of nothing.'

"Alone in House - Mrs. Connor and her 24 year old granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth Davis, were alone in the house when the fire was discovered at 7:30 a.m.

"Their respective husbands had gone to work more than an hour before and the two women were busy with their daily household tasks, when aroused by a shout of 'Fire!' from the roadway.

"Mrs. Davis dashed out into the road, Mrs. Connor scurried about seeking her most prized possession, a black silk dress.

"Displayed Great Nerve - Mrs. Connor carried the dress to safety and ran back to the house for other treasures, but was forcibly kept from re-entering.

"Neighbors said Mrs. Connor displayed the greatest nerve. Mrs. Connor, however, said: 'It was nothing, I was merely trying to save some of the things I have been storing up for a lifetime.'

"Due to Mrs. Connor's efforts, and the assistance of Eddie Bishop, Charlie Sullivan, Jule Ricketts and Mack Fisher, all of Great Falls, Mrs. Connor saved her bed and several pieces of furniture.

"Most of her belonging were lost. Everything owned by Mrs. Davis was destroyed.

"The fire started in the rafters and, fanned by a stiff wind, was burning rapidly when the Cabin John fire department reached there.

"Hose Too Short - The firemen, however, were handicapped by the fact that their hose was not long enough to reach the nearby C. and O. Canal. This condition was remedied when the Bethesda fire department arrived and the hose was spliced. Despite valiant efforts flames consumed the entire structure. Neighbors remained with Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Davis after the firemen had departed, and cooperated in moving them to a vacant house a half mile up the road. Neighbors declared they would furnish the women with food and bed clothing."⁴⁵

⁴¹ 1930 Census, District of Columbia, Washington, Dist. 380, enumerated on 5/9/1930. p.11..

⁴² 1928 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 513.

⁴³ 1930 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 478.

⁴⁴ 1931 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 964.

⁴⁵ *The Washington Star*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, 10/1/1931.

The Lewis Connor house must have been rebuilt because we found that Joseph J. and Ruth B. Davis continued to live at 1216 B. St., NE in 1933⁴⁶, 1934⁴⁷ and 1935,⁴⁸ which is the same house as before the above reported fire.

In 1934 John T. Sipes resided in Cabin John, Md. and he worked as a laboratory attendant at National Institute of Health.

By 1935 Harvey E. and Marie Knott had moved to 5516 Carolina Place, NW, Washington, D. C. and he still worked as a plumber.⁴⁹

On Nov. 23, 1935 Lewis Edward Bolton, age 21, married Susie Mary Jane Betts, age 19, in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Her parents were Ellsworth and Goldie Betts.

In 1938 a newspaper had the following obituary: "William Anderson, 58, of 115 Melrose Avenue, who was injured in a traffic accident Sunday night, died early today in Georgetown Hospital. A fractured skull was believed to be the cause of death. Mr. Anderson also suffered a broken left arm and left leg when he was knocked down while crossing Wisconsin Avenue near Elm Street. Police listed Benjamin Oldfield, 223 Del Ray Avenue as the driver of the car but filed no charges yesterday. Mr. Anderson was a carpenter."⁵⁰ William Anderson was buried in the Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery, Potomac, Md.

The 1940 census reported John Sipes, age 37, working as a Chemist for the Government, living in Cabin John, Md.⁵¹ Living with him were: Agnes, age 32, wife; Elsie, age 14, daughter, a student; Gloria, age 13, daughter; Betty, age 11, daughter; Mary Lou, age 8, daughter; and John, age 1, son.

The 1940 census reported [Aaron] Gracen Bolton, age 51, working as a Laborer on County Roads, Living in Potomac.⁵² Living with him were: Frances, age 52, wife; Virginia, age 15, daughter; Lewis, age 22, son, married and working as a Laborer; and Susan, age 22, wife to Lewis.

On Feb. 2, 1942 Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes Connors died in at Great Falls, Montgomery County, Md. She was buried at Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery. Her obituary remains to be found.

