

Descendants of Jacob AYRESMAN

Generation 1

1. **JACOB¹ AYRESMAN** was born on 30 Jul 1825 in Germany. He died on 12 Mar 1899 in Ford, Illinois, USA. He married **JULIA ANN MACK**. She was born on 22 Mar 1836 in Germany. She died on 16 Apr 1927 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA.

Jacob AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Jacob AYRESMAN:

Jacob left his Amish family and moved to America in 1836.

Julia Ann MACK was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Jacob AYRESMAN and Julia Ann MACK had the following children:

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 - i. **WILLIAM HOSEA² AYRESMAN** was born on 25 Jul 1854 in McLean, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 Jan 1934 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He married Nancy Jane FAWVER, daughter of Solomon FAWVER, on 09 Mar 1880 in Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, USA.
 - ii. **EMMA ISADOR AYRESMAN** was born on 21 Sep 1856 in Bloomington, McLean, Illinois, USA. She died on 13 May 1928 in Sullivan, Livingston, Illinois, USA. She married GRANT STOUFFER.

Emma Isador AYRESMAN was buried in Fooseland, Champaign, Illinois, USA (Mount Hope Cemetery).

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 - iii. **STEPHEN ARNOLD AYRESMAN** was born on 18 Jan 1859 in Stanford, McLean, Illinois, USA. He died on 01 Apr 1935 in Drummer, Ford, Illinois, USA (aged 76y). He married Emma FAWVER, daughter of Solomon FAWVER, on 29 Dec 1883 in Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born on 22 May 1858 in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, USA. She died on 10 Oct 1935 in Drummer, Ford, Illinois, USA (Aged 77y).
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 - iv. **ALBERT P AYRESMAN** was born in Apr 1861 in Illinois. He died in Nov 1937. He married KATHERINE SIMON.
 - v. **ALANSON C AYRESMAN** was born in 1864. He died in 1909.

Alanson C AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).
 - vi. **THOMAS AYRESMAN** was born in 1867. He died on 30 Jun 1928 in Ford, Illinois, USA.

Thomas AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).
 - vii. **FRANK E AYRESMAN** was born in 1872 in Illinois. He married Maud M RHODES, daughter of Newton RHODES and Maggie CASTILE, on 01 Jul 1900 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born in 1878 in Illinois.

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2. **WILLIAM HOSEA² AYRESMAN** (Jacob¹) was born on 25 Jul 1854 in McLean, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 Jan 1934 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He married Nancy Jane FAWVER, daughter of Solomon FAWVER, on 09 Mar 1880 in Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, USA.

William Hosea AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

William Hosea AYRESMAN and Nancy Jane FAWVER had the following children:

- i. **MYRTLE F³ AYRESMAN** was born in Oct 1884 in Illinois. She died in Oct 1949 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She married Henry W WILKEN, son of Gerhardt C WILKEN and Anna Margaretha FERRIS, on 11 Aug 1908 in Bloomington, McLean, Illinois, USA. He was born on 24 May 1888 in Illinois. He died on 25 Jan 1963.

Henry W WILKEN was counted in the census in 1900 in Drummer, Ford, Illinois,

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USA (with parents). He was counted in the census in 1910 in Cheney Grove, McLean, Illinois, USA (with wife Myrtle). He was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Henry W WILKEN:
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- ii. CLARENCE ROY AYRESMAN was born on 22 Apr 1886 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 10 Nov 1944 in Gibson, Ford, Illinois. He married Beulah Blanche HUFFMAN, daughter of Michael Robert HUFFMAN and Grace Lettita BRANDENBURG, on 03 Jan 1911 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born on 19 Apr 1889 in Sibley, Ford, Illinois, USA. She died on 17 Jan 1975 in Clinton, De Witt, Illinois, USA.

