

BEGIN STUMPF

BRIEF NARRATIVE HISTORY OF STUMPF FAMILY

The name of Stumpf was removed from the family lineage during the war years of the early 1940's by a Germanophobically induced family name change, which replaced it with the name Craig. Kim Craig and Bruce Craig originally came into this world as Kim Stumpf and Craig Stumpf, the name Stumpf being Jimmy's family name. The name Craig was not an invented one, but dates back to James Craig Stumpf (Jimmy's birth name) through his father, Craig Edgar Stumpf, then more distantly through Jane Craig and her father Jacob Craig (see family tree). The Stumpf(f) and the Craig clans settled in Pennsylvania sometime in the 1700's, Christopher Stumpf (1695-1779) having emigrated from Darmstadt, Germany and Jacob Craig (1769-1860) from Ireland.

The earliest traceable Pennsylvania Stump/Stumpf family ancestors are Christopher Stump (1695-1779, born in Darmstadt, Germany), father of Johan "Henry" Stump (1740-1823, born in Pennsylvania), father of John Adam Stumpf (1776-1855), who married one of the Eisenhauer clan, Anna Marie Eisenhauer (1775-1848), who was related to President Dwight David Eisenhower, whom Aunt Eva (Stumpf, then George) always referred to as "Cousin Ike." John Adam Stumpf's son, Jacob Stumpf (1809-1884), married Elizabeth Rowe (1809-1855), and their progeny included John Rowe Stumpf (1839-1919), the father of Craig Edgar Stumpf (1870-1924) and grandfather of James Craig Stumpf (Jimmy, 1907-1967). He is the one for whom we have various bits of Civil War paraphernalia, including his camp spoon and army hat. The removal of the Stump/Stumpf name from the lineage was always a sore point with Rachel, Jimmy's mother, even though she herself was a Babinger and only related by marriage to the Stumpf clan. The soreness may have had more to do with the removal of the German Catholic heritage as well as her antipathy to Tedi, whom she always regarded as very much an interloper into the Stumpf family. This was an unfortunate attitude to take as it led to a self-ostracization of Rachel from the "Craig" family. Over a period of 30 years, from 1937 to her death in 1966, she remained a distant stranger to her only son's family.

The moving of Jimmy's branch of the Stumpf family from Pennsylvania to California began with his grandfather John Rowe Stumpf's buying land in Lodi in 1907 (the year Jimmy was born) with the intent of moving to California to grow Tokay grapes, something he never did. Instead, his son Craig Edgar Stumpf (Jimmy's father) came a few years later, in about 1914, when Jimmy would have been 7 years old. Apparently, problems with asthma prompted the move, as well as a later move from Lodi to Los Angeles in 1923, where Craig Edgar Stumpf died shortly thereafter in 1924.

The Stumpf connection to Lodi essentially ended in 1966 with the death of Rachel (Babinger) Stumpf, Craig Edgar Stumpf's wife and Jimmy's mother. The Siegfried family, related through Rachel's sister, Josephine (Babinger) Siegfried, continues to have an extended presence in the Lodi area, but there are no remaining acquaintances since the death of Mary (Siegfried) Yarborough in 2009.

Some interesting news clippings about Jimmy's paternal grandfather, John Rowe Stumpf and others ...

Unknown Pennsylvania Newspaper -- Jan 14, 1909 STUMPF FAMILY GOING WEST. Will Raise Plums and Grapes in California. J. R. Stumpf, of South Seventh street, has purchased a fruit farm in California, near Christian Colony, about 28 miles from Sacramento. The farm consists of 10 acres, one of which is planted in grapes, with the remaining acres in plum trees, all in fall bearing. Miss Violet Stumpf has been in California since last October, and Mr. and Mrs. Stumpf and their son, Ralph, will probably move to California about the first of March. Mr. Stumpf is at present a member of the firm of Stumpf & Barnett.

H.R. 2393. -- John R. Stumpf, aged 74 years, served as a private and corporal in Company A, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer infantry, from August 21, 1861, to September 4, 1864, more than three years, and is now a pensioner under the act of May 11, 1912, \$25 per month on account of age and length of service. He was formerly pensioned under the general law at \$8 per month for gunshot wound of right arm. He was formerly pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month, for gunshot wound of right arm, rheumatism, disease of heart, and senility. Post-office address, Indiana, Pa. Dr. John M. St. Clair testifies, November 20, 1912, that by reason of varicose veins and resulting ulcers soldier is unable to walk without a cane, and is rendered entirely unfit for any kind of labor by reason of said disabilities and gunshot wound of right arm. Claimant's neighbors testify that he is

destitute and without income of any kind, and the only property owned by him is a few household goods. In view of soldier's long-continued, honorable military service, old age, crippled condition, and destitute circumstances, your committee recommends increase of pension to \$30 per month.

Unknown Pennsylvania Newspaper – Obituary, December 1919 – Aged Merchant and Veteran of Civil War passes Away – After several months illness death came to the relief of John R. Stumpf, aged 80 years, well known citizen of Indiana, on Wednesday evening, December 17th, at his home on School street. Mr. Stumpf was born December 26, 1839 in Rayne township. During his youth and early manhood, he worked on his father's farm, taking an active part in the development of the community. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which great struggle he served three years as a member of Company A, 61st Penn'a Infantry. He took part in many of the major engagements, being wounded May 10, 1864, at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House. He was a member of the Indiana Post, No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic. Following the war and after the period of reconstruction, Mr. Stumpf removed to Indiana and for many years thereafter owned and conducted what was known as a "Racket Store," in the building now occupied by Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent Store, on Philadelphia street. Advancing in years and attacked by sickness, Mr. Stumpf disposed of his store business and for several years had lived a retired life.