

The children of
Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Grandchildren of Moses and Elizabeth Ann Cannon Chewning
Great Grandchildren of Newbold J NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon
Great Grandchildren of Granville and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning

and

Grandchildren of Charles and Francis Harriet Moseley Morris
Great Grandchildren of Churchill Payne and Nancy Ann Chastain Moseley
Great Grandchildren of William and Sarah Brewer Morris

November 8, 2023

There is always an issue of how to decide where people were born, when they lived in the country. I use the places that I most often see in their paper trail, knowing that oftentimes those born in the country will use the nearest town as their birthplace, even though they were born at home on the farm.

1. Baby boy Chewning, b. 1899, probably, Neeper?, Union Twp., Clark County, MO; d. 4/1899, Union Twp.? Neeper?, Clark County, MO; buried 4/4/1899, Clark County, MO.
2. Austin Raymond (Bill) Chewning, b. 2/18/1901, Neeper? Union Twp., Clark, MO; m. Ethel Elzina Brown, 5/5/1929, Keithsburg, Mercer, IL; d. 5/21/1987, Fillmore, Ventura, CA. Buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
3. Herville Payne Chewning, b. 4/4/1903, Ashton, Clark, MO; m. Esther Bonita Tarr, 10/12/1927, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 7/2/1963, Monmouth, Warren, IL. Buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
4. Letha Florence Chewning Downes, b. 8/29/1904, Ashton, Clark, MO; m. Maurice Emil Downes 2/27/1924, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 5/18/1986, Monmouth, Warren, IL. Buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.

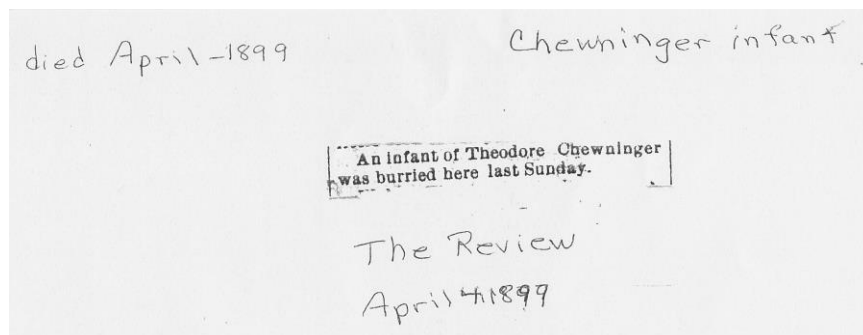
Monmouth Addresses

206 S. 7 th Street	George's widow, Margaret, and daughter Camilla Cannon	1930
1104 S. 6 th Street	Martin Luther Cannon, Leora, Zelma	1880 - 1955
1104 S. 6 th Street	Spencer Chewning	1905
1108 S. 6 th Street	Theo Chewning	12/1919
1114 S. 6 th Street	Katie R. Cannon, Charles' widow	1940 - 1947
1115 S. 5 th Street	Albert Cannon	1905 – before 1918
810 S. 3 rd Street	The Blacksmith shop	
822 S. 3 rd Street	Roy and Virgie Chewning	1943
834 S. 3 rd Street	John N. Cannon, wife Mary; George H., John's son, and his daughters Irene, Marie and Ruth after 1905	1880 – 1905/1905-1920
916 S. 3 rd Street	Uncle Bill's house	1943
918 S. 3 rd Street	Theo and Nancy Chewning's house	1920 - 1947
924 S. 3 rd Street	Uncle Herville's house	1930
833 S. 2 nd Street	Alice Cannon LeTherman, John's daughter	1900 - 1910
520 E. 3 rd Avenue	George Cannon, John's son	1920
734 10 th Avenue E or E. 10 th Street?	Spencer Chewning, Robert	1910 - 1971
743 10 th Avenue	Evert Chewning blacksmith shop	1943
415 E. 5 th Avenue	Spencer Chewning, blacksmith	1943 - 1960

Red entries are either no longer there, such as Theo and Nancy's house, or we couldn't locate.

Baby Boy Chewning
Son of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Grandson of Moses and Elizabeth Ann Cannon Chewning

Theodore's obit mentions the loss of an infant son. I can't find this newspaper online.



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning
Son of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Grandson of Moses and Elizabeth Ann Cannon Chewning

Austin Raymond was born 2/18/1901, in Neepor or Union Twp., Clark, MO. Apparently always called Bill by his family, he is on the **1910 census** with his parents and siblings.



Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Chewning stone, Monmouth Memorial Cem., Monmouth, Warren, IL



Austin Raymond Bill, Letha Florence, Herville Payne Chewning, Ashton, Clark, MO. Handwriting is Florence's (my grandmother).



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning and his engine 1916



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, 1917



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, Herville Payne Chewning and friends, 1917



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, 1920







Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, friend, Herville Payne Downes, 1920



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, Herville Payne Chewning



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning 1921



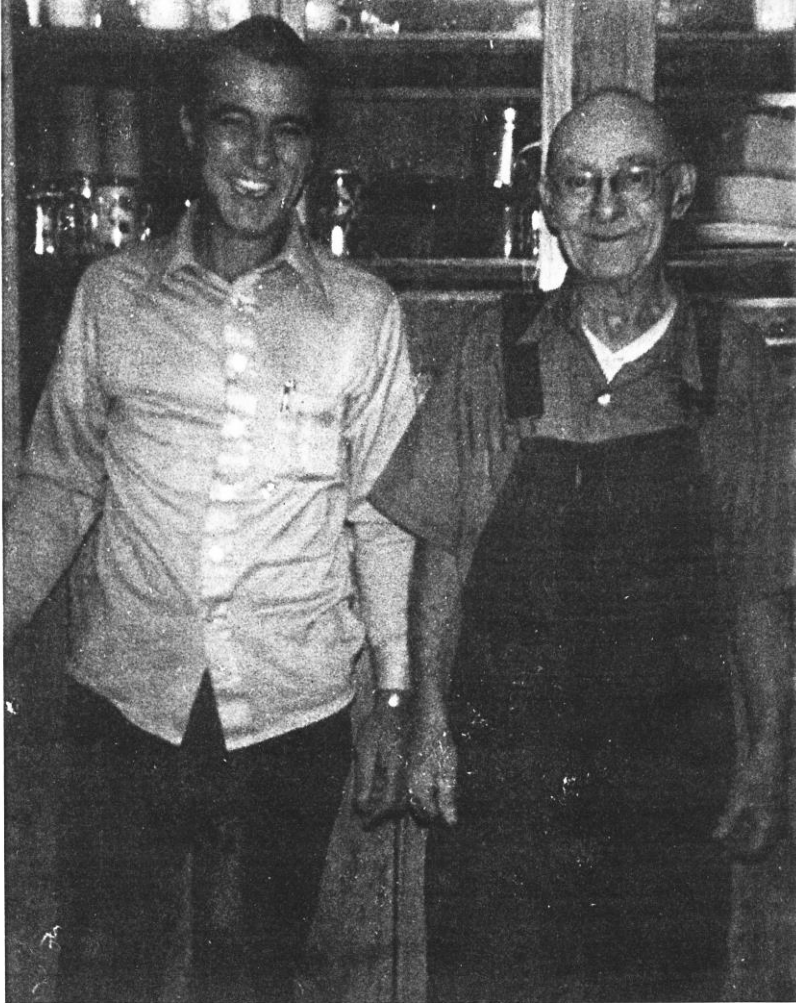
Austin Raymond Bill Chewning and Esther Kenneth, 1922





1942. William Payne Morris and family, including Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, seated right. Wiley Ora Morris is seated, left. William Morris was Bill's uncle, his mother's brother. The women are Ruby Pearl Morris, France Rachel 'Billie' Morris, and Virginia E. Morris. Not sure which is which, but they are Uncle William's daughters.





Cleo Chewning & Dad Austin Raymond

Cleo Ernest Chewning and Austin Raymond Bill Chewning



This picture was taken back in the 1967/68 time can't remember.
Back Row-
Mary Ann Chewning/Lee/Merry(married twice) b. June 21, 1930
Eloise Chewning/ Steele b. Jan 19, 1934
Theodore Allen Chewning b. Aug 12, 1935
Cleo Ernest Chewning b. Feb 9, 1938
Front Row
Austin Raymond Chewning b Feb 18, 1901 Ashton MO.
Ethel Elzina Brown b. May 5, 1909 IL.
All the children were born in Monmouth IL.



UNCLE BILL

E. Bishop is still on the sick list.

NEEPER.

Bud Lillard and his sister Miss Mary, started Monday, for Chillicothe where they will attend school.

Miss Bertha Wells and Charley Lillard, spent Sunday in Wyaconda.

Hosia Hodges of Oklahoma, is visiting with his parents in this vicinity. Mr. Hodges has a homestead in Oklahoma, and will return this week.

Mrs. Ben Hayden and family are visiting relatives near Neeper, while Mr. Hayden is in Oklahoma looking for a home.

An infant child of Al and Sarah Justice was buried in the Neeper cemetery, Saturday.

A boy baby was born to the household of Theodore Chewning, Feb. 18.

Mrs. Clark and daughter Sarah, who have been seriously sick for several weeks, are still quite feeble.

Mrs. B. F. Moore and sons Lewis and Leonard, attended the Lookwood-Ash wedding, Sunday, near Union.

Miss Marcia Prickett is spending a week with relatives in Kahoka.

Mr. Mackley of Keokuk, moved this

Mrs. A. R. Chewning's daughter, Mrs. B. D. of first

and 6.

ches long.

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West A. R. Chewning

Austin Raymond Bill Chewning birth, **Neeper col.**, KahokaGazetteHerald, 3.1.1901 (date is hard to read)

This newspaper clipping, copied from the Kahoka Library, shows the announcement of Austin Raymond Bill's birth in the NEEPER section of the paper. The column following this shows the Ashton news; therefore, I don't believe that Theodore and Nancy were living in Ashton until after 1903.

Neeper is the address used on Nancy Ann's mother's (Francis Harriet Moseley Morris) census records. Could they have been living with her mother?? Or did they have their own farm at that point? Theodore was a blacksmith in Antioch; Neeper was just a short distance west.

1910 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark County, MO

Theodore Chewning, 39, married 12 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, owns own shop, owns home with mortgage

Nancy M. Chewning, 37, married 12 years, 4 children, 3 living, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Raymond A., 9, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year

Harvel (census looks like Hurvel), 7, etc.

Florence, 5, etc.

Eddie Simpson, Eva Snyder, Raymond and Florence Chewning, recent converts, were accompanied to Kahoka Wednesday p. m. by several of their friends, where they were immersed by the Baptist minister of Medill.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 3.2.1917

Theo. Chewning and John W. Woodruff were passengers to Granger Tuesday a. m.

Raymond and Herville Chewning spent from Friday to Monday with their Grandmother Morris of near Union, also stopped at Kahoka to see the special train of war relics and hear the speeches.

Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, ClarkCountyCourier, 5.3.1918

Saturday evening a crowd of youngsters from Medill and Ashton gathered at the Brotherton store and went in a body to the Chewning residence to give Florence, Herville and Raymond a surprise. Not a moment dragged, everyone seemed ready and anxious to participate in any game that found general favor. Time sped and all too soon it seemed time to depart, but thoughtful minds and patient hands had been busy in the kitchen, in fact Mrs. C. H. Howell and Mrs. Chewning had made a bountiful supply of popcorn balls and molasses candy, to which the young folks did justice. All departed declaring they had spent a delightful evening, and wishing the Chewnings much happiness in their new home.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

Sometime around 1919, Theodore and Nancy Ann moved to Monmouth with Herville and Florence; for some reason, Raymond (Bill) Chewning stayed behind for a time, living with his aunt, Effie Chewning Davidson. Grandma Downes (Letha Florence) said they moved in Dec. 1919.

1920 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark County, MO (Ashton)

A.M. Davidson, 42, owns farm, b. in MO, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO, machinist

Effie Davidson, 36, b. in MO, parents b. in US

J. Edward, 7, b. in MO; parents b.in MO

Hibbert W., 5, etc.

Raymond Chewning, 19, nephew, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, no occupation

1922 Monmouth Directory

Chesser Claude W r 818 North A

Chewning Austin R r 918 S 3d

Chewning Herville P student r 918 S 3d

Chewning Letha F Miss student r 918 S 3d

Chewning Roy r 734 E 10th av

Chewning Spencer L (Mary) r 734 E 10th av

Chewning Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d

C. R. O. RAILROAD passenger station 612 South E first depot 605 S

Raymond Chewning and cousins, Stella and Roy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., spent several days with relatives and attended the county fair. While here Raymond rebuilt flue on I. O. O. F. hall and garage, also on his uncle's A. M. Davidson's, dwelling. He has learned to be quite an expert brick mason. They just recently finished a \$55,000 school building at Woodhull, Ill.

Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 9.11.1925

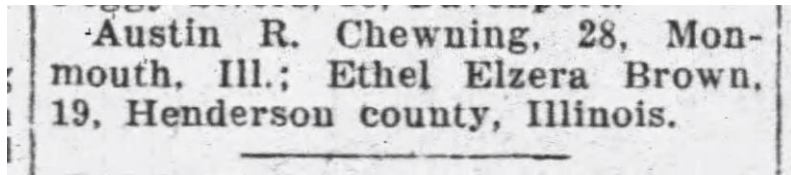
Raymond and Herville Chewning and cousin of Monmouth, Ill., came Sunday night to the home of their uncle, A. M. Davidson. They report their father, Theo. Chewning as being considerable better after quite a seige of neuritis.

Raymond, Herville, Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 4.1.1927

Bill married in Keithsburg, in 1929

Bill married Ethel Elzina Brown May 5, 1929, in Keithsburg, Mercer, IL, daughter of Clemet Brown and Mary McPheron.

They were married on Ethel's birthday at the parsonage in Keithsburg. Esther and Dan stood up with them. (*that might be her brother, Dan Brown*).



Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.7.1929





Aug. 2012 916 S. 3rd St., Monmouth

Cleo Ernest Chewning and Austin Raymond Bill Chewning

He is living next door to his father and mother, and two doors from his brother, Herville. He would live at 916 3rd St. for most of his life. In his very last year(s) he moved in with his son, Theodore Allen, and his wife Nita, in CA.

1930 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL at 916 S. 3rd Street

Austin R. Chewning, 29, owns home, value \$900, no radio set, married at 28, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, brickman, day work, works for wages

Ethel Chewning, 20, married at 20, b. in IL, parents b. in IL

Mrs. Theo. Chewning and sons, Herville and Raymond, and their families and daughter, Mrs. Maurice Downs and family of Monmouth, Ill., were Sunday evening guests of A. M. Davidson and family.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Herville, Raymond, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourie, 10.17.1930

tendance.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chewning and daughter, Mary Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chewning of Monmouth were over Saturday night visitors of A. M. Davidson and family.

Austin Raymond, Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 7.8.1932

ASHTON

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chewning and two daughters and Mrs. Nancy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., were Sunday evening visitor of A. M. Davidson and family.

Victor Phillips and family were

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, others, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 8.17.1934

1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chevrolet Sales & Service, 123 S. 1st St., Tel. 75.
Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.
Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chicago Motor Club, 116 S. 1st St., Tel. 120, (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)
Chicago Motor Club, 116 S. 1st St., Tel. 4964—R.

1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL

Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning props., Tel. 465.
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 916 S. 3rd Street

Austin R. Chewning, 39, owns home, value \$1,000, not a farm, completed 2 grades of high school, b. in MO, Monmouth, IL in 1935, no, no, no, yes (if not seeking work, did he have a job?), blacksmithing and welding, own shop

Ethel E. Chewning*, 30, completed 1 year of college? C-1, b. in IL, same place, not employed, housework

Mary A., 9, completed 4th grade, b. in IL, same house

Lillian E., 6, completed 1st grade, b. in IL

Theodore A., 4, b. in IL

Cleo E., 2, b. in IL

church for those who have overcome
the world. Raymond Chewning
and family of Monmouth, Ill., and
Mrs. Nancy Chewning were Sunday
callers at the A. M. Davidson home.

Clen Frank wife and daughter
Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Austin Raymond Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier,
8.2.1940

1943 Monmouth Directory

Chewning A Raymond (Ethel E; Chewning Bros Blacksmith
Shop) h916 S 3d
—Bros Blacksmith Shop (A Raymond and Herval P) 810 S
3d
—Evert W (Ruth B) blksmith Chewning's Shop h748 10th av
E
—Herval P (Esther B; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h
924 S 3d
—Nancy A (wid Theo) h918 S 3d
—Robt E r734 10th av E
—Roy L (Virgie) blksmith h822 S 3d
—Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 10th av E

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL

Austin R. Chewning, 49, b. in MO, working, 55 hrs/wk, blacksmithing, blacksmith, own account
Ethel E. Chewning, 40, b. in IL, working, 42 hrs/wk, teaching, beauty school
Lillan E., 16, b. in IL,
Theodore A., 14, b. in IL,
Cleo E., 12, b. in IL,

The 1958 directory shows that Aunt Ethel and Uncle Bill weren't living together; also, neither were working at the
blacksmith shop, but another man, Dale E. Schisler, was:

1958 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
—Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
—Cleo (Margt) fcty wkr h312 North A
—Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av
—Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B
—Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butlers Mfg h748 E 10th av
—Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
—Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
—Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d
—Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av
—Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th av
Chewning Lloyd E (Edith D) driver Gamble-Skegmo h913 S 6th

The 1960 directory shows Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning, living at 1120 E. 11th, which was Cleo Sage's address. Also
at that address is Edna Chewning – I don't know who Edna Chewning is.

Howdy Priss,

*I have no recollection whatsoever of an Edna Chewning. Aunt Ethel left Uncle Bill (have no recollection, date wise,
of just when that was) and moved in with Cleo Sage, ostensibly to care for him. And I know that they lived toward
the east end of East 11th street, so the 1120 address seems to me to undoubtedly be Cleo Sages place. Cleo
subsequently died and I'm not sure just where Aunt Ethel lived after that, or who she might have lived with i.e., did
she continue to live in Cleo Sage's house???*

Edna Chewning is a complete unknown to me. But here's some food for thought. Aunt Ethel's youngest child was Cleo. (There is little doubt that Cleo's father was Cleo Sage.) Young Cleo was a real zero in terms of his personal life. He was into the bottle, was arrested numerous times for numerous things, spent time off and on in the local jail (no hard time that I know of). He died young as a result of his dissipation. He had some women troubles, (don't really know any particulars) but know that he was married at one time, and that either he was separated or divorced. I'm sure that he had a kid or some kids. And so I'm wondering, it's a complete speculative guess, if perhaps Edna was one of Cleo's wives or live ins, and that Aunt Ethel was 'helping' her or whatever.

All for now,
The Ole Man

1960 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewing Cleo E (Peggy M) h828 North E
Chewing Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
Chewing Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
Chewing Edna Mrs h1120 E 11th av
Chewing Ethel Mrs nurses aide Mon Hosp r1120 E 11th
Chewing Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butler Mfg h748 E 10th
av
Chewing Gary mill wkr Sharp Feed Mill r748 E 10th av
Chewing Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
Chewing Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
Chewing Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d h do
Chewing Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 E 10th av
Chewing Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th
Chezem Lloyd E (Edith) driver Gamble-Skogmo r RD 2

Ethel d. in 1973

Death Index:
Ethel Chewning
Last Residence: Monmouth, Warren, IL
Born: 5 May 1909
Died Sep. 1973

MRS. A. R. CHEWNING

MONMOUTH — Mrs. A. R. Chewning, 64, of 916 S. Third St., died today at 6 a.m. while on duty at the Monmouth Nursing Home.

The former Ethel Brown was born May 5, 1909, at Keithsburg, where she was reared and educated. She married A. R. Chewning on May 5, 1929.

She was a member of First Christian Church.

She operated a beauty shop before working as a licensed practical nurse at Monmouth Community Memorial Hospital, Applegate Inn and for the past two years at the Monmouth Nursing Home.

Surviving with the husband are two daughters, Mrs. Roscoe (Mary Ann) Merry, Dubois, Wyo., and Mrs. Phillip (Eloise) Steele, Kirkwood; two sons, Allen Chewning, Santa Paula, Calif., and Cleo Chewning, Monmouth; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; a brother, Dan Brown, Keithsburg, and two sisters, Mrs. Harold Shotwell and Mrs. Mary Newton, both of New Boston.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Hoover Memorial Chapel.

Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.10.1973

The Daily Review Atlas Monmouth, IL
Monday, September 10, 1973

ETHEL CHEWNING

(Mrs. Austin Raymond Chewning)

Mrs. A. R. Chewning, aged 64, of 916 South Third, died unexpectedly at 6 a.m. this morning at the Monmouth Nursing Home where she was employed. The former Ethel Brown was born May 5, 1909 in Keithsburg the daughter of Clem and Mary (Nipheron) Brown. She was married to A. R. Chewning May 3, 1929 in Keithsburg and the couple spent their entire married life in Monmouth. Mrs. Chewning was a Licensed Practical Nurse and Beautician employed by the Monmouth Hospital, Applegate Inn and for the past two years at the Monmouth Nursing Home.

Surviving with Mr. Chewning are two daughters, Mrs. Roscoe (Mary Ann) Merry of Dubois, WY and Mrs Phillip (Eloise) Steel of Kirkwood, two sons, Allen Chewning of Santa Paula, CA and Cleo Chewning of Monmouth, 12 grandchildren, a brother, Dan of Keithsburg, two sisters, Mrs. Harold (May) Shotwell and Mrs. Mary Helen Newton of New Boston and a number of other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, three sisters and one grandmother.

Funeral services are pending at Hoover Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday, September 12, 1973

Funeral services for Mrs. A. R. Chewning who died Monday at the Monmouth Nursing Home will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Hoover Memorial Home, the Rev. Ellis Beerman officiating and also the Rev. of the First Baptist Church with the burial at the Warren county Memorial cemetery. Friends may call until the hour of the services at the Hoover Memorial Chapel.

Ethel's mother's maiden name was McPherson.

MRS. A. R. CHEWNING

MONMOUTH — Funeral for Mrs. A. R. Chewning, 64, of 916 S. Third St. who died Monday will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Hoover Memorial Chapel. Rev. Ellis Beeman, pastor of First Christian Church, and Rev. David Nicholson, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be at the Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hoover Memorial Chapel Wednesday and Thursday until the hour of the service.

Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.11.1973

CHEWNING RITES

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Mrs. A. R. Chewning, 913 S. 3rd St., Monmouth, who died yesterday morning, will be at 1:30 Thursday afternoon in the Hoover Memorial Chapel, Monmouth.

