

## BRIEF NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE GEORGE FAMILY

One of Jimmy's closest connection to the Stumpf family was his aunt, Eva Gwendoline Stumpf. Because Jimmy's father, Craig Edgar Stumpf, had helped his sister Eva to attend college, Eva felt an obligation to help Craig Edgar's son Jimmy after Craig Edgar died. As a result Eva and Jimmy remained close throughout their lives. Eva was born on April 12, 1887 in Indiana, Indiana County, PA, and was a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, which she had apparently attended with her brother, Craig Edgar Stumpf's, help. She had earlier graduated from the State Teachers College in Indiana, PA in 1905 and eventually from the University of Michigan in 1909. She apparently met Henry George at the University of Michigan and they married on Jun 30, 1910, moving thereafter to Spokane, Washington, where they both spent the rest of their lives, Henry dying in 1962 and Eva shortly thereafter in 1963.

Although the Georges lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960, their family life was checkered. They had three sons – Bubs (Henry Jr.), John, and Lloyd. In their adult years all three sons appeared to be in constant conflict with Henry, although not with Eva, who seemed always to defend them. All three of them joined the Henry George Construction Company at various points in their adult lives, although with mixed results. Henry George was by all accounts a domineering man, who brooked little dissent and demanded loyalty from his sons (Tedi described him as a bully). Bubs married Sue Fry, with whom he had 3 children, but later became a severe alcoholic. Eva pled with his wife not to divorce him before Henry died, although they eventually separated with Bubs living in a hotel during the last several years of Henry's life -- he died there a day or two after Henry's death in 1962, most likely a suicide. He had tried to run the business which had been formed as a corporation with him as head, but things did not work out (Eva's cousin Ora, with whom she was exceptionally close, said maybe people had no confidence in him). John had been active in the business for a number of years, but had eventually left to start his own real estate company. Lloyd, the youngest, stayed at home with his parents for a number of years, was probably gay, and committed suicide in his mid-40s.

Notes on George family -- Eva describes Ora Enterline as being her cousin, but it appears she was a cousin, once removed. At some point she was in an auto accident, lived in LA for an extended period, particularly when Grandma and Granddaddy were in their last days. In one letter, she talks about having lived in Uniontown, PA and talks about the coal mines and coke ovens which were running in the early part of the century, but which were deserted in the 50s and 60s (?). She also spent time with Eva's sister Violet (Stumpf) Rankin in Alturas, Florida.