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Paul and his mother, Esther Humphreys Sprinkle.

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Paul and his father, Gollie Benton Sprinkle, 1922.

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Left to right, David, Esther, Mary and Paul in Denver, May 1932. There had been a terrible explosion where Paul's Uncle Ben was working. He suffered severe burns and died shortly after the accident. Paul and his Uncle Ben were very close, and it really shook him up.



Paul's mother Esther and her mother, Kittie Clyde Muncie Humphreys.

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P. O. Box 702
Cheyenne, Wyoming
May 11, 1948

Mr. J. J. Daly, Master Mechanic
Union Pacific Railroad
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Your letter request of May 7th, at hand. The following facts seem to be the information desired.

I was born November 7, 1894, near Glen Allen (Walker County) Alabama. I served in the Army of the United States from April 18, 1917 to July 31, 1919, attaining rank as "Sergeant First Class Senior Grade" with Co. A, 142 Infantry, 36th Division.

I attended common grade schools in Alabama and Arkansas; high school at "Hot Springs High School", Hot Springs, Arkansas; Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Majored in Electrical Engineering. Graduated from "Bliss Electrical School" Washington D. C. in 1923.

I was then employed by Union Gas and Electric Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio for three years as Construction Engineer.

I was then employed by Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. at Pueblo, Colorado for three years as Armature Winder.

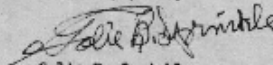
I traveled as Construction Serviceman for General Electric Co. of Denver, Colorado until the completion of the Monolith Portland Cement Company plant near Laramie, Wyoming in July 1929.

I went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad Co. August 12, 1929. Since which date, my service for the railroad has been unbroken to date.

Being discharged July 31, 1919, I was married August 14, 1919 to Miss Lydia Esther Humphreys at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Born to our union were four children, two sons and two daughters, Paul G.B. Jr., 28, Maintenance Mechanic U.S. Civil Service at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.; the youngest son James O.D., 19, is farming near Royal, Arkansas; oldest daughter is May E.G., 17, junior student at Senior High School in Cheyenne, Wyoming; youngest daughter Kattie R.L., 13, seventh grade at Junior High School, Cheyenne, Wyoming

I am affiliated with "Church of God of The Abrahamic Faith" at Oregon, Illinois; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #775 at Cheyenne, Wyoming; Disabled American Veterans, Cheyenne Chapter #2 at Cheyenne, Wyo.; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Warren Post No. 1881, Cheyenne, Wyo.; South Pueblo #31 A.F. & A.M., Pueblo, Colorado; Wyoming Chapter #1 E.A.M., Cheyenne, Wyoming; Wyoming Commandary #1 K.T., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Cordially yours,


Gollie B. Sprinkle
Electrician

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Paul's sister Mary provided the following information about Paul's family, much of which she acquired from a cousin Linda in Alabama, a granddaughter of Paul's Aunt Gertie. Linda's mother was Aunt Gertie's daughter Louise who died two or three years ago.

On his dad's side, the Sprinkle family, Paul's great-great-great grandfather, Peter Sprencel, was born in 1704 in Rheinland Pfalz, Germany. He died in 1759 and is buried in York County, Pennsylvania. He and his wife (maiden name unknown) possibly immigrated to Ireland with their three children, Michael, Peter II and George. (Paul's father Golie and Aunt Gertie told stories of their ancestors coming from Ireland.)

In 1734 Peter Sprencel II, Paul's great-great-great grandfather, was born, and in 1770, his son Samuel Sprencle (note the different spelling), Paul's great-great grandfather, was born in Surry County, North Carolina. Samuel and his wife Ruth Norman further changed the spelling of the family name to Sprinkle for all of their eleven children. In 1822 their fifth child Nathan Sprinkle, Paul's great-grandfather was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Nathan married Sophia Dozier, and one of their sons, John Henry Sprinkle was Paul's grandfather.

Paul's grandparents (his Dad's parents) were

John Henry Sprinkle	Born May 15, 1872	Died Nov. 11, 1934 and
Emma Louise Wilbanks	Born August 30, 1870	Died Feb. 7, 1910.

