Emerson McMillin was born April 16, 1844, in Ewington, Gallia County, Ohio. However, the 1850 Census of Ohio shows the family in Jackson County, Ohio. He was the son of William Reid and Nancy Butler McMillin, the eleventh of their fourteen children. The McMillin roots stretch far back into Scottish soil. The life of Emerson McMillin is truly that of a rags to riches saga. As stated in the “Portsmouth Blade, December 5, 1889,” “It was in Ironton that Mr. McMillin started on his upward career. He came here in 1866, and dug in the trenches to lay the gas mains. While he worked, he studied his business and took a pride in it; and when the little gas works was completed, he retained to manage it. Here he embraced every possible chance to improve himself. He got hold of natural philosophies and chemistries, and studied them at all leisure hours. He was never seen loafing or floating about the stores or street corners. He studied his way upward, and made his knowledge accessory to his business. And so he struggled along; and today he is President of a concern with twenty million of capital, and getting a salary of $25,000 a year. The other day we saw a letter from a noted business man in New York to a noted scientific man in Washington asking for some information concerning an interesting or doubtful fact relating to natural gas, wherein the Washington scientist wrote back: “Write to Emerson McMillin at St. Louis - he is the best authority in the world on this subject.”
Emerson McMillin surrounded himself with the most important and influential people of his time including several presidents. His family and extended family were also interesting and prominent in their own right. Emerson McMillin worked hard to build a comfortable life-style for his family and was very generous in donations, often anonymously, to many charities and foundations. In this article, I have included family members as well as others who passed through his life and that of his family. While some are not directly related to him, they need to be recognized and acknowledged. He is not listed in American history books today but his work, life, and family should to be known and remembered. Emerson McMillin died at his home, “Darlington,” Mahwah, New Jersey, May 31, 1922. He is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #6 in Woodlawn Cemetery, lot #11341, Plot: Park View, Section 137, New York City, New York. In religion, he was a Congregationalist for his whole life. *(Elaine Winkler)*

**First Marriage**

**Keziah Electa Slack**

When the Civil War broke out, Emerson McMillin was only 17 but, being very muscular for his age, said he was 18 and joined the 18th Ohio Infantry. His wish was to serve his country fighting for the Union Army. After being mustered out of the 18th Ohio Infantry, he reenlisted in the 2nd West Virginia Calvary serving in the Kanawha County, West Virginia, area. This is where he met and married his first wife, Keziah Electa Slack, on October 18, 1864. She was the daughter of William Hiram Slack, son of James Slack and Keziah Newhouse, and Mary Jane Woodward, daughter of Andrew Woodward. Emerson and Electa’s only child, a daughter named Mary, was born on December 28, 1864. Keziah Electa Slack married second William A. Wilson, May 28, 1877, in Kanawha County, West Virginia. They had one son, Rex Wilson.
Mary McMillin
Daughter of Emerson McMillin and Electa Slack

Little is known about Mary McMillin’s younger life. She is listed in the 1870 Census in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, as Mary McMillin, 5 years old, and living with her mother, Electa Slack, who was 22 years old and keeping house. Mary is then in the 1880 Census of Kanawha County, West Virginia. She is 15 years old and is going to school. She is living with her step-father, William Wilson, listed as keeping a billiard room, her mother, Electa Wilson, her half-brother, Rex, and her grandmother, Mary Slack. It is not known to the author when and how Mary McMillin was reunited with her father, Emerson McMillin.

However, Mary McMillin loved the lifestyle befitting that of having a millionaire father. She loved to travel, entertain, and live life to it’s fullest. She was to marry three times. Her first husband was Irvin Butterworth, a Quaker, and Mary finding herself not suited to such a relationship, left her family and divorced. Her second husband was Dr. Oliver Dwight Norton. Her third husband was Charles Van Rensselaer. *(Internet)*

Death of Mary McMillin Butterworth Norton Van Rensselaer

Funeral Arrangements To Be Announced

Obituary - Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Mary Van Rensselaer, wife of Charles Van Rensselaer, who died in the family home, Ashley Road, Montecito, Tuesday evening, after a long illness, will be announced following the arrival of her son, Paul Butterworth, from Connecticut.
The son is en route to Santa Barbara by airplane, from Bridgeport, Conn., and is expected to arrive in Santa Barbara some time today or early tomorrow. *(The Morning Press, Thursday, December 29, 1932, and the Santa Barbara Historical Society)

Van Rensselaer Rites Tomorrow

Services Will Be Conducted in Family Home, Interment To be Private

The funeral services for Mrs. Charles Van Rensselaer will be held at the family residence on Ashley Road at 12 o’clock tomorrow. Interment will be private. Friends are requested not to send flowers. *(The Morning Press, December 30, 1932, and the Santa Barbara Historical Society)

Mary McMillin Butterworth Norton Van Rensselaer is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #13 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. Mary was cremated. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

Death Certificate For Mary Van Rensselaer

Mary Van Rensselaer, 199 Ashley Road, married, husband Charles. Age 67 years, 11 months, 29 days. Born 12-28-1864 in Ironton, Ohio (sic). Informant: Paul McMillin Butterworth, West Hartford, Ct. Cremation, Santa Barbara Cemetery, 12-31-32. Cause: Cerebral hemorrhage on 12/20/32; Arterio sclerosis; Hypertension; Hypertrophy of heart; Doctor attended her since 6/1926; Lived in county 17 years. *(Santa Barbara Historical Society)
Probate of
Mary McMillin Van Rensselaer, formerly Mary McMillin Norton

(In Short Form) Mary McMillin Van Rensselaer died intestate. Her estate consisted of personal property in the approximate of $3200.

Next of kin:
1. Charles Van Rensselaer, surviving husband 66 years (or thereabouts) residing in El Montecito.
2. Paul M. Butterworth, aged 45, residing at West Hartford, Ct.
3. Corwin M. Butterworth, aged 43, residing in West Hartford, Ct.

The listing of her personal property consisted of jewelry, household furnishings and clothing ($250). Creditor’s claims were: a hardware store (for a remodel of the house), grocery store, I. Magnim’s for clothing, a dentist for denture repair, and funeral expenses submitted by Paul Butterworth (for about $1700), who later removed his claim. *(Santa Barbara Historical Society)

Irvin Butterworth
First Husband of Mary McMillin

Mary McMillin, daughter of Emerson McMillin and Keziah Electa Slack, married Irvin Butterworth February, 1887. Irvin was born July 7, 1860, in Loveland, Ohio, the son of Clarkson and Rachel Irvin Butterworth. They were Quakers by religion. He is listed in the 1880 census as living in Union, Clinton County, Ohio, and was 20 years old. Mary
and Irvin had three sons; 1. Paul McMillin Butterworth, 2. Corwin McMillin Butterworth, and 3. Emerson McMillin Butterworth. Irvin Butterworth held several jobs before becoming connected with the Columbus Gas Company, a business owned by Emerson McMillin, his father-in-law. He worked his way through various positions until he became president of the company. He also worked for the McMillin Syndicate in Detroit and Grand Rapids. Mary left her husband and three sons around 1900. They divorced and Irvin raised the three boys himself. The Butterworth boys all grew into strong adults and became leaders in their community and designated fields of endeavor.

Irvin Butterworth married 2. Florence Bridges, who was born before 1880, in Canada. They had three children; Elrose, Bruce, and Betty. Irvin Butterworth died October 10, 1916, in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. *(Ancestry.com)

Dr. Oliver Dwight Norton
Second Husband of Mary McMillin

Dr. O. D. Norton Passes Away In This City

Obituary - Following a lingering illness of more than one year, Dr. Oliver Dwight Norton, 60, prominent resident of Montecito, died yesterday morning at 9:30 o’clock. Dr. Norton had resided in Montecito since 1911 and is survived by his widow, Mary McMillin Norton.

Dr. Norton was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1859. He entered Annapolis, remaining there three years, later returning at his father’s earnest request to take up the study of medicine. After graduating from the Cincinnati Medical College the call of the sea was too strong and Dr. Norton decided to practice his profession in the Navy.
His early career in the Navy was interesting and although he returned to his home some time later, Dr. Norton again entered the service in 1881. At this point he launched into his big work with untiring energy and continued with the Navy almost uninterruptedly for a period of 30 years until the time of his actual retirement in 1913, owing to heart trouble.

Dr. Norton’s duties took him to all parts of the world. His real sea service covered 20 years, nine years being spent at the Asiatic station, where he distinguished himself in many ways. During the great typhoon in the Samoa Islands, Dr. Norton’s humanitarian work there was especially recognized by King Malaopa, whose personal friend he was, as well as by the emperor of the German Navy in the form of gifts and a metal.

Dr. Norton served through the Spanish American War and the Boxer Rebellion, being among the first to enter Peking with the U. S. Marines after passing through some of the hardest fighting between Tientsen and the former city.

Upon the call to arms during the World War, although much broken in health, Dr. Norton offered his services to the government and served throughout the war as Medical Inspector of Recruits at Los Angeles and San Pedro. It is said that his numerous duties at the time undoubtedly brought about the end.

While Dr. Norton’s death was not unexpected, his loss will be deeply felt by friends not only here but through the State of California and in many parts of the United States. Funeral services will be held from the family home in Montecito tomorrow morning at 11:00. Dr. George F. Weld, pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church, will officiate. Later the funeral party will go to Los Angeles by motor, where committal services will be held, prior to cremation, by Dean McMormick.

Cincinnati, O, May 6 - Dr. Oliver Dwight Norton, surgeon of the navy, has filed a petition for divorce from his wife. They were married February 14, 1890. The wife is Jean Hartley Cowdrey, who is well known in literary circles. Dr. Norton is at present stationed in Philadelphia. He told of his cruises about the world with Uncle Sam’s squadron and the refusal of his wife to accompany him to different parts. She did make one trip to the Chinese station, she going by mail steamer, he through the Suez Canal with his charge. According to the doctor his wife in addition to her literary work is engaged in raising fancy dogs, she possessing one of the finest kennels in this country. The wife sent a letter asking that the marital bond be severed. *(The Marion, Ohio, Daily Star, May 5, 1902) (Jean Hartley Cowdrey was the first wife of Dr. Oliver Dwight Norton. ew)

Note: A marriage record can not be found for Dr. Oliver D. Norton and Mary McMillin Butterworth but it was most certainly after his divorce in 1902.

The 1910 Census Record for Manhattan, New York, City, New York, shows Oliver D. Norton and Mary A. Norton living at the Hotel Astoria. He was 50 years old and she was 44. This was the second marriage for both. The 1920 Census Record shows Oliver D. Norton and Mary M. Norton living in Santa Barbara, California (Montecito). *(Ancestry.com)
$28,000 For Four Folios - Sale of Mary McMillin Norton Books Brings $63,585.50. - Gabriel Wells paid at the Anderson Galleries, in a sale of books and manuscripts owned by Mary McMillin Norton for Catalogne No. 140, a set of the four Shakespeare Folios. The underbidders were George D. Smith, the Rosenbach Company of Philadelphia, and James F. Drake. The First Folio was formerly owned by Mrs. George L. Harrison of Philadelphia and is considered superior to the Robert Hoe copy. The Second Folio has the rare Smithwick imprint. The Third Folio is probably the finest copy in existence, being the first issue, with a date of 1663. The total for the sale was $63,585.50. *(The New York Times, November 16, 1918)

Charles Van Rensselaer
Third Husband of Mary McMillin

Final Rites Today For Van Rensselaer

Obituary - Funeral services for Charles Van Rensselaer, who died Wednesday night at his home, 7 Willina Lane, Montecito, will be conducted this morning at 11:30 o’clock at the residence by Dr. Royal Hunt Balcom, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. Friends are requested by the family to omit flowers.

Honorary pallbearers will be Howard Gillette, Chauncey I. McKeever, Marshall Bond, General Charles McKinstry, William R. Dickinson, George W. Clyde, Stowe Phelps, Leon Graves, Dr. Fosdick Jones and Arthur Ogilvy. *(The Morning Press, June 2, 1939, and the Santa Barbara Historical Society)

Charles Van Rensselaer is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #13 in Woodland
Cemetery, New York City, New York. He was cremated. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

**Charles Van Rensselaer** applied for a passport in Paris, France, July 28, 1890. The information states: “I do solemnly swear that I was born at New York, in the State of New York, on or about the 28th day of June, 1867; that my father is a native citizen of the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States; my permanent residence being at New York, in the State of New York, where I follow the occupation of ______ (left blank); that I left the United States on the 12th day of July, 1890, and am now temporarily sojourning at a Paris Hotel; that I intend to return to the United States within the year with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire the passport for the purpose of traveling in Europe.

Description of Applicant:

- Age: 23 years  
- Mouth: Medium  
- Stature: 5 feet, 11 inches  
- Chin: Round  
- Forehead: Medium  
- Hair: Light Brown  
- Eyes: Hazel  
- Complexion: Dark  
- Nose: Regular  
- Face: Round

**Note:** The marriage certificate and application for Mary McMillin Norton and Charles Van Rensselaer are from the Santa Barbara Historical Society with additions from the Internet:

*Charles Van Rensselaer:* Residence: 1105 Chapala Street; Divorced, 2nd marriage - Born: New York; Occupation: Broker; **Father:** Vrooman Van Rensselaer, born October 12, 1824, and died April 21, 1897, in Stottsville, New York.; listed in the 1880
Census as a grocer: **Mother**: Mary Throop, born 1839, in Ithaca, New York, and died February 4, 1868, in Stottsville, New York. (There are two birth dates given for Charles. One is August 2, 1866, but on a passport application, Charles gives his birth date as June 28, 1867. Ew) The Van Rensselaer name goes very far back in New York history. *(Charles Van Rensselaer was married 1. to Katherine Ham.)* *(Roots)*

**Mary McMillin Norton**: Residence: Ashley Road; Widowed: 3rd marriage; **Father**: Emerson McMillin, b. Ohio; **Mother**: Electra Solack (sic), b. W.Va.; Maiden Name: Mary McMillin; Occupation: Housewife

**Norton-Van Rensselaer Nuptials** (In Part) - The marriage of Mrs. Mary M. Norton of Monticeto and Charles Van Rensselaer of New York and Santa Barbara is taking place this afternoon in a quiet ceremony at six o’clock in Mrs. Norton’s home, “Delgosha,” on Ashley Road in Monticeto. Only a few close friends will be present at the service, after which a company of forty guests will join the smaller group, to say goodbye to the newly married ones who will leave Santa Barbara on Sunday to sail on the Panama-Pacific Liner, S. S. Pennsylvania, for Havana, where Mrs. Norton has a home in which they plan to pass the next three or four months. *(The Morning Press, November 19, 1930, and the Santa Barbara Historical Society)*

**The Children of Mary McMillin and Irvin Butterworth**

**1. Paul McMillin Butterworth**

**Obituary** - Paul McMillin Butterworth of 88 Sunset Farm Road, West Hartford, a former chairman of the board of the Hartford College for Women and the Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, and a self-employed real estate agent for many years died Friday at his home.
He was 92. Born in Columbus, Ohio, Butterworth had lived at Sunset Farm in West Hartford since he started to develop it as a residential area in 1917. He was graduated from Trinity College in 1909.

