

Marjorie Mary Colburn Cohrs

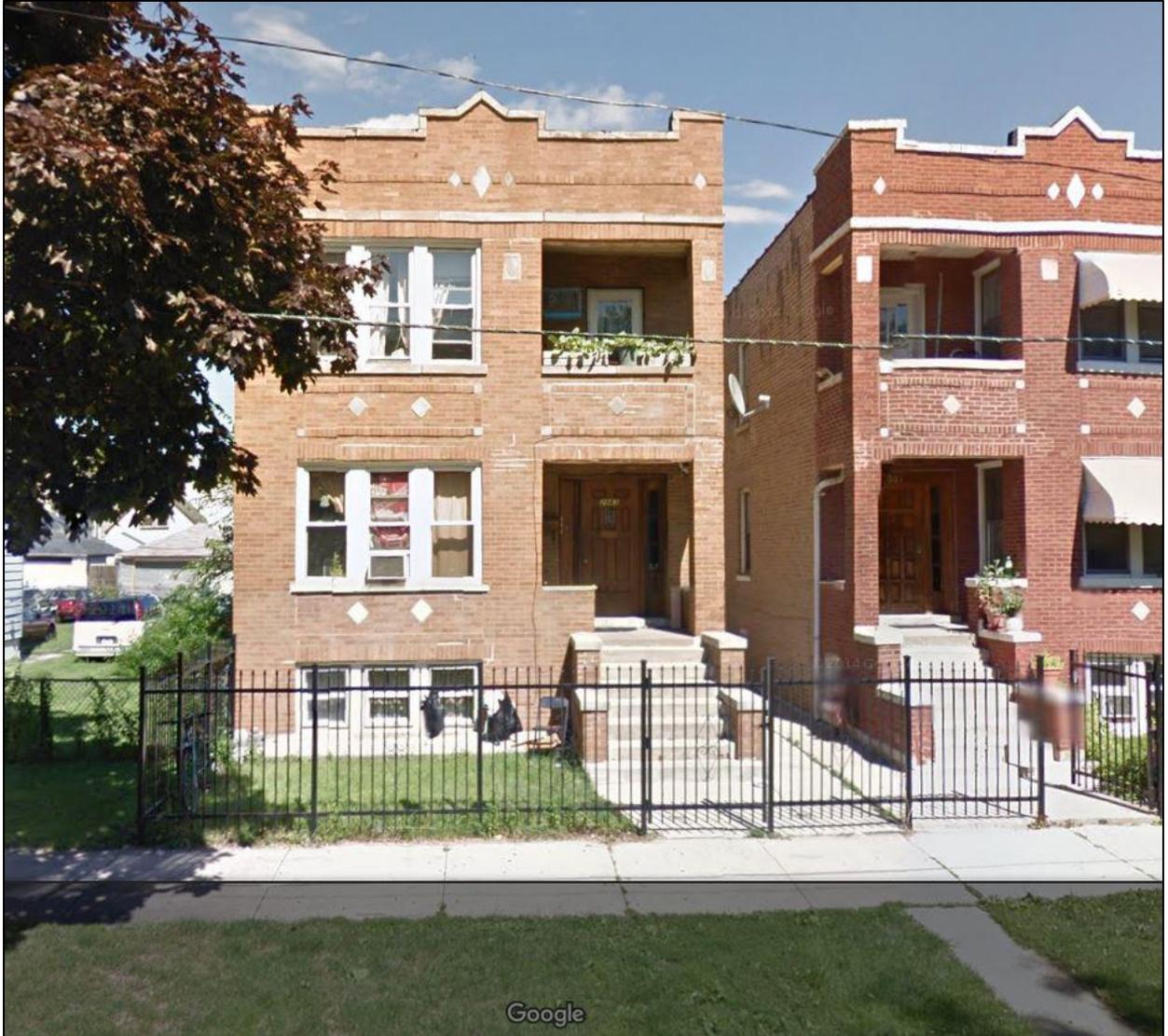
Marjorie Colburn was born June 16, 1925 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital. She was the oldest child of Lyman Trumball Colburn, Jr. and Hazel Sylvia Kingsland, who lived at 3141 No. Kedzie Ave (now razed to make way for the Kennedy Expressway). Lyman worked as a bookkeeper, and Hazel worked as a housewife.