The Rev. Ellis Beeman, pastor of the First Christian Church, and the Rev. David Nicholson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Warren Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow and until time of service.

Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 9.11.1973

9-12-73
Mrs. Chewning

Mrs. A. R. Chewning of Monmouth died unexpectedly about 11 a. m. Monday, Sept. 10, of an apparent heart attack while on duty as a licensed practical nurse at the Monmouth Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Hoover Memorial Chapel, Monmouth. The Rev. Ellis Beeman, pastor of the First Christian Church, and the Rev. David Nicholson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate and burial will be in Warren Memorial Park cemetery.

The former Ethel Brown was born May 5, 1909, in Kelthsburg, a daughter of Clem and Mary McPheron Brown. Her early life was spent in Kelthsburg and Joy. She was married to Mr. Chewning on May 5, 1929, in Kelthsburg. Most of the married life was spent in Monmouth, where she was a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are the widower; two daughters, Mrs. Roscoe Merry of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. Philip Noel of Kirkwood; two sons, Allen of Santa Paula, Calif., and Cleo of Monmouth; 14 grandchildren; two granddaughters, Mrs. Harold Shotwell and Mrs. Mary Helen Newton, both of New Boston and a brother, Dan Brown of Kelthsburg.

A brother, three sisters and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

Bill d. in 1987

Bill moved to California in the last year of his life, and lived with his son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Nita Chewning.

California Death Index

Austin Raymond Chewning

Birth Date: 18 Feb. 1901

Death Date: 21 May 1987

Death Place: Ventura

Mother's Maiden Name: Morris

Deaths

A.R. Chewning

A.R. "Bill" Chewning, 96 of 916 South Third St., Monmouth, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 1987, while visiting his son in Santa Paula, Calif. He was born Feb. 18, 1901, in Austin, Mo., the son of Theodore and Nancy Ann Chewning.

He was reared and educated in Missouri and came to Monmouth in 1919. He was a long-time blacksmith and brick mason. He married Ethel Brown May 5, 1929, in Monmouth. She died Sept. 10, 1973. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Monmouth Lodge No. 61 I.O.O.F.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann Merry of DuBois, Wyoming; two sons, Alan of Santa Paula, Calif. and Cleo of Monmouth; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Eloise, granddaughter, brother and sister.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Monmouth by the Rev. Geoffrey Koglin. Burial will be in Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call at Hoover Memorial Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday when family will be present.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Monmouth.

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LARGE 1987 ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, August 29—10:00 A.M.

Located: 810 South Third St., Monmouth, IL

The Chewning Family operated a Blacksmith, Wagon Repairing and Milling Shop in Ashton, MO, for many years. They moved the shop to Monmouth, IL in 1919 where they worked the Blacksmith Shop and continued to repair wagons. Later they added welding by electricity and acetylene, sharpening discs and plow shears. Mr. Chewning worked in the shop until the time of his death.

We will be selling the House, Blacksmith & Welding Shop and the contents thereof which includes:

HOUSEHOLD — EQUIPMENT — TOOLS —
ANTIQUES — COLLECTIBLES — PRIMI-
TIVES Oak & Walnut pcs. Furniture;
Stoneware; Depression Glass; 1938 Dodge
Truck w/375 Hobart Generator Welder; Ant.
Gas Engines; Ant. Omaha Lincoln Welder,
new 1929; Wooden Wagon Parts; Vises;
Grinders; Tools; Etc.

It is impossible to list everything. The accumulation over the years is astronomical. There will be many items uncovered as we prepare to set things out on sale day. All items sold as is, some pieces rough.

A. R. CHEWNING ESTATE

Auctioneers: Ed & Herb Burns,
Monmouth, IL

Ph. 309-734-5022, 734-3350 or 734-8000

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The Register - Mail
Galesburg, Illinois
Friday, May 22, 1987

A. R. "BILL" CHEWNING

(Austin Raymond Chewning)

Monmouth - A. R. "Bill" Chewning, 86, 916 South Third Street died Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at his son's home in Santa Paula, CA.

He was born in Ashton, MO February 18, 1901. He married Ethel Brown in Monmouth on May 3, 1919. She died September 10, 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Alan Chewning, Santa Paula, CA and Cleo Chewning, Monmouth, one daughter, Mary Ann Merry, DuBois, WY, twelve grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

He was reared and educated in Ashton, MO. He moved to Monmouth in 1919 and had worked as a blacksmith and a brick mason. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Monmouth and Monmouth I.O.C.F. Lodge 61.

Funeral will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Geoffrey Koglan officiating. Friends may call at Hoover Chapel; the family will be present Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. Burial will be in Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to his church, the family said.

Austin Raymond Chewning 1901-1987
= Son of Theodore & Nancy Ann (Morris) Chewning

Given name of Alan Chewning;
(1st son of A.R. Chewning Above)
Was Theodore Alan Chewning

L.A.M.
4-18-01

LARGE ESTATE AUCTION 1987
Saturday, August 29—10:00 A.M.
Located: 810 South Third St., Monmouth, IL
The Chewning Family operated a Blacksmith, Wagon Repairing and Milling Shop in Ashton, MO, for many years. They moved the shop to Monmouth, IL in 1919 where they worked the Blacksmith Shop and continued to repair wagons. Later they added welding by electricity and acetylene, sharpening discs and plow shears. Mr. Chewning worked in the shop until the time of his death. We will be selling the House, Blacksmith & Welding Shop and the contents thereof which includes:
HOUSEHOLD — EQUIPMENT — TOOLS — ANTIQUES — COLLECTIBLES — PRIMITIVES Oak & Walnut pcs. Furniture; Stoneware; Depression Glass; 1938 Dodge Truck w/375 Hobart Generator Welder; Ant. Gas Engines; Ant. Omaha Lincoln Welder, new 1929; Wooden Wagon Parts; Vises; Grinders; Tools; Etc.
It is impossible to list everything. The accumulation over the years is astronomical. There will be many items uncovered as we prepare to set things out on sale day. All items sold as is, some pieces rough.
A. R. CHEWNING ESTATE
Auctioneers: Ed & Herb Burns,
Monmouth, IL
Ph. 309-734-5022, 734-3350 or 734-8000
CLIP & SAVE

Austin Raymond Bill Chewning obit and estate sale, sent to me by Nita Chewning

Uncle Bill had a will:

Chewning Austin Ray date: 5/27/1987k Book: Will Dep Admin: Not probated (AKA) A.R. Chewning

I got this typed genealogy years ago, I think from Dad.

CHILDREN OF THEODORE CHEWNING AND NANCY ANN MORRIS CHEWNING
DOB 11-21-1872 DOB 1-30-1874
Deceased 1-19-1933 Deceased 12-19-1947

Raymond "Bill" Austin Chewning Married Ethel Elzina Brown
DOB 2-18-1901 DOB 5-5-1909
Deceased 5-21-1987 Deceased Oct. 1973

CHILDREN: Mary Ann Chewning Married Richard Lee
 Divorced
 Married Roscoe Merry
 Divorced

CHILDREN: Ricky Lyn Lee, DOB 4-5-1953

Lillian Eloise Chewning Married Phillip Steele
DOB 1-19-1933
Deceased 8-17-1975

CHILDREN: Debra Ann, DOB 7-19-1953
 Deceased 7-20-1953
 Nanci Katherine, DOB 2-2-1955
 Cindy Lu DOB 2-16-1957
 Lynette Marie DOB 7-11-1958
 Jil Louise DOB 10-23-1959

Theodore Allen Chewning Married Nita Evelyn Jacobson
DOB 8-12-1935 Jacobson
 DOB 4-10-1940
 Ted Allen, DOB 6-20-1959
 Karen Sue, DOB 8-26-1957
 Ethel Lynn, DOB 8-28-1960

Cleo Ernest Chewning Married Margaret Jean Lathrop
DOB 2-9-1938 Divorced DOB 1-13-1937

No children

The children of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning
Grandchildren of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Great Grandchildren of Moses and Elizabeth Ann Cannon Chewning

1. Mary Ann Chewning Lee Merry, b. 6/21/1930, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. 1st Richard Neal Lee, 1949; divorced; m. 2nd Roscoe John Merry, 1963; divorced; d. 7/31/2018, Casper, Natrona, WY; buried in Dubois Cemetery, Dubois, Fremont, WY.
2. Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele, b. 1/19/1934, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Phillip E. Steele, 2/29/1952, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 8/17/1975, Galesburg, Knox, IL; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
3. Theodore Allen Chewning, b. 8/12/1935, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Nita Evelyn Jacobson, 9/1956; d. 2/21/2007, Burseson, Johnson, TX; buried in Dallas National Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas, TX.
4. Cleo Ernest Chewning, b. 2/9/1938, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Margaret Jean Lathrop, 4/1947; divorced before before 1974; d. 6/21/1994

Mary Ann Chewning Lee Merry

Daughter of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning

Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

These childhood pictures of Mary Ann are from Letha Florence Chewning Downes' photo album.





Mary Ann Chewning Lee Merry

1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 916 S. 3rd Street

Austin R. Chewning, 39, owns home, value \$1,000, not a farm, completed 2 grades of high school, b. in MO, Monmouth, IL in 1935, no, no, no, yes (if not seeking work, did he have a job?), blacksmithing and welding, own shop

Ethel E. Chewning*, 30, completed 1 year of college? C-1, b. in IL, same place, not employed, housework

Mary A., 9, completed 4th grade, b. in IL, same house

Lillian E., 6, completed 1st grade, b. in IL

Theodore A., 4, b. in IL

Cleo E., 2, b. in IL

She married Richard Lee, 1949, per her obit.

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL

Richard Lee, 22, b. in IL, working, 48 hrs/wk, Rinker Const

Mary Ann Lee, 19, b. in IL, working, 45 hrs/wk, clerk, Spurgeons Dry Goods

She had a son, Rick L. Lee, b. 4/5/1953.

Married again to Roscoe Merry in 1963, also divorced.

Mary Ann d. in Casper, Natrona, WY

DUBOIS, Wyo. — Mary Ann (Chewning) Merry, Dubois, died July 31, 2018, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper. She was 88 years old.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 18, 2018, at the Dubois Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the VFW Post.

Mary Ann Chewning was born June 21, 1930, in Monmouth, Illinois.

She married Richard Lee in 1949; the couple had one son, Rick Lee. They later divorced and she married Roscoe Merry, also of Monmouth, in 1963.

She worked at Form Fit Rogers in Monmouth until she moved to Dubois in 1969. While living in Dubois, she worked at the Rustic Pine Steakhouse and the Ramshorn Inn. Later, the Merrys bought the Stagecoach Motel. After they divorced, she worked at Welty's General Store and then at Wyo LP Gas until her retirement in 1995.

She started the first blood drive in Dubois and served on the Fremont County Election Board for many years.

She was a life member of Ramar Brown VFW Auxiliary 10056. She was elected to all offices in Auxiliary 10056 and District 7, including district president (1973-1974). She was also elected to all Department of Wyoming offices, presiding as president 1980-1981.

She loved camping, gardening, sewing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling and cooking, especially baking.