Butterworth was treasurer of the former Edwin Taylor Lumber Co., of Hartford 26 years. He was a founder of the former Child Welfare League, Child and Family Services and New Horizons, Adventuresome Living for the Handicapped, all of Hartford.

He was a former director of Newington Children’s Hospital, Hartford Hospital and the American School for the deaf. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Taylor Elmer Butterworth; five children, Virginia Parmalee of Salt Lake City, Utah, Oliver Butterworth and Lucy Townsend, both of West Hartford, Harrison Butterworth of Concord, N. H., and Jean Robinson of Hanover, N. H.; a mother, Florence Butterworth, and a sister, Elrose Glascoff, both of Greencastle, Ind., and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The memorial service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Friends Meeting House, 144 S. Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Donations may be made to New Horizons, 144 Retreat Ave., Hartford. *(Obituary from the West Hartford Newspaper, October, 1980)

**Paul McMillin Butterworth** was born December 31, 1887, in Columbus, Ohio, and died October 24, 1980, at Sunset Farm, West Hartford, CT. Paul was married three times. He married first Clarabel Virginia Smith, born August 4, 1887, West Hartford, CT, the daughter of Dr. Oliver Cotton Smith. They were married April 29, 1911, in Hartford CT. Clarabel Smith Butterworth died December 27, 1918, West Hartford, CT, during the great influenza epidemic of 1918. Paul and Clarabel had four children, 1. Virginia; 2. Oliver; 3. Emerson, 4. Harrison:
1. **Virginia Butterworth** was born April 4, 1912, Hartford, CT, and died May 21, 1997, Salt Lake City, Utah, married:

**First:** Phillips Hawkins, August 13, 1937, in West Hartford, CT. He was born June 20, 1916, in Worchester, MA, and died January 9, 1999, in Clearwater, Fl. They had one daughter, Patty Lee Hawkins born March 18, 1940, in New Haven CT.

**Second:** Charles E. Parmalee, June 28, 1943. He was born November 28, 1907, in Burlington, VT, and died August 14, 1974 in Salt Lake City, UT. They had four children: Clare Anne Parmalee; Katherine Howe Parmalee; Paul McMillin Parmalee; and Charles Parmalee.

2. **Oliver Butterworth** was born May 23, 1915, Hartford, CT, and died September 17, 1990, Sunset Farm, West Hartford, CT, married **Miriam (Mims) Brooks**, June 30, 1940. She was born April 14, 1918, in Hartford, CT (**see below**). They had four children: Michael Butterworth; Timothy Butterworth; Dan Butterworth; Kate Butterworth.

**Obituary - Oliver Butterworth - Second Child of Paul McMillin and Clarabel Butterworth - Famous Author of Children’s Books** - Oliver Butterworth, son of Paul M. and Clarabel Butterworth, an author of children's books and a professor of English at Hartford College for Women for 43 years, died on Monday, September 17, 1990, at his home in West Hartford, Conn. He was 75 years old. He died of melanoma, a family spokesman said. His popular allegorical books include "The Enormous Egg" (1956), "The Trouble With Jenny's Ear" (1960) and "The Narrow Passage" (1973). He once wrote that his novels for children sprang from "a deeply rooted American skepticism of social institutions and a corresponding tendency to believe in the independent untaught individual." Mr. Butterworth, a native of Hartford, earned a B.A. at Dartmouth College
and an M.A. at Middlebury College. He previously taught at the Kent School in Connecticut. He was a longtime volunteer with the Hartford Stage Company, the Hartford Ballet and the Barnstormers, a summer theater in Tamworth, N.H. He was also on the boards of many civic groups, including the Mark Twain Memorial. Surviving are his wife, Miriam; his mother, Elizabeth, and daughter, Kate de Valdez, both of West Hartford; three sons, Michael, of Tolland, Conn., Timothy, of Chesterfield, N.H., and Dan, of Pascoag, R.I.; a brother, Harrison, of Contoocook, N.H.; three sisters, Virginia Parmalee of Salt Lake City, Jean Robinson of Hanover, N.H., and Lucy Townsend of West Hartford, and nine grandchildren. *(Published September 19, 1990, on the Internet from The New York Times)*

Miriam Brooks Butterworth - Wife of Oliver Butterworth - From the Connecticut College Magazine, Fall 2008 - Nazi troops were goose-stepping their way along German streets, Adolph Hitler had attacked and annexed Czechoslovakia’s Sudetenland, and the Third Reich opened its first concentration camp. The persecution of European Jews was underway.

An observer to all this in 1938 was Miriam Butterworth, class of 1940, a German major at Connecticut College who was studying at the University of Heidelberg. She was shocked by the atrocities and military aggression that eventually led to the start of World War II.

Then, as the years passed, she wondered whether a similar situation ever might occur in the United States. “I didn’t think that could ever happen here, but I realized we have to be vigilant. If we ever should move in that direction you stop it by everyone rising up immediately and let it be know that it can’t happen here,” says the 90-year-old activist.
In this country during the early 1950’s, Butterworth watched as U. S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy led a witch-hunting expedition searching for communists in high positions. These violations of human rights offended her as well.

For most of her adult life, she has protested, conducted vigils and marched in organized demonstrations - all the time fighting for human rights and assuming the role of anti-war activist. She is a liberal Democrat who has campaigned for other liberals seeking the presidency, including George McGovern and Eugene McCarthy. Ironically, her mother was a Republican who “felt that Democrats and saloonkeepers were all in the same boat.”

She says that, given her age, she has slowed some but still attends vigils in her hometown of West Hartford, Conn. She is troubled by the Bush administration, believing it has trampled on individual rights. Despite all the protesting, Butterworth - who was born in 1918, the last year of World War I - never has been arrested for civil disobedience. “I don’t know why,” she says. “It’s probably because I look so harmless.”

First Dog - The family of First Lady Laura Bush gave her a new dog for her birthday last week, apparently without realizing that the name the First Daughters gave the puppy, Miss Beazley, was based on a character in a children's book written by a staunch Democrat who intended the book to be a response to civil rights abuses perpetrated by Republicans of the McCarthy era. As Erik Stetson reports in an Associated Press, Miriam Butterworth, widow of the late Oliver Butterworth, author of The Big Egg, implied that her husband wouldn't have been happy about the fact that "the detainees in the war against terrorism haven't been treated justly." Meanwhile, Butterworth's son Tim Butterworth said, "My father was a member of the Enlightenment and would have a great deal of difficulty with the current situation." As for the naming of the Bush's new dog, he said, "I'm not sure my father would be rolling over in his grave. But he'd probably
be smiling quite a bit, because he liked irony." *(Internet)

3. **Emerson Butterworth** was born October 9, 1916, Hartford, CT, and died November 16, 1916, at Hartford, CT.

4. **Harrison Butterworth** was born November 8, 1918, in West Hartford, CT, and died March 1, 2004, Concord, NH, married:

   **First:** **Mabel Miller Bouldry** was born March 29, 1922, in MA, and died December 20, 2002, in Sharon, Vermont. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bouldry of Roslindale, MA. She married Harrison Butterworth June 13, 1942, in Cambridge, MA. They had three children: Molly Butterworth, Stephen Butterworth, and Carol Butterworth. Mabel M. Bouldry and Harrison Butterworth divorced. *(LDS)*

   **Second:** **Penelope Haskell,** born April 22, 1940, and married Harrison Butterworth December, 1971. They had one son, **Corwin Butterworth.** Penelope Haskell and Harrison Butterworth divorced.

   *(Note for Above) - The son, Corwin Butterworth, was born June 10, 1974, in Xenia, Ohio. He married **Simone McCarter,** daughter of Patricia Kobrin and Bruce McCarter, on June 1, 2002, in Little Compton, RI. They have two daughters, Sadie June and Mirabelle Butterworth. Corwin Butterworth was the recipient of the “Best of Rhode Island” award for the Best Handmade Furniture in the 2008 Rhode Island Monthly editor’s poll.

On his website on Internet, Corwin states “I began my professional life as a painter, but quickly found that it was too difficult to make a living selling my paintings. So, in 1998, I decided to go into woodworking. My career as a woodworker began upon my
completion of a two week continuing education class at the Rhode Island School of Design when the teacher, Barry Sumrall, asked me to work with him in his cabinet making shop. Another Internet article states: “All the lumber used by Corwin Butterworth is sustainably harvested. Much comes from blown down trees that he has milled and seasoned himself. He takes the origins of the lumber he uses very seriously because his business would not exist if the hardwood forests became endangered.” *(See Corwin Butterworth on the Internet at corwin@artinruins.com.)*

**Third:**  **Hope Nichols Zanes** married Harrison Butterworth September 25, 1983. She had three children by a previous marriage:  **Daniel Zanes**, Julia Zanes, and **Warren Zanes**.

**(Note for Above)** - The Del Fuegos were a garage-style pop band in the 1980’s with lead singer  **Dan Zanes**, guitarist  **Warren Zanes (his brother)**, bassist Tom Lloyd, drummer Brent “Woody” Giessmann and keyboardist Br. Cleve. The Boston-based band was signed to a series of respected India labels, was touted by fans such as Tom Petty, starred in a beer commercial, and gained airily with “Don’t Run Wild” and “I Still Want You”. Dan Zanes went on to a solo career and success recording children’s music in his band ‘Dan Zanes and Friends’ and music videos, made popular by heavy airily on the Disney Channel.  **In 2007, his album “Catch That Train!” received a Grammy Award for Best Musical Album for Children.**  Brother Warren Zanies went on to earn two Master’s degrees and a Ph.D. in Visual and Cultural Arts. He is also the vice President of Education at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Dan Zanes always wanted to be in a band like the Del Fuegos. Growing up outside Concord, N. H., he developed a precocious awe of the early folk and blues and rock-'n'-roll greats. He picked up the guitar when he was 8 (“He was always very musical.”
recalls his mother, **Hope Zanes Butterworth**, a photographer and divorced mother who reared Zanes and his brother and sister) and began checking out old Leadbelly records as soon as he had a library card. *(See Dan Zanes on the Internet at www.danzanes.com.)* *(Information from The New York Times, July 22, 2001, and Wikipedia Encyclopedia on Internet)*

**Paul McMillin Butterworth married second, Olga L. Lange,** on April 11, 1931, West Hartford CT. She was born January 17, 1895, in Glenbrook, CT, and was a trained nurse by trade. Her parents were from Denmark. Paul Butterworth and Olga Lange divorced March 5, 1938, in Hartford, CT.

Olga Lange made an application for a passport in October, 1920. Her address was given as 34 Gramercy Park, New York City. She states the purpose for going abroad was to go to Denmark to visit her parents and to travel through England. Olga made an Application for Amendment or Extension of Passport on April 25, 1923. Her address was given as 41 West 35th Street, New York City, New York. Her description is the same on both passports.

**Description of Applicant:**

- **Age:** 28 years
- **Mouth:** Medium
- **Stature:** 5 feet, 5 inches
- **Chin:** Round
- **Forehead:** Medium
- **Hair:** Brown
- **Eyes:** Blue
- **Complexion:** Fair
- **Nose:** Medium
- **Face:** Oval

*(Note) - In 1930, records show Olga Lange sailed from Havana, Cuba, to the United States with Simon F. Rothschild, as his nurse. *(Ancestry.com)*
Paul McMillin Butterworth married third, Elizabeth “Libby” Bradley Taylor Elmer, September, 12, 1938, in Hartford, CT. She was born April 17, 1903, Hartford, CT, the daughter of Charles Lincoln Taylor and Bertha Smith, and died November 21, 1998, in West Hartford, CT. She was the former wife of Charles Wellington Elmer (see below). His parents were Herbert Charles Elmer and Bertha Edson Beebe. Paul had two step-daughters by this marriage, 1. Jean T. Elmer and 2. Lucy Jefferson Elmer:

1. Miss Jean T. Elmer Wed In Hartford - Senior at Yale Nursing School Bride of Franklin Robinson, Berkeley Divinity Student - Hartford, Conn., - Dec.19 - Miss Jean Taylor Elmer, daughter of Mrs. Paul Butterworth of West Hartford, was married here this afternoon in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church to Franklin Kenneth Robinson of New Haven.

The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Charles L. Taylor, Jr., dean of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., and an uncle of the bride. A reception was held at Redwood House, Sunset Farm, the home of the bride’s parents.

Mr. Butterworth gave his step-daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of tulle over satin with a bertha of point lace. Her tulle veil fell from a point lace band and she carried stephanotis and camellias.

Miss Louise Raymond Taylor was her cousin’s maid of honor. The Rev. Edward MacBurney was best man and the ushers were Harrison Butterworth, step-brother of the bride, and William Fleener.

Mrs. Robinson, daughter of the late Wellington Elmer of New York, was graduated from
Smith College and is a senior at the Yale Nursing School. She is a grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Taylor of this city, Mrs. Herbert C. Elmer of Ithaca, N.Y., and the late Professor Herbert Charles Elmer. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Basil B. Elmer of New York.

The bridegroom, son of Mrs. Frank Robinson of Santa Barbara, Calif., and the late Mr. Robinson was graduated from Yale and is in his senior year at the Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven. *(The New York Times, December 19, 1953)


2. Lucy Jefferson Elmer was born October 20, 1928, in Bronxville, NY, and married:

First: Dr. John Hart Balise, born December 20, 1924, in Northampton, MA, and died March 23, 1957, in Hartford, CT. His parents were Peter Louis Balise, Sr. and Elma Cokefair Guest. He married Lucy Jefferson Elmer, June 11, 1949, in West Hartford, CT, while he was a student at Cornell Medical School. They had three children: Judith Taylor Balise, David Lincoln Balise, and Ann Guest Balise.