Marjorie was baptized June 28, 1925 at St. Veronica Catholic Church a few blocks away, 3321 No. Whipple on the northwest side of Chicago. Her sponsors were her father's brother John Colburn (19 at the time) and her 57 year-old great aunt on her mother's side Belle Stewart, who was born in Canada.



St. Veronica Catholic Church

A couple of years later in 1930 Lyman and Hazel lived at 2063 N. Long Ave. in Chicago, where Lyman worked as an oil station keeper.



2063 N. Long Ave., Chicago

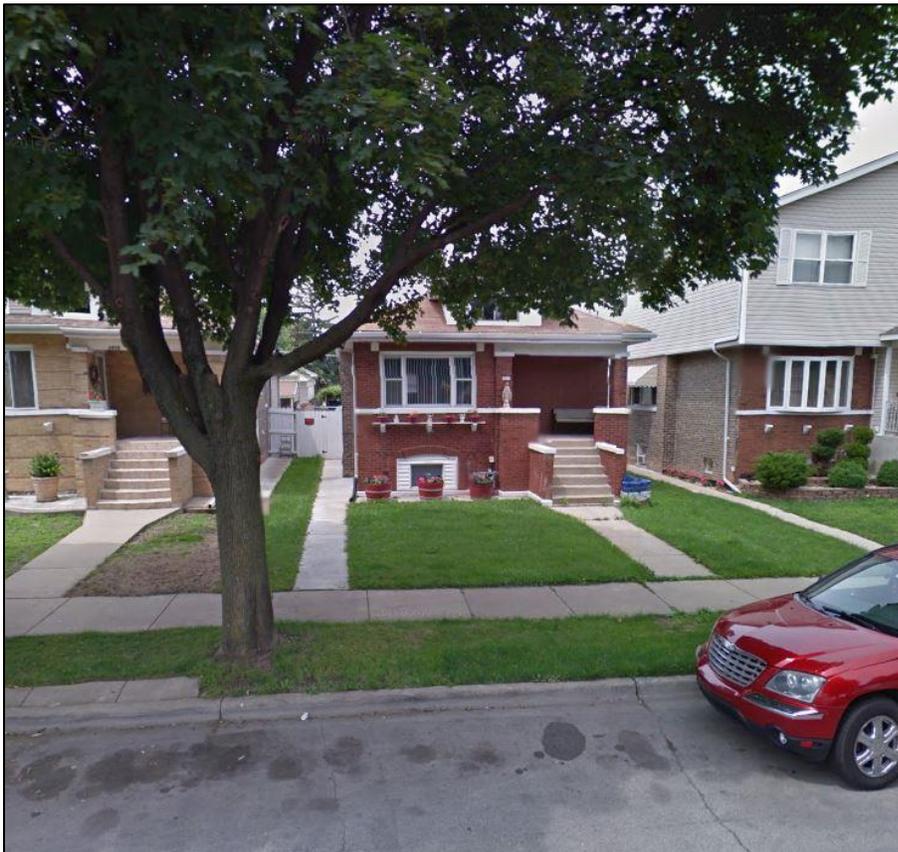
On July 26, 1927 a long-awaited son was born – Lyman Anthony Colburn – who was affectionately called “Bud.”

The family next lived in a rented home at 4438 Linder Avenue – far northwest side of the City in the 41st Ward of Chicago while Lyman worked in a garage nearby.



4438 Linder Ave., Chicago

More daughters were born some years later – Jeannette Colburn was born March 12, 1933 and Patricia Colburn was born March 7, 1937. Judith Colburn was born June 28, 1942, when her mother was 35 and her father was 39. The Colburn family purchased a home about 10 miles west and moved into 1618 No. 15th Ave., Melrose Park, Illinois. Here is a picture today of this home off Google Earth:



1618 No. 15th Ave., Melrose Park, Illinois

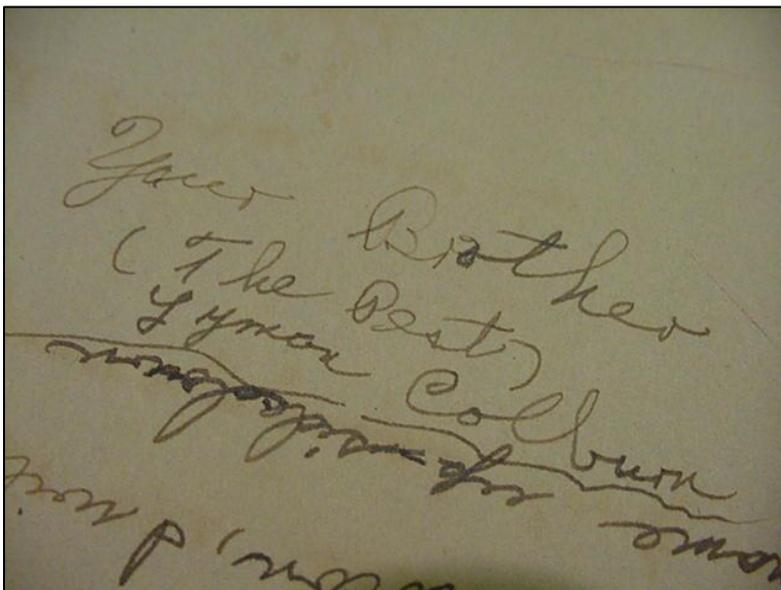
Here is a photo of the same home circa 1940's with Marge and probably two of her sisters (Pat and Judy?)



Marge, Pat & Judy Colburn 1618 No. 15th Ave.

Lyman's family was growing, but the apple of his eye was his son and he preferred his company over any of his three daughters. Lyman took Bud everywhere he went – to the store, to work and Bud was his constant companion (per Marge herself).

It is apparent that Buddy had the same mischievous spirit as 12 year olds everywhere, as evidenced by his big sister's autograph book as Marjorie graduated from eighth grade at St. Teresa's school. The first page of the book has an entry that was probably not authorized: "Just to be funny and act like a clown, I will write my name upside-down. Your brother (the Pest) Lyman Colburn."



In November 1939 Bud came down with a stomach ache. His parents took him to the doctor and the doctor said it was no problem and sent them home. Then on December 1, 1939 the unthinkable happened. Bud's appendix ruptured and they rushed him to Walther Memorial Hospital, 1116 No. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. Surgery was performed but the appendix had already burst. By December 16 peritonitis had set in, and by December 18 a secondary condition of bronchopneumonia had set in. By 9:00 pm, the situation was more than his 12 year old body could handle and he passed away. Buddy was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Proviso, Cook County, Illinois on December 22, 1939.

Buddy's death devastated Lyman, and his alcohol problems were worsened. In 1940 he was making \$1100 as a truck loader in a beverage factory, but he only worked 36 weeks in the year 1939. The 1940 census indicated that Lyman had one year of college, and it must have been disappointing to work at a truck loader when he once had such ambition. On the whole block, most every head of house had completed only an eighth grade education. Some had a year or two of high school, but per the census Lyman was the most educated person on the street.

By Marjorie's account, Lyman's marriage to Hazel was a turbulent one. As reflected in the 1930 census, Lyman was 21 years old when he married Hazel the first time in 1924 and Hazel was 18. Many years later, according to a wedding certificate signed by the Judge, City Court of Blue Island, Blue Island, Illinois, Lyman Colburn and Hazel Colburn were united in marriage on February 14, 1953. Certainly a divorce was obtained sometime between marriage number one in 1924 and the one 29 years later.

Lyman Trumball Colburn, Jr. died on October 19, 1972 of sudden myocardial heart failure, and arrived DOA at Memorial Hospital of DuPage County. On the coroner's certificate of death, his wife is listed as Ellen (Schmidt), which would explain why Marjorie refused to attend her own father's funeral.

Lyman's usual occupation on his death certificate is listed as a custodian at the school district for Villa Park. According to Marjorie, her father had trouble keeping a job because of drinking problems, and there are several listed over the years - from bookkeeper to oil station keeper to school janitor.

Lyman Trumball Colburn, Sr. and Normana Stewart

Lyman Trumball Colburn, Jr. was born May 22, 1903, the eldest child of Lyman Trumball Colburn Sr. and Normana Stewart. In 1905 a daughter was born, Mary Colburn, and the next year another son – John Thomas Colburn was born May 12, 1906 in Chicago. Lyman Trumball Colburn Sr. and Normana Stewart were married July 9, 1902 in Chicago, and he died April 14, 1908 after not-quite six years of marriage, leaving behind three children the oldest of which was nearly five years old. Lyman was 28 years old when he died.

