

NANCY CONRAD

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Indirectly Lt. Colonel H. Douglas Lowman (deceased) found Mom's cousin Nancy (who is my second cousin) for us. I love the little quirks of fate that allow these things to happen. Well, maybe it goes back even further than Doug - to Mom herself. Let me see if I can explain:

When Mom and Dad were stationed in Stamford, Connecticut (1932-1936), one of their soldiers was Bud Lowman. Bud helped Mom take care of we children, which, at the time, numbered four - Sven, John, Hugo, Mary. Bud also had many children, one of whom was Doug (we all played together). When Doug grew up, and before he also became a Salvation Army officer, he worked for Bunker Ramo in Stamford, Connecticut. When my youngest brother Peter was looking for a job, Doug was instrumental in getting him a job at Bunker Ramo. After Peter started working there he met George Grimaldi. George went home and told his wife Nancy he was working with a Peter Wiberg. Nancy perked up and she said: "My cousin Mary married a man named Wiberg! I wonder if Peter is related?" - or words to that effect. And lo and behold it was so. And that is how Doug - and Mom - indirectly found Nancy for us!

*Dad and Mom
(Hugo and Mary
Wiberg;
(Mom is Nancy's
Cousin),
Who were the Corps
Officers
of the Corps where*



*Bud Lowman
was a soldier
whose son*



*Doug Lowman
(and his wife Clarolyn;
picture by David Wiberg)
found*



*Mom and Dad's son,
Peter Wiberg,
a job at
Bunker Ramo*



But the little quirks of fate didn't stop there with our Nancy. When I began working on the family history, I asked Peter for Nancy's address so that I could contact her to see if I could learn more about the family. Shortly thereafter we started corresponding. Then one day I received a telephone call from Cynthia Sternberg Schein, a local acquaintance of many years. After we said our hellos she said "We're sorta related" and then went on to tell me how. I was stunned!

Cynthia is the daughter of Doris Buchan. Doris Buchan is Nancy's older half sister (or, put another way, Granduncle George's step-daughter). Cynthia and I had met on and off over the years because our boys were classmates. Unbeknownst to me, Nancy had been to this area many times to visit her half niece Cynthia.

But to go back to the beginning, shortly after they were married in 1920, Nancy's father (Granduncle George), his new wife, Beulah, and his step-daughter Doris moved from Canada to Poukeepsie, New York, and from there to Stamford, Connecticut, where George took a job as office manager for a lumber company. Stamford isn't that far from Newark, so they must have visited George's family in Newark quite often. And that is how Mom became acquainted with Doris. Although Mom was five years older than Doris, it looks like they became good friends. Doris became one of Granduncle Henry's (George's brother) "gang." I could have asked so many more questions in my interview with Mom if I had only known about these people at that time.



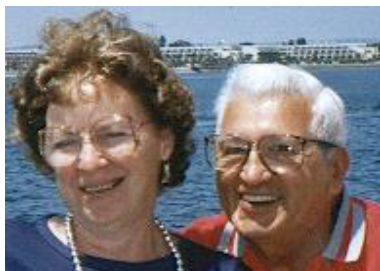
*Doris Buchan Sternberg
Mary Loeffler Wiberg
~ 1924*



Granduncle George was 49 years old when his only child, Nancy, was born. That must have been quite a transition for everybody--a mother again after 16 years (Beulah)--a new sister when you're in high school (Doris, age 16), and a baby for the first time when you're almost 50 (George). Nancy was born four years before my brother Sven, so Nancy is really more our generation than Mom's. Nancy grew up

virtually as an only child and has spent most of her life in and around Stamford.

Both George Grimaldi and Nancy were born and brought up in Stamford, CT, but did not meet until the late 1940's. Nancy and George were married in 1950 and lived and worked there while their three children (George, Robert, and Bonnie) were growing up. George worked for Bunker Ramo as a tool and die maker for 32 years (Bunker Ramo became Allied Corporation in 1992) and was the shop foreman for 20-25 years. Nancy worked for The Stamford Advocate. George retired in 1973 at age 62 because he had been experiencing heart problems; Nancy retired about a year later. They decided to



moved to the West Coast where George's brother lived and also where the climate was more to their liking. But after a few years they returned to the East Coast to be near their children. George had many good years of retirement but eventually succumbed to the heart problems that had plagued him for years and he died in 2001. Nancy feels the loss keenly. I did have the privilege of meeting the whole family at our 1998 family reunion. I was captivated by George's brilliant smile and easy manner. I'm very glad that Peter got to see him again at that time.

*Doris Buchan Sternberg
and daughter
Cynthia Sternberg Schein*



I met Nancy and Doris for the first time when they and Cynthia, visited my home in 1994. We had a lovely visit. Nancy saw the organ that her Grandfather, John Conrad, had made. Nancy has shared pictures with me of other things that John had made and that are now in the keeping of her family. Nancy bears quite a resemblance to Mom.

Nancy's mother, Beulah, died January 20, 1941, when Nancy was 16 years old; her father, Granduncle George, died of cancer 17 years later on May 11, 1957. Nancy's half sister, Doris died in November of 1999, at 91 years of age. I was pleased that I was fortunate enough to have met her. Her friend, my Mom, had died 10 years earlier. I only wish Mom had had the opportunity to see her again.



*Doris Buchan Sternberg
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Nancy Conrad Grimaldi*

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