Second: Philip Alden Sidell, born August 29, 1914, in Bloomington, IL, and died August 22, 1974, in West Hartford, CT. His parents were Roscoe Roy Sidell and Mary Marquis. Philip A. Sidell married 1. Margaret Ruth Stevenson, born September 23, 1917, in Streator, IL, and died March 10, 1962, in Hartford, CT. Her parents were James

**Third: George Prior Townsend** was born July 2, 1920, in San Diego, CA. His parents were George Prior Townsend and Lucy Barrett Turrentine. He married 1. **Ruth Delores Mason** and had three children. He married 2. **Unknown Hirst** and had two children. George Prior Townsend married 3. **Lucy Jefferson Elmer Balise Sidell**, March 20, 1976, in West Hartford, CT. George Prior Townsend had five children with his first two wives: George Roger Townsend, Nancy Margot Townsend, Gary Barrett Townsend, Elizabeth Granger Townsend, and Hark Hirst Townsend.

**Obituary - Charles Wellington Elmer** - Charles Wellington Elmer of Sunset Farm, West Hartford, died early Wednesday morning after a long illness. Born in Ithaca, N. Y., December 6, 1897, he was a son of Mrs. Herbert Charles Elmer and the late Professor Elmer of Ithaca.

He was educated in the Ithaca public schools. He was graduated from Cornell University, class of 1919, with a bachelor of arts degree. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He took his master’s degree, with honors in economics, at Princeton University in 1920.

For several years he was an officer of the Bank of American in New York City. He specialized in foreign banking, in which he was recognized as an authority in this country and abroad.
On June 12, 1928, he married Elizabeth B. Taylor of Hartford. He leaves his wife; two daughters, Jean Taylor Elmer and Lucy Jefferson Elmer; His mother, Mrs. H. C. Elmer of Ithaca; two brothers, B. B. Elmer of Bronxville, New York; and C. J. Elmer of Tulsa, Okla. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Taylor, 232 Kenyon Street. Rev. Charles L. Taylor, Jr. of Cambridge, Mass., will officiate. *(The New York Times, May 20, 1937)

(Note) - Unless otherwise noted, the information about Paul McMillin Butterworth and his family is a combination of information found on Ancestry.com, the Internet, Roots, the LDS Church, and The New York Times.

2. Corwin McMillin Butterworth

Corwin McMillin Butterworth was born August 25, 1889, in Ohio. He attended a military boarding school in Washington, Ohio, and graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, in 1909. He married Elizabeth von Arnim around 1917. She was born February 15, 1893, in Berlin, Germany, the daughter of Mary Annette Beauchamp, “Elizabeth,” born August 31, 1866, and died February 9, 1941, and Count Henning August von Arnim, born April 21, 1851, and died August 20, 1910. (Sometimes Schlagenthin is added to the end of Count Henning A. von Arnim’s name. ew) Elizabeth Butterworth died May 20, 1976, in Santa Barbara, California. Corwin and Elizabeth had two daughters; 1: Clare Butterworth and 2. Ann Butterworth. When their daughters, along with their niece, Caro von Arnim (see below) who lived with them, were in school in Connecticut, Corwin and Elizabeth moved to West Hartford, CT, and lived there for 20 years before going back to California. In the 1930 Census of CT., Corwin is listed as a trustee, investments. After moving back to California, he is listed as a rancher, orchardist, and nut farmer. Corwin McMillin Butterworth died June 11, 1961,
Affidavit of Corwin M. Butterworth re Application for Passport:  State of California, County of Santa Barbara:

Corwin M. Butterworth, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I was born at the City of Columbus in the State of Ohio, United States of America, on the 25th of August, 1889, and am a natural born citizen the United States of America;

I have, in inquiring of the Department of Vital Statistics of the State of Ohio, been informed and verily believe that there is no public record of my birth, none having been required to be kept at the time I was born; I cannot, therefore, furnish a certified copy of certificate of my birth;

My father was Irvin Butterworth.  He is dead.  My mother’s name was Mary McMillin Butterworth (now Norton).  She is sojourning in Europe and temporarily out of the United States of America.  Both my father and mother were native born citizens of the United States of America;

I know the date and place of my birth as above given from the fact that I have been so informed by my mother and also have celebrated each succeeding 25th day of August as the anniversary of my birth and the date and place of my birth as above given have been accepted facts of family history as long as I can remember.  Subscribed and sworn this 4th day of June A.D. 1924.  *(Ancestry.com)

Form of Affidavit For a Relative  (Elizabeth Butterworth):
Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, one Paul McMillin Butterworth who on oath says:

That he is the brother of Corwin M. Butterworth, who is husband of an applicant for an American passport, and that the said Corwin Butterworth to his personal knowledge, was born in Columbus, Ohio, on or about August 4, 1899.

The affiant bases his knowledge upon the following facts: he is an older brother of Corwin Butterworth and has known him from his earliest recollections. He also has been intimately acquainted with Elizabeth Russell Butterworth, wife of Corwin M. Butterworth, and the applicant for passport. Subscribed and sworn this 11th day of June, 1924.

Description of Applicant (Elizabeth von Arnim Butterworth):

Age: 31 years
Mouth: Medium
Stature: 5 feet, 7 inches
Chin: Square
Forehead: Low
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair
Nose: Pointed
Face: Oblong
*(Ancestry.com)

Daughters of Elizabeth and Corwin Butterworth:

1. Ann Butterworth was born March 9, 1920, in Santa Barbara, CA, and died June 7, 1991, in Santa Barbara, CA. She married David M. Caldwell. They divorced in April,
1974. Ann took back her maiden name of Butterworth and was listed as Ann Butterworth in Social Security Death Records. *(Roots)

2. **Clare Butterworth** was born February 18, 1918, in Santa Barbara, CA, married John F. Hardham, born February 15, 1915, in MA, and died January 22, 2001, in Paso Robles, CA. John and Clare had three children. *(Roots)

**Clare Butterworth Physician’s Fiancée - West Hartford Girl to Be Wed to Dr. John Fraser Hardham - (Special to the New York Times) -** West Hartford, Conn., May 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Butterworth of Sunset Farm, West Hartford, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Clare Elizabeth Butterworth, to Dr. John Fraser Hardham, son of Mrs. J. Stuart Hamilton of Newark, N.J., and the late William L. F. Hardham.

Miss Butterworth is a granddaughter on her maternal side of the late Elizabeth, Countess Russell, well-known English author who wrote under the pen name of Elizabeth, and of the late Count Henning von Arnim. On her paternal side she is a granddaughter of the late Irvin Butterworth and of the late Mrs. Charles Van Rensselaer. She attended to Oxford School and was graduated from the Chaffee School and from Vassar College.

Dr. Hardham was graduated from Dartmouth College and from the medical School of Harvard University. He is now completing his internship at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, N.H., and plans to enter the Army Medical Corps in the Autumn. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and Alpha Kappa Kappa, medical fraternity. *(The New York Times, May 14, 1941)

**Obituary - Elizabeth von Arnim - (Mother-In-Law of Corwin McMillin)** - Charleston, S.C., Feb. 9 - Lady Russell, who, under the pen name of Elizabeth, wrote
“Mr. Skeffington,” “The Enchanted April” and other novels, died early today in Riverside Infirmary here at the age of 74.

The English Author, twice the widow of noblemen, was brought to the infirmary last Sunday with a blood infection that followed influenza. She had been spending the winter, her second in the South Carolina low country, at Summerville, S.C. Last winter she was at Beaufort and Summerville.

Lady Russell was unconscious from the time she was admitted to the hospital until she died. With her was her daughter, Mrs. Corwin Butterworth of Hartford, Conn., who came here when Lady Russell was taken ill.

It is understood the body will be cremated in Washington. Mrs. Butterworth was in contact with the British Embassy and it was believed that the ashes would be taken to England after the war. Earl Russell, to whom the author was married in 1916, died in 1931.

*First Novel Published in 1898* - In 1898, an autobiographical novel in diary form, “Elizabeth and Her German Garden,” was published. Its author’s pen name was Elizabeth. Whatever this novelist published afterward was written under that name and, when her popularity as a writer grew and her anonymity was no longer a mystery to the literary world, she still remained “Elizabeth of the German Garden.”

Elizabeth in private life was Lady Russell. The English novelist was born Mary Annette Beauchamp, daughter of H. Herron Beauchamp, a cousin of Katherine Mansfield, whose real name was Kathleen Beauchamp. The man who figured so amusingly in her first novel was the author’s first husband, the “Man of Wrath.”
Elizabeth was a school girl in her ‘teens when she met him on a vacation with her father in Italy. Count Henning von Arnim of an old Junker family was the only son of the German Ambassador, Count Harry von Arnim, who was the object of bitter persecution on the part of Prince Bismarck and who died in Nice in 1881, in exile. However, no attempt was made by the Prussian Government to confiscate his vast estates, which his son inherited.

They married in London but lived in Berlin and eventually moved to the countryside where, in Nassenheide, Pomerania, the von Arnims had their family estate. Five children were born, four girls then one son. The children’s tutors at Nassenheide included E. M. Forester and Hugh Walpole. Count von Arnim died in 1910 and, as it was his wish that his children should be educated in England, Elizabeth returned to her own country in 1914. Two years later, at the age of 50, she was married to John Francis Stanley Russell, second Earl Russell and elder brother of Bertrand Russell, thus regaining her English citizenship. The marriage ended in acrimony, with Elizabeth fleeing to the United States and the couple separating in 1919, though they never divorced. In 1920, she embarked on an affair with Alexander Stuart Frere Reeves (1892–1984), a British publisher nearly 30 years her junior; he later married and named his only daughter, Elizabeth, in her honor. From 1910 until 1913 she was a mistress of the novelist H.G. Wells. *(Internet and Wikipedia)*

*(Note) - The United States funeral took place at the Ft. Lincoln Crematorium, Washington, DC, Wednesday, February 12, 1941. Elizabeth von Arnim’s ashes are in St. Margaret’s Church, Buckinghamshire, Buckingham, England. It was her wish to have her ashes scattered with that of her brother, Sydney Beauchamp. His monument says he died November, 22, 1921, and on the monument is engraved “The Beloved Physician.” *(Internet)*
Biography - Countess Russell (1866-1941), English authoress, was known better by the name "Elizabeth," after publishing her most famous novel Elizabeth and her German Garden. She was the daughter of Henry Herron Beauchamp (1825-1907) and Elizabeth (Louey) Weiss Lassetter (1836-1919) and a cousin of Katherine Mansfield. She married Count Henning August von Arnim (d. 1910) and spent 20 years on his East Prussian estate (Nassenheide). Elizabeth returned to England and married John Francis Stanley Russell, 2nd Earl Russell in 1916. They were separated in 1919. Her friends included many writers and also the select groups which visited her estate. She traveled extensively in Europe and the United States before her death in 1941. [For further information see Leslie de Charms' Elizabeth of the German Garden, 1958; this biography was written by her daughter, Elizabeth (von Arnim) Butterworth]

The children of Mary Annette Beauchamp “Elizabeth” and Henning August von Arnim were: 1. Sophie Eva Luise Anna von Arnim (Graves), born December 8, 1891, in Germany; 2. Elizabeth Irene von Arnim (Butterworth), born February 15, 1893, in Germany, and died May 20, 1976, in California; 3. Beatrix Edith von Arnim (von Hirschberg), born April 3, 1894, in Germany; 4. Felicitas Joyce von Arnim, born July 29, 1899, in London, and died June 3, 1916, of pneumonia; 5. Henning Bernad von Arnim (Rebecca Le Breton), born October 27, 1902. in London. *(From the official death records of Los Angeles, California, and German records on the Internet.)*

is not known why Caro Von Arnim was living with Corwin and Elizabeth Butterworth in California, but it may have had something to do with her mother’s death. *(Part from Internet)*

3. Emerson McMillin Butterworth

His many friends and long-time associates were shocked to learn that Emerson M. Butterworth, a retired vice-president of California Texas Oil Corporation, died suddenly at the age of 67 on December 3, 1961, in his home at 850 Powell Street, In San Francisco.

Emerson Butterworth was born in Columbus, Ohio, on August 4, 1894, the son of Irvin and Mary McMillin Butterworth. After attending Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, he went to the University of California where he was graduated in 1916. He joined Standard Oil Company of California as a field geologist, on February 22, 1917.

The active geological staff of Standard of California then consisted of only three men. Young Butterworth became the fourth member. It was at the beginning of a decade of amazing expansion in producing fields. Surface geology was still the most used and successful method of finding new structures to be tested by drilling, and it was in this sort of work that he started.

His assignments during the first four years were in the western states, including California, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. In 1921, he was progressed far enough to be given his first “foreign” assignment, as party chief on a geological expedition to Point Barrow, northern Alaska. After his return from Alaska, Standard of California made him assistant geologist in the Southern Division (California), a position he held but a short time because, in 1923, he headed a small geological expedition to Madagascar. This was his first real foreign experience.
After Madagascar, Butterworth was next assigned to the then Dutch East Indies, and in 1924-1925 he was leader of a group of geologists sent there to appraise the oil prospects and to investigate the possibility of acquiring oil concessions. He returned to California to await a more propitious time to acquire oil concessions. For the next five years, 1925-1930, he was district geologist for Standard of California in Los Angeles. In 1930 he went overseas again to be resident managing director of N. V. Nederlandsche Pacific Petroleum Maatschappij (now Caltex Pacific Oil Company) until 1932 in Batavia, Java, and then managing director and attorney-in-fact of the same company in The Hague, until in 1936. It was largely due to his perseverance and patience in the negotiations during the period 1930-1936 that Standard of California succeeded in getting a foothold in the Dutch East Indies, at first through participation with BPM (Shell) and NKPM (Stanvac) in a joint venture in New Guinea, and later through an exploration concession of about one and a half million acres granted to NPPM in Sumatra.