*She is survived by her son, **Rick L. Lee (Susan) of Dubois**; grandson, Douglas Lee of Laramie; granddaughter, Tammy Lee of Prescott, Arizona; grand dog Bubba; and numerous nieces and nephews.*

She was preceded in death by her parents, Austin Raymond and Ethel Chewning; brothers, Cleo Chewning and Alan Chewning; and sister, Eloise Steele.

Donations in her name may be made to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

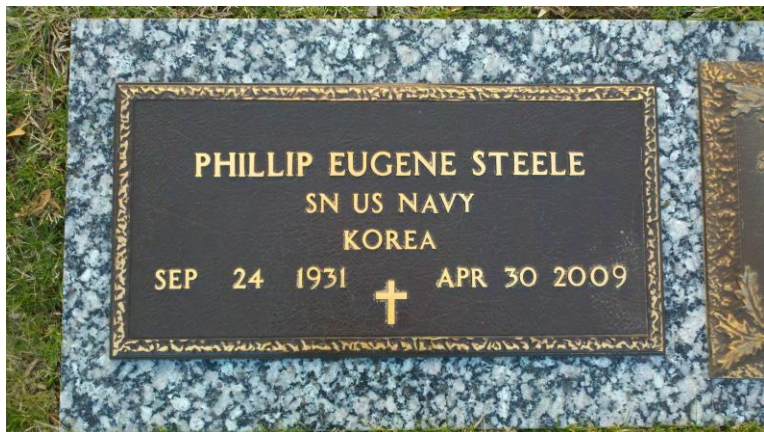
Son of Richard Neal and Mary Ann Chewning Lee
Grandson of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning
Grandson of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Ricky Lynn Lee, b. 4/5/1953;

Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele
Daughter of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning
Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning



Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele stone, Memorial Park Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Phillip Eugene Steele stone, Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL

1940 and 1950 census with her parents at 916 S. 3rd St.

I found a Monmouth directory for 1952, with Phillip and Lillian Eloise living at 916 S. 3rd St.



WED IN MONMOUTH — Marriage vows were spoken at 6 o'clock last evening by Miss Lillian Eloise Chewning, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chewning, 916 South Third street, Monmouth, and Phillip Eugene Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, Roseville. The Rev. John D. Kern read the double-ring ceremony in First Baptist church, Monmouth.

The bride wore a street-length dress with fitted bodice and a full skirt. Other features of the dress were a high neckline and a Chantilly lace top over nylon marquisette. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias on a white Bible.

Mrs. Richard N. Lee, matron of honor, wore a pink dress with a full skirt and carried white roses.

Larmer Gillan served as best man, and ushers were Keith Howver and Bill Kitler.

The couple left immediately for a trip to St. Louis. For her traveling ensemble, the bride chose a navy suit with red and white accessories. Upon their return, they will reside with the bridegroom's parents until March 10, when he will return to his navy base. The bride then will reside with her parents and will continue her education in Monmouth high school, where she is a senior.

The bridegroom was graduated from Monmouth high school and is serving in the navy. The bride has been employed part time at Spurgeon's Department store in Monmouth.

Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 3.1.1952

INFANT STEELE

MONMOUTH — Graveside services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Warren County Memorial Park for Deborah Anne Steele, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Steele of Monmouth, who died at 12:45 o'clock Monday afternoon. She was born at 10:48 o'clock Sunday night at the Monmouth Hospital.

The Rev. John Kern was in charge. The father of the child is in the Navy and the mother has been residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chewing of Monmouth. Other survivors include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele of Roseville; the maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Brown of Seaton, and the paternal great - grandmother, Mrs. Ida Strickler.

EMORY SUITZED

Deborah Anne Steele, GalesburgRegisterMail, 7.21.1953

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1975

ATLAS, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Phil Steele, Kirkwood, Died

Mrs. Phillip Steele, age 41 of Kirkwood, died Sunday, at 5:10 a.m., at St. Mary's hospital, in Galesburg.

The former Lillian Eloise Chewning, known to her friends as Eloise, was born Jan. 19, 1934, in Monmouth, the daughter of A. R. and Ethel (Brown) Chewning.

She was reared and educated in Monmouth. She was graduated from Monmouth high school and the Galesburg Beauty school.

She married Phillip Steele, Feb. 29, 1952, in Monmouth.

Except for six years in the Toulon, Elmwood, and Mackinaw communities, her entire lifetime was spent in the Monmouth area. She was a member of the Roseville Christian church. She was employed by Smoler Fashions in Monmouth, and was past president of Local No. 343, I. L. G. W. U. At the time of her death, she was chief steward of that union. She also held membership in Xi Beta Gamma sorority.

Surviving with her husband are five children: Mrs. Tom (Cindy) Trimble of Monmouth, and Nancy, Jill Louise, Mary Joan, and Charles Steele, all at home; her father; a sister, Mrs. Roscoe (May Ann) Merry, of DuBois, Wyo.; two brothers, Allen Chewning of Santa Paula, Calif., and Cleo Chewning of Monmouth; one granddaughter, and a number of other relatives. She was preceded in death by her mother and a daughter in infancy.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m. at Hoover Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Earl McClelland, assistant pastor of the First Christian church, in Monmouth, officiating. Burial will take place in the Warren County Memorial Park cemetery.

Friends may call anytime until the hour of service at the Hoover Memorial Chapel.

Contributions may be left at Hoover Memorial Chapel, for an undesignated memorial.

Funeral Services

Mrs. Phillip Steele

Funeral services for Mrs. Phillip Steele, age 41, of Kirkwood, who died Sunday, at 5:10 a.m., at St. Mary's hospital, in Galesburg, were held Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m., at Hoover Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Earl McClelland, assistant pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. The organist, Mrs. Betty Melvin, accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Judy Murphy in two selections, "How Great Thou Art," and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Burial took place in the Warren County Memorial Park cemetery, with Ross Williams, Keith Howver, Marvin Fogle, Robert Hall, H. W. Kidder, and Raymond Mason as pallbearers.

MRS. PHILLIP STEELE

KIRKWOOD — Funeral services for Mrs. Phillip Steele of Kirkwood, who died at 5:10 yesterday morning following emergency surgery for removal of a kidney at St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg, will be at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Hoover Memorial Chapel in Monmouth.

The Rev. Earl McClelland, assistant pastor of Monmouth First Christian Church, will officiate and burial will be in Monmouth Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

The former Eloise Chewning was born Jan. 19, 1934, in Monmouth, a daughter of A. R. and Ethel Brown Chewning.

She was married to Mr. Steele, Feb. 29, 1952, in Monmouth. Most of their married life was spent in the Kirkwood and Monmouth communities.

She was a member of the Roseville Christian Church.

The widower survives with four daughters, Mrs. Thomas Trimble of Monmouth, and Nancy, Jill and Mary Joan, all at home; a son, Charles, at home; her father, of Monmouth; two brothers, Allen Chewning of Santa Paula, Calif., and Cleo Chewning of Monmouth, and a sister, Mrs. Roscoe Merry of DuBois, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a daughter.

Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 8.18.1975

MONMOUTH – Phillip E. Steele, North Palm Beach, Fla., died on April 30, 2009. He was born in Monmouth on Sept. 24, 1931, the son of Charles and Lena (Strickler) Steele. Steele was a graduate of Roseville High School. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and was a member of the VFW post 2301 and later post 10132 (Hobe Sound, Fla.). He farmed in the Roseville area and then worked at Wilson foods. He moved to Florida in 1988 where he enjoyed farming, good weather and ballroom dancing. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife **Lillian Eloise (Chewning) Steele** and his brother William Steele. He is survived by companion, Lydia Stone, North Palm Beach, Fla.; four daughters, Nancy (Brian) O'Grady, Zion, Cindy (Tom) Trimble, Newark, Del., Jil (Randy) Bale, Terrell, Texas, Mary (Larry) Dysert, Monmouth; one son, Chuck Steele, Monmouth; 12 grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeffrey and Nicholas King, Paula (Steve) Hutton, Robert (Jordan) Trimble, Tanya Tucker, Christopher (Jessica) Tucker, Laura (Omar) Durrand, Elisha and Ashley Lewis, Zachary and Lunden Steele; and 11 great-grandchildren. The family is planning a memorial service at Monmouth Cemetery on Friday, July 10.

Children of Phillip E. and Lillian Eloise Chewning Steele

Grandchildren of Austin Raymond and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning

Great Grandchildren of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Great Great Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

1. Debra Anne Steele, b. 7/19/1953, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 7/20/1953, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
2. Nancy Katherine Steele O'Grady, b. 2/2/1955; m. Brian O'Grady;
3. Cindy Lou Steele Trimble, b. 2/16/1957; m. Robert Thomas Trimble, about 1975;
4. Mary Joann Chewning Dysert, b. 7/11/1958; m. Larry Dysert;
5. Jill Louise Steele Bale, b. 10/23/1959;
6. Charles R. Steele, b. 8/23/1963;



Debra Ann Steele stone, 2011, Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Debra Anne Steele, stone, 2019, Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL

Theodore Allen Chewning

Son of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning

Grandson of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Great Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning



Theodore Allen Chewning, from Letha Florence Chewning Downes' photo album.



Ronald Walters, Cleo Chewning, center, Theodore Allen Chewning, right, Monmouth, IL. From Nita Chewning.



Theodore Allen Chewning, 1952 Monmouth hs yrbook, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Theodore Allen Chewning, from Nita Chewning



Theodore Allen and Nita Evelyn Jacobson Chewning family





Theodore Allen Chewning stone, Dallas National Cemetery, Dallas, TX

1940 census with his parents at 916 S. 3rd St.

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL

Austin R. Chewning, 49, b. in MO, working, 55 hrs/wk, blacksmithing, blacksmith, own account

Ethel E. Chewning, 40, b. in IL, working, 42 hrs/wk, teaching, beauty school

Lillian E., 16, b. in IL,

Theodore A., 14, b. in IL,

Cleo E., 12, b. in IL,

Allen married Nita Evelyn Jacobson 9/1956, according to Nita's obit.

Allen Chewning

BURLESON — Allen Chewning, 71, a retired machine operator for Weyerhaeuser, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007.

Graveside service: 2 p.m. Monday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother, a sister and a grandson.

Survivors: Wife, Nita; daughters, Karen Buffalohead, Lynn Solis and Diane Cuske; son, Ted Allen; sister, Mary Ann Merry; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Crosier-Pearson-Mayfield
12301 S. Freeway, 817-568-8836

Theodore Allen Chewning, obit, FortWorthStarTelegram, 2.26.2007

Nita Chewning

VENTURA, CA

Nita Chewning, Passed in peace Sat., Nov. 10, 2018 at the age of 78 with family by her side.

Nita was born April 10, 1940 in Monmouth, Illinois to the late Harvey and Nita Jacobson.

She was united in holy matrimony to Theodore Allen Chewning in Sept. of 1956. This union was blessed with four children.



Her interests included family, gardening, bingo, sewing and genealogy. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members. As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved by many. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and whose greatest passion was helping others.

She was preceded in death by her husband Al and grandson Daniel Solis Jr. Nita leaves to cherish her loving memory her children, daughter Karen and son-in-law Mark Buffalohead, grandchildren Markus and Kristalin. Son Ted Chewning I and daughter-in-law Terry, grandchildren Tiffany, Ted II, Brandon Sr. Daughter Lynn Solis and grandchild Dena. Daughter Diane and son-in-law Cary Miller, grandchildren Johnathon Cuske, Sara Cuske, Chris Cuske. 23 great-grandchildren.

