

Notes on Arthur Roy Coleman

(father of Murray Frear Coleman)

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(Clarice Coleman is the wife of Robert Coleman: son of Sumner Coleman and Bess Sinkule; grandson of Claud Coleman and Jennie Heath; great grandson of Calvert Coleman and Sarah Westfall.)

74. **ARTHUR ROY COLEMAN**, son of Calvert M. Coleman and Sarah E. Westfall; b. 22 Oct. 1884, Belleville, MI; d. 1932, Highland Park or Detroit, MI. Roy mar. (1) about 1905 in Canada, to **MYRTLE FITZGERALD**; mar. (2) 17 Nov. 1909, Windsor, Essex Co., Ontario, Canada to **FLORENCE CURTIS KNAPP**, b. Aug. 1881; daughter of Henry M. Curtis and Esther Pomerey. Florence was mar. first to Charles Knapp and had a daughter.

1. Arthur mar. (3) about 1916 in Canada to **MARGARET PATTERSON**.

Children: COLEMAN (of Roy Coleman and Florence Curtis Knapp)

i. Dodd H. b. 29 June 1910, MI; d. Aug. 1974, Detroit, MI; (dates per Social Security Death Index); mar. about 1934, to Eileen.

ii. Ruth b. about 1913 (adopted by Jennie Coleman and Edgar Freer)

Children: COLEMAN (of Roy Coleman and Margaret Patterson)

iii. Jean b. May 1916, Detroit, MI; d. 7 Aug. 1923 at Highland Park Hospital, accident; buried at Woodlawn Cemetery; source: Skerrett Funeral Home record book

iv. Betty Lorraine b. July 1918, Detroit, MI

v. Murray Frear b. 26 July 1920, Highland Park, MI; d. Aug. 1984, MI (dates per Social Security Death Index)

Roy Coleman worked as a clerk at Scott Dillon & Co., Detroit, MI, in 1902 and 1903. He lived with his mother and brothers at 888 Greenwood, Detroit. He married and lived in Ypsilanti, MI, for several years. After his wife, Florence, died, he worked as a salesman for various companies in the Detroit area.

He and Florence had two young children, Dodd and Ruth. When Florence died, Roy's sister, Jennie Freer, and her husband, Edgar Freer adopted Ruth. His sister, Addie Skerrett, took care of his son, Dodd, and doted on the little boy, according to Addie's son-in-law, Bill Chambers.

In the 1920 U.S. Census, Arthur R. Coleman was listed as head of household on Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI. His age was 36 yrs., born in MI, and his occupation was auto factory salesman. His wife, Myra (Margaret), age 27 yrs., was born in Canada; son Dodd, age 9 1/2 yrs., born in MI, occupation was newsboy; daughter, Jean, age 3 yrs. and 8 months, born in MI; daughter, Betty, age 1-1/2 yrs., born in MI; sister-in-law, J. Agnes Murray, age 34 yrs., born in Canada, and manager of a tea room; nephew, Donald Coleman, age 18 yrs., born in MI, occupation was apprentice tool maker.

In the 1928-1929 Detroit City Directory, Arthur R. Coleman and wife Margaret are listed as living at 16538 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI. Roy was a division manager for Belle Isle Creamery Co. His son, Dodd Coleman, lived with them. The 1930 U.S. Census shows the family living at 16538 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI. Listed are Roy, age 46; Margaret age 38; Dodd H. age 19; Betty L. age 11, and Murray F. age 9. Their daughter, Jean, had died in an accident in 1923. In the 1932-1933 Detroit City Directory, Margaret Coleman is listed as "widow of Arthur R." She still lived at the same address on Woodward Ave.