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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

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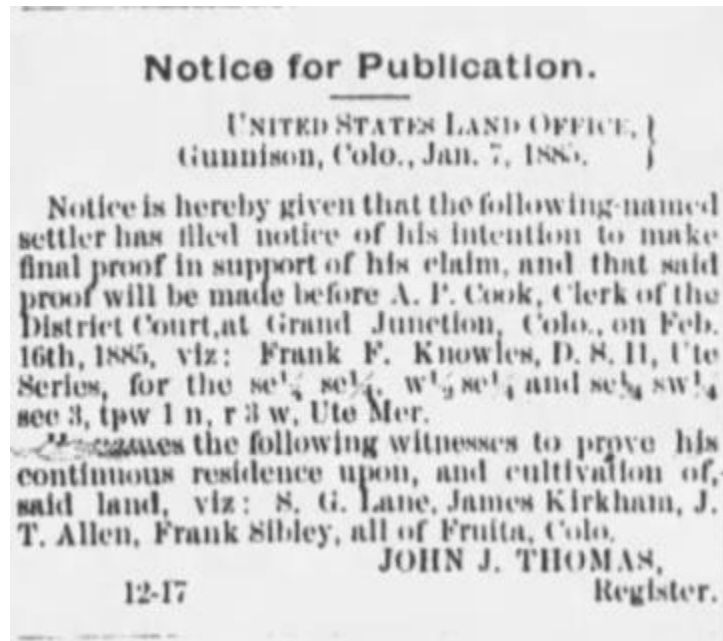
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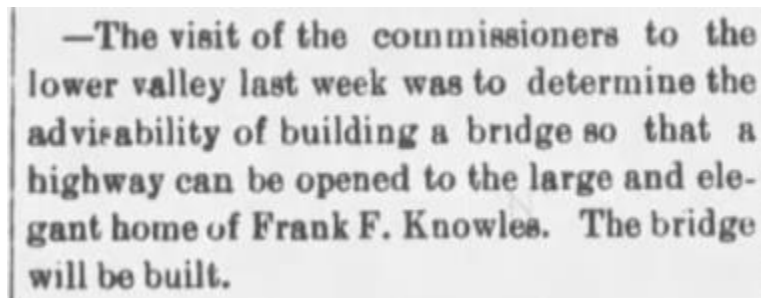
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Parents:



Homestead claim of his father Frank Fuller Knowles, 1885 – “Grand Junction (CO) News”
Saturday 14 Feb 1885 p 3



“Grand Junction (CO) News” Saturday 20 Nov 1897 p 5



“Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel” Tuesday 17 Jun 1913 p 8

Frank Knowles and son George recently arrived by auto from their home in California. They are at present visiting Mr. Knowles' daughter, Mrs. James Bertholf and family at Grand Junction. Mr. Knowles at one time made his home in Fruita, and there are many old timers who will be glad to welcome him and his son back.

"Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel" Friday 26 Oct 1923 p 9

MRS. FRANK KNOWLES DEAD.

This afternoon Mrs. Frank Knowles died at her home in the lower valley after an illness of short duration. Mrs. Knowles suffered from an abscess on the brain and on yesterday an operation was performed by Dr. Adams, of Fruita and Dr. Hanson of this city, in an effort to save Mrs. Knowles' life, but she continued to sink rapidly and this afternoon about two o'clock passed from life.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced but will probably take place at Fruita. The family is one of the most prominent of the lower valley and Mrs. Knowles is widely known in Grand Junction. A message bearing the news of her death came as a severe shock to intimate friends in this city.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Knowles, whose death was announced in the Sentinel yesterday, will take place tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock at Fruita. Interment in the Fruita cemetery. The Fruita Furniture and Undertaking company has charge of the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Knowles was widely known in the lower valley and in this city and her untimely death causes much sorrow.