They married December 21, 1893. They had five children:

Golie Benton Sprinkle	Born Nov. 7, 1894	Died April 16, 1953
James Olen	Born Aug. 27, 1898	Died April 30, 1945
Gertrude Prudence	Born Sept. 27, 1903	Died Nov. 22, 1994
Arnold Henry	Born Feb. 4, 1902	Died as an infant Nov. 2, 1902
John	Born Sept. 10, 1905	Died as an infant Oct. 28, 1905.

Emma died when Golie was only sixteen years old. After Emma's death, John Henry Sprinkle married a lady named Delphia Ann (Donahue) Boston and they had five children: Desdie Mae Sprinkle, Elsie, Cecil, Virginia and Margaret (birth and death dates unknown.)

On Paul's Mother's side, the Humphreys family, his mother Lydia Esther's parents were Kittie Clyde (Muncrief) Humphreys Born December 14, 1869 Died Nov. 28, 1950 and Richard Alexander Humphreys Born November 4, 1855 Died Aug. 15, 1935.

Kittie and Richard married May 13, 1892. They had 12 children:

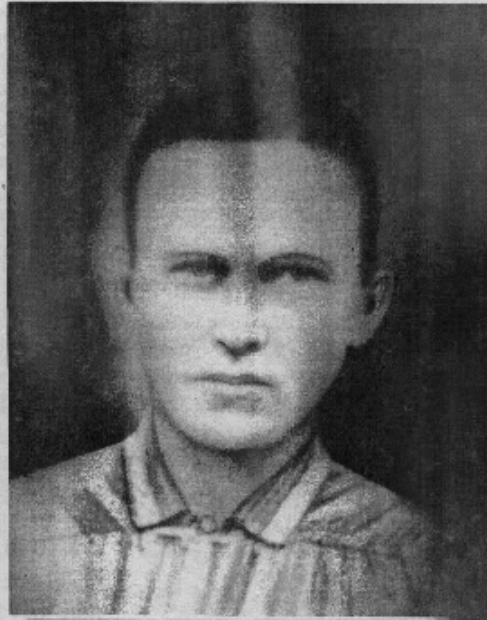
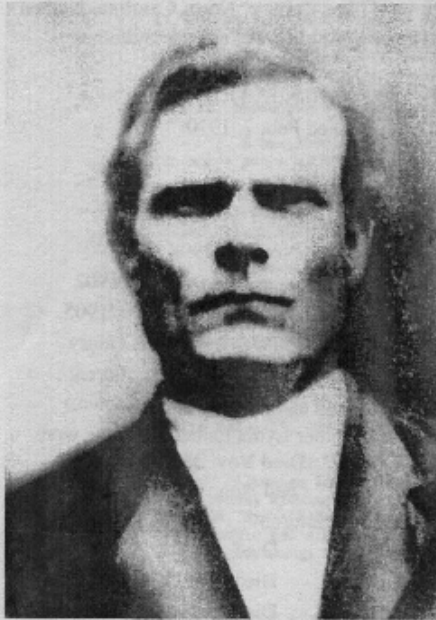
Daniel Muncrief Humphreys	Born April 16, 1893	Died April 7, 1910
Lydia Esther	Born October 16, 1894	Died Sept. 30, 1992
William David	Born May 3, 1896	Died Aug. 18, 1909
Samuel Joseph	Born October 18, 1897	Died ?
Thomas Gabriel	Born February 14, 1899	Died Feb. 5, 1911
Ruth Elizabeth	Born November 30, 1900	Died May 11, 1954
Jesse Lee	Born September 18, 1902	Died Dec. 2, 1979

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Richard Benjamin	Born July 20, 1904	Died May 22, 1932
John Reuben	Born June 22., 1906	Died ?
Rachel Anna	Born August 30, 1908	Died ?
Mary Catherine	Born October 19, 1910	Died May 4, 1984
Sarah Olive	Born September 3, 1912	Died ?

Paul's parents Golie Benton Sprinkle and Lydia Esther Humphreys married on August 14, 1919. They had four children:

Paul Golie Benton	Born April 25, 1920	Died October 18, 2003
James Olen David	Born July 1, 1928	Living
Mary Esther Gertie	Born March 2, 1931	Living
Kittie Ruth Louisa	Born January 20, 1935	Died Feb. 12, 1974.