She leaves us rich in memories. We love you Mom, Mema. At the request of the family, services will be private.

Nita Evelyn Jacobson Chewning, obit, VenturaCountyStar, 11.18.2019

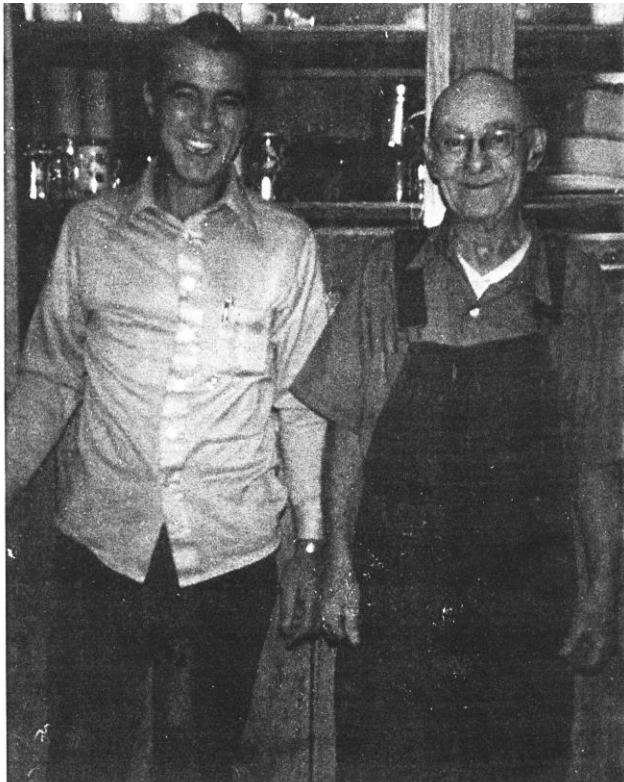
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2. Theodore Allen Chewning, Jr., b. 6/20/1959, San Bernardino, CA; m. Terry
3. Ethel Lynn Chewning Solis, b. 8/28/1960, San Bernardino, CA; m. Solis
4. Diane Elizabeth Chewning Miller Cuske, b. 10/1962; m. 1st Cary Dean Miller; m. 2nd Johnny J. Cuske;

Cleo Ernest Chewning
Son of Austin Raymond Bill and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning
Grandson of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
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Cleo Ernest Chewning, stone, Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Cleo Chewning & Paul Austin Raymond

Cleo Ernest Chewning and Austin Raymond Bill Chewning

Howdy Priss,

I have no recollection whatsoever of an Edna Chewning. Aunt Ethel left Uncle Bill (have no recollection, date wise, of just when that was) and moved in with Cleo Sage, ostensibly to care for him. And I know that they lived toward the east end of East 11th street, so the 1120 address seems to me to undoubtedly be Cleo Sages place. Cleo

subsequently died and I'm not sure just where Aunt Ethel lived after that, or who she might have lived with i.e., did she continue to live in Cleo Sage's house???

Edna Chewning is a complete unknown to me. But here's some food for thought. Aunt Ethel's youngest child was Cleo. (There is little doubt that Cleo's father was Cleo Sage.) Young Cleo was a real zero in terms of his personal life. He was into the bottle, was arrested numerous times for numerous things, spent time off and on in the local jail (no hard time that I know of). He died young as a result of his dissipation. He had some women troubles, (don't really know any particulars) but know that he was married at one time, and that either he was separated or divorced. I'm sure that he had a kid or some kids. And so I'm wondering, it's a complete speculative guess, if perhaps Edna was one of Cleo's wives or live ins, and that Aunt Ethel was 'helping' her or whatever.

All for now,
The Ole Man

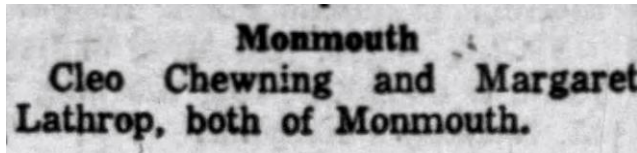
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1956 Monmouth directory

Chewning, Cleo lab Vitality Mills, r926 S. 3d.



Cleo Ernest Chewning, marr lic, TheRockIslandArgus, 4.6.1957

1958 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
—Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
—Cleo (Margt) fcty wkr h312 North A
—Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av
—Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B
—Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butlers Mfg h748 E 10th av
—Hervel P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
—Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
—Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d
—Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av
—Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th av
Chewning Leland E (Edith D) driver Gamble Skogmo h213 S 6th

The 1960 directory shows Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning, living at 1120 E. 11th, which was Cleo Sage's address. Also at that address is Edna Chewning – I don't know who Edna Chewning is. Cleo Sage d. in 1967. Cleo and his wife, Edith, divorced in 1951. Edith remarried in 1956 (to Lee Thomas).

I found a newspaper article that 1120 E. 11th ave. was lived in by Ernest Skees.

1960 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewing Cleo E (Peggy M) h828 North E
Chewing Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
Chewing Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
Chewing Edna Mrs h1120 E 11th av
Chewing Ethel Mrs nurses aide Mon Hosp r1120 E 11th
Chewing Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butler Mfg h748 E 10th
av
Chewing Gary mill wkr Sharp Feed Mill r748 E 10th av
Chewing Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
Chewing Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
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Chewing Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th
Chezem Lloyd E (Edith) driver Gamble-Skogmo r RD 2

**MONMOUTH — Cleo E.
Chewing, 34, of 201 South E
St., was charged Sunday at
6:46 p.m. with disorderly con-
duct. He allegedly resisted
police officers called because
of a family quarrel.**

Cleo Ernest Chewing, family quarrel, GalesburgRegisterMail, 1.22.1973

**Charge of illegal consumption
of liquor.
Cleo Chewing, 34, 916 S. Third
St., was fined \$25 on a dis-
orderly conduct charge.**

Cleo Ernest Chewing, GalesburgRegisterMail, 2.3.1973

Cleo E. Chewning, 35, 913 S. Third St., was taken to Community Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. A passenger in his truck, Samuel J. Johnson, 36, 1131 S. Third St., was treated at the hospital and released.

Chewning was driving his pickup east when it ran off the north side of the roadway, struck an embankment, traveled down a ditch and hit a utility pole.

Larry D. Taylor 16 202 W
Cleo Ernest Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 11.24.1973

Margaret remarried in 1974

I haven't found a divorce date, but Margaret married Marvin Jean Figle in 1974.

**Wedding
Will Be
Saturday**

Mrs. Peggy Chewning of Monmouth and Marvin Figle of Galesburg will be married Saturday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. at the Heritage UP Church, Monmouth. Friends and relatives are invited to the wedding and reception to follow at the church.

Mrs. Chewning is the daughter of Mrs. C. W. Clawson of Ottumwa, Iowa, and the late Fred Lathrop. Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Essie Sheffert of Havana, Ill., and the late Jean Figle.

Margaret Jean Lathrop Chewning Figle, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.14.1974

Det. Harold L. Brown, Kirkwood, reported to the Warren County sheriff's office Sunday at 10 a.m. that a plow worth \$125 had been stolen from his farmyard sometime between March 26 and the time of the report.

Charged here over the weekend with illegal transportation or possession of liquor were Joe C. Clark, 18, 109 E. Sixth Ave.; Constance M. Swietana, 20, Elmwood Park; Leonard J. Cardella, 25, Macomb; Jerald Crail, 32, Moline; Marvin W. Myers, 22, Bushnell, and Ronald W. Watson, 34, Moline.

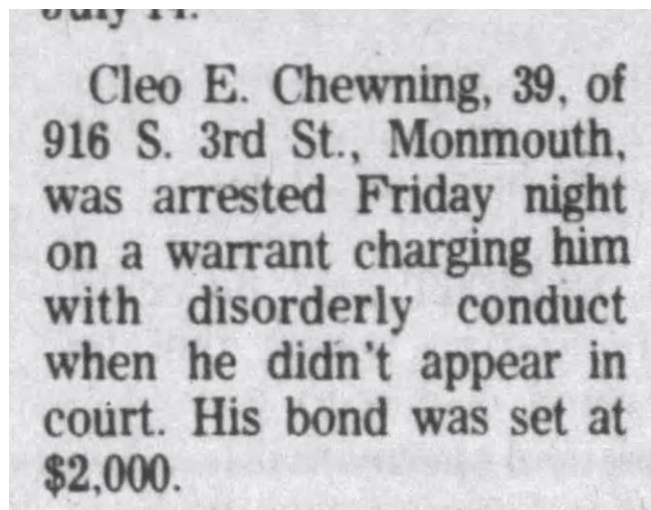
John Beyers, 1007 S. Main St., reported to police Saturday at 7 a.m. that someone had

caused \$400 damage at his residence by driving a car through a redwood fence and hitting a metal utility building.

According to Monmouth police the damage was caused by Cleo Chewning; Monmouth. Chewning reported to police last week that his auto had been stolen, and it was found shortly after the report at the Beyers residence which was very near where Chewning said he had left it. Chewning has been charged with disorderly conduct for making a false report concerning a stolen car.

Pat Aldridge, 217 E. First Ave., reported to police Saturday at 5:34 p.m. that vandals broke a mirror from her car Friday night.

Cleo Ernest Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 4.4.1977



Cleo E. Chewning, 39, of 916 S. 3rd St., Monmouth, was arrested Friday night on a warrant charging him with disorderly conduct when he didn't appear in court. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Cleo Ernest Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 6.21.1977

Cleo E. Chewning, 916 S. Third was fined \$150 and \$47.40 for disorderly conduct.

Cleo Ernest Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.22.1977

Men arrested in Monmouth

MONMOUTH — Mark A. Bross, 19, of Palmyra, Mo., was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Monday for illegal possession of cannabis, more than 30 grams but less than 500, and illegal possession of a controlled substance. He is held in lieu of bond to be set by the judge.

Cleo E. Chewning, 39, of 916 S. 3rd, Monmouth, was

arrested Sunday at 9 p.m. for no valid drivers license. He was jailed and released on bond of \$65.

4 Sale

76 Ford 1/2 Ton Pickup

8-Auto-PS-PB

Nice low mileage.

See me Leo Henderson

Henderson Ford Sales

Aledo, Ill.

Ph.582-5136

Cleo Ernest Chewning, arrest, TheRockIslandArgus, 6.28.1977

Two hurt in wreck

MONMOUTH — An auto accident Wednesday afternoon injured two area men, one of them a Monmouth police officer.

A third was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Monmouth Police Sgt. Kenneth Anderson and David Simpson, 26, Kirkwood, a passenger in an auto driven by Cleo Chewning, 40, of Monmouth were taken to Community Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Sgt. Anderson reportedly suffered a dislocated right thumb and possible head and neck injuries. He was treated at Monmouth Community Memorial Hospital and was released. Simpson was admitted to the hospital where he was reported undergoing X rays and tests yesterday.

According to police, Sgt. Anderson, who was enroute to investigate a report of suspected drunk driver, collided with the Chewning auto at the intersection of U.S. 34 bypass and W. 11th Avenue. Anderson said he saw the Chewning auto, eastbound on W. 11th, stop at the U.S. 34 intersection and then pull into his path but that he was unable to stop his squad car in time to avoid collision.