World War II came along and eligible men had to register for the draft, in particular:

Aaron Gracen Bolton, was 53 years old, lived on Great Falls Rd., Bethesda, Md. and worked for Earl Hampton in County Building, Bethesda, Md.⁵³ Frances Bolton of the same address would always know his address. The Description of the Registrant was stamped by Local Board No. 2, Balto. Co., Md. and thus probably applies to another registrant.

⁴⁶ 1933 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 457.

⁴⁷ 1934 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 467.

⁴⁸ 1935 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 531.

⁴⁹ 1935 City Directory, Washington, D. C. by R. L. Polk & Co. p. 1159.

⁵⁰ *The Washington Star*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, 9/30/1938.

⁵¹ 1940 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Cabin John, enumerated on 5/27/1940. p.3A.

⁵² 1940 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Cabin John, enumerated on 4/7/1940. p.5A.

⁵³ WW-II Draft Registration card, Montgomery County, Md., Serial No. U2601, dated 4/27/1942..

Walter Wesley Sipes, was 52 years old, lived on Main Street, Cabin John, Md., and worked at Bell Laundry, Leland Street, Bethesda, Md.⁵⁴ He was 5' - 9½" tall, had brown eyes, weighed 210 pounds, brown, gray hair, bald, with ruddy complexion, he had a scar across the back of his left hand.

Clyde Raymond Sipes, was 51 years old, lived in Great Falls, Bethesda, Md., Route 3, he was unemployed because of his physical condition and Mrs. Francis Boland, Great Falls, Bethesda, Md. would always know of his whereabouts.⁵⁵ He was 5' 6" tall, blue eyes, weighed 140 pounds, had brown hair, with a ruddy complexion.

John T. Sipes, age 40, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on October 10, 1942 in Washington, D. C. On Aug. 8, 1943, as a Fireman 1st Class, he reported on board U.S. S. Antaeus (AS 21) a 5,975-ton submarine tender operating primarily in the Caribbean, participating in training exercises and supporting U.S. submarine operations there. In September 1942 she began duties as a troop transport operating along the East Coast between the Caribbean and Newfoundland. On or about Aug. 6, 1944 John Theodore Sipes reported on board U.S.S. ATR 21, a Rescue Tug, shown to the right, for temporary duty for passage to Miami, Florida. At that time he was a Watertender (WT) 2nd Class, after 1948 the rating was renamed "Boilerman" and after 1996 it was renamed "Machinist's mate.". His enlistment concluded in March 1945.



Bertha L Sipes (nee Shaw) died on July 5, 1945 and Walter W. Sipes died on Feb. 19, 1953. He is buried in Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery, Potomac, Md.; his wife is probably buried in the same place, unconfirmed.

In 1953 a newspaper had the following obituary: "Walter W. Sipes, 63, of Rockville, injured on Wednesday in an auto-truck collision, died yesterday in Suburban Hospital. Police said the car Sipes was driving crashed into the truck after trying to pass an auto on Route 240 near Garrett Park, Rockville. Sipes suffered shock and internal injuries. A passenger in his car, Audrey Nicholson, 40, of Rockville, was treated at Suburban Hospital for cuts. The truck was driven by Jesse Irving, 43, of 11 K St. NE, police said. Sipes was engineer and maintenance manager of the Beall Laundry, 4706 Leland St., Chevy Chase, Md. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Sipes; two daughters, Mrs. Louise McMullen, 12108 Bluehill Rd., Silver Spring and Mrs. Edith Harp, 6428 Woodrow Ave., Cabin John; and a son, Elwood Sipes of the Bluehill Rd. address."⁵⁶

In 1958 John T and Agnes E. Sipes were living at 6510 78th St., Cabin John, and he was employed at National Institutes of Health (NIH). His brother, Clyde Sipes, resided with them.

Virginia Lee Alexander died in Feb. 1977 and was buried on Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery, Potomac, Md. Her obituary remains to be found.

⁵⁴ WW-II Draft Registration card, Montgomery County, Md., Serial No. U434, dated 4/27/1942.

⁵⁵ WW-II Draft Registration card, Montgomery County, Md., Serial No. U2605, dated 4/27/1942..

⁵⁶ *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, 2/20/1953.

