

Post WWII / Pre-Korean War Veterans concluded --- Korean era begins



Hoffmann & Wheeler lumberyard in Maxwell, Iowa.



Terry Wheeler & Donald McIntosh



David & Clara Wheeler Thanksgiving November 27, 1958



David Winfield Wheeler, Madeline Martha Wheeler, Homer Gee Bishop
Taken by the Bishop family orange trees in Modesto, California

We just finished featuring 13 Veterans who served after WWII and before the Korean Conflict began.

The Korean armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, and was designed to ensure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement was achieved.

No final peaceful settlement has been achieved to date. The signed armistice established the Korean Demilitarized Zone (de facto a new border between the two nations), put into force a cease-fire, and finalized repatriation of prisoners of war.

The Demilitarized Zone runs not far from the 38th parallel, which separated North and South Korea before the war.

During the Cold War, North Korea was backed by the Soviet Union, China, and other Communist states, and South Korea was backed by the United States and its allies. The division of Korea occurred at the end of World War Two in 1945. Tensions erupted into the Korean War in 1950.

Congress never declared war against Korea so technically this war has been defined as the Korean Conflict.

Korean era Veterans

As we go through the alphabetical listing of names and your name is NOT included, please let me know immediately.

Better yet, if we have never been in contact, or even if we have but you have not submitted pictures and information - now is the time. Please don't wait!!!

With well over 1000 Manning connected Veterans to find pictures and information for, my job is monumental and I can use all the help I can get.

#1 Mick Addison (no military pictures, only the obituary)

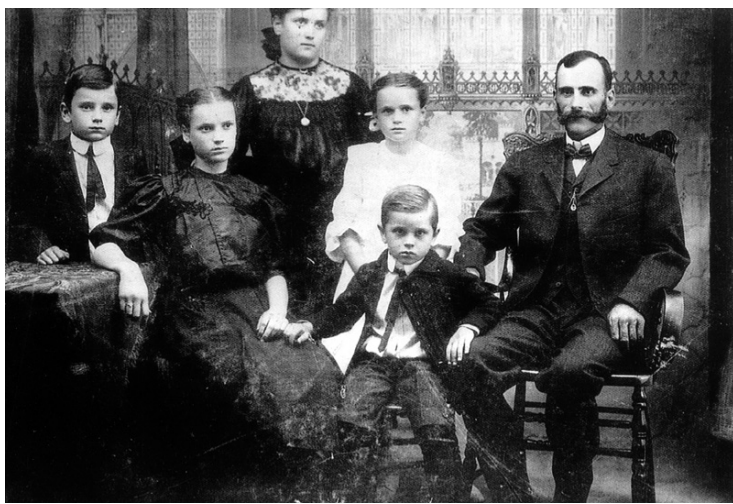
Addison was another common and prominent family name in early Manning history and now has completely disappeared from Manning.

I have just one picture of the Addison family but it was scanned from a facsimile copy so the quality is very poor.

There was a Dr. Addison who was a veterinarian and Cecilia Addison married into the Nickum family.

Fern Addison and Robert R. Addison are the only Addisons buried in the Manning Cemetery - with the Addison name.

From Mick Addison's obituary: Mick was the son of Fern and Meta (Christensen) Addison. He was with the former Manning High School of 1949. Mick served in the United States Army from 1949 to 1952. On December 21, 1951, he married Patricia Best at Glidden. They have three boys: Bruce, Brian, and Brad. Mick is buried in the Lanseboro Cemetery.



Not sure of order: Winfried, Ruby, Elsie, Cecilia married Si Nickum, Fern, William married Elsie Rogers