In 1937 Butterworth was called back to San Francisco by Standard of California to become assistant manager of the Foreign Producing Department, a position in which he was primarily concerned with exploration and land acquisition programs in the Dutch East Indies, Egypt, India, Australia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia (until formation of Aramco), Venezuela, and Columbia. The new job entailed even more travel than before, and the next four years found him visiting such diverse countries as Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Colombia, and Especially, the East Indies, where promising discoveries had been made on the holdings of NPPM in Sumatra.

The war with Japan having forced a temporary suspension of operations in the East Indies, Mr. Butterworth, in 1942-1944, took a two-year leave of absence to join the Petroleum Administration of War (PAW) as special representative, Foreign Division,
with headquarters in New York. Following his stint with PAW, and after a brief interlude in Caracas, Venezuela, as vice-president of Richmond Exploration Company, concerned mainly with concession negotiations, in July, 1944, he was made vice-president and director of American Overseas Petroleum Company, formed jointly by The Texas Company and Standard of California to administer exploration and producing activities in certain areas of the Eastern Hemisphere. Two years later, in 1946, he became president of this company.

In 1949, while still retaining the presidency of American Overseas, but no longer performing as chief officer, Mr. Butterworth joined Caltex in New York. Then, in October, 1951, he was appointed a vice-president of California Texas Oil Company, Limited, in charge of government relations in Sumatra and New Guinea. The size and importance of the operations had become so great by that time that he was obliged to make frequent trips to Indonesia. Between the autumn of 1950 and the spring of 1953 he spent scarcely six months in New York.

In as much as the operation in Indonesia was running smoothly, Mr. Butterworth was next sent to Western Australia where he was involved in negotiations for exploration rights. This was his last foreign assignment, and he returned from it to New York after being promoted to vice-president, Government and Public Relations for all of Caltex, which was the position he held until his retirement in 1959. His broadened scope still made it necessary to travel extensively but only on trips of relatively short duration. However, in July, 1953, he was assigned the added responsibility for coordination and direction, on a company-wide basis, of personnel development.

Although he never lost his keen interest in geology, as time went on Mr. Butterworth became less involved with geology, and was obliged to spend more and more time on
what started out as sidelines. He contributed to his company’s success in other regions, but his greatest achievement was in central Sumatra where he was largely responsible for the acquisition of large land holdings for his company in what was for the most part traceless, unmapped jungle and swamp when he took his first geological party to Indonesia. He saw these holdings mapped geologically by all sorts of means ranging from hand-dug pits and auger holes to the use of the reflection seismograph, and he lived to see it threaded by roads and with the necessary facilities for the development and production of several oil fields, one of which turned out to be the largest ever found in the East Indies. Emerson Butterworth was not one to boast about what he had done but the success of the Sumantran operation probably gave him the greatest satisfaction of anything in his whole career.

After Mr. Butterworth started to work for Standard of California, he soon proved himself to be an able geologist. However, it was at a time when the oil industry, including his own company, was beginning an intense search for new producing fields, not only in the United States, but also abroad. The complex nature of the oil operations therefore forced him to develop latent talents and to assume new responsibilities for which his education as a geologist had hardly prepared him, though his knowledge of geology proved to be of inestimable value to him. Inasmuch as he showed promise in this direction, he was little by little drawn into delicate negotiations for concessions until for a time they became his principal concern.

His natural tact, patience, and perseverance made him suited for this and no doubt aided him greatly in finally reaching his objectives. He was inclined to be reserved and a bit hard to get to know intimately, yet he was always fair and considerate to those who worked with him. They will always remember him as a real gentleman.
Between his many trips, Mr. Butterworth spent as much time as possible with his wife, who sometimes accompanied him, and with his children and grandchildren. Occasionally he could indulge in his favorite sports, golf and fishing; and furthermore, he was an avid bridge player. He was a member of the Pacific Union Club in San Francisco, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, since 1921.

Emerson Butterworth is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Stillman Butterworth (see below), who was a classmate at the University of California; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Menzies of Kentfield, California, and Mrs. Ward Wickwire of Sewickley, Pennsylvania; and brother Paul Butterworth of Hartford, Connecticut; and five grandchildren.


**Emerson McMillin Butterworth married Mary Wells Stillman**, born January 29, 1893, in California. She died January 9, 1990, in Marin County, California. She was the daughter of Howard Stillman and Ellen Pearce Hathaway. **Howard Stillman designed the first water treatment for railroads in the 1890’s.** There is an article about him in an issue of the California Journal of Technology. They had two daughters:

1. **Mary Wells Butterworth** married Robert A. L. Menzies, born October 25, 1913, in California, and died September 7, 2000, in Greenbrae, Marin County, California, son of Robert Hewitt Menzies and Winifred MacIntoch. *(Internet)*

Second Marriage of Emerson McMillin

Isabel Morgan

Emerson McMillin was married a second time to Isabel Morgan. She was born March 24, 1846, in Carmarthenshire, Wales, the daughter of Mordecai Morgan and Mary Thomas Morgan, both of Wales. They were married July 21, 1868, in Greenup County, Kentucky. On the marriage license, it states Emerson McMillin was a widower, aged 24, and born in Gallia County, Ohio. Isabel was 22 years old and single. She immigrated to the United States in 1854 (1849 in other sources). Of this union, four children were born; Stella (born Stella listed in the record books but later called Estelle Marie), Maud, Emerson, Jr., and Marion.

Mordecai Morgan, father of Isabel Morgan McMillin, enlisted as a Private in Company B, 2nd W. Va. Cavalry, September 1, 1861, and was honorably discharged November 29, 1864, at Wheeling, W. Va. He applied for a pension on July 5, 1890, while living in Barrack 16 of the Dayton Soldier’s Home, Montgomery Co., Ohio. He was granted a pension of $12.00 per month due to rheumatism, varicose veins of both legs, and stiffness in the middle, ring, and little finger of his left hand. At the time of his examination for the pension, he was 66 years old, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, and weighed 135 pounds. He died May 12, 1897, and was buried in Kelly Cemetery, Lawrence County, Ohio, later to be moved to Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio. *(National Archives and The Ironton Register, July 20, 1899)*

Mary Thomas Morgan, mother of Isabel Morgan McMillin, was born in Wales. According to her monument in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, she died February 21, 1874. She is buried next to her husband. Mary Morgan was the
sister of James Thomas, an iron master and vice-president of the Lawrence Iron Works, Ironton, Ohio. James Thomas was born in Carmarthenshire, Wales, in April, 1826. Mary and James parents were Thomas Thomas and Sarah Jones. The father was a surveyor and merchant. In 1849, in company with his father’s family, James emigrated to America and settled in Pittsburgh, his father dying about two weeks after arriving in this country. He married Susannah Pricahrd in August, 1851. They had 12 children with only 6 living in 1880. In 1857, he moved to Ironton, Ohio. *(In Part - The Biographical Cyclopedia of the State of Ohio, 1880)

Children of Emerson McMillin and Isabel Morgan

1. Estelle McMillin


**Estelle McMillin Traverso** was buried in the McMillin Catacomb #11 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

**Estate Put At $4,060,614 - Traverso Tax Appraisal Filed - Residue to Hospitals.**

Mrs. Estelle McMillin Traverso, widow of Baron Ubaldo Traverso, left a net estate of $4,060,614 when she died in 1945, according to an estate tax appraisal filed yesterday.

Mrs. Traverso was the daughter of the late Emerson McMillin, a stock broker. She willed
$2,301,708, two-thirds of the residue to her estate, to the United Hospital Fund and $1,150,854, the other third, to the Presbyterian Hospital for cancer or tumor research.

Bequests of $50,000 each were provided for the Paterson General Hospital, Paterson, N.J., for equipment, maintenance and research in cancer and for the Stony Wold Sanitarium, with offices at 598 Madison Avenue, for tuberculous patients.

Mrs. Traverso left $10,000 to The New York Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund to provide camping facilities for youngsters. She also made bequest in varying amounts to twenty-five persons. *(The New York Times, December 14, 1948)

Mrs. Emerson McMillin and two daughters, Stella and Maud, have sailed for Harve, France to spend the winter. While in Europe, Miss Stella will give attention to her musical studies. She is already one of the finest singers in Ohio, and there is no doubt that she will win wider fame through her studies in Europe. *(The Ironton Register, October 24, 1889) (Note: Estelle McMillin’s birth record in Lawrence County, Ohio, shows her name as Stella. ew)

**Stanley Gardyne Stewart**

**First Husband of Estelle McMillin**

Records state Stanley G. Stewart was from England. In the Columbus, Ohio Directories, 1887-92, he is listed as manager of the Standard Oil Company from 1891 to 1892. He had “rooms” at The Norwich. Little is known about Stanley Stewart before his marriage and after his divorce from Estelle McMillin. In the “Ironton Register”, January 26, 1893, report of the wedding, states “Miss McMillin’s beauty, personal charms, and musical talent have rendered her a favorite ever since her debut, and Mr. Stewart is one of
the best known and most popular men in society.” No death record has been found but another article states “Emerson McMillin 3d (Emerson M. G. Stewart), inherited a large fortune upon the death of his father several years ago.” This article was written in 1915.

**Stewart-McMillin Wedding** - Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. Stanley Gardyne Stewart and Miss Estelle McMillin, which is to take place at the First Congregational Church, Columbus, January 18, at 8:30. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McMillin will be “at home” at the Normandie, to invited guests. The occasion promises to be one of elegance and splendor, but the bride, as we know her, will be worthy of all the stately ceremony and éclat of the happy occasion. *(The Ironton Register, January 5, 1893)*

**Emerson M. G. Stewart (see below),** son of Estelle McMillin and Stanley G. Stewart, was born August 19, 1894. *(Ancestry.com)*

**Colonial Trust Co. v. McMillin** (a lawsuit, in part, involving watered bonds belonging to Stanley G. Stewart and sold to Emerson McMillin).

“Referring to the agreement between respondent (Emerson McMillin) and (Stanley) Stewart whereby the former came into possession of the stock certificate, and interpreting that agreement, wherein it may be dubious, in the light of the circumstances surrounding the parties the contemporaneous construction put on the contract by the parties to it and the construction placed thereon by them continuously thereafter; remembering, too, *that the record discloses that respondent did not want to invest in the stock or bonds as an out and out purchaser; that he entered into the matter reluctantly and only to protect the affairs of his daughter’s husband from an impending crash*, we see no difficulty in agreeing with the learned trial judge that this was not a sale or a conditional sale of the
stock with the mere right to repurchase in Stewart, but came clearly within the definition of a pledge.” *(American State Reports, Vol. 107, page 335, April, 1905)

Emerson M. G. Stewart aka Emerson McMillin III
Son of Estelle McMillin and Stanley G. Stewart

Emerson McMillin 3d
Grandson of Capitalist and Art Collector Served in World War

Obituary - Emerson McMillin 3d, grandson of Emerson McMillin, capitalist and art collector, died in this city on Friday after a long illness at the age of 41. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olga Kohler McMillin of the Hotel St. Regis, and his mother, the Baroness Traverso of Florence, Italy, who is now in New York.

In the World War period Mr. McMillin served as a private secretary to the late Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page in Rome and as a liaison officer in the United States Navy Aviation Corps. He was educated at the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University. *(The New York Times, December 30, 1935)


Emerson McMillin III is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #10 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)
Note: After the divorce of his parents, Emerson M. G. Stewart’s name was changed to Emerson McMillin III. *(Emerson McMillin’s Will)

Yale Student Disappears - Private Detectives Are Trying to Locate Young Emerson McMillin - New Haven, July 17 - Emerson McMillin 3d, who inherited a large fortune upon the death of his father several years ago, has disappeared, and Burns detectives have been in the city several days trying to trace him. He is a member of the junior class of Sheffield Scientific School and left the university just before the close of the school year. He has not been seen. Before departing young McMillin was notified by the Faculty of deficiency in several studies and confronted with the possibility of taking his school year over. Despondency over this is supposed to be the cause of his disappearance. Detectives have learned that McMillin spent some time at Madison, about twenty miles from here, where there is a brilliant Summer colony, and in New York City since leaving here, but they arrived too late at each place to locate him. His home is in Ramsey, N.J. McMillin has been popular at Yale. He is a member of the Berzilius Society of the Sheffield Scientific School and has resided at the Colony Club the last year. He is one of the best dancers at Yale and has taken part in exhibitions at the dances at the Hotel Taft. *(The New York Times, July 18, 1915)

Missing Youth Yachting - Young McMillin Far From Despondent Over Yale Failure – Darlington, NJ – At his country home here tonight Emerson McMillin, New York Banker, denied reports that his grandson, Emerson McMillin III, had disappeared after Yale close last month. “He’s off yachting with college chums.; said Mr. McMillen. “It’s true he failed last year at Sheffield Scientific School, but he’s not despondent over it.” *(The New York Tribune, July 18, 1915)
Olga Veronica Kohler

Wife of 1. Nils Florman, 2. Unknown Miglietta, and 3. Emerson McMillin III

Obituary - Olga McMillin, widow of Emerson McMillin III, mother of Nils Florman (see below), sister of Vera K. Alkers and Rita K. White. Funeral services at her residence, 911 Park Avenue, Wednesday, April 11, at 3 P.M. A Requiem Mass will be offered Thursday, April 13, at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Park Avenue and 84th Street, 10 A.M. *(The New York Times, April 11, 1945)


Olga Kohler and First Husband Nils Florman

Olga Kohler a Bride - Wed to Nils Florman at Quiet Ceremony at St. Patrick’s Cathedral – The marriage of Nils Florman and Miss Olga Veronica Kohler, a daughter of Mrs. Charles Kohler of 14 West Fifty-fourth Street, took place yesterday evening at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the Rev. Father Hughes officiating.

The wedding will come as a great surprise to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Florman, as no
announcement of the engagement, which had existed about four months, had been made owing to the death of Mr. Kohler, the father of the bride, some ten months ago.

Mr. Florman’s best man was Etiemme de Markowski, and the bride had her two sisters, the Misses Rita and Vera Kohler, as her only attendants. The bride’s mother and the other members of the immediate family were the only guests. A dinner for the bridal party and family followed later in the evening at the Ritz-Carton.

Mr. and Mrs. Florman will sail in a week or so for Europe and will visit Mr. Florman’s father, Gosta Florman, in Stockholm, Sweden.