In the 1910 census, Normana Colburn is listed as the widowed head of the house at the tender age of 27. She lived at 51 Indiana Street in the 21st Ward of the city of Chicago – a home that she owned and lived in with her three small children. The house in Chicago's near South side is now long gone – at the place where Michigan Ave. terminates into Indiana St.

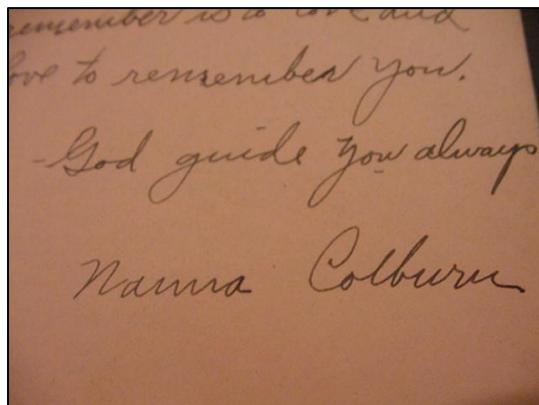
From the 1910 census, it is apparent that the widow Normana was enterprising and supported herself and her children by renting part of the home to another family – Arthur Paul and his wife and young daughter. Arthur is listed as a teamster, and held a steady job in the sand business. Normana is listed as having been born in Canada, with both parents born in Scotland.

In the 1920 census, Normana Colburn is listed as widowed and living at 12 Cedar Street in downtown Chicago, one block off Rush Street. This apartment complex is long gone in this area that is now commercial. Her children, Lyman (16), Mary (14) and John (13) are listed as living with her, along with a collection of other relatives. The head of the house is listed as Normana’s sister – Belle Stewart and there are several other relatives living at this address:

Name	Relationship to Normana	Age in 1920	Occupation
Belle Stewart	Sister	52	Seamstress
John Stuart	Brother	50	Electrician
Mary Stuart	Sister	45	Clerk
Hugh McDonald	Cousin	48	RR Superintendent
Duncan Stewart	Brother	38	Cutter – Wholesale Clothing

The relationships developed in this living arrangement must have been close, as evidenced by Belle Stewart listed as the Godmother of Marjorie Colburn, Lyman’s first born child. All the brothers, sisters and cousin are listed as having immigrated from Canada in 1885, and two (John Stuart and Hugh McDonald) are listed as having obtained US citizenship in 1900. The birthplace of the family’s mother and father is listed as Scotland.

In 1939, upon Marjorie Colburn’s graduation from eighth grade at St. Teresa’s school in Chicago, Marjorie’s grandmother, Normana Colburn, wrote a sweet entry in her graduation autograph book: “To remember is to love and I love to remember you. God guide you always, Nanna Colburn.”



In the 1940 census, the widowed Normana Colburn was listed as "Norma Colburn," living with her brother-in-law Andrew Hannon at 8351 South Loomis Blvd in Chicago. It appears that she was living in Los Angeles in 1935, but came back to Chicago by 1940. It would make sense that she would be living for a time in California, since one of her children, Mary Colburn, married Howard Dennison. In the California Death Index, 1940-1997, Mary Dennison died on March 24, 1985 in Los Angeles. This record has her father as "Colburn" and her mother as "Stewart." From the same source, another of her children, John Thomas Colburn, is listed as deceased February 8, 1959 in Los Angeles.

Lyman Trumbull Colburn Sr. was born June 1, 1879 in Chicago, the eldest son of Thomas George Colburn and Mary G Keen. Thomas and Mary had two other children, Hugh Colburn and Sarah Colburn. Thomas Colburn was born in Ireland in 1860, and died in Chicago on December 5, 1908 – at the age of 48. His death was only a few months after his eldest child's death – Lyman, who died April 14, 1908 at the age of 29. In 1908, both Mary Keen and her daughter-in-law, Normana Stewart were left widowed.

