

Rosina Steckel and John Stocker

Descendants of George Steckel and Mary Raub

He married Mary Virginia Clifton on 26 December 1891, daughter of George Clifton and Annie Richards. She was born 05 September 1875 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was the first person in Las Vegas to get a gambling license. She opened the Northern Club on Freemont Street, a soft-drink emporium, and brought her son in to deal since hardly anybody knew how in those days. The club changed names include the Exchange Club and the Rainbow Club. She leased the place to Wilbur Clank and changed the name to Monte Carlo Club. She died 12 December 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Their children:

1. Lester Wellington Stocker
2. Clarence Clifton Stocker
3. Harold J. Stocker

B9.5.1 Lester Wellington Stocker⁴⁸¹ was born 16 November 1892 in Reading, Pennsylvania. He was a profession gambler and is credited for getting wide-open gambling legalized in Nevada. In 1917 he was in Prison according to his World War I draft registration card. He died in 1934 in Nevada.

He married Ann W. Nordmark. She was born in Sweden. Lester is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Las Vegas, Nevada.

B9.5.2 Clarence Clifton Stocker⁴⁸² was born 10 April 1894 in Reading Pennsylvania. He operated the Northern Hotel that occupied the second floor of the Northern Club owned by his mother. He died 22 June 1951 in Los Angeles, California.

He married Marie. He was cremated in San Bernardino.

B9.5.3 Harold J. Stocker⁴⁸³ was born 08 March 1902. He served active duty in the coastal defense at San Pedro, California, during World War I. He learned to deal while he was 17 in Tijuana. He was co-owner in the distilling business, and sold the surplus to other Las Vegas Clubs. He got out of the gambling and whiskey business when it came fully legal. He built and operated the Chief Autel Court and apartment buildings. He was instrumental in the rural electrification and fiscal reform in Las Vegas while on the County Commission. He also advocated legalizing practically all victimless crimes and specifically prostitution. He died January 1983 in Las Vegas.

He was married to (1) Geraldine, She was born 19 February 1905. She was on the Nevada GOP board for Barry Goldwater. She died May 1983.

He married (2) May. There may have been a third wife but not sure where she fit in.

B9.6 Howard Raymond Stocker⁴⁸⁴ was born 19 December 1884. He was a civil Engineer for the Federal Government. He died 16 January 1961 in Bethesda Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland.

He married Jennifer Trevenning Goodhart. She was born 29 September 1884.

Their children:

1. Frederick Nichols Stocker
2. John Frederick Stocker

B9.6.1 Frederick Nichols Stocker was born 22 November 1914 and died 25 November 1914. He is buried in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading Pennsylvania.

B9.6.2 John Frederick Stocker was born 05 February 1917, and died young.

⁴⁸¹ Obituary, Las Vegas Nevada Evening Review Journal, LasVegas, Nv. Monday 17 December 1934, Page 1

⁴⁸² Obituary, Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nv. June 26, 1951, Page 8

⁴⁸³ Obituary, Las Vegas Review.Journal, 10 Januray 1983, Page 8

⁴⁸⁴ Obituary, Easton Express, Wednesday, January 18, 1961, Page 18