Mr. Florman was one time engaged to Miss Helen Stallo, a granddaughter of the late Alexander McDonald. *(The New York Times, April 6, 1914)*

**Nils Kohler Florman, Jr., son of Nils and Olga Kohler Florman (later McMillin),** born January 18, 1915, in New York City, and died April 25, 1984, married **Dorothy Healy**, born October 23, 1918, and died January 6, 1998. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Broward County, Florida. *(Internet)*


of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Reynolds. *(Internet)

**Nils Florman** married **3. Suzanne Hatch Meenan**, born October 12, 1917, and died March 31, 1989. She had three sons, Stephen, Peter, and Michael. Their father was Harold Meenan. *(Internet)*


**Gosta Ernst Gustav Florman - Father of Nils Florman - (Translated from Swedish to English on Ancestry.com)** - Gosta Ernst Gustav Florman became a sailor Sjokadett when 15 years old, did his first ocean expedition to North America and West Indian on the Balder 1873-1874. He did a few expedition on different vessels. Lieutenant in 1883. In the Mediterranean he was escorted of the fleet in 1881 he became arrested for assault and disobeying. Found guilty he got 20 days. Year 1882 he became knight of Danneborgen. In 1887 discharged and left the ship roll in 1900. The story say that one day some ship from Horningsholm anchored to the fleet and the officers were invited to dinner, someone asked if the cadet Gosta Florman was invited too. And so he meet Ida Bonde. Gosta learned good behavior and manners. They got married in 1885 in Horningsholm. Gosta went international 1885 to 1886. Everything was paid by the father in law. It wasn’t a happy marriage, Ida was frail and had a fragile health she spend lots of time in different farms of her family due to health and to get away from Gosta. Gosta had a bad temper and was very strict with the children.
Gosta hadn’t work since he left the fleet in 1887. Ida died in 1896. In 1900 Gosta went to Duluth USA to his brother, in 1900 Gosta meet a Swedish Masseuse (Bertha ? Died 1944 in Goteborg, Sweden), Gosta learned from her and became a masseur.

1903 Gosta came back to Sweden, he wanted to take a couple of kids with him, specially Nils who was the most difficult one and Irene. It wasn’t very successful, Nils and Irene wrote letters to there grandmother Hulda and ask to come back home, Gosta found the letters. Thereafter they wrote letters thru friends at school. And finally they came back home with the help of uncle Nils Bonde, with lawyers and private detectives they got smuggle on board Norviegen Ship. 1909 Bertha and Gosta got a job from his sons Carl and Adrian at ABA.

Ida Bonde - Mother of Nils Florman - (Translated from Swedish to English on Ancestery.com) - Ida Bonde born 1868, died 1896 in Hoehonnelf Sanatorium in German. Ida was an elegant and stylish lady from the highest society (Countess). Ida’s mother was Marryat a very rich English family. In the 1700 they made there money specially on slavery handling. Ida was frail and it didn’t help to get 6 kids in 9 years. She spent 3 years on the island Jersey, England, her daughter Irene was born at that time 1891.

After her marriage wasn’t happy with Gosta. The last year of her life cousins did all they could hoping she would divorce Gosta. She died of lung (cancer?). They had 6 children, Carl, Nils, Adrian, Irene, Margaretha and Eskil.

Nils Florman - (Translated from Swedish to English on Ancestry.com) - In December 25th, 1909 on the boat Umbria Nils and his brother Carl went to visit USA, all
the children had each inherit money, once in New York an investor scammed them and they lost all the money, they called their brother Adrian to borrow some money, Nils stayed in the USA and married (first wife) the very wealthy Olga Kohler, born 1895, she was called the Piano Princess.

Seeks $300,000 of Legacy - Kohler’s Daughter Says Husband Gets Only $50 a Week – Asserting she found it impossible to live on $25,000 a year, Mrs. Olga V. Florman of 777 Madison Avenue yesterday petitioned Surrogate Cohalan for about $300,000 of the $5,000,000 estate of her father, Charles Kohler, piano manufacturer. Mrs. Florman is the wife of Nils Florman who earns $50 a week, and in her petition says she wishes to lift from him the burden of trying to keep up with her income. Mr. Kohler upon his death bequeathed $25,000 yearly to his daughters Olga, Vera, and Rita, and the same amount to his widow, Mrs. Veronica M. Kohler. *(The New York Times, December 17, 1916)

In Debt On $25,000 A Year - Mrs. Florman Gets $120,000 to Pay Up With - Because Mrs. Olga Kohler Florman, daughter of the late Charles Kohler, piano manufacturer, and wife of Nils Florman, now a jewelry salesman, has gone into debt while trying to live on $25,000 a year, Surrogate Cohalan signed an order yesterday directing the trustees of the estate to pay Mrs. Florman $120,000 from the accumulated income of the estate. The total surplus income is $1,278,139.

In explaining why $25,000 does not pay her bills, Mrs. Florman said her husband earns only $60 a week and that she is compelled to support her three year old son. She paid $2,000 a month for a cottage at Sands Point, L. I., $5,000 for her apartment at 777 Madison Avenue, and employees three servants, a governess for her son, and a chauffeur.

*(The New York Times, September 18, 1917)
Nothing is known about Olga Kohler’s second husband only that his last name was Miglietta. However, several articles have been found giving proof she was married a second time.

**LAWYER WINS $50,000 FEE - Mrs. Miglietta Thought $12,500 Was Enough for Henry C. Quimby** - The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that Henry C. Quimby, who was the attorney for Mrs. Olga V. Miglietta, daughter of the late Charles Kohler, piano manufacturer, in her litigation against her father’s estate, is entitled to $50,000 for his services in compelling the trustees to pay her the sum allowed her in the will. *(In Part from The New York Times, April 14, 1922)*

Mrs. Charles Kohler and her daughter, **Mrs. Olga Miglietta**, arrived at the Homestead yesterday from New York to remain until February 1. *(The New York Times, January 19, 1928)*

**New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957** - Name: Olga Kohler Miglietta; Arrival Date: October 24, 1928; Estimated Birth: 1894; Age: 33; Gender: Female; Port of Departure: Le Havre, France; Ship Name: France; Port of Arrival: New York, New York; Nativity: New York. *(Ancestry.com)*

Olga Kohler and Third Husband Emerson McMillin III

No marriage certificate can be found for Emerson McMillin III and Olga Kohler. His mother lived in Italy and there is a possibility they were married abroad but this is only a guess by the author. The author also ventures to guess their marriage took place in 1929, or after. Their obituaries state:

**Obituary** - Emerson McMillin 3d, grandson of Emerson McMillin, capitalist and art collector, died in this city on Friday after a long illness at the age of 41. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olga Kohler McMillin of the Hotel St. Regis, and his mother, the Baroness Traverso of Florence, Italy, who is now in New York.

**Obituary** - Olga McMillin, widow of Emerson McMillin III, mother of Nils Florman, sister of Vera K. Alkers and Rita K. White. Funeral services at her residence, 911 Park Avenue, Wednesday, April 11, at 3 P.M.


Real Estate Transfers - Olga McMillin, through Brown, Wheelock Harris, Stevens, Inc.,
a penthouse in 911 Park Avenue. *(The New York Times, October 25, 1941)

(Note) - Olga Kohler McMillin is not buried with the rest of the family in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

**Baron Ubaldo Traverso**

*Second Husband of Estelle McMillin Stewart*

Little is known about the Baron Traverso before his marriage to Estelle McMillin Stewart. According to the “Italian Genealogical Group, NYC, Bride and Groom Index,” on Internet, they were married August 26, 1908, in Manhattan, New York City. A little information can be gathered from other sources. From Passenger Lists we can guess he was born in 1870/71. He was a lawyer by trade. As next of kin, he lists a Matilde Traverso as both his mother and aunt on separate sailing’s. Once he lists a brother and the initials look like G. M. Traverso. The actual record is hard to read. On most of the Passenger Lists he gives his Nationality as Italy and his Race as South. But on a list in 1931, he says his place of birth is Tunis, Tunisia, and his Race is North. He was an Executor for his father-in-law, Emerson McMillin’s, will and was also left $10,000 in the will. He was left $1500 in the will of his mother-in-law, Isabel McMillin. Various articles about Ubaldo and Estelle Traverso said they lived in Florence, Italy. *(Internet and Elaine Winkler)*

Baron Ubaldo Traverso is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #9, Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. Cemetery records state he was 68 years old and gives a date of May 5, 1938. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records.)*

**World War I Efforts of Ubaldo and Estelle McMillin Traverso**
Makes Plea for Italians   - Many friends of Mrs. Emerson McMillin of New York have received the following self explanatory communication:  November 4, 1915,  My dear Mrs. Corns:  I am taking the liberty of enclosing to a number of Ironton (Ohio) friends and acquaintances this clipping from a Columbus paper, being as you will observe, an extract from a personal letter written by Stella McMillin Traverso to a Columbus friend, with a plea to see if any would give her help in this work in which she has thrown herself with such zeal.

The thought has come to me to send these clippings on for her, to our Ironton friends.  I know her heart will be filled with joy and gratitude for any responses from Ironton.  Any donations either in money, or wools, socks, mittens or scarfs, sent to the residence of Mrs. Minnie Nixon Richards, upper Sixth Street, will be forwarded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McMillin, Darlington, Mahwah, New Jersey, and forwarded to Florence, Italy.  Thanking you in advance, I am ....Very sincerely yours, Isabel McMillin

(The Clipping) - Friday at 2 o’clock, there will be a second meeting at the home of Mrs. Sinclair B. Nace, 86 North Monroe Avenue, to report on donations to be sent for Red Cross work in Italy and the American hospitals in Florence.  Anyone interested in the work will be most welcome.

The first meeting was held last week as a result of a letter received from Mrs. Ulbaldo Traverso of Florence, Italy, who was formerly Miss Stella McMillin.  Mrs. Traverso is Mr. Emerson McMillin’s daughter, and at one time lived in Columbus.  In her letter, she says in part:

“I am very busy here, there is so much to be done and the need is terrible.  Do you think I
have any friends left in Columbus who would be willing, just for the old days, to work a little for our dear Italians? Most all, I am sure, have visited Italy and carried away some sweet remembrances of these good people. You see Italy, feeling there were other countries in such great need, refused help from the United States, even knowing how much it was needed here, for with all the extra burden of the earthquake in January, there was the awful strain and drain of the ten months before Italy joined the allies, when all business practically stopped and not only the poor but the middle classes are suffering frightfully. I don’t dare think of the winter and all the suffering it will bring. You wouldn’t know Florence, with all its hotels closed for nearly a year now, only two open, pensions closed, store after store, and the town deserted.

My work is principally at the hospital, where I go every day of the week except Thursday, when I go to the little ‘nido’ for the children of the poor wives and mothers whose husbands are at war. We take care of them and teach them from 9 in the morning to 5 p.m.

I am at the hospital from 8:30 to 11:00. This is the American hospital and they are doing a splendid work. The entire expense of this is paid by Americans, and all contributions are gratefully received, and I feel sure you won’t mind speaking of it where you feel it may do some good. The poor Alpine Soldiers are already suffering with the cold, so imagine what it will be in winter. The things most needed are woolens, especially woolen gloves for the soldiers (long), socks and helmets for the head, coming down well on the neck. The gloves and socks are just as acceptable machine made, just so we have them. Gray is the best color for gloves and helmets. Socks can be any color, but gray is always most desirable.

Wood has gone up here so, and is so scarce we feel very anxious indeed. I know you will
try to get all the friends to donate a few pairs of socks each, some gloves or money. Rush them, for we are so fearfully in need of warm clothes.” *(Semi-Weekly Irontonian, November 19, 1915)

**American Relief in Italy** - In a letter received by Mrs. Emerson McMillin from her daughter, Mrs. Estelle McMillin Traverso, of Florence, Italy, is a request that The Times convey to all of Mrs. Traverso’s friends in New York her deep gratitude for their interest in the relief work in Florence. If time permitted she would be happy to acknowledge each gift personally, but asks that her thanks be given in this way. **Her letter also tells of Mr. Traverso’s work in the Red Cross Hospital No. 6, of which is Commissario.**

Mrs. McMillin received a letter at the same time from the head of the American Committee of War Relief at Florence asking that the sincere thanks of the American Hospital there be conveyed to the friends of Mrs. Traverso for their generous donations. *(The New York Times, February 10, 1916)

### 2. Maud McMillin

Maud McMillin was born March, 1870, in Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio. Little is know about her life. She is always listed in census records as living with her parents. She never married. Her name is shown in newspaper articles as traveling with her mother and sister on several occasions.

*Ironton Register, May 28, 1885* - Mr. J. M. Murphy and sister, Miss Rosa, and **Miss Maud McMillin** left yesterday afternoon for Sioux City, Ia., after having a delightful visit for several days. They young ladies made many warm friends and admirers who will be pleased to see them come again. They were accompanied as far as Mosquito Junction by a number of friends. - *Nebraska City Press*
Ironton Register, August 30, 1888 - Mrs. Emerson McMillin and daughters are here attending the funeral of John Murphy.

Ironton Register, August 27, 1891 - Mrs. Emerson McMillin and daughter, Maud, are in town this week visiting at Rev. James Thomas’.

Ironton Daily Register, April 2, 1925 - Ironton People in New York Entertain (in part) - Mrs. Elizabeth Newman recently entertained her friends with an evening gathering at her artistic studio on West 46th Street. There were present: Mrs. H. B. Wilson, her daughters, Mrs. Comstock and Mrs. Beardsley with Mr. Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford, Mr. Hibbard, Miss Maud McMillin accompanied by Senor Traverso, husband of her sister Stella.