Hazel Sylvia Kingsland

Hazel's father, Samuel Augustus Kingsland was born July 16, 1876 in Wonewoc, Juneau County, Wisconsin. In the year 1900, Samuel A. is listed as living in a boarding house in Kenosha, Wisconsin with his father, Samuel Ezra Kingsland – 54 years old. His occupation is listed as a servant. The next year, Samuel married Rose Wentker in 1901. Rose was also born in Wisconsin, but they married in Chicago. In 1902, Milton Kingsland was born, and on February 7, 1907 Hazel Sylvia Kingsland was born.

In the 1910 census, Samuel A Kingsland is listed as living in an apartment alone with a German couple and their five children at 2849 Fulton Street in near West Chicago. The census lists him as a widower, and there is no mention of the two children, who must have been living elsewhere – maybe with relatives after the death of their mother. Hazel would have been less than three years old at the death of her mother. Samuel is listed as a driver for a milk company.

Sometime before the 1920 census, Samuel A Kingsland married for the second time. His wife, Frieda Huch, was 29 in 1920 - significantly younger than Samuel who was 44 in the 1920 census. Milton, age 18 is listed as living with them at 2654 Lexington, Chicago's ward 13. Also listed are Lillian (9), Pearl (7), Melvin (5 ½) and Samuel (3). Hazel Kingsland is still not listed as living with Milton and her half-siblings.

Frieda's mother tongue is listed as German, and her parents were both born in Hamburg, Germany. Samuel is still listed as a driver for the Bowman Dairy Company, and Frieda is listed as a stock keeper. Also listed as living in the house that they rent is Nellie Kingsland, Samuel's sister, who worked at a laundry.

The house at 2654 Lexington is now torn down.



2654 Lexington, Chicago

By 1930, the Kingsland family still lived at 2654 Lexington, and neither Milton nor Hazel are listed as living with them. Lillian (19), Pearl (17), Melvin (15) and Samuel (14) still live with their parents. However, also living with them are Pearl's husband, Maceo Montez (28) and two of their children, Maceo Montez, Jr. (1) and Lenora, three months old.

Samuel Augustus Kingsland died on June 5, 1938 and was buried in section 11 of Arlington Cemetery in Elmhurst, Illinois. Frieda died in 1959 and is buried alongside Samuel in Elmhurst.



Entrance to Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst



Samuel A Kingsland and Frieda Huch Kingsland grave, Elmhurst

In the 1940 census, Frieda Kingsland is listed as the head of the house – still at 2654 Lexington. Children listed are Herbert (20) and Joan (10). Pearl is also listed (27) but her husband is now Doyle McKinley (34). Pearl's children Maceo (11) and Lenore (10) are also living with Frieda. Other occupants are Samuel Kingsland, Jr. (24) and his wife Rose (27).

From 1910 to 1940, no census makes mention of Hazel Kingsland, whose mother died when she was less than three years old, and her father is listed as living alone in the 1910 census. Hazel Kingsland Colburn died on August 16, 1961.

Samuel Ezra Kingsland

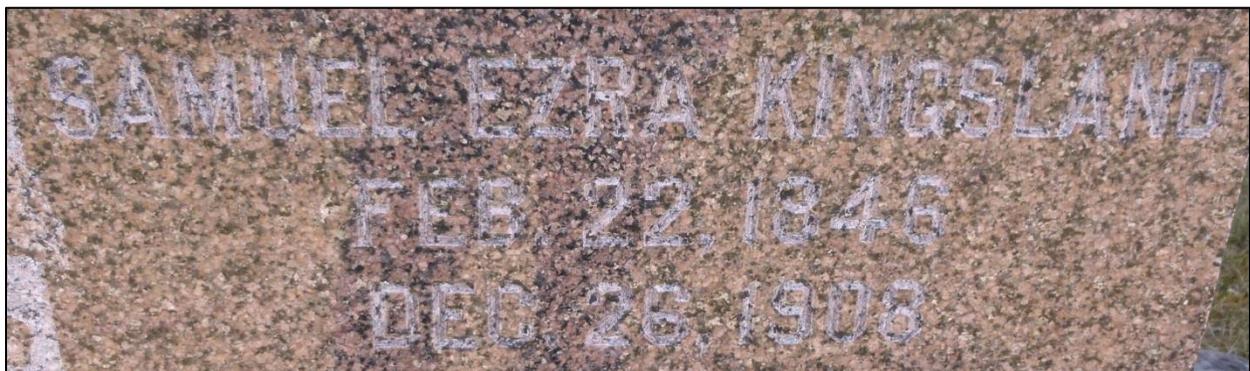
Samuel Ezra Kingsland was born February 22, 1846 and died at age 62 on December 26, 1908 in Lyndon Station, Juneau County, Wisconsin. On March 23, 1868 he married Julia Maria Clemans. They had at least five children: Nellie Maria Kingsland (1871), Charles Phillip Kingsland (1872), Samuel Augustus Kingsland (1876) and twins Agusta (Gussie) and Francis Herbert Kingsland born in 1881.

