



A Trip Down Memory Lane

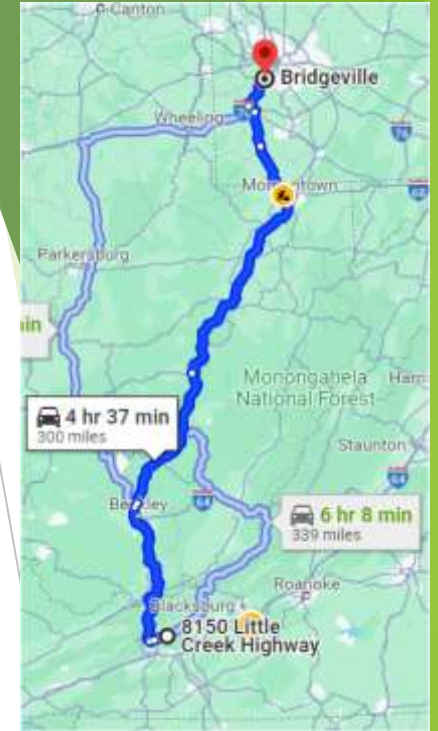
Trip to Western Pennsylvania to Visit Family and Friends

June 18-20, 2024

Description of the Trip - Day 1

- ▶ Elmer and Ann Beardshall left their cabin in Little Creek, Bland County, VA early on the morning of June 18, 2024 to visit family and friends in Western PA.
- ▶ Very scenic drive through West Virginia to Bridgeville, PA - about 6 hours.
- ▶ Plans were to meet Tom and Carol Beardshall and Pat and Susan Beardshall Varriano at Firebirds Grill just off I-79
- ▶ Arrived a little early so went to Melrose Cemetery to visit graves of Beardshalls and Gastgebs. Some futile, did find Elmer's 2nd great grandfather and his 2nd wife, Emma. Couldn't find 1st wife also named Emma.
- ▶ Had a wonderful meal and visit with Sue, Pat, Carol and Tom
- ▶ Drive north of Pittsburgh to Elmer's boyhood home at The Farm in Clintonville
- ▶ Check-in at Travel Lodge in Emlenton, PA

Little Creek, Bland County VA to Bridgeville via WV Turnpike and I-79



Visit to Melrose Cemetery - Bridgeville, PA



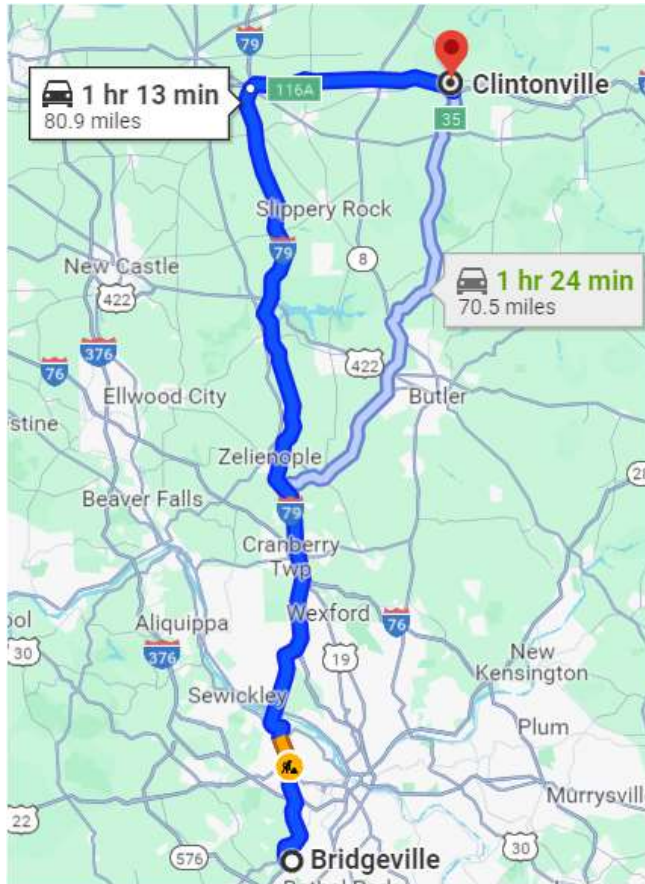
Had a hard time locating the Beardshall/Gastgeb graves.
Did find Alfred Beardshall Sr and His 2nd wife, Emma. First wife, Emma Was buried in a different plot.