Walter E. Sipes died on Nov. 22, 1986 and was buried in the Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery, Potomac, Md.

VITAL STATISTICS OF HENRY SIPES FAMILY

Name	Rel.	Birth	Married	Died	Born in
Henry Sipes	hus	1813	6/9/1840		Germany
Ann Free (1st)	wife	1821		Wash. DC	
Thomas Sipes	son	1838		Wash. DC	
Mary J. Sipes (Welsh)	dau.	1841		6/1/1926	Wash. DC
John Henry Sipes	son	3/7/1853	6/15/1883		Wash. DC
Henry Sipes	hus	1813			Germany
Mary Brown (2nd)	wife				Wash. DC
End of 1st Generation					
Michael Welsh	hus	1838	7/31/1859	3/1/1906	Conn.
Mary J. Sipes	wife	1841		6/1/1926	Wash. DC
Mary Welsh	dau.	1860	infant		Wash. DC
George E. Welsh	son	1865			Wash. DC
Annie M. Welsh	dau.	1868			Wash. DC
John Henry Sipes	hus	3/7/1853	6/15/1883	9/24/1903	Wash., DC
Eliza Vanista Hill	wife	10/5/1855		2/6/1942	Maryland
Annie Louise Sipes (Beall/Anderson)	dau	3/1882	8/25/1898 9/25/1904	1/4/1965	Maryland
Frances S. Sipes (Mulholland/Bolton)	dau	7/1885	9/7/1907 5/13/1915	8/27/1958	Maryland
Walter Wesley Sipes	son	5/26/1889	11/29/1912	2/19/1953	Maryland
Clyde Raymond Sipes	son	3/6/1892		2/14/1958	Maryland
Goldie Ruth Sipes (Jones/Collins)	dau	7/1895	5/20/1918 6/1/1929	12/15/1959	Maryland
John Theodore Sipes	son	7/12/1902	8/1/1923	6/1/1978	Maryland
Lewis Frank Elliot	hus	1847	6/1/1870		Virginia
Julia Payne (1st)	wife	1846		Wash. DC	
Lucy V. Elliot (Knott)	dau.	1/1873	2/19/1890	2/10/1961	Wash. DC
James Wallis Elliot	son	1874		12/27/1912	Wash. DC
Saphronia Elliot (Thomas)	dau.	1876	3/5/1890		Wash. DC
Margaret (Mazie) Elliott (Knott)	dau	1/1/1879	1910	5/10/1972	Wash. DC
Sarah F. Elliot (twin)	dau	1880	infant	7/31/1880	Wash. DC
Charles F. Elliot (twin)	son	1880		1/1/1954	Wash. DC
Lewis Frank Elliot	hus	1847	1887		Virginia
Sarah D. _____ (2nd)	wife				
Samuel P. Elliott	hus	7/22/1885	9/19/1904	12/29/1911	Wash. DC
Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes (2nd)	wife	10/5/1855		2/6/1942	Maryland