Clarence Roy AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Beulah Blanche HUFFMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Beulah Blanche HUFFMAN:
18 Jan 1975, Gibson City, Illinois, Mrs. Ayresman, Gibson City (PNS) - Mrs. Beulah Ayresman, 85, died at 7:04 a.m. Friday at the Crestview Nursing Home, Clinton. She had been a resident of the nursing home since March 1974. Her funeral will be 3.p.m. Sunday at the Lamb Funeral Home, Gibson City, the Rev. Roger Boyd officiating. Burial will be in Drummer Township Cemetery. Visitation will be after noon Sunday at the funeral home. Mrs. Ayresman was born April 19, 1889, near Sibley, a daughter of Michael R. and Grace L. Brandenburg Huffman. She was married to Clarence Ayresman Jan. 3, 1911 in Gibson City. He died in November, 1944. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Arthur Baker, McLean. A son, a daughter, three brothers and a sister also preceded her in death. During their early married life the couple lived at Terry, Montana and later in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was a licensed minister of the Open Bible Church. They had been in Gibson City since 1942. Source: FindAGrave

- iii. LOREN VERNON AYRESMAN was born on 07 Mar 1891. He died on 06 Oct 1917 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He married Helen VANSCHOYCK on 12 Feb 1913 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born in 1893 in Saybrook, McLean, Illinois, USA.

Loren Vernon AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Loren Vernon AYRESMAN:
Fireman Ayresman, of Chicago, one of the most popular employees on the Wabash system, was instantly killed, Saturday morning, October 6, 1917, when his head was almost torn off as passenger train No. 18 was entering a subway in the outskirts of Chicago. After firing the engine, Ayresman stuck his head out the window, not knowing how near the subway was. Ayresman had been in the Wabash service for ten years and had made many friends in Decatur and at other points along his run. The fact that he held a position on No. 18, one of the best trains on the system, shows his interest in the work. Source: FindAGrave

5. iv. ERMEST MCKINLEY AYRESMAN was born on 09 Apr 1895 in Illinois. He died on 20 Jun 1924 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He married LEOTA POWELL.
 - v. FRANK LEWIS AYRESMAN.
 - vi. SOLOMON AYRESMAN.
3. **STEPHEN ARNOLD² AYRESMAN** (Jacob¹) was born on 18 Jan 1859 in Stanford, McLean, Illinois, USA. He died on 01 Apr 1935 in Drummer, Ford, Illinois, USA (aged 76y). He married Emma FAWVER, daughter of Solomon FAWVER, on 29 Dec 1883 in Ford, Illinois, USA. She was born on 22 May 1858 in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, USA. She died on 10 Oct 1935 in Drummer, Ford, Illinois,

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USA (Aged 77y).

Stephen Arnold AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Stephen Arnold AYRESMAN:

Ayresman, Steve (Emma Fawver) Ch Lee, Elton; Gibson City R2 Drummer Sec17R7 O5a Gibson Home Tel. Co. Gibson (1885) Source: Prairie Farmers Directory

Stephen Arnold Douglas (April 23, 1813 - June 3, 1861) was an American politician from Illinois. He was a U.S. Representative, a U.S. Senator, and the Democratic Party nominee for President in the 1860 election, losing to Republican Abraham Lincoln.

Obituary

Stephen Ayresman Stephen Ayresman, a pioneer citizen of Ford county, died at his home in Derby at 2:00 a.m., on Monday, April 1, aged 76 years, 2 months and 13 days. He had been in failing health for some time. Stephen Ayresman, son of Jacob and Julia Ayresman, was born Jan. 18, 1859, at Stanford, Illinois, and was one of a family of eight children. When he was nine years old the family moved to Ford County and made their home in the Derby neighborhood. He grew to young manhood in this community, and on Dec. 29, 1883 was united in marriage to Miss Emma Fawver, of Saybrook and they established their home north-west of Derby, where he farmed for five years. Following this he moved to Derby and for several years was manager of the J.H. Holmes grain elevator. In 1904 he took charge of the business of the Gibson City Farmers' Elevator, which he conducted with splendid success for nineteen years. When he left this business in 1923 he again took up his work on the farm which he continued until about five years ago when his failing health compelled his retirement. In all of his business affairs Mr. Ayresman was a man of highest integrity, and scrupulously honest, and he held the confidence of all of his associates. In his community it always was a pleasure to him if he could do some kindly service for some of his friends, and always was ready to help them when trouble and sorrow came to their homes. In these ways he endeared himself to all, so that among the younger people he was known as Uncle Steve. He loved his home, and found his greatest joy in the affection and companionship of the family circle. When his two sons were married their wives were received as though they were his own daughters. While a Sunday school was conducted at Derby he was a faithful worker, and for years conducted the singing, for he loved music. among fraternal orders he has been a member of Hesperon Lodge, No. 123, Knights of Pythias for many years. His last illness was of about six weeks duration, and at times his suffering was intense. Through it all he was most patient, and never forgot to express his appreciation of any service, however small that was given to make him more comfortable. His death occurred at 1:30 a.m. Monday April 1st, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 13 days. Mr. Ayresman is survived by his wife, one son, Lee, living near Harpster, two grandchildren, Donald and Bernice Ayresman, children of his deceased son, Earl, and one brother Albert, of Coal City, Illinois. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church, in charge of Rev. A.H. Flagge. Interment was in the Gibson cemetery. Source: FindAGrave

