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BURR, HUGH

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Hugh Burr was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on December 29, 1852. He was a son of Louis and Katherine (Camron) Burr.

Louis Burr was born in New York state and grew to manhood there. Louis took up the butcher trade, and he followed this business until the time he moved to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where he settled on a farm. Louis had two brothers and one sister: John, Hiram, and Sarah (Burr) Woodard.

Katherine Camron was born in Scotland. She came to America with her parents when she was a small child. They settled in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Louis Burr and Katherine Camron were married and lived in Beaver Dam. They had six children, four sons and two daughters: Frank; Hugh; Abner; William; Jane (Burr) Chisholm, deceased; and Sarah, deceased.

Hugh Burr obtained what schooling he had at the schools in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He was deprived of a chance for better education because he had to work for his father. He chopped and hauled cord wood, and helped with the farm work.

On July 4, 1876, Hugh Burr married Lillian Smith, daughter of Blanktom and Mary Ann (Webb) Smith. The ceremony took place at Fox Lake, Wisconsin.

Blanktom and Mary Ann (Webb) Smith were both born in the state of New York. Lillian had three sisters: Mrs. A. F. Kluger, Nellie (Smith) Grant of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Mrs. A. H. Waddell of Aurelia, Iowa.

Hugh and Lillian (Smith) Burr farmed at Beaver Dam until the year of 1879. Two sons, Elmer and Fred were born there. The trip from Beaver Dam to Paynesville, Minnesota, took two weeks. It was made in two covered wagons which were drawn by horses. John Chisholm and Matt Yetter made this journey with Hugh and his family. They came by the way of St. Paul, St. Cloud, and Cold Spring. They had a few difficulties to overcome on the way. There were very few bridges at that time and they had quite a time crossing the rivers. The roads were only trails and it was necessary for the travelers to wind around the trees in order to find a trail that was good enough to travel on. They had to travel many miles to find places that were suitable to cross the river. On June 13, 1879, they settled in the village of Paynesville.

Hugh Burr made his living in the early days by doing different kinds of work with his team. At that time the storekeepers would trust the farmers with the goods they bought until they harvested their crops. Then they would bring in their grain and settle up for all the things that had been bought. This grain was put in a granary and stored. Jim Haines used this method of doing business, and he employed Hugh Burr to haul supplies back for the store. When the railroads came through, Hugh was employed by the Jackson Construction Company to haul supplies from St. Cloud to Paynesville. The round trip took two days. He would leave here at noon and arrive at St. Cloud in the evening. He would load up what supplies were needed, in the morning, and on the return trip would reach Cold Springs by noon, where he would have his dinner. Then Hugh would continue on his way and reach Paynesville by six o'clock. He did this work from the first of April until the end of August, for then the contract

was completed on the Great Northern. The Jackson Camp was then moved to South Haven, Minnesota where they held a contract for the Soo Line. Hugh was offered a job with them, but refused because he says it cost too much for board and room there.

Going to church on Sundays, and visiting with their neighbors was the only form of entertainment the Burrs had.

Hugh Burr was road supervisor in the village of Paynesville and also in Paynesville township. Besides this, he did all his own farm work.

Hugh and Lillian (Smith) Burr were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters: Elmer, Fred, Frank, John, Sidney, Howard, Carrie, Ethel, Agnes, Olive, Hazel, and Florence.

Elmer, the oldest son, was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on May 12, 1877. He came west with his parents and has made his home here in Paynesville ever since. He married Martha Miller, daughter of Mike M. and Wilhimena (Miller) Miller, September 28, 1904. Six children were born to them, five of which are living. They are: Dorothy; Oliver; Harold; Thelma (deceased); Lloyd; and Eugene. Elmer Burr is employed in the well-digging business.

Fred Burr, was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin on April 16, 1878. He lives in Paynesville township.

Frank, was born in Paynesville June 19, 1880. He married Carrie M. Mathers March 20, 1912 and they have two sons, James and Gerald. Carrie (Mathers) Burr was born June 19, 1873; passed away February 22, 1921 at her home. She is buried in the Paynesville Cemetery.

Frank Burr, married Delia S. Schmidt, daughter of August and Elmira (Jacobs) Schmidt. To this marriage were born five children: Robert E., Lloyd A., Violet V., Thomas G., and Donald J. They were all born in the village of Paynesville. Frank is employed at the North American Creamery Company.

