

Descendants of Tressa* Ethel Wilson

Generation No. 1

1. Tressa* Ethel⁵ Wilson (James* Robert⁴, John* B.³, Douglass*², James*¹)^{1,2} was born 20 January 1886 in Claypool, Clay Twp., Kosciusko County, Indiana³, and died 11 March 1931 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{4,5,6}. She married Floyd* May Grasz^{7,8} 15 April 1906 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{9,10,11}, son of Henry* Grass and Mary* Irwin. He was born 17 January 1886 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{12,13}, and died 9 July 1979 in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana^{14,15,16}.

More About Tressa* Ethel Wilson:

Burial: 1931, Union Center Cemetery, West, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{17,18}
Church Affiliation: First Brethren Church and Church of the Brethren¹⁹
Death Cause: Cancer right breast^{20,21}
Nickname: Tressie
Other Spellings: Tessa
Tombstone Inscription: Tressa/1886-1931/Floyd/1886-1979/GRASZ/

More About Floyd* May Grasz:

Date born 2: 18 January 1886, Floyd always thought this was his birth date²²
Burial: 13 July 1979, Union Center Cemetery, West, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{23,24,25,26}
Church Affiliation: First Brethren Church & Church of the Brethren²⁷
Occupation: Carriage Maker, Pinstriper, Cabinet Maker at Coppess' Factory, Shoe Cobbler²⁷
Other Spellings: Mae
Residence: Market St. & 105 N. Nappanee St., Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN²⁸
Tombstone Inscription: Tressa/1886-1931/Floyd/1886-1979/GRASZ/

More About Floyd* Grasz and Tressa* Wilson:

Marriage: 15 April 1906, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{29,30,31}

Child of Tressa* Wilson and Floyd* Grasz is:

- 2 i. Miriam* Elaine⁶ Grasz^{32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39}, born 28 May 1918 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{40,41}. She married Howard* Allen Field^{42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49} 6 May 1938 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{50,51,52}; born 27 September 1911 in Valparaiso, Center Twp., Porter County, Indiana^{53,54,55,56,57,58}; died 2 December 1988 in Fresno, Fresno County, California^{59,60,61,62,63}.

More About Miriam* Elaine Grasz:

Church Affiliation 1: The First Church of the Brethren, Nappanee, Indiana^{64,65}
Church Affiliation 2: St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fresno California, Kingsburg Methodist Church⁶⁶
Graduation: 1936, Graduated from Nappanee High School, Nappanee, Indiana⁶⁷
Occupation 1: Bet. 1936 - 1938, Clerk-stenographer for the Indiana State Employment Office, Elkhart Office⁶⁸

Occupation 2: Antique Dealer⁶⁹
Occupation 3: Oganist⁷⁰

Notes for Howard* Allen Field:

Howard told Eugene that he remembers his grandmother, Lavica Field, taking him and his brother Les by the hand and leading them to see the body of their grandfather, George, in his house in Valparaiso, Indiana, at 1001 Oak Street.

More About Howard* Allen Field:

Burial: 8 December 1988, Kingsburg Cemetery, Kingsburg, Kings County, California^{71,72,73}

Christening: Methodist Church, Nappanee, Indiana⁷⁴

Church Affiliation: St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fresno California, Kingsburg Methodist Church^{75,76}

Death Cause: Died from cancer of the colon⁷⁷

Graduation: 1929, graduated Nappanee High School, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{78,79}

Immigration 1: 1 September 1945, moved from Nappanee, Indiana, to Turlock, California/Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN⁸⁰

Immigration 2: 1950, from Turlock to Fresno, California/Turlock, Stanislaus Co., CA⁸⁰

Immigration 3: 1973, from Fresno to Kingsburg, California⁸⁰

Miscellaneous (2): member of the Kingsburg River Golf and County Club⁸¹

Nickname: Hod, Hodge⁸²

Occupation: advertisement layout, Fresno Bee, Fresno, California, antique dealer, 1976-88^{83,84,85,86}