The author has a theory as to Maud McMillin, which follows and was taken from The Ironton Register, May 17, 1883, under the title of “Distressing Accident.” “Messrs. Will Witman and Ezra Dean, Jr. and Misses Maud and Stella McMillin were thrown from a barouche on the Ironton & Hecla Pike last Thursday, the young ladies being considerable injured. The accident occurred about a hundred yards on the other side of Hayward’s powder house. The party had been to a picnic and were returning to town. Coming down the hill the traces were unloosened and the driver in attempting to turn the horses to check them, tipped the carriage over an embankment of eight or ten feet. Miss Maud McMillin received serious injuries to the spine and about the head. Her sister was not badly hurt.” (I feel Maud McMillin may have been crippled from the accident. ew)

No obituary can be found for Maud McMillin but she is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #5 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. Cemetery records say
she was 58 years of age at the time of her death. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

3. Emerson McMillin, Jr.

E. McMillin’s Son Dead

Returned in September from Vain Search for Health Abroad

**Obituary** - Emerson McMillin, son of Emerson McMillin, gas magnate and banker at 40 Wall Street, died on Tuesday in his apartment, in Euclid Hall, at Broadway and Eighty-fifth Street. He had suffered long with a stomach trouble, and in September last returned from Carlsbad, Germany, whither he had gone in a vain search for health. The end came suddenly.

Mr. McMillin was born at Ironton, Ohio, thirty-one years ago. He studied at the Cornwall Military Academy and then became associated with his father in business. He leaves a wife, who was a Miss Frisbie of Columbus, Ohio, and a five year old daughter. Mr. McMillin was a member of the New York Athletic Club and several other social organizations. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 tomorrow evening at the home of his father 320 Riverside Drive. *(The New York Times, Front Page, November 17, 1904)  

**Emerson McMillin, Jr.** was born in 1873, in Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio. He married **Helen Reed Frisbie**, February 15, 1898, in Columbus, Ohio. She was born June 10, 1874, in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Charles H. Frisbie and Mary Louise Reed. Emerson and Helen had one daughter, **Helen Isabel McMillin**, born September 9, 1899, in New York City., and died February 7, 1952, in Paris, France. *(Internet) 

**Emerson McMillin, Jr.** is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #4 in Woodlawn Cemetery,
New York City, New York *(Woodland Cemetery Records)

Strong-McMillin - Dr. Cyrus Strong, of this city and Mrs. Helen Frisbie McMillin, widow of Emerson McMillin, Jr., were married at noon yesterday at the residence of the bride, 77 West Eighty-fifth Street. The Rev. Dr. Francis E. Marsten officiated. The bride was attended by her little daughter, Miss Isabel McMillin. Dr. Frederick. E. Sondern was best man. Dr. Strong and his bride will live in New York. *(The New York Times, June 18, 1908)

Obituary - Mrs. Helen Frisbie Strong, wife of Dr. Cyrus J. Strong, died last night at her home, 225 West Eighty-sixth Street, after an illness of two days. Before her marriage she was Miss Helen Frisbie, a native of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Strong had resided in this city for twenty years. Besides her husband, a daughter survives. (Helen Frisbie Strong died November 11, 1913) *(Internet)

“Mrs. Astor and the Gilded Age”
Newly-minted millions of dollars found their way across the Atlantic to impoverished titled families with marriage of American heiresses to members of the nobility. Some were cynical exchanges of dollars for titles while others were true love matches. *(Internet)

Helen Isabel McMillin

Daughter of Emerson McMillin, Jr. - Prince To Marry Isabel McMillin -
Granddaughter of Capitalist to Become the Bride of Michel Murat

Relatives in the country have made known the engagement and approaching marriage of
Miss Isabel McMillin, granddaughter of the late Emerson McMillin, capitalist and traction man, to Prince Michel Murat of Paris, son of the late Prince Louis Napoleon Murat and one-time husband of the late Princess Helena Murat, formerly Miss Helena MacDonald Stallo of Cincinnati.

The marriage, which will take place in Paris, either late this month or early in August, awaits the arrival from this country of Miss McMillin’s aunt, The Baroness Ubaldo Traverso.

Miss McMillin is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McMillin, Jr., who died some years ago. She attended the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and the Spence School in this city, and was introduced to society here in 1919, by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Marion McMillin, the former who died in 1924. Miss McMillin has made her home in Paris since 1928.

Prince Murat is descended from Joachim Murat, King of Naples and brother-in-law of the first Napoleon, Emperor of France. His marriage to the former Helena Stallo of Cincinnati, and granddaughter of Judge John B. Stallo, who was United States Minister to Italy in the first Cleveland administration, and of Alexander MacDonald (see below), former president of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, took place in Paris, February 5, 1913. The union was terminated by divorce in Paris in 1928. Princess Helena Stallo Murat died in France in April, 1932. (The marriage of Isabel McMillin and Michel Murat took place July 9, 1934) *(This article is from the New York Times)

Alexander MacDonald left most of his vast fortune to be shared equally between his two granddaughters. Helena and Laura were just 16 and 17 years old when Alexander died. The estate was worth roughly $15-million dollars and made the two young women two of
the wealthiest women of their day. Their father, Edmund Stallo, who was entrusted to keep it for the girls until they reach legal age, oversaw the estate.

Though both girls had made plans to marry successful young men from the Cincinnati Society roster, they were convinced that two such wealthy beautiful young women could make better matches by striking out for Europe and seeking royalty.

**Miss Helena married Prince Murat of France**, a nobleman and nephew of one of Napoleon’s former Marshals. They had one daughter who they predictably named Laura.

**Her sister, Miss Laura, married Prince Rosspiglioisi of Italy.** The first few years were happy and they had two daughters, Francesca and Camilla.

Unfortunately, their financial situation worsened when both girls realized that her inheritance had been badly managed by their father, Edmund Stallo. Stallo had invested in several bad schemes, including a failed attempt at a Gulf States railway. As a result, the large fortune Alexander had provided dwindled to almost nothing. **Both of the "princes" divorced the girls not long after learning that they no longer had access to money.** *(Internet)*

**Prince Michel Charles Anne Joachim Napoleon Murat**, was born at Alexandrovko, Russia, January 26, 1887. He died in Paris, June 8, 1941. He was the son of Louis Napoleon Principe Murat, born December 22, 1851, and died September 22, 1912, and Ewdoxia Michailowna Somowa, born February 17, 1850, and died May 6, 1924. He married 1. **Helene MacDonald**, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 5, 1893, and died at Paris, April 1, 1932. She was the daughter of Edmund Kirkbride Stallo and Laura MacDonald. They had one daughter, **Princess Laure Louise Napoleone Eugenie Caroline Murat**, born in Paris on November 13, 1913, and died in New York, May 10,

Princess Laure Louise Napoleone Eugenie Caroline, step-daughter of Isabel McMillin Murat, was born November 13, 1913, in Paris, and died May 10, 1986, in New York. She married 1. Jean-Paul Frank, born August 26, 1905, at Saint Germain-en-Laye, son of Maurice Frank and Juliette Baudouin. They were divorced in 1939. He died May 25, 1975, in Los Angeles, CA. She married 2. Fernand Auberjonois, born September 25, 1910, near Lausanne, Switzerland, and died August 27, 2004, in Cork, Ireland. Fernand Auberjonois was a highly respected journalist who worked and the foreign correspondent of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Toledo Blade. Throughout most of the Cold War, Auberjonois was one of the most admired American reporters based in London. From 1956, until his formal retirement in 1983, and after, he covered many of the world’s biggest news stories. From World War II through the Cold War, he worked for many print organizations, and also for NBC and Voice of America. He was the son of Rene Auberjonois (1872-1957), one of Switzerland’s best-known post-impressionist painters. The couple had one son, Rene Murat Auberjonois, born June 1, 1940, in New York City. He married Judith Mahalyi, October 19, 1963. They have two children, Tessa and Remy. Rene Murat Auberjonois is an American actor best known for portraying Father Mulcahy in the movie version of M*A*S*H. *(Internet)

Obituary - Princess Murat Is Dead In Paris - Former Helena MacDonald Stallo of Cincinnati - Heiress of Standard Oil Executive. Paris, April 1 - Princess Helena Murat, formerly Miss Helena MacDonald Stallo of Cincinnati, died at her Paris residence today. She was 38 years old.

Princess Murat was a daughter of Edmund K. Stallo of Cincinnati and New York, a
granddaughter of the Judge Stallo who was United States Minister to Italy in the first Cleveland administration, and of Alexander Mac Donald, former president of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, who left a fortune to his two granddaughters, Helena and Laura, who married Prince Francesco di Rospigliosi of Italy. She was married in 1913, in Paris to Prince Michel Murat, great-grandson of Marshal Emile Murat, King of Naples and brother-in-law of Napoleon. They had met in Paris the previous year at a dinner given by Mrs. Rutherfurd Stuyvesant. **The Princess obtained a divorce in Paris in November, 1928, on the grounds of abandonment, after the Prince had been involved in many legal difficulties here and abroad.**

Coming to New York in December, 1925, the Princess studied salesmanship, dress designing and buying for four months, and in March began a brief experience as a saleswoman at Hickson’s. Litigation that began in 1914, revealed that the MacDonald estate, at first supposed to be $15,000,000, amounted to a great deal less. For a time the Princess experimented, unsuccessfully, with a tea room on the Riviera. *(The New York Times, April 2, 1932)*

**Note** - As noted in the obituary of Helena Stallo Murat, she divorced Prince Michel Murat “on the grounds of abandonment, after the Prince had been involved in many legal difficulties here and abroad.” Listed below are four headlines from the New York Times telling some of his troubles with the law.


2. *The New York Times, May 27, 1920* - Calls Murat Bad Check - Furrier Tells Grand Jury $2,000 Slip Was Returned. (This was concerning an unpaid check for $2,000 for the
purchase of a Russian sable scarf.)

3. *The New York Times - February 10, 1924* - Special Cable to the New York Times - Prince Michel Murat Sentenced in Default to Fine and Two Months Jail by Paris Court. (The fine was for 200 francs.)


**American Women Seized in France**

*New York Times - October 1, 1942*

**American Nuns Reported Seized**

Vichy, France, Sept. 30 (UP) - Several American nuns have been seized by German authorities in the continuing roundup of United States citizens in occupied France, it was learned today.

The nuns, it is believed, will be interned in a special hotel at Vittel, a resort town in northeastern France, where the first group of an estimated 400 American women arrested for internment by the Nazis has been taken. Some 1,300 British women, including a few nuns, have been held in internment at Vittel since December, 1940.

Reports to the United States Embassy here were that many of the estimated 1,000 American men arrested in the last week had been classified at Paris and sent to Compiegne to join 380 others held since the United States entered the war.
The United States Embassy here appealed to the Swiss Government today to obtain the names of the Americans who have been rounded up.

**The New York Times - October 9, 1942**

**Vichy Embassy Makes Public Names of Those Assembled in Paris for Internment**

**List is Only Tentative - Does Not Include All Taken Into Custody**

**Some May Have Been Released**

Vichy, France, Oct. 8 (AP) - The United States Embassy made public today an incomplete and thus far unrevised list of American women, some with dual nationality and others only with American connections, who were reported assembled in Paris for internment at Vittel Mineral Springs Park and adjacent hotels by the Germans.

The embassy emphasized that the list did not include all those taken into German custody and that some of the names were persons who might later have been released.

The list included: **Princess Murat, the former Helen Isabel McMillin.**

Vichy, France or Vichy regime are the common terms used to describe the puppet government of France from July, 1940, to August 1944, led by Marshal Philippe Petain, who headed the reactionary program of the so-called “Revolution nationale,” aimed at “regenerating the Nation.” Petain and the Vichy regime willfully collaborated with the German occupation to a high degree. The French police and the state militia organized raids to capture Jews and others considered “undesirables” by the Germans in both the northern and southern zones of France. We can only assume the American women seized
in France and those of dual-nationality were assembled for internment until the German government could establish their "desirability", since some had been released by the time the list appeared in the newspaper. As an interesting coincidence, the newspaper telling of Isabel’s internment was in the New York Times with a date given as Vichy, France, October 8, 1942. The boat bringing her back to the United States left France on October 8, 1945, exactly three years to the day. Unfortunately, no details of Isabel’s life during the three year period have been found but we do know she returned to Paris and died February 7, 1958. *(Internet)

**Passenger List** - SS Indochinois - Leaving LeHarve, France on October 8, 1945, and arriving in New York on October 19, 1945 - **Isabel Murat** - Residence: c/o Mrs. Ralph St. Hill, 480 Park Avenue, New York City, New York. *(Ancestry.com)*

*(Note)* - In the sale of furnishing of Darlington in 1924, **Isabel McMillin** paid $1,100, for No. 1348, a screen of forged steel frame said to have been presented by a Spanish nobleman to Mary, Queen of Scots. It has enameled mounted warriors, a coat of arms and a centre of seventeenth century emerald green velvet embroidered in gold and silver thread and silk.

**4. Marion Morgan McMillin**

**Marion M McMillin**

**Banker, son of the Later Emerson McMillin, Dies After a Brief Illness**

**Obituary** - Marion M. McMillin, of the investment banking firm of Emerson McMillin & Co, founded by his father, the late Emerson McMillin, died yesterday at his home, 270 Park Avenue, after a brief illness, at the age of 46. He was First Vice President of the
American Light and Traction Company, one of the many large properties with which his father was identified.

Mr. McMillin was a native of Ironton, Ohio. He left the Sheffield Scientific to serve in the Spanish-American War, reaching the rank of Captain. He was Vice President of the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Company and a director of the Consolidated Gas Company of New Jersey. He left a widow, before her marriage, Miss Jane Maguire, one daughter and three sisters. His clubs included the Union League and Automobile Club of America. Services will be held at the residence at 2 o’clock Monday afternoon. *(The New York Times, January 26, 1924)

Marion M. McMillin was born November 13, 1877 (according to his draft registration), in Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio. **He married Jane Maguire (Clark) in July, 1908. She was born April 14, 1880, in New York City, the daughter of Peter W. Maguire. She was the widow of Edward B. Clark (see below) and had one child, Margaret, born May 13, 1903, in New York City, from that marriage. After her mother married Marion McMillin, she took the name Margaret Clark-McMillin.**

**Marion M. McMillin** died in January 25, 1924, and is buried in the McMillin Catacomb #8 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. **Jane Maguire McMillin** died June 3, 1961, at the age of 81, and is buried with her husband in the McMillin Catacomb #12, Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records)

**Obituary - Edward Bottume Clark - First Husband of Jane Maguire Clark (McMillin),** On Sunday, November 8, 1903, Edward B., beloved husband of Jane Maguire and son of Gen. Emmons and the late Adelia Augusta Clark, in the 27th year of
his age. Funeral from Mortuary Chapel of St. Leo’s Church, 28th St. and Madison Ave.,
Wednesday the 11th inst., at 10:00 A.M.; thence to St. Leo’s Church, where a mass of
requiem will be offered. Interment Trinity Cemetery. *(The New York Times, November 12, 1903)

**Debutantes Have Day of Festivities - Miss Margaret C. McMillin Introduced at**
**Reception at Her Mother’s Park Avenue Home** - Luncheons and dinners, with other
entertainments for debutantes and the younger boys and girls home for the holidays, filled
yesterday’s society program.