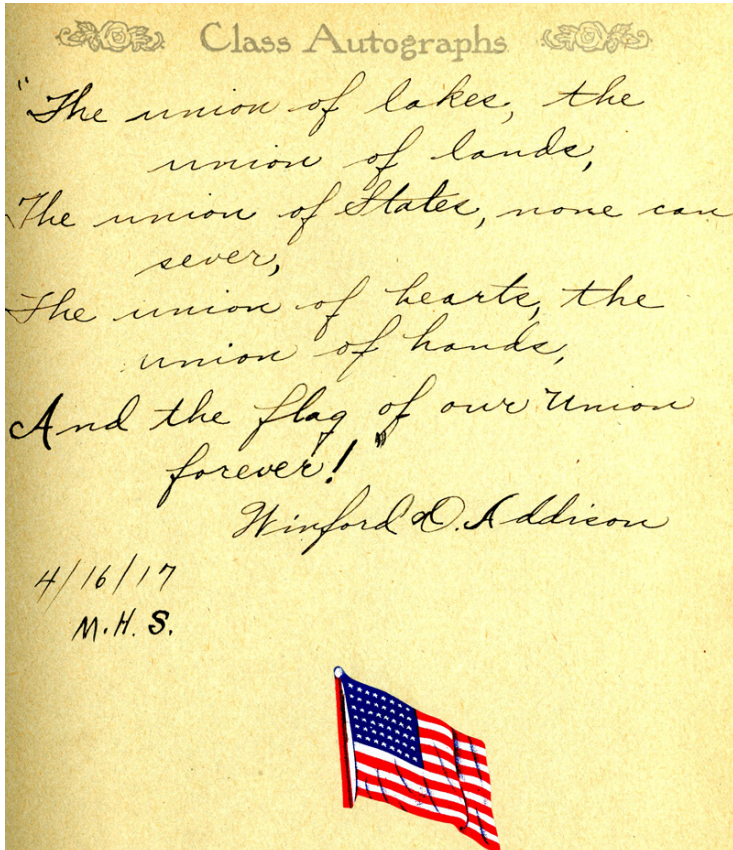


Cecelia (Addison) Nickum on right at the Woodland Park Reptile Gardens at Woodland Park, Colorado, that she and her husband, Lawrence "Si" Nickum built and managed.



Winford Addison - WWI

The image above is a perfect example of a low resolution scan. I received it years ago from a person out of state. I'm trying to re-connect with them again to see if they would send the original photo to me or re-scan it at a higher resolution.



Winford Addison graduated from MHS in 1917. He gave the farewell address at the Jr-Sr banquet right before many of the boys would head off to war. Above is his autograph and message to a classmate of his - which is a quote from George Pope Morris

Note how he felt about the United States and the US flag. The union of the lakes, the union of lands; The union of States, none can sever. The union of hearts, the union of hands; And the flag of our Union forever! Winford D. Addison 4/16/1917 Manning High School

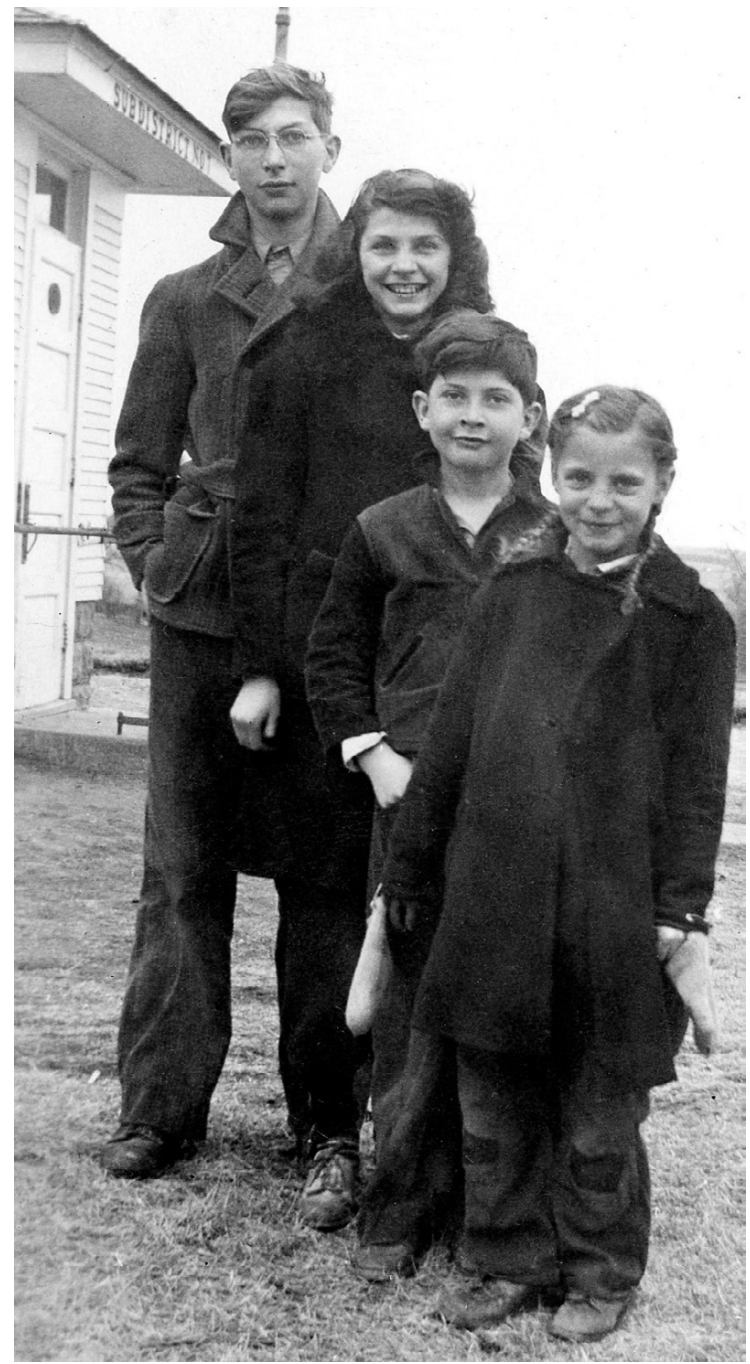
September 1, 1949 Bill Addison Discharged From Army Service

(By Mrs. Merlin Beese) Gray, Iowa, August 30, 1949. Donald David from San Diego naval base arrived home Saturday evening for his furlough.