Death of his mother Jennie Hickman Knowles, following brain surgery – Left: "Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel" Tuesday 1 May 1906 p 6 – Right: "Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel" Wednesday 2 May 1906 p 5

Mrs. G. R. Hurlburt and children of Onray, arrived in the city last night enroute to Fruita. Mrs. Hurlburt had been summoned to Fruita by a message stating that her sister, Mrs. Frank Knowles, was dangerously ill and not expected to live. As stated by the Sentinel yesterday Mrs. Knowles died yesterday afternoon, however, Mrs. Hurlburt did not learn of her sister's death until after reaching Grand Junction last evening. She called up Fruita by telephone to learn how her sister was and was shocked by the announcement that Mrs. Knowles had passed away during the afternoon. Mrs. Hurlburt went down to Fruita today.

Death of his mother "Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel" Wednesday 2 May 1906 p 2

Wife:

copy Form E-1

RECORD OF A LIVE BIRTH

Child's Name Helen Blume
(Print or type) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Place of Birth Troy Waldo Rural
(Town) (County) Write RURAL, if so.

Name, Hospital or Institution Troy, Me.
(If in neither, give house address)

Residence of Mother Troy Rural
(House Address) Write RURAL, if so.
Troy Me.
(P.O.) (State)

Legal Residence Troy Waldo Me.
(Town) (County) (State)

Sex of Child F. Date of Birth April 24, 1889
Mo. Da. Year

Birth was
Single ☒; Twin 1st () 2nd (); Triplet 1st () 2nd () 3rd ()

FATHER Hallett Daniel Blume
Color W. Age 33
Birthplace Lewistown, Me.
(Town) (State or Foreign Country)

Occupation Farmer
(Kind of business or industry)

MOTHER Sarah Evelyn Knowles
Color W. Age 32
Birthplace Troy Me.
(Town) (State or Foreign Country)

Other children, living Born alive, Still-born
died

Did Mother sign approval of record? Yes () No ()

Attendant Martha J. Dodge M.D.
Troy, Me. (Title)
Address Mrs. Della Vidette, aunt Date signed 1/25/53

Date record received by clerk at birthplace 1/25/53

State of Maine
I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Beth Gray
Clerk of Troy, Maine

Maine birth certificate of his wife Helen Blume Knowles -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1960/images/31515_204157-00272?pld=1703600

PEDRAZZI—In Bodega Friday, May 21, 1948, George L. Pedrazzi; dearly beloved husband of Ethel Pedrazzi; loving father of Frank Pedrazzi of Bodega and Mrs. Margaret Gordon of Lakeport; loving brother of Catherine Leete of Santa Rosa and Margaret Messier of Rhode Island; loving half-brother of Vernon Leete and John Leete of Santa Rosa, Clarence Leete of Crescent City, and Orton Leete of San Jose. A native of California.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral services at 11 a. m. Monday, May 24, from the chapel at Welti Funeral Parlors, under the auspices of Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 21, American Legion. Interment, Odd Fellows' Lawn Cemetery.

Obituary of his wife Helen Blume Pedrazzi Knowles's 1st husband, George Louis Pedrazzi –
"Santa Rosa (CA) Republican" Monday 24 May 1948 p 7

George L. Pedrazzi

George L. Pedrazzi, 60, dairy rancher, of Bodega, died Friday.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow from the Chapel at the Welti Funeral Parlors under the auspices of Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 21, American Legion.

Mr. Pedrazzi was born in San Francisco and had lived in Bodega since 1921. He was a veteran of World War 1.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Pedrazzi, by his children, Frank Pedrazzi, Bodega, and Mrs. Margaret Gordon, Lakeport; by his sisters, Catherine Leete, Santa Rosa, and Margaret Messier, Rhode Island, and his half-brothers, Vernon Leete and John Leete, Santa Rosa, Clarence Leete, Crescent City, and Orton Leete, San Jose.

Burial services will be at the I.O.O.F. Lawn Cemetery.

