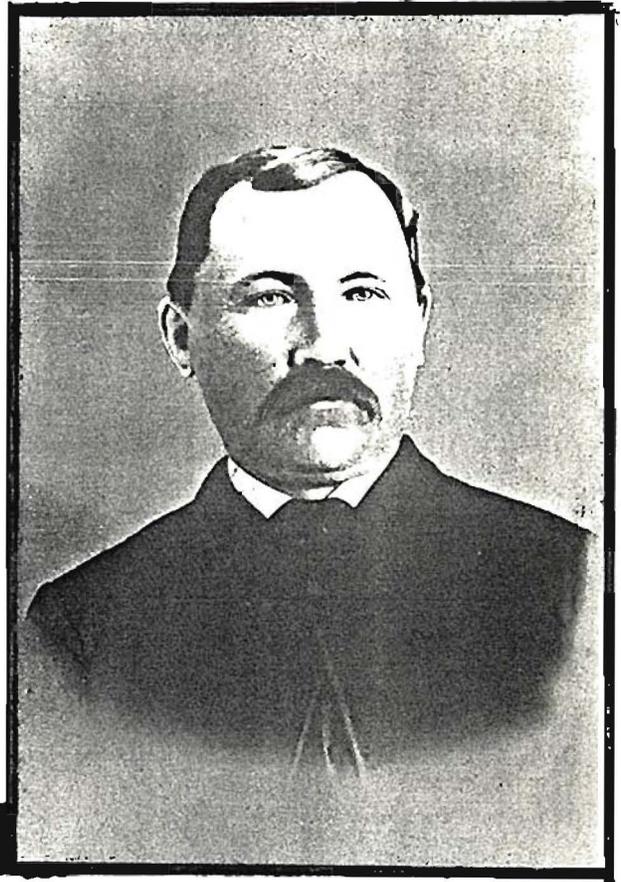


THE MORGANS

The four Morgans children John, Mathais, Patrick and Bridget were born in Kilrush Parish, County Clare, Ireland. Their parents, names unknown, are buried in Kilofoin, Cemetery. The children emigrated to the United States in 1839 and settled in Binghamton, New York.

Mathais Morgan, born 1814, learned the stone cutting trade in Binghamton. He married Patience Maher in Susquehanna



THOMAS FRANCIS MORGAN

Twp. Pennsylvania in 1846. Patience was reportedly the sister of Thomas Frances Meagher, first acting governor of Montana. In 1847 Mathais and his brother Patrick engaged in the railroad contracting business. Mathais and his family moved to Galena, IL. and sometime after 1853 moved to Dubuque Iowa, thereafter their home. In 1853 and for two years following, he was engaged in



EDITH LOUISE BRINKMAN

the building of the Illinois Central railroad between Chicago and Dubuque. He was foreman on the construction of the bridge across Fever River and also much of the rock work required by the railroad in passing through the city of Galena, Illinois.

In his youth, he was a man of considerable vigor. Mathais and Patience had eight children: James William of Iowa, Thomas Francis of Montana, John Henry of Nebraska, Mary Ellen MURPHY of Dubuque, Mathais Edward (police chief at Dubuque), Emma Agnes (Amy) MORRISSEY QUIGLEY, Josephine Frances and Patience Alice, both of whom never married and stayed in and around Dubuque. Mathais passed away the 5th of January 1893 and Patience 3rd of September 1904 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Thomas Francis MORGAN, the second son of Mathais and Patience, and my husbands' grandfather, was born in New York State the 28th of August 1849. He came to Montana with a surveying party in about 1875. He obtained a position with T. C. Power & Co., who had a freighting and merchandising empire. In 1884 he became a partner with Power in a store in Stanford, Montana. The store later became T. F. MORGAN and CO.

On the 16th of February 1885 in Fort Benton, he was united in marriage to Edith Louise BRINKMAN. Born in Minnesota in 1866, she was the daughter of German emigrants Herman Albert BRINKMAN and Marie KIRSHOFF. In 1866 Herman BRINKMAN arrived in Montana overland with Colonel HOLEMAN'S expedition. His wife, son William and infant daughter Edith followed soon after by river boat to Fort Benton. Five more children were born to them - twins Charles and Henry, John, Julia and May. Herman was a carpenter by trade in Germany and used his knowledge to build water wheels along the Teton and Marias Rivers.

Thomas and Edith ran the general merchandise store in Stanford (he tried to change the name to Dubuque but was over-ruled) until 1894. Tom was also postmaster there in 1885. Their children, Patience Edith (b 1885), Thomas F. (b 1887), Mathais H. (b 1889) and John H. (b 1891) were born during that time. He sold the business

to A.J. STOUGH and Tom turned his attention to the horse industry, in which he was largely interested. He left there for Minot, North Dakota with a herd of 220 horses to sell and made a few trips back to Montana for horses the next five years. Two more daughters were born in Minot - Leatha Katherine, my husband's mother, (b 1896) and Mary Elizabeth (b 1899). In 1900, while on a trip to Fort Benton, Thomas passed away there and Edith and the children came back from North Dakota on the train. They went to live with her parent's, the BRINKMANS, who by then were ranching along the Marias. Some of the MORGAN children inherited the love of horses from their father and did a lot of "cowboying",

Edith met and married Samuel D. YOUNG (DeYOUNG) in 1901 and they ranched in the Sweetgrass Hills near Whitlash, Montana. Alice (b 1902) and Gordon (b 1905) were born to this marriage. Edith passed away in 1908 at St. Josephs Hospital in St. Paul, MN. After a stay of two years in the Orphan's Home in Helena, Montana, Samuel took the children back home to raise, the MORGAN boys being on their own by then. Sam DeYOUNG passed away in Whitlash, MT. in 1915. Leatha had nothing but the highest regard for Sam and said that he made the best baking powder biscuits she ever tasted. Their son Gorden died a few years ago and their daughter Alice lives in Pennsylvania.

Thomas and Edith's daughter Patience died fairly young, about 15 years of age, I understand, I have no proof as to where or when. Of their remaining children:

Matt MORGAN married Katherine FOOTE and became a member of the Border Patrol. Their place of residence varied from Chester to Havre to Sasable, Arizona. They had six children: Edna, Edith, Henry, Dorothy, Matt Jr. and Leigh.

Tom MORGAN married Frances Elizabeth SOLTAN, was a prison guard at the State Penitentiary at Deer Lodge, Montana. They were the parents of two children Thomas Jr. and Mary.

John MORGAN married Florence NORDSTROM, was the first sheriff of Liberty County, Montana and they had one child - Wanda Zell.

Leatha MORGAN married Chris HANSON and they lived most of their lives in Chester, Montana. Chris did a variety of things like most people in those days, cowboying, homesteading, and was county surveyor. I remember him mostly as making roads and repairing machinery. They were my husbands parents. Six children were born to this marriage - Albert Morgan, Alfred LaVerne, Edith, Mary Louise, Beth Arlene and Beverly Ann.

Mary MORGAN married Robert CARROLL, they were childless. Mary like her brothers, shared their love of horses and told me that she had an offer to join Calamity Janes' Wild West Show back east. I never doubted her story. Mary passed away in 1984 and was the last of Edith's and Tom's children.

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WANTED : Someone to do MORGAN research for me in the MORGAN DUBUQUE, Iowa area. Send price wanted and if agreeable, I will send names and dates.

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WANTED Information or address of Henry BRINKMANS' son BRINKMAN that was born at Fort Benton, Montana. Henrys' widow and son moved to IDAHO after Henry died. Would like to get in touch with son. I am doing BRINKMAN research.

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