Bill Addison, son of Mrs. Herb Rudnick, received his honorable discharge from the army last week. He served three years in service, and two years were spent overseas.

This newspaper article mentions another Addison who served. His mother was Mrs. Herb Rudnick. I wonder if he actually has Manning connections?

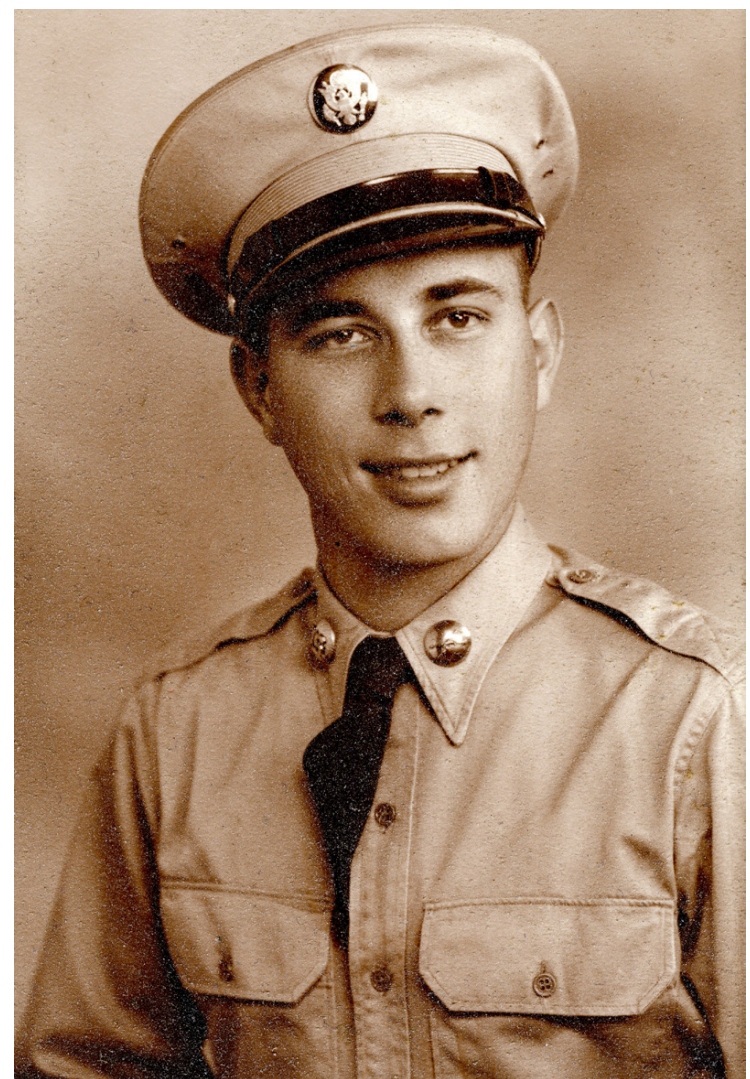
#2 Laverne Balk (no military pictures or information) Laverne's name is listed on the Memorial Day program



1945-46 LaVerne, Marlene, LeRoy, Dorene: The Balk kids attended Ewoltdt No. 5 (Wiese) school for several years.

#3 Gilbert Bandow (no military pictures or information) Gilbert's name is listed on the Memorial Day program

#4 Louis Boell (several military pictures, formal write-up)



Louis, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boell, was inducted into the US Army on March 8, 1951. He was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas for basic training. In December of 1951 his unit was sent to Ft. Lawton, Washington, to prepare to be transferred overseas to Korea. This was during the Korean War conflict. After a week at Ft. Lawton, on December 26, 1951, they boarded a Navy troop ship bound for Korea. The seas were rough and they encountered terrible storms and everyone on board was sick, including the sailors. After a week on the stormy seas they pulled into the harbor at Whittier, Alaska. There Louis was told that his orders had changed. While the rest of the troops would be going on to Korea, he was told to disembark and he boarded a narrow gauge train bound for Ladd Air Force Base at Fairbanks, Alaska.

When he arrived in Fairbanks he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division. Their mission was to guard the base for 48 hours in case of attack until backup forces could arrive. He was assigned to the Heavy Mortar Company. Days were spent going out to the field on training missions where they were trained to traverse the mountainous terrain over the ice and snow on cross country skis and practice target shooting with 4.2 heavy mortars. These were loaded by hand and one day one of the cannons jammed. When it finally went off it exploded and sparks flew out. Louis was hit in the face with the shrapnel. Temperatures during this time of years were frequently as cold as 60 degrees below zero. Annual snowfall averaged 60 inches. Once it started snowing, it did not melt again until the spring thaw. But, there was hardly any wind, the snow would fall straight down and pile up where it fell.

After three months in the Heavy Mortar Company he was transferred to the motor pool. The motor pool at Ladd was responsible for hauling ammunition from the train to the planes at the Air Force base...Louis' write-up concludes next week.

Boell Veteran family history continues on January 16