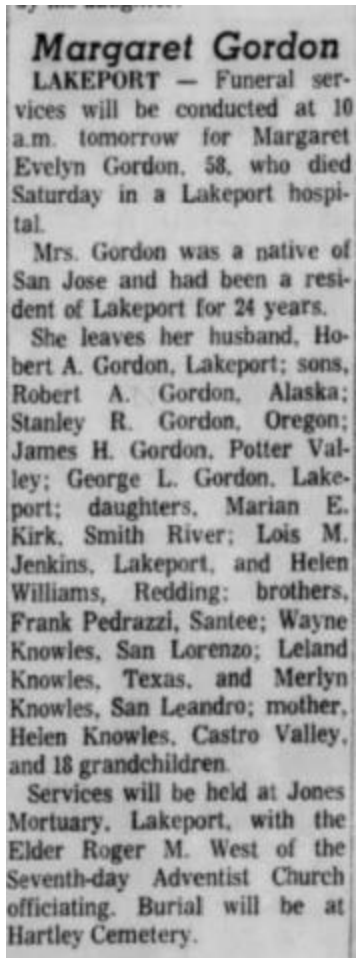
"Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat" Sunday 23 May 1948 p 6

Stepchildren:



GORDON—Margaret Evelyn Gordon was born June 27, 1907; and died in Lakeport, Calif., Dec. 18, 1965. Survivors: husband, Hobert A. Gordon; 4 sons, Robert, Richard, James, and George Gordon; 3 daughters, Marian Kirk, Lois Jenkins, and Helen Williams; and 17 grandchildren.

Left: Stepdaughter Margaret Pedrazzi Gordon, with her husband Hobart Arthur Gordon - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/168819297/person/252191785919/media/7c6995cb-fb08-4c18-88ff-cd0ea45b2191> - Right: her obituary in the "Pacific Union Recorder" 30 Jan 1967 (a Seventh-Day Adventist Church newspaper - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/168819297/person/252191785919/media/767fa011-61b7-4863-a4b7-783049a7f57d>



Obituary of stepdaughter Margaret Evelyn Pedrazzi Knowles – “Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat” Monday 20 Dec 1965 p 2

Siblings:

James Bertholf

FRUITA — James H. Bertholf, 78, longtime resident of the Western Slope, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Born in New York, Mr. Bertholf later moved to Colorado and married Anna Knowles of Fruita. He was Mesa County road supervisor here for several years before moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1926.

Survivors include Mr. Bertholf's wife Anna and two sons, Jim Jr. of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Harris of Fort Lauderdale. A third son, Bill, preceded his father in death.

Funeral services and burial will be at Fort Lauderdale.

Bertholf-Knowles Wedding.

The marriage of James H. Bertholf and Miss Anna Knowles was solemnized this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the office of Justice of the Peace Joseph P. Sweney with only a few very intimate friends present. The first of the week due to the illness of James Fisk, with whom Mr. Bertholf is so intimately associated in the county survey work.

Miss Anna Knowles is a popular Fruita girl and has many friends to wish her well on life's journey. She is accomplished, talented and a loveable young lady. Mr. Bertholf is assistant county surveyor and has been here for several months and in the valley for several years. He is well liked and is receiving the congratulations of many friends.

Left: Obituary of James Henry Bertholf, husband of his sister Anna Grace Knowles Bertholf – “Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel” Monday 12 Mar 1962 p 10 – Right: wedding of Anna Grace Knowles & James Henry Bertholf – “Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel” Saturday 7 Jun 1913 p 6



Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bertholf
announce the marriage of their sister
Ethel Knowles
to
Mr. Joe R. Snyder
on Thursday, October thirtieth
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen
Grand Junction, Colorado

Mary Ethyl Knowles was born November 8, 1898 to Franklin Fuller and Jennie Octavia Hickman Knowles in Fruita, Colorado. Other children in the family were: Anna Grace, born April 13, 1890, Robert Franklin, born Nov. 3, 1891; and George Hickman, born September 2, 1895.

Her father built the stone home in Horsethief Canyon by the Colorado River south of Loma, Colorado. The family lived in this house from 1894 until the death of Mrs. Knowles in 1906. The family lived in Fruita until 1913. Mary then went to live with her sister who had married James Bertholf, June 7, 1913. Mary worked for some time at the Fair store in Grand Junction, Colorado.

his sister Mary Ethyl Knowles Snyder - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/11016398/person/-161605091/media/6685c246-7aab-42f2-8f89-cc132072b9c2>

Wedding picture of Joe Ross Snyder and Mary Ethyl Knowles on Oct. 30, 1919. Joe was almost 23 years old, and Mary was not quite 22.