Samuel E. Kingsland was buried in Lyndon Cemetery in Wisconsin.





Samuel Ezra Kingsland headstone, Lyndon Cemetery



Samuel Ezra Kingsland headstone, Lyndon Cemetery

Julia Clemans (Samuel Ezra Kingsland's wife) died September 26, 1892 according to the grave, which is consistent with the 1890 census, in which Samuel is listed as a widower.

Samuel E Kingsland's mother was Mary Brayton Kingsland, born in 1814 and died in 1897 in Pipestone, Minnesota. His father, Philip Kingsland is listed in the 1860 census as a blacksmith, and in the 1870 census as a saloon keeper.



Photo Mary Brayton Kingsland



Mary Brayton Kingsland headstone, Pipestone, MN

Julia's father, Charles P Clemans was born February 11, 1808 in New York. Charles married a New Yorker, Carline Busenbark who was seven years his junior. They had seven children: Julia Clemans, Uthera E. Clemans (1838), Lucy A Clemans (1842), Carline A Clemans (1845), Laura F Clemans (1847), Charles W Clemans (1853) and Garret H Clemans (1855).

By any account, the dates of what happened in Charles life reflect an extraordinarily tough life. One week in February 1854 two of his children died – within two days of each other. Carline died on

February 8, 1854 at age 9 and Laura died on February 10, 1854 at age 7. They were buried in the same grave in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin.



After what had to have been terrible grief, Charles wife Carline died in 1859, and he was left alone with his five remaining children – the oldest Uthera was 21 and the youngest Garrett was 5. In the 1860 census, Charles is listed as a cooper.

In 1861 another great tragedy struck. Both of Charles' youngest children died on the same day – September 10. Charles William was 8 years old and Garret was 6 and they were buried in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin in the same grave.



Only Uthera (23), Lucy (19) and Julia (11) were left. His two oldest children were no doubt adults and there is no more record of Julia until she was 18 and married Samuel Ezra Kingsland.

With four of his youngest children, and his wife dead, it is easy to see why Charles enlisted in the civil war just three weeks after his youngest two children died. No doubt he felt like there was nothing to lose, and he signed up as a corporal in Company F, Wisconsin 16th infantry regiment on October 13, 1861.

Charles was one of the lucky ones who served several tours of duty and mustered out on December 20, 1864 – just three months before General Lee surrendered at the Appomattox courthouse on April 9, 1865. Charles returned home to Wisconsin, where the graves of his wife and four of his children were in the cemetery at Lyndon Station.

However, a few years later Charles married Charlotte Ann Parschall Webster, who herself was a civil war widow. Her first husband, Francis Webster, died November 12, 1864 at a hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. History records that in late November 1863 one of the fiercest battles of the civil war occurred in Chattanooga, and it is not difficult to imagine an injured Union soldier dying in hospital a year later. Charles and Charlotte were married on February 25, 1867 in Adams, Wisconsin.

Charles second wife Charlotte died eleven years later in 1878, and is buried in Olin Cemetery, Plainville, Wisconsin. Her tombstone does not mention Charles, but lists her as the wife of Francis Weber.



Charles went on to live to the age of 80 – outliving two wives and four children – and was buried in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin.



Headstone of Charles and Carline Clemans, Lyndon Station,, WI

Charles Clemans' mother was Lucy A Polly Clemans, who was born in 1787 and died in 1852.



Headstone of Lucy Polly Clemans, Lyndon Station, WI

Vertical Pedigree Chart for Marjorie Mary Colburn