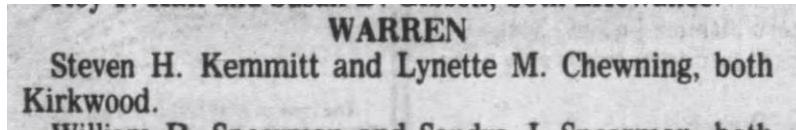
Monmouth Police requested that the Illinois State Police investigate the accident, and Chewning was arrested on the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He posted bond and is scheduled to appear Sept. 21 in Warren County Circuit Court.

Cleo Ernest Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 8.25.1978

I didn't include every article I found about Cleo and being in trouble with the law – they all seemed to concern alcohol, disorderly conduct, driving, etc.

- Daughter of Cleo Ernest and Margaret Jean Lathrop Chewning
- Granddaughter of Austin Raymond and Ethel Elzina Brown Chewning
- Great Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
- Great Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

Lynette Marie Chewning Kemmitt, b. 7/11/1958; m. Steven Harold Kemmitt, 5/1978, probably Warren County, IL;



Lynette Marie Chewning Kemmitt, marr, lic, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.4.1978

Monmouth residents arrested, charged in area grain thefts

MONMOUTH — Four Monmouth men have been arrested for theft of more than \$150 in connection with the theft and sale of at least \$11,405 worth of grain to elevators in Warren and Henderson counties.

Warren County Sheriff Terry Hart said today the arrests of the men culminated on July 1 after a report from the Twomey Yorkwood Elevator that tire tracks and footprints were around its facility.

Arrested for theft over \$150 were Gary Cokel, 27, of 720 W. Broadway, one count; Ronald K. McClintock, 27, of 210 S. Sunny Lane, three counts; Robert E. Strange Jr., 21, of 412 S. Fifth St., one count; and Steven H. Kemmitt, 26, of 4123 S. D St., four counts.

Hart said upon arriving at the Twomey Yorkwood facility that tire tracks of a truck and wagon were visible. He was able to follow the tracks south and west of the elevator until they reached Ill. 164 between Monmouth and Oquawka.

Hart said while tracking the truck and wagon, he remembered a traffic accident which happened April 10 in which a track and wagon were involved and to which some members of his department had responded.

Although he would not give the names of those involved in that accident, Hart did say it happened on one of the days grain receipts of sale can be produced. Remembering the name of the owner of that truck, he went to his home and waited. Later the truck and wagon arrived, he said, and Kemmitt was driving the truck.

"I guess it was just luck that I remembered that incident. I just went to that home and waited and here came the truck with the empty wagon," Hart said.

The truck and wagon in question belong to Robert Chandler of rural Kirkwood. Hart said the first time the Chandler equipment was used in a theft and sale of the grain was on April 10, the day of the accident. He continued that in his opinion, Chandler is innocent. "He's the type of guy who if you'd ask to borrow anything, he'd let you."

Hart stressed trucks owned by Monmouth businessmen and Warren County farmers have been involved in previous thefts and sale of grain.

previous thefts and sale of grain.

Most of the grain was taken from the Twomey Yorkwood facility, although Hart said Cokel was arrested for theft of \$244 worth of soybeans from the Monmouth Grain and Dryer on Nov. 14, 1979.

A small portion of the grain had been sold at the Cameron Grain Co. for a total of \$568. The remainder had been sold to the Gladstone Grain Elevator owned by Charlie McChestney of Gladstone.

Following are the dates and amounts of grain sold to the two elevators. Hart said this is "by no means all that might have been sold, but it's all we have records for now."

They are Nov. 14, 1979, \$242.99 to Cameron Grain and Dryer; Nov. 20, 1979, \$1,839.35 to Gladstone Grain Co.; Nov. 21, 1979, \$325.45 to Cameron; and Jan. 14, 1980, \$345.01 to Gladstone. The rest sold to Gladstone were Dec. 23, 1980, \$643.91; Feb. 16, 1981, \$517.78; Feb. 5, 1981, \$2,090.91; April 10, 1981, \$1,241.73; May 7, 1981, \$1,073.33; June 23, 1981, \$1,072.39; and July 1, 1981, \$953.58. for a total of more than \$11,000.

Warren County Sheriff's Deputy Don Breuer said the Twomey Yorkwood facility had reported last summer that all the padlocks on the bins had been cut. He further said the old type locks could not be found, so a new padlock was installed.

All that was needed to open the new padlock, Breuer said, was to hit the lock with a hammer. The lock would open and when the grain had been loaded, the lock could be closed in a manner so it appeared to be locked.

Hart said at least two of those arrested, Cokel and McClintock, had worked for the Towmeyer Elevator Co. in the fall of 1979.

Hart said the whole matter might have been cleared up before if the people in the community had called his department upon seeing anything suspicious.

He referred to the fact that when grain was taken from an elevator, the wagon was pulled through the country, unhitched, left overnight and picked up and sold the next morning.

On one occasion, he said an area farmer recently reported to him he had seen a wagon on a gravel road, stopped to look, found it full of corn but did nothing. This wagonload was allegedly stolen from the Twomey Elevator.

Steven Harold Kimmett, arrested for theft, TheRockIslandArgus, 7.9.1981

Herville Payne Chewning
Son of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning



Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, Illinois, USA

In the 1983, my dad, H. Finley Downes, took his mother, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, around the area in which she was raised. The handwriting on this page is hers.



Mother and Dad moved in this
house in Acton, Mo. March 1903.
They moved here from Antioch, Mo.
Herville, my brother was ~~born~~
~~born here~~ born here April 4,
1903. I was born in this
house Aug. 29 1904.

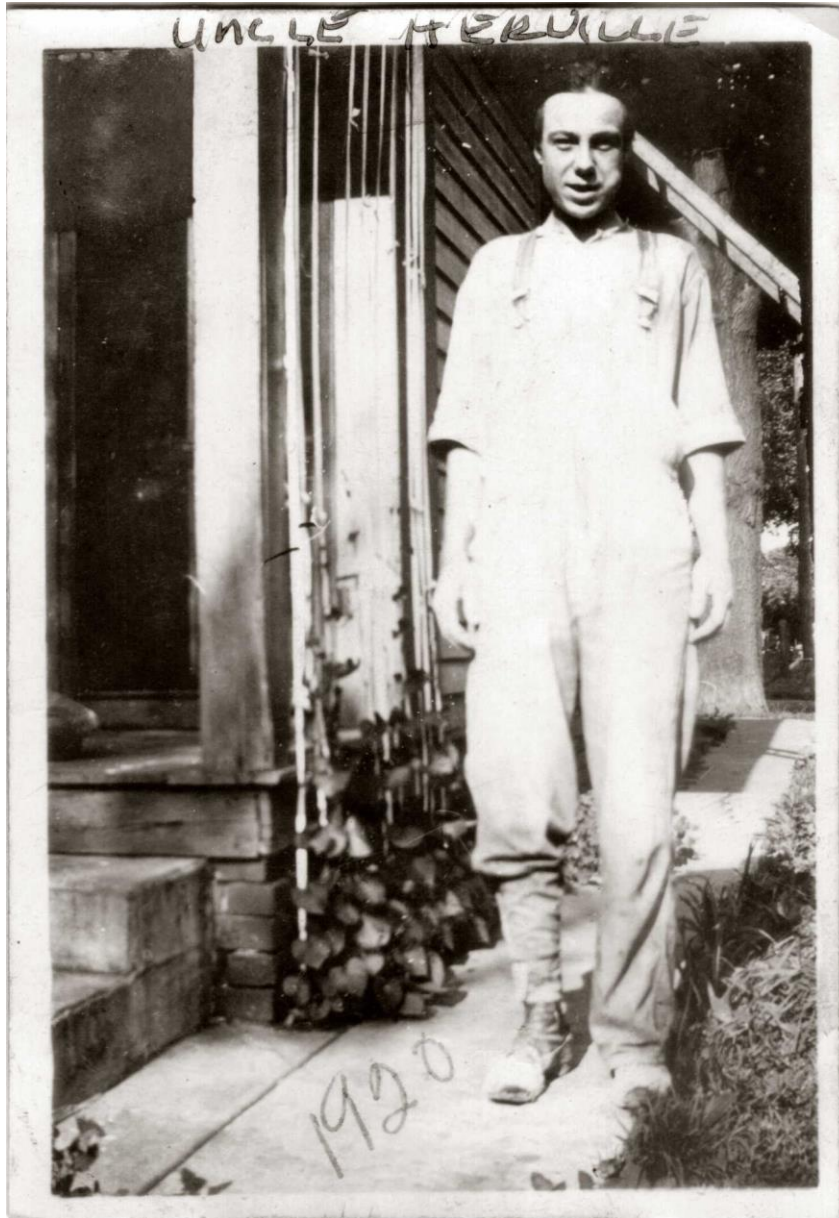
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My father built this house in
Ashton, Mo. in Oct. 1904. We
lived here until we moved to
Moxmouth, Ill. in Dec. 1919



Herville Payne Chewning, 1918, probably Ashton, Clark, MO





Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, 1923



Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, 1924



Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, 1925



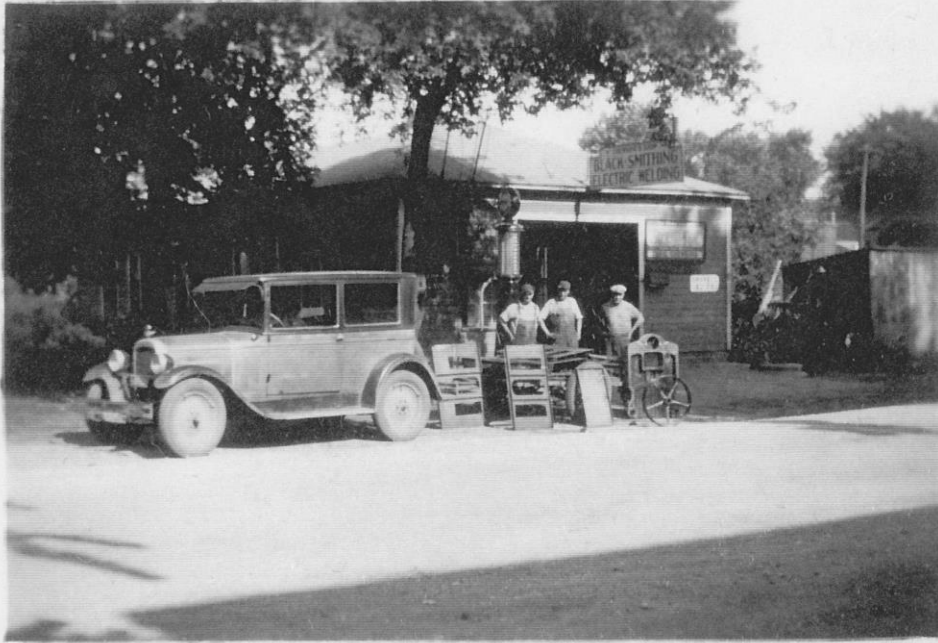
Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, 1926



Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning



Estella Ann Chewning, Herville Payne Chewning, and Maurice Emil Downes (glasses), 1934



BLACK SMITH SHOP 802 SOUTH THIRD
STREET IN MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

Chewing Blacksmith shop 802 South third Street, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, 1976

1910 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark, MO

Theodore Chewning, 39, married 12 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, owns own shop, owns home with mortgage

Nancy M. Chewning, 37, married 12 years, 4 children, 3 living, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Raymond A., 9, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year

Harvel (census looks like Hurvel), 7, etc.

Florence, 5, etc.