Paul's grandparents on his dad's side, John Henry Sprinkle and Emma Louise Wilbanks.

Dolores Baker Gilland, Paul's Aunt Gertie's youngest daughter who is still living in Jasper, Alabama, wrote the following: "The grandparents of Nathan Sprinkle came as immigrants from Ireland to America by ship across the Atlantic. Nathan's son, John Henry Sprinkle, is of particular interest to

me, because he was my grandfather. I have no knowledge of most of those children (John Henry's siblings), but I do have a little knowledge of a few of them. John's brother Billy Sprinkle drove a wagon train west from the Carolinas. He never returned. Jim Sprinkle fell in love with and married a Pawnee Indian maiden. She was called by the nieces and nephews Aunt Pawn. I don't know what her name was. John Henry Sprinkle bargained with a Mr. Wilbanks from Alabama to help drive a wagon train west. The group was to leave from Alabama and go west. John Henry left the Carolinas and came to Alabama for the trip west. He at some point fell in love with the wagon master's daughter, Emma Louise Wilbanks, married her and settled in Alabama.

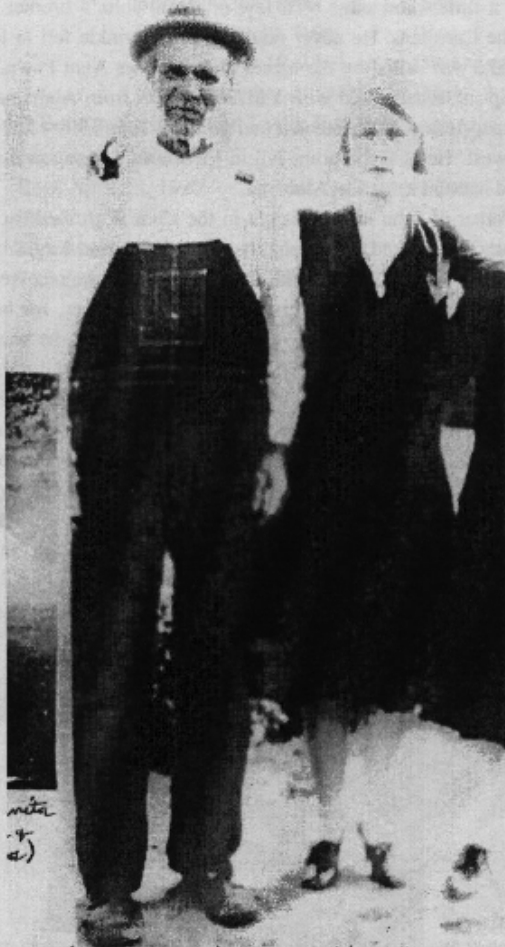
Nathan Sprinkle, father of John Henry, fought in the Civil War, the War Between the States, on the side of the Confederacy. He walked, and probably rode a horse part way, from his homestead to the battle front to fight in the war. After a few months on the battle front he received word that his beloved wife Sophia was seriously ill. He requested permission to go visit her, for he feared she would die before he could see her. He was denied permission to go to her. Well, he was determined to see her before she died, so he went A.W.O.L. He walked many, many miles through forest and wilderness, keeping out of sight, to get to her bedside. He arrived safely after several days and nights of walking.

Upon seeing him, his wife's serious condition began to mend. She did not die. Later, while he was there with her, someone brought word that soldiers were approaching nearby. He ran out of the old log home into the woods behind the house. It was almost dark and he hid either behind a hollow log or inside it, I don't know which, while the Confederate soldiers searched for him. During their search, two of the soldiers stepped over the log where he lay and never saw him. They finally gave up the search and left. He spent a short time with his beloved wife (now on the mend) and then returned voluntarily to the battle front where he remained in battle until the end of the war."



Paul's Aunt Gertie, Golie's little sister.

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Paul's grandfather John Henry Sprinkle
with his second wife Delphia Ann Donahue Boston.

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