Mrs. Marion McMillin gave an afternoon reception at her residence, 270 Park Avenue, to
introduce her daughter, Miss Margaret C. McMillin, and a dinner followed for those who
received, and a number of young men and later fifty young people came in for dancing.
The Misses Adele Thompson, Hayes Blake, Anne Burr, Anne Phelps, Helen Shumway of
Rochester, Beatrice Bayne, Eleanor Gibbons and Isabel McMillin assisted the debutante
in receiving. The young men at the dinner were Emerson McMillin 3d, Alden Rogers of
Buffalo, Arthur Parsons, William Biggs, William Wilson, Lawrence King, Gilbert Harris,
Times, December 29, 1921)

**Margaret Clark-McMillin - (Step-Daughter of Marion McMillin) - Margaret Clark-
McMillin of Greenwich Engaged to Marry Andrew McNally III**

**Mrs. Marion M. McMillin** of Hobby Horse Farm, Greenwich, Conn., has announced
from Alexandria Bay, N. Y., the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret Clark-
McMillin, to Andrew McNally 3d, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McNally of Chicago.
Miss Clark-McMillin is a daughter of the late Edward B. Clark, youngest son of the late General Emmons Clark, of this city, who commanded the Seventh Regiment, now the 107th Infantry, for twenty-five years. General Clark was a veteran of the Civil War and was descended from distinguished Colonial ancestors.

Miss Clark-McMillin’s father died when she as an infant. Her mother was married in June, 1908, to Marion M. McMillin of this city, son of the late Emerson McMillin, and subsequently Mr. McNally’s fiancee added her step-father’s name to her own. Mr. McMillin died in January, 1926.

Miss Clark-McMillin, a member of the Junior League, attended the Spence School here and is now doing social service work in this city. She is a niece of Miss Sophronia T. Clark of New York and of the late George Hallet Clark, transit engineer, who supervised the construction of the connection between the old and new I. R. T. lines in Times Square. Her mother, the former Miss Jane Maguire is a daughter of the late Peter W. Maguire.

Mr. McNally attended the Hill School and is a graduate of Yale. He is with Rand, McNally & Co., publishers, of which his father is president. He is a brother of Miss Eleanor McNally and Ward and Frederick G. McNally. *(The New York Times, August 17, 1936)*

**Obituary - Margaret Clark McNally** - Margaret Clark McNally, 78, ex-Visiting Nurse Chief, Dies - Margaret Clark McNally, 78, 2130 N. Lakeview Ave., wife of Andrew McNally III, chairman of the firm of Rand McNally & Co., died Thursday in Lake Forest Hospital.
Mrs. McNally, a native of New York City, was a former president and for more than 30 years a board member of the Visiting Nurse Association in Chicago. She was active for many years in the Parents Council of the Former Girls Latin School and had served as president of the council. Mrs. McNally also was on the Women’s Board of Grant Hospital and the Orchestral Association of the Chicago Symphony.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McNally is survived by two sons, Andrew IV and Edward C.; a daughter Betsy (Betty Jane) Ravenel, and seven grandchildren. Services will be private. *(Chicago Times, May 7, 1982)*

**Obituary - Andrew McNally III** – McNally, Andrew, III, 92. Of Chicago, IL. Husband of the late Margaret Clark (nee McMillin); father of Betsy (Betty Jane) Ravenel, Sandy (Jeanine), Teddy (Peggy); grandfather of William, Eleanor, Drew, Carrie, Ward, Heather, Gray; five great-grandchildren. Memorial service at 11 AM, Monday, November 19th, St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, 1424 North Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610. Memorials may be made to the Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary Street, Clayton, NY 13624. *(The New York Times, November 17, 2001)*

**Obituary - Andrew McNally, 92, Ex-Chief of Company Known for Maps** – Andrew McNally III, a former president of the map maker Rand McNally & Company, died on Thursday at his home in Chicago. He was 92.

He was a great-grandson of another Andrew McNally, who was a co-founder of the company in the mid-1800’s. The company started out printing tickets and other documents for railroads. In the 1870’s, it also took up making maps, at first for a railway guild. Before long it was regarded as the foremost manufacturer of maps and related
products.

In the mid-1950’s, with Mr. McNally as president, the company, based in Skokie, Ill., turned out more than a quarter-million items a year, including globes and atlases, in addition to 65 million road maps. Sales at the company more than doubled in his first seven years as president.

Mr. McNally joined the company in 1931, in Chicago, and was president from 1948 to 1974, and chairman from 1974 to 1993. Its sales soared in the post-World War II years to $18.5 million in 1954 from $8.3 million in 1948. “Wars and tight international situations make the biggest booms for the map business,” he said in 1949, when the company published “Cosmopolitan World Atlas,” 352 pages long and eight years in the making. Also, in 1949, the company modernized its map production and bought a big book-manufacturing plant, the W. B. Conkey Company in Hammond, Ind.

Mr. McNally was succeeded as president and later as chairman by his son Andrew McNally IV. In the late 1990’s, control of the company was acquired by an investment group, AEA, based in New York.

Mr. McNally, a son of yet another Andrew McNally II (mother Eleanor), who became the company’s chairman, was born in Chicago and graduated in 1931 from Yale College. He was an Army officer in World War II.

His wife, Margaret, died before him. In addition to Andrew IV, Mr. McNally is survived by another son, Edward C., a daughter, Betsy (Betty Jane) Ravenel, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. *(The New York Times, November 22, 2001)*
Betty J. McNally Is Attended by 7 at Her Wedding - Daughter of Map-Firm Executive Married to William Ravenel 2d - Chicago, Nov. 25 - Miss Betty Jane McNally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McNally 3d, was married here today to William De Chastignier Ravenel 2d of Chicago, son of Mrs. Gaillard Fitz-Simmons Ravenel of Sea Island, Ga., and the late Mr. Ravenel, formerly of Baltimore.

The ceremony was performed in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Name by the Rev. George K. Malone. Mrs. Stephen Briggs was matron of honor. The other attendants were the Misses Kitty McNally, cousin of the bride; Barbara Richard, Carol Keeney and Rodney Davis and Mrs. Frank Papen and Mrs. F. Glendon Brice, sisters of the bridegroom. Edward D. Rowley served as best man.

Mrs. Ravenel is an alumna of the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn., Bradford Junior College and Lake Forest College. She is a member of the Junior League of Chicago. Her father is president of Rand McNally & Co., publishers of maps and books, which was founded by his great-grandfather, the late Andrew McNally.

The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. Andrew McNally of Chicago, the late Mr. McNally and the late Mr. and Mrs. Marion M. McMillin of New York.

Mr. Ravenel graduated from the Gilman School in Baltimore and attended the University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University. He served with the Marine Corps. His grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis of Philadelphia and the late Mr. and Mrs. William de C. Ravenel of Washington. *(The New York Times, November 26, 1961)

Henry Bramble Wilson
No story of the life of Emerson McMillin can be complete without the mention of his business partner, Henry Bramble Wilson. Henry was with Emerson from the start of their financial climb to success until his death in 1909. Below is an article which appeared in the “Semi-Weekly Irontonian, March 9, 1909,” telling of his life and death. The article was written by Edward Wilson, brother of Henry B. Wilson.

Col. Henry B. Wilson Dies In Georgia

Body Will be Brought Here Wednesday for Burial

Deceased Was Very Wealthy - His Fortune Being Estimated at $3,000,000

Col. H. B. Wilson, mention of who’s dangerous illness was made in Sunday morning’s Irontonian passed from this mundane sphere to the Great Beyond, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o’clock at Augusta, Ga., honored and respected by all who knew him.

The news of Col. Wilson’s death came in the form of a telegram to S. B. Steece, his brother-in-law, from Emerson McMillin and rapidly spread throughout the city causing universal regret.

The first intimation which was received here of Col. Wilson’s dangerous illness was a telegram which came to Mr. Steece Saturday evening from Mr. McMillin stating that Col. Wilson was dangerously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy. Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Steece received a telegram from her sister, Mrs. Wilson, saying that Col. Wilson was much worse and that little hopes were entertained for his recovery. Shortly before five o’clock Mr. Steece received another telegram stating that the end had come to another of Ironton’s distinguished former citizens at 3:30 o’clock. The following telegram arrived later:
“Bonair Hotel, March 7. S. B. Steece - Mrs. Wilson leaves with the body Monday evening. Leaves Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday evening, due in Ironton about five Wednesday morning. Have the funeral at any convenient hour Thursday. She leaves detail of arrangements to you and Eugene. Edward is supposed to be on his way here. Emerson McMillin.

Mr. Wilson accompanied by his wife, left New York ten days ago for an extended sojourn at the Bonair Hotel in Augusta, Ga., one of the best winter resorts in the South, where they joined Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McMillin, who were already there. Mr. Wilson was suffering from a very bad cold when he left New York and this suddenly developed into pneumonia and pleurisy, from which he failed to rally.

When the remains of Col. Wilson arrive in Ironton where he spent so many happy years and where every one who knew him was his friend and admirer, Wednesday morning, they will be taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Steece from where the funeral services will be held probably Thursday afternoon conducted by the Rev. Geo. E. Jackson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Col. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were married in the Steece residence, the old Willard homestead, and his body will be placed in the corner of the parlor where he and Miss Willard stood when the happy words were said which joined them together for their journey down life’s highway, a journey which proved each year more and more their great love for each other. It was in the opposite corner of the same room where Judge and Mrs. J. K. Richards stood when they were made man and wife and only last week Judge Richard’s body reposed over the spot where he and Mrs. Richards, then Miss Anna Steece, had heard the fateful words which joined them together until death them did part. To most of Ironton’s citizens, Col. Wilson need no encomiums for he spent much of his
life here. He attended the city’s public schools, married one of the city’s most estimable young ladies, took an active part in the city’s business, political and social life, and he was ever found on the side of progression, right and justice. Col. Wilson was a man of charming personality and made life long friends of all who met him. It was in his home life however, that he showed the brightest, for he was an ideal husband and father.

Henry Bramble Wilson was born in Newark, Ohio, in 1847, and came to Ironton with his parents in 1854. He attended the Ironton public schools graduating in 1864. A short time after this he was given a position as bookkeeper at the Second National Bank by Mr. R. Mather, who was then cashier of that institution. His uniform politeness and close application to this business won him rapid promotion. His ability was recognized and in March of 1872, he was elected cashier of the First Nation Bank of this city. He served in this capacity with signal success Until January 31, 1888, when he resigned to take a more lucrative position of vice president of the First National Bank of Toledo, Ohio.

While in Ironton, Col. Wilson was one of the most progressive citizens and always took a deep interest in civic affairs. He was a member of the city council from 1883 to ‘87 and gave the city the benefit of his good judgment on many important matters. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church here and sang in the choir for a number of years. He also helped plan and rebuild the present commodious structure, which is the home of the Presbyterian denomination in this city.

Col. Wilson remained in Toledo but a year forming a partnership with Mr. McMillin for carry on the sale of gas and electrical properties and securities at No. 40 Wall Street, New York.

These two Ironton men were both possessed by great business ability. They had builded
from the ground upward and knew what they were doing, followed their best judgment and each amassed a fortune. Col. Wilson’s fortune is said to have passed $3,000,000. Mr. Wilson built a mansion in New York at No. 37 West 86th Street, where he has lived for the last dozen years, surrounded with every luxury. His home is filled with beautiful works of art, which are typical of the man. These were collected by him at great expense, but this did not stand in his way when he found a great painting that struck his fancy. His art collection, as well as his library, is said to be one of the finest in the city of New York. While for the past year or two he had been trying to close up his business so that he could give more time to travel, he yet maintained his suite of offices at No. 40 Wall Street. Col. Wilson was president of the New York School of Applied Design for Women.

Mr. Wilson was united in marriage, May 10th, 1871, to Miss Mollie Willard of this city. To this union were born the following children: Winifred, now Mrs. Fell of New York City; Ella, now Mrs. Comstock of Richmond, Ind.; and Marie, now Mrs. Beardsley of New York. Henry Jean, the youngest daughter, and named after her father, died in this city at the age of 5 years, a blow which almost broke Col. Wilson’s heart.

Col. E. S. Wilson, former editor of the Ironton Register, and now editor of the Ohio State Journal is the only brother of the deceased.

**Col. Wilson’s Last Visit** - Concerning the sad death of our former distinguished townsman, Col. Henry B. Wilson, as recorded in Monday’s Register, many remarks are heard in regard to his last visit here, which occurred last summer. While only here for a few days, he had come to call upon many of his old friends and discuss the happy bygone days. One of these was Col. Frank Jones, the veteran janitor at the city building.

Mr. Wilson recalled many incidents connected with the city hall when he was a member
of the city council, and Col. Jones was janitor. In talking with the latter, he said, “Well Colonel, you came by your title as justly as did I. Mine was by appointment to a position on Governor Foraker’s staff, and yours you have won by long faithful service in the employ of the city. You ought to do with yours as I am going to do with mine, wear it till you die.”