Residence 1: Bet. 1938 - 1945, 105 Metzler St., Nappanee, Indiana^{87,88}

Residence 2: Bet. 1945 - 1950, 410 Thor, St., Turlock, California⁸⁹

Residence 3: Bet. 1950 - 1972, 3943 Maywood Dr., Fresno, California⁸⁹

Residence 4: Bet. 1972 - 1999, 40193 Rd. 32, Kingsburg, California⁸⁹

Retirement: 1976

Tombstone Inscription: 8 December 1988, Our Beloved Husband/Dad and Grandpa/Howard A. Field/Sept. 27 1911-Dec. 2, 1988/Precious Memories

More About Howard* Field and Miriam* Grasz:

Best Man: Robert McAndrew⁹⁰

Church: Nappanee Methodist Church⁹⁰

Food service: Misses Myrtle Mae Field and Mary Field⁹⁰

Maid of Honor: Esther Phippen ⁹⁰

Marriage: 6 May 1938, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana^{91,92,93}

Music: Cora Stuckman⁹³

Endnotes

1. Birth Record: Miriam Elaine Grasz, Nappanee Book No. 2, Pg. 28, Elkhart County, Indiana.
2. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.

3. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1.
4. Death Record: Tressie Ethel Grasz, Nappanee Book No. ??, pg. 44, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
5. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
6. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1.
7. Birth Record: Miriam Elaine Grasz, Nappanee Book No. 2, Pg. 28, Elkhart County, Indiana.
8. Obituary of William Grasz-William Grasz, Blacksmith Dies at Age of 86, Nappanee Advanced News, Nappanee, Elkhart county, Indiana, 3 Septemeber 1959.
9. Marriage Announcement: Floyd Grasz and Tressa E. Wilson, Nappanee Advanced News, Wednesday, April 18, 1906. pg. 5.
10. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
11. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1, day or month is incorrect.
12. Birth Record: Male Grass (Floyd May Grasz), Book 3, Pg. 7, Elkhart County, Indiana, Floyd always thought his birth date was January 18, 1886. Many of his legal documents state is as such. Floyd also spelled his last name as Grasz due to a low level of literacy. The birth cert. also states his parents as William and Mary Grass. Floyd's uncle William Grass did not live in Nappanee and his wife's name was Emma.
13. Death Record: Floyd May Grasz, Health Department, Elkhart County, Indiana, Has birth date as January, 18, 1886.
14. Death Record: Floyd May Grasz, Health Department, Elkhart County, Indiana.
15. Obituary of Hazel Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana, (date).
16. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
17. Tombstone Inscription: Tressa Grasz and Floyd May Grasz, Union Center Cemetery, West, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana, Exact inscription: TressaGrasz1886-1931.
18. Death Record: Tressie Ethel Grasz, Nappanee Book No. ??, pg. 44, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
19. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1.
20. Death Record: Tressie Ethel Grasz, Nappanee Book No. ??, pg. 44, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
21. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1.
22. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
23. Tombstone Inscription: Tressa Grasz and Floyd May Grasz, Union Center Cemetery, West, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
24. Death Record: Floyd May Grasz, Health Department, Elkhart County, Indiana.
25. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
26. Funeral Memorium Card: Mr. Floyd M. Grasz, Wright-Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana, 13 July 1979.
27. Records of Miriam E. Grasz Field, In possession of Eugene A. Field.
28. Photo of Market St. House, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana, (Taken June 1993 by Eugene Field (318 Roxanne Dr. Patterson CA 95363.))
29. Marriage Announcement: Floyd Grasz and Tressa E. Wilson, Nappanee Advanced News, Wednesday, April 18, 1906. pg. 5.
30. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.

31. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1, day or month is incorrect.
32. Birth Record: Miriam Elaine Grasz, Nappanee Book No. 2, Pg. 28, Elkhart County, Indiana.
33. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
34. Birth Record: Eugene Allen Field, Book 3, pg. 33, Nappanee Health Department, Elkhart County, Indiana.
35. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
36. Obituary of John Wayne Field, Fresno Bee, 13 November 1979.
37. Funeral Memorium Book: Howard Allen Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
38. Obituary of Floyd M. Grasz, From Obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
39. Obituary of Mrs. Tressa Grasz, Nappanee Advanced News, 12 March 1931, pg. 1.
40. Birth Record: Miriam Elaine Grasz, Nappanee Book No. 2, Pg. 28, Elkhart County, Indiana.
41. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
42. Birth Record: Howard Allen Field, Book 7, Pg. 31, Porter County, Indiana (Original in possession of Lucie Field, Patterson CA).
43. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
44. Birth Record: Eugene Allen Field, Book 3, pg. 33, Nappanee Health Department, Elkhart County, Indiana.
45. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
46. Funeral Memorium Card: Howard A. Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988, Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
47. Obituary of John Wayne Field, Fresno Bee, 13 November 1979.
48. Funeral Memorium Book: Howard Allen Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
49. Obituary of Mrs. Marie Field, Indiana Newspaper, Tuesday, 15 February, 1966, From obituary card file, Historical Room, Nappanee Public Library, Elkhart County, Indiana.
50. Marriage Record: Howard Allen Field and Miriam Elaine Grasz, Elkhart County, Indiana. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
51. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
52. Grasz-Field Nuptials Performed on Friday at Methodist Church, Nappanee Advance-News, 12 May 1938, pg. 1.
53. Birth Certificate for Howard Allen Field, Book 7, Pg. 31, Porter County, Indiana (Original in possession of Lucie Field, Patterson CA).
54. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
55. Funeral Memorium Card: Howard A. Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988, Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
56. Obituary of Howard A. Field (2), The Fresno Bee, Fresno, Fresno County, California.

57. Funeral Memorium Book: Howard Allen Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
58. Porter County, Indiana, Index to Birth Records, 1884-1919, (1971 (Valparaiso Public Library, Porter County, Indiana)), lists: Field, Harold Allen, 1911 (this is incorrect, it is Howard).
59. Death Record: Howard Allen Field, Local Registration District--388100, Certificate No. 04568 , Fresno County, California.
60. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
61. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
62. Funeral Memorium Card: Howard A. Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988, Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
63. Funeral Memorium Book: Howard Allen Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
64. Conversation: Miriam Grasz Field and Eugene Field, December 27, 1998.
65. Cradle Roll Certificate of Miriam Elaine Grass, First Brethren Church, Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana, 7 June 1918. Original in the possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
66. Conversation: Miriam Grasz Field and Eugene Field, December 27, 1998.
67. Grasz-Field Nuptials Performed on Friday at Methodist Church, Nappanee Advance-News, 12 May 1938, pg. 1.
68. 'Business' is Heavy in Employment Service Office, Elkhart, Indiana, newspaper.
69. Conversation: Miriam Grasz Field and Eugene Field, December 27, 1998.
70. Grasz-Field Nuptials Performed on Friday at Methodist Church, Nappanee Advance-News, 12 May 1938, pg. 1.
71. Death Record: Howard Allen Field, Local Registration District--388100, Certificate No. 04568 , Fresno County, California.
72. Funeral Memorium Card: Howard A. Field, Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Kings County, California, 8 December 1988, Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
73. Tombstone Inscription: Howard A. Field, Kingsburg Cemetery, Kingsburg, Kings County, California.
74. Records of Miriam E. Grasz Field, In possession of Eugene A. Field.
75. Eugene Allen Field.
76. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
77. Death Record: Howard Allen Field, Local Registration District--388100, Certificate No. 04568 , Fresno County, California.
78. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
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80. Eugene Allen Field.
81. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
82. Eugene Allen Field.
83. Death Record: Howard Allen Field, Local Registration District--388100, Certificate No. 04568 , Fresno County, California.

84. Obituary of Howard A. Field (1), The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana, 6 December 1988.
85. A Sad Farewell, in The Elliott: Shows, newsletter of the Elliot Antique Shows, 3, 4, 5 February 1989, No. 36.
86. Obituary of Howard A. Field (3), Modesto Bee, Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, 6 December 1988.
87. Eugene Allen Field.
88. Obituary of Howard A. Field (2), The Fresno Bee, Fresno, Fresno County, California.
89. Eugene Allen Field.
90. Grasz-Field Nuptials Performed on Friday at Methodist Church, Nappanee Advance-News, 12 May 1938, pg. 1.
91. Marriage Record: Howard Allen Field and Miriam Elaine Grasz, Elkhart County, Indiana. Original in possession of Eugene and Lucie Field.
92. Family Bible: Howard Allen Field, First owned by Howard Allen and Miriam Grasz Field, now in the possession of Lucie C. Field.
93. Grasz-Field Nuptials Performed on Friday at Methodist Church, Nappanee Advance-News, 12 May 1938, pg. 1.