They lived in a house that Joe built in Whitewater, Colo. Joe ran a repair garage. They also provided board and room for teachers who taught in the town.

Mary Ethyl was called Ethyl and was also known by her nick name, Ted. She acquired that when she was a child as her brother, George could not pronounce Ethyl.

Children born to Joe and Ethyl were:

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) born on Sept. 4, 1920.

John Frederick, born on June 3, 1922.

William Henry, born on Sept. 18, 1931.

To the right is a replica of the statement for Joe's garage.



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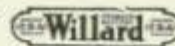
Whitewater, Colorado, 193

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Whitewater Garage

Willard Batteries

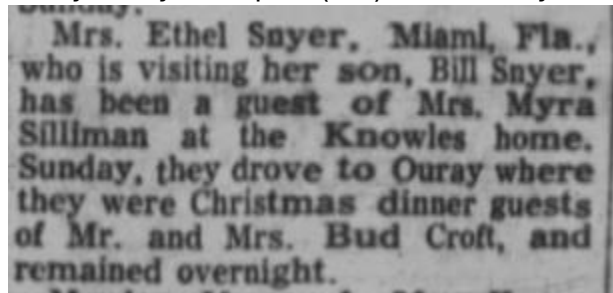


Goodyear Tires

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/11016398/person/-161605091/media/c87e8fcd-886a-4786-8d06-c6314edb47ef>



Divorce of Mary Ethel Knowles Snyder from Joseph Ross Snyder – “Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel” Thursday 6 May 1948 p 11 (left) and Sunday 28 Nov 1948 p 14 (right)



“Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel” Sunday 1 Jan 1956 p 3

Knowles, California

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Knowles (formerly, **Dusy's Rock Pile**) is an unincorporated community in Madera County, California.^[1] It is located 2 miles (3.2 km) east of Raymond,^[2] at an elevation of 928 feet (283 m).^[1]

A post office operated at Knowles from 1902 to 1955.^[2] The name honors F. E. Knowles, owner of a local granite quarry.^[2]

For a photograph of the Knowles Quarry, ca. 1905, visit
<https://calisphere.org/item/a2720ff7a2e8fa9278534195492ea588/>

Name: Robert Frank Knowles

Name variations: Frank R. Knowles

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,555

Entered service from: Raymond, Madera CA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Robert F. Knowles

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Frank Fuller Knowles, Raymond CA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Robert F. Knowles

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Frank F. Knowles, Raymond CA (pvt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Robert Frank Knowles - b. 3 Nov 1891 Las Animas CO; res: Raymond, Madera CA. Single. Engineers helper, F.E. Kowles, Knowles PO, CA. [his paternal uncle] Was a private in the US Marine Corps for 6 months. Medium height & build. World War II draft registration (1942): as Robert Frank Knowles - b. 3 Nov 1891 Las Animas CO; res: Box 174, Knowles, Madera CA. NOK Mrs. Helen Knowles, same address. Employed at Calif. Cut Stone & Granite, San Francisco CA, at Knowles, Madera CA. Height: 5'9" – weight: 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 3 Nov 1917

Discharged 11 Jun 1919

Address: Raymond CA

Rank/unit: private, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 3 Nov 1891 Las Animas, Bent CO

Died: 10 Oct 1969 Alameda, Alameda Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 73982079, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: San Bruno, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Golden Gate National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: California US Army Pvt 17 Co 20 Engineers WWI

Father: Frank Fuller Knowles, 23 Mar 1858 Troy, Waldo ME – 3 Feb 1939 Madera Co. CA. (one source claims Mesa Co. CO). Son of Robert Sprague Knowles (1821-1899) & Grace Ann Philbrook (1828-1921). Frank was in FL when his brother Milton Knowles (F:197886124) died 15 Feb 1926 in Raymond CA.