Emma FAWVER was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Emma FAWVER:

Mrs. Emma Fawver Ayresman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Solomon Fawver, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, May 23, 1858. She came to Ford county when she was 8 years old the family settling on a farm several miles southwest of Gibson City. When she was a young girl she united with the Salem United Brethren church, a country congregation which has long ago disbanded. She was married to Stephen Ayresman of this community Dec. 29, 1883. Mr Ayresman died April 1, 1935, age 76 years. Two sons were born to this union, Elton Earl, who died Nov. 2, 1918, at the age of 29 years, and Lee of this neighborhood, who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Ayresman had a homestead at Derby, four miles west of Gibson City, where they had lived for forty years, and where Mrs. Ayresman's death occurred at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the age of 77 years. She had been in poor health for several months, and bedfast since last June, with a complication of diseases incident to old age. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the pastor, Rev Donald H. Gibbs. Burial was in Gibson Cemetery. Source: FindAGrave

Stephen Arnold AYRESMAN and Emma FAWVER had the following children:

- i. LEMO LEE³ AYRESMAN was born on 18 Oct 1887 in Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 25

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Sep 1955 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He married Magdalen CONRAD, daughter of Paul CONRAD and Caroline ESCHER, on 14 Jan 1915. She was born in 1890 in Illinois. She died on 21 Feb 1957 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA.

Lemo Lee AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Lemo Lee AYRESMAN:

The community was shocked by the sudden death of Lee Ayresman, a life long resident of near Gibson City, Friday at 12:30 September 23. Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p. m. Sunday in the Lamb Funeral Home, Gibson City by the Rev. Sidney A. Guthrie. Burial was in Gibson City Cemetery.

Mr Ayresman was born October 18, 1887 near Gibson City, the son of Stephen and Emma Fawver Ayresman. He married Magdalen Conrad on January 14, 1915. Mr Ayresman retired from active farming in 1951. when he moved to the boyhood home at Derby. For several years he has been scale attendant weighing government corn. Mr Ayresman was a member of the Methodist church and Modern Woodman of America. In addition to his wife he is survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Attending the funeral from away: Mr and Mrs Wenrick Nelson, Mr and Mrs Roland Ventresca and daughter Joyce of Chicago; Mr and Mrs Cleo Conrad, Mr and Mrs Bill Combs and Mrs. Louis Stafford of Crawfordsville, Ind; Mrs Marie Ayresman, Evanston; Mr and Mrs E.C. Weir of Oak Park, Mrs Kathryn Borre of Evanston, Mr John Cinotto and Mr and Mrs Wilbur Wilken of Coal City; Mr and Mrs Clarence Conrad of Kankakee; Mr and Mrs Dean Conrad of Sycamore; Mr and Mrs C.C. Arrowsmith of Heyworth, Mrs Adair Cowan, Mrs Richard Cowan and MrsDonnabelle Hines of Bellfontain, Ohio; Grace Carbone of Chicago. Source: FindAGrave

Magdalen CONRAD was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

6. ii. ELTON EARL AYRESMAN was born on 31 Oct 1889 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 02 Nov 1918 in McLean, Illinois, USA. He married Lena Margaret WILKEN, daughter of Gerhardt C WILKEN and Anna Margaretha FERRIS, on 06 Jun 1911 in Anchor, McLean, Illinois, USA. She was born on 10 Feb 1889 in Illinois. She died on 23 Mar 1949 in Ford, Illinois, USA.
4. **ALBERT P² AYRESMAN** (Jacob¹) was born in Apr 1861 in Illinois. He died in Nov 1937. He married **KATHERINE SIMON**.