Lunch with Beardshalls and Varrianos at Firebird's Grill in Bridgeville PA



Drive north of Pittsburgh to Visit Elmer's Boyhood Home at The Farm in Clintonville



Check-in at Travel Lodge in Emlenton, PA



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Description of the Trip - Day 2

- ▶ We met Elmer's former neighbors in Clintonville: Lucille Johnson Keith and Mary Lou Johnson Sloan at the motel and began our tour of the area
- ▶ Started our drive through the backroads of Venango County
- ▶ First Stop: To visit another neighbor: Billy Guiste. Bill Guiste owns an excavating business (he's now retired and his grandson has taken over). They own several quarries, one located near Elmer's old farm.
- ▶ Drove around the town of Clintonville, stopped at the store, then drove to all the schools attended by Lucille, Elmer and Mary Lou
- ▶ Drove down Route 308 and viewed the Johnson's house, their grandparents (the Sweetapples) house.
- ▶ Drove down Dog Hollow Road and viewed the house and farm where Elmer had lived
- ▶ Drove to the area where Elmer's best friend, Hawk Welton lived, and found him mowing his yard.

Lucille Johnson and Mary Lou Johnson met us at the motel to begin our tour of the area



First Stop: Visit with another neighbor: Billy Guiste



Note: Very unique
Mailbox: shaped like
A 'dozer. Bill is in the
Excavating business.



Later on, we visited one of the quarries now operated by Bill Guiste's family on Dog Hollow Road near Elmer's old house*



Pictures
taken
during a
previous
visit in
2019



Drove around the town of Clintonville, stopped at the store



Clintonville Market

Clintonville is a borough in Venango County, Pennsylvania, United States. The population was 437 at the 2020 census.

Drove around the town of Clintonville,
stopped at one room school Elmer and Lucille
attended.



Outhouse in trees to right
of school



Drove down Route 308 Road and viewed the Johnson's house and their grandparents, the Sweetapples' house



Lucille and Mary Lou's grandparents, The Sweetapples, house.



Former home of Lucille and Mary Lou Johnson

Drove down Dog Hollow Road and viewed the house and farm where Elmer had lived - Now



Dog Hollow Road house and farm where Elmer had lived - Then



Drove to the area where Elmer's best friend, Hawk Welton lives and found him mowing his yard.



Description of the Trip - Day 2 (continued)

- ▶ Lunchtime at Harrisville PA restaurant: Family Tradition After lunch we reviewed some of the old pictures of the classes at the Clintonville area schools.
- ▶ Next Stop: Penn Gold Ice Cream in Harrisville PA.
- ▶ More driving around the backroads
- ▶ Found the ole swimming hole, but it was posted, took pictures from afar
- ▶ Continued our tour of Kennerdell, Bullion, and other scenic areas of Venango County
- ▶ We had a full day, time to bade Lucille and Mary Lou goodbye. We loved our tour and seeing them again.

Lunchtime at Harrisville PA restaurant: Family Tradition



Several hundred teapots
line the shelves
Around the ceiling of the
Family Tradition
Restaurant.

We looked at old pictures from the schools Lucille, Mary Lou and Elmer attended.



Now: Old swimming hole, but it was posted, took pictures from afar. Interesting yard art - Elmer wishes they had tractors like these in the old days.



Old Swimming Hole



Tractor Yard Art

Then: Swimming hole near Farm, Dad on tractor



Swimming Hole near Farm



EWB Sr on Tractor

Pictures of Kennerdell area



Kennerdell is a census-designated place located in Rockland Township, Venango County in the state of Pennsylvania. The community is located in southern Venango County along the Allegheny River. As of the 2010 census the population was 247 residents.

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Description of the Trip - Day 3

- ▶ Time to head home to our cabin in Little Creek
- ▶ Returned basically the same way we came to PA - missed the Hwy 19 turn and went through Charleston
- ▶ Stopped in Bridgeville to give Tom and Sue their gift bags of honey
- ▶ Carol and Tom informed us they have a new grandson, born just that night to Korey Beardshall and Dan Jackson.
- ▶ Nice trip and so glad to visit with family and friends.

Stopped in Bridgeville on our way home.

Carol and Tom informed us they have a new grandson, born just that night.

Korey and Dan Jackson: Archer Ian Jackson, weighing in at 7 lbs and 9 oz.



The background features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic visual effect. The shapes are layered, with some appearing more prominent than others, and they extend towards the corners of the frame.

The End