Carrie Burr, was born June 9, 1882, in Paynesville, Minnesota. She married August F. Blakely on December 16, 1903. August was the son of Hugh and Justina Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Blakely. August was born April 12, 1871 in Roseville township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. August and Carrie (Burr) Blakely have three daughters, who are; Beatrice L., born October 11, 1904; Bernice M., born July 15, 1906; and Margaret B., who was born July 25, 1909. All three were born in Paynesville.

John Burr was born in Paynesville on March 14, 1884. He lives at Arnigard, North Dakota.

Ethel Burr, was born February 22, 1886 at Paynesville. She married George Broose and they have four children: Hazel; Hattie; Glen; and Robert. They live at Ray, North Dakota.

Agnes Burr, was born April 14, 1888 at Paynesville. She lives at home with her father and sister, Florence.

Olive Burr, was born January 24, 1891 at Paynesville. She married Sam Rein and they have four children: Betty; Robert; Roger; and Samuel. One child died in infancy. They live at Lemmon, South Dakota.

Sidney Burr, was born February 15, 1892 at Paynesville. He married Laura Rose, daughter of John Rose, on March 18, 1924. They have one child, Glen. They live at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Hazel Burr, was born in Paynesville on April 10, 1894. She married Walter Schwandt, son of Julius Schwandt of Paynesville township. They have three children: Hubert; Evelyn; and Betty. They lived at Paynesville until the fall of 1936 when they moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota where Walter is employed.

Howard Burr, was born July 15, 1895 in Paynesville. He married Esther Anderson in September 1918. They have four boys: Wilton; Sherwin, Floyd and Eugene. They are living in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Florence Burr, was born in Paynesville, March 17, 1897. She is living at home with her father, and Agnes, her older sister.

Louis and Katherine (Camron) Burr died in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin and were buried there.

Lillian (Smith) Burr died November 3, 1929, and was buried in the Paynesville cemetery. She is survived by her husband and all twelve children.

Interviewed: Hugh Burr
Date: May 17, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

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BURR, HUGH (ADDITION)

John Burr was born in Paynesville, Minnesota, March 14, 1884. It was here that he received his education and grew to manhood. In 1909 John moved to Arnegard, North Dakota where on January 28th of the same year he was united in marriage to Edith Pieper. They had one child, Lillian May, she was married in 1928 to Christ Anderson, of Blue River, Wisconsin. They have two children, Louise Jane and Lindy Joyce. Edith (Pieper) Burr passed away, May 5, 1934. The following year, 1935, John Burr was married for the second time to Emma Olson, of Temple, North Dakota, and they have one child, John Willard. They are now living at Arnegard, North Dakota.

Interviewed: John Burr
Date: August 30, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HUGH BURR BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Burr	Apr. 18, 1888	Paynesville	Hugh Burr	32
2. Baby Burr	Jan. 24, 1891	"	" "	36
3. Howard Burr	July 15, 1895	"	" "	41
4. Florence Burr	Mar. 5, 1897	"	" "	42
5. Baby Burr	Apr. 30, 1894	"	" "	41

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Lily Burr	30	B	120	32	Female
2. " "	29	(1891)B1	170	1	Female
3. " "	40	(1895)B5	212	1	Male
4. Lillian Burr	39	(1897)B7	241	1	Female
5. " "	39	(1894)B4	197	1	

DEATH RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 22 LINE 477

Lillian Burr Born January 1, 1855 in Wisconsin

Daughter of L. Smith and May Webber

Died November 3, 1929

Age 74 years 10 months and 2 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 16 LINE 402

Carrie May Burr Born in New York June 19, 1873

Daughter of Frank Mather, mother unknown

Died February 22, 1921

Age 47 years 8 months and 3 days

BURR, HUGH

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

AFFIRMED:

The birth of Agnes Burr, April 14, 1888 is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

The birth of Hazel Burr, April 10, 1894 is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

The birth of Florence Burr, March 17, 1897 is correct as stated in the biography.

ADDITION

Reinterviewed: Agnes and Florence Burr
Date: September 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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No 1860 Census Records

BIRTH RECORDS

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S AGE</u>
Baby Burr, (f)	April 18, 1888	Paynesville	32
Baby Burr, (f)	January 24, 1891	Paynesville	36
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Lilliam Burr	30	Hugh Burr	B	120	32
Lillian Burr	29	Hugh Burr	B-1	170	1
Lillian Burr	39	Hugh Burr	B-4	197	1
Lillian Burr	40	Hugh Burr	B-5	212	1
Lillian Burr	39	Hugh Burr	B-7	241	1