Find A Grave: 213353547

Mother: Jennie Octavia Hickman Knowles, 23 Sep 1862 KS - 28 Apr 1906 Fruita, Mesa CO.

Daughter of James Richard Hickman & Monica Octavia Darst. Died following surgery on a brain abscess. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Fruita, Mesa CO.

Find A Grave: 17292523

Parents' marriage: 24 Apr 1888 Jackson Co. MO. Frank F. Knowles was a resident of Bent Co. CA & Jennie Hickman a resident of Jackson Co. MO. They were married by a Catholic priest at St. Patrick Church.

Spouse: Helen Blume Pedrazzi Knowles, 24 Apr 1889 Troy, Waldo ME – 18 Aug 1968 Alameda Co. CA. Daughter of Hallett Daniel Blume (1856-1928, F: 197911288) & Sarah Evelyn (1857-1928, F: 197911329). Her parents died together when their house burned down to the ground.

Married in 1906 to George Louis Pedrazzi (1887 CA -1948, F: 80708716), the son of Margaretha Anne Kuhl Pedrazzi Leete. They had 2 children. At the time of his death, George was married to Ethel. He is buried in Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA, F: 80708716.

Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 3597331

Marriage: 1919 in Troy Co. NY (? – or is that Maine?)

Children:

- Wayne Kenneth Knowles, 28 Apr 1921 Fresno Co. CA – 11 May 2010. SSN 554-22-1839. On his WWII (Feb 1942) draft card, resided in Knowles, Madera CA, employed at Granite Quarry, Knowles, Madera CA, next-of-kin Mrs. R.F. Knowles of Knowles, Madera CA. Resident of San Lorenzo CA in Dec 1965 when his half-sister Margaret died. Social Security reports last residence before death in Fort Jones, Siskiyou CA.
- Leland Earl ("Lee") Knowles, 1 Jul 1925 Madera Co. CA – 18 Jul 1989 Brownfield, Terry TX (Ancestry.com family tree) or Lubbock Co. TX (TX death index). SSN 568-28-7429. When he registered for the WWII draft (Jul 1943), he was employed at Moore's Dry Dock in Oakland CA & resided with his next-of-kin [mother] Mrs. Helen Knowles, at 5935 Strobridge Ave., Hayward CA. - Married 22 Jan 1949 in Contra Costa Co. CA to Helen Ruth Bradbury. Leland was age 23, Helen was age 29. - Resident of TX in Dec 1965 when his half-sister Margaret died.
- Merlyn Knowles, 24 Mar 1930 St. Helena, Napa CA – 29 Oct 2005 Dublin, Alameda CA. SSN 561-36-4694. Resident of San Leandro CA in Dec 1965 when his half-sister Margaret died. His son Martin Douglas Knowles was b. 1961 & d. 2020.

Stepchildren: by his wife Helen's marriage to George Louis Pedrazzi

- Margaret Evelyn Pedrazzi Gordon, 27 Jun 1907 San Jose, Santa Clara CA – 18 Dec 1965 Lakeport, Lake CA. Wife of Hobert Arthur Gordon (1901 CO – 1990 CA, son of James Arthur Gordon & Wealthie Melvina Perrin). Margaret is buried in Hartley Cemetery, Lakeport, Lake CA. F: 201341571
- Frank Robert Pedrazzi, 11 Oct 1908 Madera Co. CA – 29 Aug 1986 Del Norte Co. CA. On his WWII draft registration, his address was originally written as 2300 Nadeau, Huntington, Los Angeles CA, which was crossed off with the note that as of 10/30/43 he lived at 3002 El Dorado St., Richmond CA. His NOK was Mrs. Helen Knowles of Knowles, Madera CA. He worked at Wire & Metal, 4909 Evert St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. – Husband of Norma Ellen Lyons (1906-1993, F: 50020265). Buried in Ward Memorial Cemetery, Brookings, Curry OR. F: 50020297

Siblings:

- Anna (Annie) Grace Knowles Bertholf, 27 Apr 1890 Grand Junction, Mesa CO – 12 Apr 1969 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL. Wife of James Henry Bertholf (d. age 78 in 1962 FL), whom she married 7 Jun 1913 in Mesa Co. CO. In the 1941 Miami FL city directory, James H. Bertholf (clerk) & wife Anna lived at 259 SW 13th St.
- George Hickman Knowles, 2 Sep 1895 Greeley, Weld CO – 3 Jul 1980 Grand Junction, Mesa CO. SSN 522-44-8909. Husband of Esther Lenore Silliman (1905-1989, F: 17292546) whom he married 10 Aug 1924 in Grand Junction, Mesa CO. WWII veteran. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Fruita, Mesa CO. F: 17292537
- Ethel/Ethyl Mary / Mary Ethel/Ethyl ("Ted") Knowles Snyder, 8 No 1898 (also found as 1899) Horse Shoe, Elbert CO or Fruita, Mesa CO – 26 Feb 1988 Palisade, Mesa CO. The family explains her nickname of Ted came from her brother George's attempts to pronounce her name when he was little. - Wife of Joseph Ross Snyder (family name also appears as

Schneyer) (1897-1982) whom she married 30 Oct 1919 in Grand Junction, Mesa CO. Their divorced was finalized in Nov 1948.

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168819297/person/252191775075/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” Saturday 3 Nov 1917 p 18 – 19 Madera men will appear before the [draft] exemption board for instructions before leaving for Camp Lewis. A local store will hold a reception for the departing men, among them Robert Knowles of Raymond CA.

“San Francisco (CA) Examiner” 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the survivors of Tuscania: Knowles, Robert F., private, of Raymond CA, in 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers

Post-war:

Father? Son? “Fresno (CA) Bee” Wednesday 25 Apr 1923 p 9 – the Rotary Club met in the town of quarries where Frank Knowles met them & explained the methods “used by the Knowles people” in the quarries

Obituary:

Social Security number: 572-10-6498

Censuses:

1900 Fruita, Mesa CO – conducted Jun 12 & 13, 1900

Frank F. Knowles, 42 ME, Mar 1858, parents b. ME, married 12 years, farmer

Jennie H., 37 KS, Sep 1862, father b. KY, mother b. MO, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Annie G., 10 CO, Apr 1890, at school

Robert F., 8 CO, Nov 1891, at school

George H., 4 CO, Sep 1895

Ethel M., 1 CO, Nov 1895

Martha O. Hickman, 63 MO, Jan 1833 (?1837), widow, father b. PA, mother b. VA, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living [mother-in-law]

& servant Samuel B. Melon, 61 MO, widowed, b. Apr 1839, father b. VA, mother b. TN, farm laborer

1910 Fruita, Mesa CO

Frank F. Knowles, 51 ME, widowed, parents b. ME, builder, carpentry

Anna G., 20 CO

Frank R., 18 CO, cow boy, cattle ranch

George H., 14 CO

Ethel M., 11 CO

[for the children, father b. ME, mother b. KS]

1920 Madera Co. CA – between Raymond & the Quarry

Frank R. Knowles, 28 CO, father b. ME, mother b. KS, steam engineer

Helen Knowles, 30 ME, parents b. ME [wife

Margaret E. Pedrazzi, 12 CA, father b. CA, mother b. ME [stepdaughter]

Frank R. Pedrazzi, 11 CA, father b. CA, mother b. ME [stepson]

1930 Township 4, Madera Co. CA – conducted 7 Apr 1930

Robert L. Knowles, 38 CO, parents b. ME, age 28 at 1st marriage, machinist, WWI veteran

Helen H., 40 ME, parents b. ME, age 17 at 1st marriage

Wayne K., 8 CA

Leland C., 4 years 9 months CA

Merlyn, 25 days CA

Frank R., 21 CA, laborer [son – listed with surname Knowles instead of Pedrazzi]

[for the children, father b. CO, mother b. ME – but that is not true for Frank Pedrazzi Knowles]

1940 Madera Co. CA – in same house in 1935

Robt. F. Knowles, 48 CO, laborer, WPA project

Helen, 50 ME

Wayne R., 18 CA, laborer, farm

Leland, 14 CA

Merlyn, 10 CA

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