Albert P AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Albert P AYRESMAN and Katherine SIMON had the following children:

- i. ROBERT³ AYRESMAN.
- ii. ANNIE AYRESMAN.
- iii. BERNARD AYRESMAN.
- iv. CELIA AYRESMAN.
- v. CATHERINE AYRESMAN.

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5. **ERNEST MCKINLEY³ AYRESMAN** (William Hosea², Jacob¹) was born on 09 Apr 1895 in Illinois. He died on 20 Jun 1924 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He married **LEOTA POWELL**.

Ernest McKinley AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Ernest McKinley AYRESMAN:

Ernest Ayresman, 28 years old, and his two children, Maxine, 4 and Vincent, 7, Gibson City, were killed Friday afternoon near their home when a large tree fell during a terrific windstorm on the auto

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in which they were riding. Mrs. Ayresman, in the same seat with her husband and children, was knocked unconscious but fell away from the car. The little family was returning from a fishing trip on the Sangamon river when the storm came up. They were passing thru a wooded stretch and with the high wind, large trees began to fall around them." Married to Leota Powell father of Vincent and Max son of William and Nancy Fawver Ayresman. Source: FindAGrave

Ernest McKinley AYRESMAN and Leota POWELL had the following children:

- i. VINCENT HAYDEN⁴ AYRESMAN was born on 08 Mar 1917 in Illinois. He died on 20 Jun 1924 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA.

Vincent Hayden AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

- ii. MAX E AYRESMAN was born on 13 May 1919 in Illinois. He died on 20 Jun 1924 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA.

Max E AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

6. **ELTON EARL³ AYRESMAN** (Stephen Arnold², Jacob¹) was born on 31 Oct 1889 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 02 Nov 1918 in McLean, Illinois, USA. He married Lena Margaret WILKEN, daughter of Gerhardt C WILKEN and Anna Margaretha FERRIS, on 06 Jun 1911 in Anchor, McLean, Illinois, USA. She was born on 10 Feb 1889 in Illinois. She died on 23 Mar 1949 in Ford, Illinois, USA.

Elton Earl AYRESMAN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Notes for Elton Earl AYRESMAN:

Ayresman, Elton E. (Lena M. Wilkin) Ch Donald; Gibson City R2 Drummer Sec17R7 T173a F. Spurk Gibson Home Tel. Co. Gibson (1889) Source: 1917 Prairie Farmers Directory

Lena Margaret WILKEN was buried in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA (Drummer Township Cemetery).

Elton Earl AYRESMAN and Lena Margaret WILKEN had the following children:

- i. DONALD ELTON⁴ AYRESMAN was born on 17 Apr 1915 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 18 Nov 1994 in Sebastopol, Sonoma, California, USA. He married LOIS ALMA PROHASKA. She was born on 18 Apr 1918 in Los Angeles, California. She died on 04 Jul 2002 in Sebastopol, Sonoma, California, USA.

Donald Elton AYRESMAN was buried in Sebastopol, Sonoma, California, USA (Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery).

Lois Alma PROHASKA was buried in Sebastopol, Sonoma, California, USA (Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery).

7. ii. BERNICE AYRESMAN was born on 20 Mar 1918 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She died on 10 Jan 2002 in Blaine, Whatcom, Washington, USA. She married VERNON BRUCE COTHEN. He was born on 24 Mar 1919 in Melvin, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 Oct 1988 in Blaine, Whatcom, Washington, USA.

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7. **BERNICE⁴ AYRESMAN** (Elton Earl³, Stephen Arnold², Jacob¹) was born on 20 Mar 1918 in Gibson City, Ford, Illinois, USA. She died on 10 Jan 2002 in Blaine, Whatcom, Washington, USA. She married **VERNON BRUCE COTHEN**. He was born on 24 Mar 1919 in Melvin, Ford, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 Oct 1988 in Blaine, Whatcom, Washington, USA.

Bernice AYRESMAN was buried in Ferndale, Whatcom, Washington, USA (Enterprise Cemetery).

Vernon Bruce COTHEN was buried in Ferndale, Whatcom, Washington, USA (Enterprise Cemetery).

Vernon Bruce COTHEN and Bernice AYRESMAN had the following child:

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- i. STEVEN BRUCE⁵ COTHEN. He died in 1985.