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Lewis Denton Conners	hus	10/17/1885	3/20/1915		Maryland
Eliza Vanista Hill Sipes Elliot (3 rd)	wife	10/5/1855		2/6/1942	Maryland
End of 2nd Generation					
William Homer Beall (1 st)	hus	7/1877	8/25/1898	1901	Maryland
Annie Louise Sipes	wife	3/1882		1/4/1965	Maryland
<i>William E. Beall</i>	son	6/7/1899	12/20/1919	10/8/1990	Maryland
William Henry Anderson (2 nd)	hus	9/19/1880	9/25/1904	11/27/1938	Maryland
Annie Louise Sipes Beall	wife	3/15/1882		1/4/1965	Maryland
<i>Benjamin Walter Anderson</i>	son	8/4/1905			Maryland
John Mulholland (1 st)	hus	1884	9/7/1907		
Frances S. Sipes	wife	7/1885		8/27/1958	Maryland
<i>Ann Ruth Mulholland</i>	dau.	1908			
Aaron Gracen Bolton (2 nd)	hus	8/29/1887	5/13/1915		Maryland
Frances S. Sipes Mulholland	wife	7/1885		8/27/1958	Maryland
<i>Lewis Edward Bolton</i>	son	1918	11/23/1935	1985	Maryland
<i>Viola Bolton</i> (Evans/Cox)	dau.				Maryland
<i>Virginia Lee Bolton</i> (Alexander)	dau.	9/10/1925		2/1977	Maryland
Walter Wesley Sipes	hus	5/26/1889	11/29/1912	2/19/1953	Maryland
Bertha Lillian Shaw	wife	7/2/1887		7/5/1943	Maryland
<i>Louise Helen Sipes</i> (McMullen)	dau.	9/1/1914		2/17/2007	Maryland
<i>Edith H. Sipes</i> (Harp)	dau.	4/24/1916		9/1985	Maryland
<i>Walter Elwood Sipes</i>	son	10/26/1918	never	11/22/1986	Maryland
Leslie R. Jones (1 st)	hus	1890	5/20/1918		Maryland
Goldie Ruth Sipes	wife	7/1895		12/15/1959	Maryland
Robert F. Collins (2 nd)	hus	1900	6/1/1929		Maryland
Goldie Ruth Sipes Jones	wife	7/1895		12/15/1959	Maryland
<i>Robert John Collins</i>	son	1936		8/4/1999	Maryland
John Theodore Sipes	hus	7/12/1902	8/1/1923	6/1/1978	Maryland
Agnes Elizabeth Powell	wife	8/15/1906		12/30/1998	Maryland
<i>Elsie Virginia Sipes</i> (Hunter)	dau.	9/24/1925	5/1946	9/7/1998	Maryland
<i>Gloria Mae Sipes</i> (Hunter)	dau.	11/8/1926	9/1946		Maryland
<i>Betty Jane Sipes</i> (Peck)	dau.	9/21/1928	11/1949		Maryland
<i>Mary Lou Sipes</i> (Dixon/Saylor)	dau.	6/1/1931	6/1948 10/1955		Maryland
<i>John William Sipes</i>	son	9/10/1938	11/1957	4/9/1988	Maryland

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Harvey Elmer Knott	hus	3/1866	2/19/1890	2/10/1961	Wash. DC
Lucy V. Elliot	wife	1/1873			Wash. DC
<i>Beulah E. Knott</i>	dau	2/1893			Wash. DC
<i>Evey C. Knott</i>	dau	9/1894			Wash. DC
<i>Harvey Elmer Knott</i>	son	5/1895			Wash. DC
<i>Gladys A. Knott (Jones)</i>	dau.	3/1897			Wash. DC
End of 3rd Generation					
William E. Beall	hus	6/7/1899	12/20/1919	10/8/1990	Maryland
Goldie Fields	wife				
<i>Hazel Beall</i>	dau.	12/20/1920			
Benjamin Walter Anderson	hus	8/4/1905	1925		Maryland
Mildred P. Mager	wife	1903		1/14/1932	New York
<i>Benjamin Walter Anderson, Jr.</i>	son	1929			Wash. DC
Lewis Edward Bolton	hus	1918	11/23/1935	1985	Maryland
Susan Mary Jane Betts	wife	1918			Maryland
Evans (1st)	hus			1940	
Viola Bolton	wife				Maryland
Cox (2nd)	hus				
Viola Bolton	wife				Maryland
<i>Wayne Cox</i>	son				
<i>Jimmie Cox</i>	son				
Alexander	hus				
Virginia Lee Bolton	wife	9/10/1925		2/1977	Maryland
Joseph Davis	hus				
Ann Ruth Bolton	wife				
<i>Bonnie Davis</i>	dau.				
James Harp	hus				
(1 st)	wife				
James Harp	hus				
Edith H. Sipes (2nd)	wife	1916			
End of 4th Generation					
Benjamin Walter Anderson, Jr.	hus	1929			Wash. DC
Charlotte	wife				

Name	Rel.	Birth	Married	Died	Born in
Arthur J. Jones	hus	1891	1921		Wash. DC
Gladys A. Knott	wife	3/1897			Wash. DC
<i>Katherine M. Jones</i>	dau	1913			Wash. DC
<i>Margaret Jones</i>	dau	1917			Wash. DC