These and other incidents are recalled, which show the Democratic spirit of the man we all loved to call our friend and which was are now called upon to mourn in death. Col. Wilson was a man who made his mark in the world, and his example is left, especially to Ironton boys, to show what can be accomplished by painstaking effort and honest endeavor. His passing is mourned alike by all classes. *(Ironton Register, March 11, 1909)

Obituary - Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, 81 years old, widow of Henry B. Wilson, one of the organizers of the American Light and Traction Company, died yesterday of heart disease in her apartment in the Ritz Tower. She left three daughters, Mrs. Clifford Buckman of the Ritz Tower, Mrs. Paul Comstock of Richmond, Ind., and Mrs. Sterling S. Beardsley of 876 Park Avenue. Mrs. Wilson has been a generous supporter of the School of Applied Design and was interested in several philanthropic movements. She was a graduate of Vassar, class of 1871, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street. Burial will be in Ironton, Ohio, the birthplace of both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. *(Note - H. B. Wilson was born in Newark, Ohio. EW) *(The New York Times, April 25, 1930)

Former Residents - The New York World Tuesday published a list of the wealthy citizens of New York City and prominent in the list were the names of Mrs. Mary E.
Wilson and Emerson McMillin, both well known former resident of Ironton. The World gave the amount of personal property returned for taxation by the persons named in the list and it was shown that Mrs. Wilson is paying taxes of $200,000 in personal property. Mr. McMillin returned $150,000 personal property for taxation. Mrs. Wilson is the widow of the late Col. H. B. Wilson, formerly of the First National Bank of this city. *(The New York Times, January 14, 1910)

**Obituary for Emerson McMillin**

*The New York Times, June 2, 1922*

**Emerson McMillin Dies of Pneumonia**

**Banker Fails to Rally from Brief Attack After Two Years of Ill-Health**

Emerson McMillin, head of the banking house of Emerson McMillin & Co., 120 Broadway, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Light and Traction Company and President of a dozen other lighting and traction concerns throughout the country, died Wednesday night at his country home, near Mahwah, N.J., after a two days’ illness of pneumonia, following two years of poor health.

Born April 16, 1844, at Ewington, Ohio, the son of a manager of iron furnaces, Emerson McMillin went to work in the furnace when a boy of 12 and spent a four-year apprenticeship. He managed by hard study after hours to acquire a good education, and to his habit of scientific research he attributed much of his success. He made a practice of thoroughly examining the application of scientific principles in the iron and gas industries, to which he mainly devoted himself.
Entering the Union Army at 18, he fought throughout the Civil War, being wounded three times and winning a commission through gallant conduct under fire. Of his five brothers, also in the service, three were killed.

For ten years or so after the war he engaged in iron and steel manufacture, becoming manager or President of several works in the Ohio Valley. Thereafter, for the rest of his life, he bent his energies to the acquirement, development and consolidation of gas properties. The banking house that he established here in 1891 was of a sort then rather new in banking circles, specializing in the purchase and merging of gas interests.

He was always a strong believer in the consolidation of competing concerns, on one occasion citing the instance of a merger he brought about in St. Louis, by which four gas companies selling their product at from $1 to $2.50 a thousand feet, combined and made double their former net profit at an average price of 93 cents a thousand feet.

Mr. McMillin was an art collector of unusual discernment. His paintings that were sold in January, 1913, for $442,395 were described by Thomas E. Kirby as the finest collection of American and foreign pictures ever sold in this country. At the sale the “Orpheus and Eurydice” of Corot brought $75,200.

He supported with his own efforts and fortune many enterprises for civic betterment, notable the Arbitration Society of America, which recently inaugurated a process of the arbitration of civil disputes, free from the delay and expense of the legal tribunals.

Mr. McMillin was President of this society and its Board of Governors yesterday adopted memorial resolutions that termed his work with the society “the valedictory of his splendidly useful life.”
The near relatives of Mr. McMillin surviving are his son, Marion McMillin, and three daughters, Miss Maud McMillin, Mrs. Estelle Traverso of Florence, Italy, and Mrs. Mary McMillin Norton of Santa Barbara, Cal. (Also his wife, Isabel McMillin. ew)

Funeral services at his late residence, Darlington, Mahwah, N.J., on Saturday, June 3, at 11 A.M. Special car attached to Train 175 leaving Erie Station, Jersey City, at 9:35 A.M. (daylight saving). Automobiles will meet the train at Suffern, N.Y. Special car returning to New York on train leaving at 12:20 P.M. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

Will of Emerson McMillin

Bergen County, New Jersey Surrogate Court Record for Emerson McMillin -

Docket #11 Page 457
Case #21 Page 825
Year will was filed 1922
Date of Death May 31, 1922
Executors: Marion McMillin
           Ulabdo Traverso
           Paul McMillin Butterworth

Will (summary and excerpts):

Article 1: ...pay all debts.
Article 2: ...pay to my brother Andrew McMillin of Jackson, Ohio, the sum of
Article 3: ...pay to my sister Ella Hardy of Lyndon, IL, the sum of $10,000.

Article 4: ...pay to the grandchildren of my sister Eliza J. Ewing, who are the children of Louisa Ewing Brown of Ala. and Hiram Lewis Ewing, now of Lyndon, IL., the sum of $15,000.

Article 4: ...pay to the children of my sister Margaret Rhodes, the sum of $15,000.

Article 6: ...pay to the children of my brother Milton McMillin, the sum of $10,000

Article 7: ...pay to the children of my sister Sarah Thompson, the sum of $15,000.

Article 8: ...pay to the children of my brother Andrew McMillin, of Jackson, Ohio, the sum of $10,000.

Article 9: ...pay to the children of my brother Murray McMillin, the sum of $10,000.

Article 10: ...pay to the children of my sister Ella Hardy, the sum of $10,000.

Article 11: ...pay only to the 1st generation of children and grandchildren.

Article 12: ...pay to Mrs. Mary Louise Bright Nace, daughter of George W. Bright, of Columbus, Ohio, $10,000 to use for the amelioration of distress amongst the needy of the city of Columbus.

Article 13: ...pay $10,000 each to:
* Oliver D. Norton, husband of my daughter Mary of Santa Barbara, California.
* Ulbaldo Traverso, husband of my daughter Estelle of Florence, Italy.
* Jane M. McMillin, wife of my son Marion of Darlington, Mahwah, New Jersey.
* my grandson, Paul McMillin Butterworth, of Hartford, CT.
* my grandson, Corwin McMillin Butterworth, of Santa Barbara, CA.
* my grandson, Emerson McMillin Butterworth, of Santa Barbara, CA
* my grandson Emerson McMillin Stewart, now known as Emerson McMillin, 3rd, of Florence, Italy.
* Margaret Clark McMillin, step-daughter of my son Marion McMillin, now of Darlington, Mahwah, NJ.

Article 14: ...(if any of the above individuals is not living, the money is to revert to the estate of their predecessors)

Article 15: ...payment may be made in stock of the American Light and Traction Company.

Article 16: ...for the purpose of this Article, direct heirs in law, members of family, and residuary legatees are to be equal:

* wife - Isabel Morgan McMillin

* daughters - Mary McMillin Norton, wife of Oliver D. Norton
    Estelle McMillin Traverso, wife of Ubaldo Traverso
    Maud McMillin ( unmarried ) of Darlington

* son - Marion McMillin

* granddaughter - Helen Isabel McMillin, only child of my deceased son Emerson

...it is my express desire to keep my Darlington Estate intact and in the family.

Article 17: ...residue of estate to Trustees, including leases of 1. my summer house at Beaver Island, upper Dam, Oxford Co., Maine; 2. the 86 acre plot of land and known as the Marian Cottage property at Mohegan Lake, West Chester Co., NY; 3. the apartment house at 320 West 86th St., New York City; 4. Darlington Estate, Mahwah, New Jersey.

A. ...1, 2, and 3 are to be sold A.S.A.P.

B. ...household furniture, libraries, and camp equipment at Beaver Island, including the steamboat are to be disposed of (i.e., sold).

C. ...Trustees are to permit son Marion to operate Darlington Estate.

Article 18: ...all income, rent, etc., except that from Darlington Estate to go to the Trustees.
Article 19: ...pay $50,000/yr to:
   * Isabel Morgan McMillin, my wife
   * Mary McMillin Norton
   * Estelle McMillin Traverso
   * Maud McMillin
   * Marion McMillin
   * Helen Isabel McMillin

Article 21: ...upon the death of my wife and son, equally divided to all listed in Article 16.

Article 22: ...after death of wife but before death of son, Darlington Estate may be sold.

Article 23: ...Marion to divide up personal effects amongst family and friends as he deems appropriate.

Article 24: ...Executors to be my son Marion, son-in-law Ubaldo (and if one of the other is incapable), then Paul McMillin Butterworth, and then Banker’s Trust Co., NY.

Article 25: ...Trustees to be son Marion, son-in-law Ubaldo, Banker’s Trust Co., NY, and then Paul McMillin Butterworth.

Article 26: ...only 2 of 3 Trustees are needed to carry out provision of the Trust.

Witnesses: Francis X. Colly, of Ramsey, NJ
           William R. Troop, of Ramsey, NJ
           Fred Henion, of Ramsey, NJ

Isabel Morgan McMillin
Died - Isabel McMillin

Obituary - On Thursday, October 5, 1922, Isabel Morgan, wife of the late Emerson McMillin, in her 77 year. Funeral services at her late residence, Darlington, Mahwah, N.J. at 4 P.M. Sunday, October 8. Train leave Erie Station, Jersey City, at 2:20 P.M. for Suffern, N.Y. Automobiles will meet the train. Train returning to New York leaves Mahway 5:31 P.M. Interment private on Monday. *(The New York Times, October 7, 1922)

Isabel McMillin was buried in the McMillin Catacomb #7 in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, New York. *(Woodlawn Cemetery Records

Will of Isabel Morgan McMillin

Bergen County, New Jersey Surrogate Court Record for Isabel McMillin -

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Case #22              Page 213
Year will was filed    1922
Date of Death          October 5, 1922
Executors:             Son, Marion McMillin
                        Banker’s Trust Co., N.Y.

Will (summary and excerpts):

Article 1: ...pay all debts.
Article 2:  
a. ...pay to son-in-law Ubaldo Traverso of Florence, $1,500  
b. ...pay to daughter-in-law Jane Maguire McMillin of Darlington, $10,000.  
c. ...pay to son Marion $10,000.  
d. ...pay to Paul McMillin Butterworth of Hartford, CT, $100.00  
e. ...pay to Corwin McMillin Butterworth of Hartford, CT, $100.00  
f. ...pay to Emerson McMillin Butterworth of Santa Barbara, CA, $100.00.  
g. ...pay to Marie Selb, daughter of my cousin Nannie Thomas Selb of Ironton, OH, $100.00.  

...request that persons itemized in item d through g purchase something to be retained in memory of the donor.

Article 3:  
...to husband Emerson, my box of table silver, (a present from him to me) and my automobile or in case Emerson predecease me, this bequest to fall to residual of Estate.

Article 4:  
...reminder of Estate to be divided into 4 parts:  
1. ...to daughter Estelle Marie Traverso of Florence
2. ...to son Marion
3. ...To Trustees in Trust for grandchildren:
   Emerson McMillin Stewart
   Helen Isabel McMillin
   and step-grandchild: Margaret Clark McMillin

Article 5:  
...Trustees may distribute securities or case from proceeds of said securities.

Article 6:  
...Trustees to have power to sell & reinvest.

Article 7:  
...Executors to be husband Emerson McMillin, son Marion McMillin, Banker’s Trust Co., of N.Y.C., and then daughter Estelle.
Article 8: ...Trustees to be the same as in Article 7.

Witnesses: Frank E. Barker, 212 West 78th St., N.Y.C.
Carrie E. Thorne, Floral Park, L.I.
H. Boardman Spalding, 46 E Park St., East Orange, NJ

* The End of an Era *

McMillin, Banker, Leaves $5,150,115

That Despite Fact That His Banking Firm Was Wiped Out by a Failure
Family Owns 50 Per Cent of Bankrupt Springfield-Kelly
Motor Truck Company

The New York Times, January 1, 1924

An appraisal filed yesterday of the estate of Emerson McMillin, banker, who died May 31, 1922, shows that because of the interest of his firm, Emerson McMillin & Co., in the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Company, which went into bankruptcy last December, his banking company was wiped out at the time of his death. However, he left a net estate of $5,150,115.

Mr. McMillin was a resident of New Jersey, and the State of New York will collect a tax on only $324,381, which includes $1 as the value of his nine-tenths interest in Emerson McMillin & Co. His estate appraised here included 1,000 shares of the Consolidated Gas Company, valued at $116,750; 200 shares Empire Trust Company, $60,000; 500 shares Delaware & Hudson Railroad, $62,500, and 500 shares in the American Locomotive
Company, worth $57,312.

Charles Willard Young, President of the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Company, said he was a partner of Mr. McMillin in the banking business and that as a result of the latter’s death the company was in liquidation. It held 7,472 shares of common stock, 2,322 shares of preferred stock in the motor truck company. He said that the affairs of the motor truck company became so involved before Mr. McMillin’s death that it could not continue business without the support of the McMillin Company, and it later went into the hands of a receiver. The McMillin banking firm held notes and other obligations of the company amounting to $1,400,000. Mr. Young said that if the banking firm could collect anything at all the deficit would be reduced to about $1,200,000. He said it would not pay to reorganize the business, as the stock had become worthless.

Mr. Young said that there will be a deficit of more than $1,000,000 to the depositors of Emerson McMillin & Co., of which he expects to pay his share. He stated that the condition of the banking firm was determined on Dec. 16 last was that “its entire capital, surplus, profits, investments and bills receivable were wiped out.” The report states that among the debts of Mr. McMillin is $978,372 as an obligation and liability to Emerson McMillin & Co..

Marion McMillin, son of the banker and executor of the estate, stated that the McMillin family holds more than 50 per cent of the stock of the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Company, and that the stockholders do not consider it worth while to reorganize the company.

Mr. McMillin took interest in many civic movements and as one of the founders and President of the Arbitration Society of America. He was Chairman of the Board of the
American Light and Traction Company and head of a number of other lighting and traction corporations.  *(Note: Marion M. McMillin died 26 days after this article appeared in the newspaper.)*

**Emerson McMillin Auction** - The first day of the auction sale of the household effects of the Emerson McMillin estate at Mahwah, N.J., realized more than $45,000 yesterday. The sale will be continued throughout the week by S. G. Rains until the $800,000 worth of house furnishings is sold. *(The New York Times, October 28, 1924)*

It was announced in October, 1924, that **Darlington**, Emerson McMillin’s home, often called the Old Crocker Estate and the mansion house being regarded as one of the finest in the whole state, was being converted into a country club to be known as the Darlington Golf and Country Club.  It was then announced in July, 1926, the Catholic Diocese of Newark had acquired Darlington as a site for the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. While the property was valued in excess of $2,000,000, it is said that the Diocese actually paid far less than this figure.  F. M. Crawley and Brothers were the brokers who brought about the sale. *(From the New York Times)*

**Emerson McMillin**

1844 - 1922