Theo. Chewning and John W. Woodruff were passengers to Granger Tuesday a. m.

Raymond and Herville Chewning spent from Friday to Monday with their Grandmother Morris of near Union, also stopped at Kahoka to see the special train of war relics and hear the speeches.

Francis Harriet Moseley Morris, ClarkCountyCourier, 5.3.1918

Saturday evening a crowd of youngsters from Medill and Ashton gathered at the Brotherton store and went in a body to the Chewning residence to give Florence, Herville and Raymond a surprise. Not a moment dragged, everyone seemed ready and anxious to participate in any game that found general favor. Time sped and all too soon it seemed time to depart, but thoughtful minds and patient hands had been busy in the kitchen, in fact Mrs. C. H. Howell and Mrs. Chewning had made a bountiful supply of popcorn balls and molasses candy, to which the young folks did justice. All departed declaring they had spent a delightful evening, and wishing the Chewnings much happiness in their new home.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 11.21.1919

1920 census, Monmouth Ward 5, Warren, IL, 1108 S. 6th Street

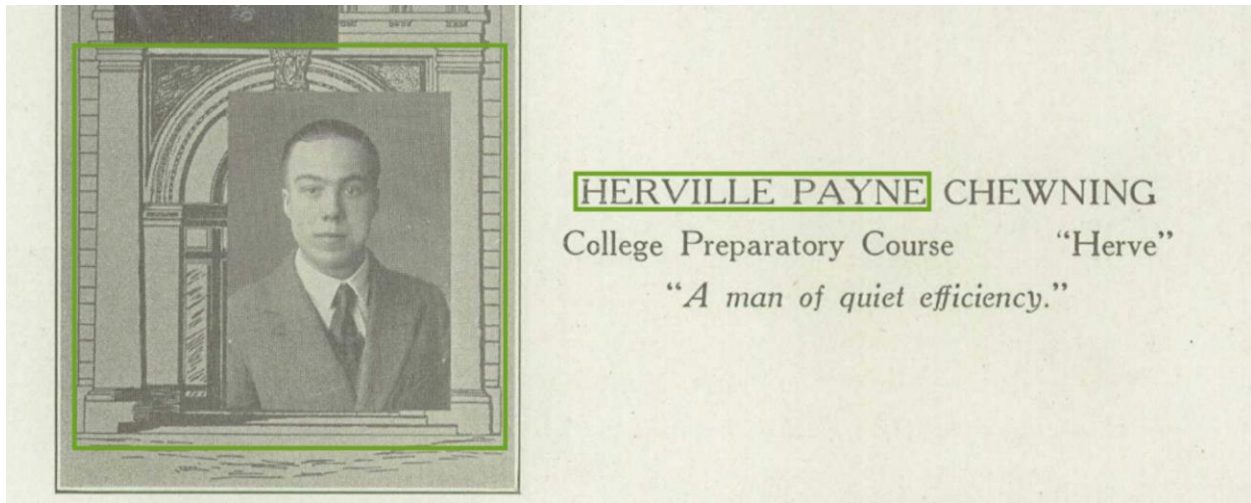
Theodore Chewning, rents home, 48, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, plow factory

Nancy, 46, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL
 Herville, 17, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year
 Florence, 15, etc.
 Price Howell, lodger, 23, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, glazer, pottery

They were living next door to Theodore's uncle Martin Luther Cannon (brother of Theodore's mother, Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Cannon Chewning.

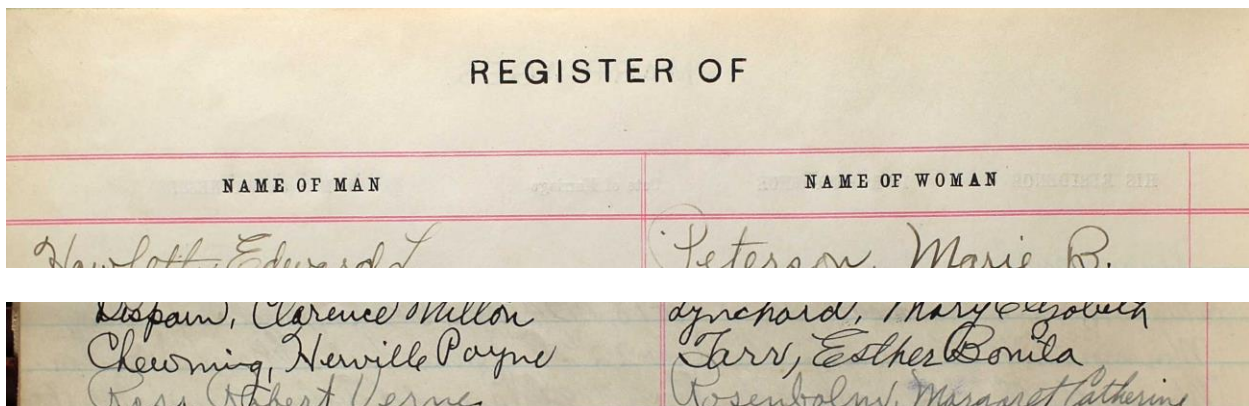
1922 Monmouth Directory

- Chewning, Austin R r 918 S. 3d*
- Chewning, Herville P student r 918 S 3d*
- Chewning, Letha F student r 918 S 3d*
- Chewning, Roy r 734 E 10 av*
- Chewning, Spencer r 734 E 10 av*
- Chewning, Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d*



Herville Payne Downes, 1922 Monmouth, Warren, IL, hs yearbook

He married Esther Bonita Tarr October 12, 1927, in Monmouth, Warren, IL



Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, marr records, Presbyterian Church, Monmouth, Warren, IL



924 S. 3rd Street, Monmouth, Warren, IL Aug. 2012

Raymond and Herville Chewning and cousin of Monmouth, Ill., came Sunday night to the home of their uncle, A. M. Davidson. They report their father, Theo. Chewning as being considerable better after quite a seige of neuritis.

Raymond, Herville, Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 4.1.1927

W. J. Brotherton left Tuesday for Monmouth, Ill., where he has a territory to work for "Bankers Life Insurance Co." and John Edward Davidson accompanied him for a visit with his uncle, Theo. Chewning and family, and cousin, Herville Chewning and wife, the newlyweds who are house-keeping in the home Herville had all nicely furnished for the bride. We never knew the bride but know Herville to be a mighty fine young man, steady, industrious, a good student, graduating from Monmouth high and then some college work and has held a good position with a Monmouth firm, I believe for past 6 years.

Elmer Crandall of _____ has been Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 2.3.1928

Herville Chewning, wife and daughter, Estella Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Downes and three children of Monmouth, Ill., surprised their uncle and aunt, A. M. Davidson and wife by arriving about 2:30 p. m. for a very brief visit.

Wm. Overhulser and wife were Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Herville Payne Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 11.15.1929

1930 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 924 S. 3rd street

Herville Chewning, 26, owns home, value \$750, no radio, married at 24, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, laborer, pottery, for wages

E. Bonita Chewning, 23, married at 21, b. in IA, father b. in IL, mother b. in IA

Estella A. Chewning, 1 3/12, b. in IL, father b. in MO, mother b. in IA

Mrs. Theo. Chewning and sons, Herville and Raymond, and their families and daughter, Mrs. Maurice Downs and family of Monmouth, Ill., were Sunday evening guests of A. M. Davidson and family.

Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Herville, Raymond, Letha Florence Chewning Downes, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 10.17.1930

They are living two houses away from Theodore and Nancy Ann, and three houses away from brother Bill.

1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, A.R., blacksmith and welder (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.

Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
 Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.
 Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
 Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.
 Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chicago Motor Club, 116 S. 1st St., Tel. 120, (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)

1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning props., Tel. 465.
 Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
 Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.
 Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.
 Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.
 Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 924 S. 3rd St

Herville Chewning, 37, owns home, value \$800, not on a farm, completed 4 years of high school, b. in MO, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, No, no, no, yes (if not seeking work, did he have a job?), blacksmithing and welding, owns shop
 Bonita E. Chewning*, 33, completed 8th grade, b. in IA, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, not employed, housework
 Estella A., 11, completed 4th grade, b. in IL, same house
 Twila J., 9, completed 2nd grade, b. in IL, same house
 Patsy J., 4, b. in IL

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 1051 1. NAME (Print) Herville Payne Chewning ORDER NUMBER 11127

T. Herville Payne Chewning
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
924 South 3rd St. Monmouth, Ill.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 2654 5. AGE IN YEARS 38 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Ashton
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH April 4 1903
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Raymond Chewning 916 S. 3rd St. Monmouth, Ill.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
none

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
810 S. 3rd St. Chewning Shop Monmouth Ill.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-2 H.P. Chewning
(Registrar's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	<u>5 ft. 10 in.</u>	<u>147 lb.</u>	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification
none

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Florence Hiett
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board 1 Warren Illinois
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration Feb. 16, 1942

Local Board No. 1	61
Warren County	187
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117 East First Avenue
 Monmouth, Illinois
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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Herville Payne Chewning, WWII reg.2

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL. 924 S. 3rd St.

Herville P. Chewning, 47, b. in MO, working, 54 hrs/wk, blacksmithing, blacksmith, own account

E. Bonita Chewning, 43, b. in IL, housework

Pasty J., 14, b. in IL,

1958 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
—Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
—Cleo (Margt) fcty wkr h312 North A
—Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av
—Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B
—Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butlers Mfg h748 E 10th av
—Hervel P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
—Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
—Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d
—Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av
—Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th av
Chezem Lloyd E (Edith D) driver Gamble-Skogmo h213 S 6th

1960 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning Cleo E (Peggy M) h828 North E
Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do
Chewning Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d
Chewning Edna Mrs h1120 E 11th av
Chewning Ethel Mrs nurses aide Mon Hosp r1120 E 11th
Chewning Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butler Mfg h748 E 10th
av
Chewning Gary mill wkr Sharp Feed Mill r748 E 10th av
Chewning Hervel P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d
Chewning Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av
Chewning Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d h do
Chewning Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 E 10th av
Chewning Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th
Chezem Lloyd E (Edith) driver Gamble-Skogmo r RD 2

Note: Aunt Bonnie's sister (Estella Tarr) married Earl Beckner. This Earl Beckner was descended from Henry Clay Becker, son of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner, I THINK. Haven't fully worked that through (5/2015).

Herville died on the job as a janitor at the YMCA in Monmouth, Warren, IL. According to my dad, Uncle Herville had tried to make a go at the blacksmith shop, but due to changes in farming, and perhaps the shop's unwillingness to make the needed technological changes to keep current, there was not sufficient income for both Bill and Herville.

Uncle Herville's obit, from findagrave

Herville received his education at Ashton, Missouri and Monmouth. He died unexpectedly at the Monmouth YMCA, where he had been employed as custodian for 8 years. Prior to that, he was employed at Western Stoneware and was formerly a co-owner of the Chewning Blacksmith Shop.

He married Esther Bonita Tarr on 12 October 1927, in Monmouth. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Stella Ann Mettler of Monmouth, Mrs. Twila Jean Birdsell of La Puente, California, and Mrs. Patsy Joann Settles of San Francisco; a brother, Austin Raymond Chewning, and a sister, Mrs. Letha F. Downes, both of Monmouth; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Twila Jean Birdsell, 1931-2008

Estella Anna Mettler, 1929-1999

Patsy Joann Settles, 1935-2004

The Daily Review Atlas Monmouth, IL
Wednesday, July 3, 1963

HERVILLE P. CHEWNING

Funeral services for Herville P. Chewning of 924 South Third Street, custodian of the YMCA, who died very suddenly around 12:30 Tuesday, will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Turnbull Funeral Home, the Rev. Gary Reif of the First Baptist Church will officiate, with burial in the Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the Turnbull Funeral Home after noon on Thursday.

The son of Theodore and Nancy Ann (Morris) Chewning, he was born April 4, 1903 at Ashton, MO and spent his early life in Clark County Missouri. He attended the grade schools at Ashton and was graduated from Monmouth High School. Mr. Chewning was married to Ester Bonita Tarr October 12, 1927 at Monmouth. For several years he was employed at the Western Stoneware Company and had been formerly co-owner of the Chewning Blacksmith Shop. For the past eight years he had been custodian at the local YMCA. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters; Mrs. Theodore (Estella Ann) Mottler of Monmouth, Mrs. Clifton (Twila Jean) Birdsall of La Punta, CA and Mrs. Gene (Patsy Joan) Settles of San Francisco, CA, a brother, A. Ray Chewning and a sister, Mrs. Letha Florence Downes both of Monmouth, nine grandchildren also survive.

Herville Payne Chewning obit, MonmouthDailyReviewAtlas, 7.2.1963

The Daily Review Atlas Monmouth, IL
Tuesday, July 2, 1963

HERVILLE P. CHEWNING

Herville P. Chewning of 924 South Third Street, caretaker at the local Y M C A, died suddenly at the Y M C A around 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Monmouth Fire Dept. was called but efforts by the resuscitator was unsuccessful. Funeral services are pending at the Turnbull Funeral Home.

July 6, 1963

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Turnbull Funeral Home for Herville P. Chewning who died Tuesday around noon. The Rev. Gary Reid of the First Baptist Church officiated. Mrs. Marie Gabley was at the organ for the Prelude and Postlude and also accompanied Mrs. Marie Gibb who sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Beyond The Sunset".

Burial was at the Warren County Memorial cemetery with Clark Lupton, Allen Chewning, Forest Swanson, Rodger Downes, Findly Downes and Jerry Hoffman as pallbearers.

Herville P. Chewning 1903-1963
= Son of Theodore & Nancy Ann (Morris) Chewning
(His Wife = Esther Bonita (Tarr) Chewning 1906-1981)

Herville Payne Chewning, obit, MonmouthDailyReviewAtlas, 7.3.1963

Custodian Dies On Duty In YMCA

MONMOUTH — Herville P. Chewning, 60, of 924 S. Third St., custodian at the Warren County YMCA for the past eight years, died unexpectedly at the Y Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Chewning was born April 4, 1903, at Ashton, Mo., and received his schooling at Ashton and Monmouth. He was married to Esther Bonita Tarr Oct. 12, 1927, at Monmouth. For several years he was employed at the Western Stonemare and was formerly co-owner of the Chewning Blacksmith Shop.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Stella Ann Mettler of Monmouth, Mrs. Twila Jean Birdsell of La Puente, Calif. and Mrs. Patsy Joann Settles of San Francisco; a brother, A. Raymond Chewning, and a sister, Mrs. Letha F. Downes, both of Monmouth and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1:30 at the Turnbull Funeral Home, with burial in the Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel any time after Thursday noon.

Herville Payne Chewning obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 7.3.1963

Chewning

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Herville P. Chewning, 60, of 924 S. 3rd St. Monmouth who died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the Warren County YMCA where he was employed, will be held 1:30 Friday afternoon in the Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth.

The Rev. Gary Reif, pastor of Monmouth First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Monmouth Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon tomorrow.

Mr. Chewning was born April 4, 1903, in Ashton, Mo., a son of Theodore and Nancy Morris Chewning. He spent his childhood in Missouri.

He married Ester Tarr, Oct. 12, 1927, in Monmouth where most of their married life was spent.

For many years Mr. Chewning was a partner in a Monmouth blacksmith shop and later was employed at the Western Dome-

ware Co. For the last eight years he had been employed as a custodian at the YMCA.

He was of Baptist faith.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters; Mrs. Estella Mettler of Monmouth, Mrs. Twila Birdel of LaPuente, Calif., and Mrs. Patsy Settler of San Francisco; nine grandchildren; a brother, Raymond and a sister, Mrs. Letha Downes, both of Monmouth.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Herville Payne Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 7.3.1963.2

HERVILLE P. CHEWNING

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Herville P. Chewning, 60, of 924 S. Third St., who died unexpectedly while at work at the Warren County YMCA Tuesday, were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the Turnbull Chapel. Rev. Gary Reif of the First Baptist Church officiated. Mrs. Marie Gabby accompanied Mrs. Virginia Gibbs, soloist.

Pallbearers were Clark Lupton, Allen Chewning, Forrest Swanson, Roger and Finley Downes and Jerry Hoffman. Burial was in the Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Herville Payne Chewning obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 7.6.1963

Bonnie died 18 years after Herville. I remember picking her up with Grandma (Letha Florence) on a few occasions, usually to go to the 'center,' to pick up her government cheese. Apparently Aunt Bonnie didn't have sufficient financial resources in her later years.

Bonnie died 1/15/1981, Monmouth, Warren, IL.

and a member of Faith United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Estella A. Mettler of Monmouth, Twila J. Birdsell of Los Angeles, Calif. and Patsy J. Settles of San Francisco, Calif.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles Tarr of Peoria; and two sisters, Estella Beckner and Myra Payne, both of Monmouth. Three brothers and two sisters died earlier.

Bonita
1980
Mrs. Chewning

Mrs. Esther B. Chewning, 74, of 924 South Third St., died at 11 a.m. Thursday at Community Memorial Hospital.

She was born Sept. 23, 1906 in Iowa, the daughter of Charles W. and Estella Anna (Stafford) Tarr.

She was reared and educated in Monmouth. She married Herville P. Chewning in Monmouth, and he died earlier. She was a homemaker

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Turnbull Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. William Rice of Faith United Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday and Monday until the time of service. A memorial fund for Faith United Presbyterian Church has been established.

The Daily Review Atlas Monmouth, IL
Friday, January 16, 1981

MRS. CHEWNING

Mrs. Esther B. Chewning, 74, of 924 South Third Street died at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Community Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 23, 1906 in Iowa the daughter of Charles W. and Estella Ann (Stafford) Tarr.

She was reared and educated in Monmouth. She married Herville P. Chewning in Monmouth and he died earlier.

She was a homemaker and a member of Faith United Presybterian Church.

Survivors are: three daughters, Estella A. Mettler of Monmouth, Twila J. Birdsell of Los Angles, CA, Patsy J. Settler of San Francisco, CA, one brother, Charles Tarr of Peoria and two sisters, Estella Beckner and Myra Payne, both of Monmouth.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Turnbull Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. William Rice of Faith United Presybterian Church. Burial will be in the Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Esther Bonita (Tarr) Chewning 1906-1981
Married Herville P. Chewning 12 OCT 1927

Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, obit, MonmouthDailyReviewAtlas, 1.16.1981

**MRS. BONITA
CHEWNING**

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Mrs. Bonita Chewning, 74, of 924 S. 3rd St., Monmouth, who died at 11 a.m. yesterday in Monmouth Community Memorial Hospital, will be held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth.

The Rev. William Rice, pastor of Faith United Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Monmouth Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home, and memorials may be made to Faith church.

The former Bonita Tarr was born Sept. 23, 1906 in Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Estella Stafford Tarr.

She was married to Herville Chewning in Monmouth, and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of Faith church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Estella Mettler of Monmouth, Mrs. Twila Birdsell of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Patsy Settles of San Francisco, Calif.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Tarr of Peoria, and two sisters, Mrs. Estelle Beckner and Mrs. Myra Payne, both of Monmouth.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 1.16.1981

Herville Payne Chewing Married Bonita Esther Tarr
DOB 4-4-1903 DOB 9-23-1906
Deceased Deceased Jan 1981

CHILDREN: Estella Ann Chewing Married Theodore Fredric Mettler II
DOB 1-17-1929 11-17-1919

CHILDREN: Theodore Fredric III, DOB 6-14-1947
Jackie Leroy DOB 6-20-1949
Linda Sue DOB 6-28-1951
Jeffrey Allen DOB 9-21-1957

Twila Jean Chewing Married Clifton Birdsall
DOB 2-4-1931 DOB 5-27-1927

CHILDREN: James Robert, DOB 8-22-1949
Jerry Lee DOB 12-12-1950
Vikki Lynn DOB 2-13-1956

Patsy Joan Chewing Married Aubrey Eugene Settles
DOB 6-3-1935 DOB 1-26-1927

CHILDREN: Gene Robert, DOB 3-13-1959
Katie Joan DOB 8-1-1960

Children of Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewing

Grandchildren of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewing

Great Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewing

1. Estella Ann Chewing Mettler, b. 1/17/1929, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Theodore Fredric Mettler, II, 6/21/1946, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 11/16/1999, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
2. Twila Jean Chewing Birdsall, b. 2/4/1931, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Clifton Birdsall, before 1949; d. 1/15/2008, San Dimas, Los Angeles, CA;
3. Patsy Joann Chewing Settles, b. 6/3/1935, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Aubrey Eugene Settles, 6/5/1953; d. 6/24/2004, Salinas, Monterey, CA; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, McDonough, IL.



Uncle Herville's daughters, and Aunt Betty, taken on Nelson Farm, Roseville, Warren, IL 1930s. Aunt Betty (Elizabeth Ann Betty Downes Wood) is in the middle.



Nancy Ann Morris Chewning, Estella Ann Chewning, Twila Jean Chewning, Elizabeth Ann Betty, Roger and H. Finley Downes 1934

Patsy JoAnn, Twila Jean Chewning, Elizabeth Ann Downes Wood, Estella Ann Chewning Farrington, Nelson Farm, Roseville, Warren, IL 1930's

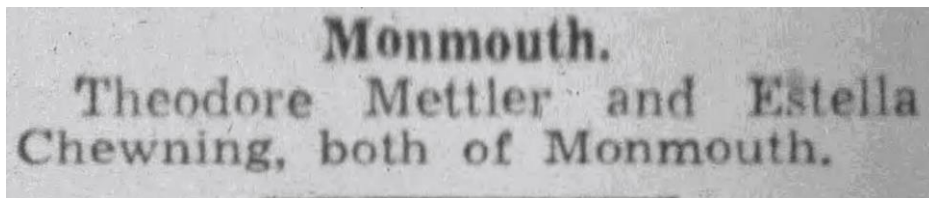
Estella Ann Chewning Mettler

Daughter of Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning

Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning



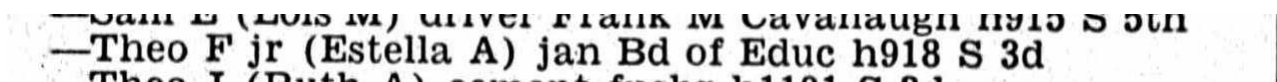
Estella Ann Chewning Mettler



Estella Ann Chewning Mettler, marr lic, TheRockIslandArgus, 6.21.1946

Estella and her husband were living in Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning's house in 1952 and 1956.

1956 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory



Both Estella and her husband Theodore F. Mettler are buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.

Children of Theodore Frederick and Estella Ann Chewning Mettler
Grandchildren of Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning
Great Grandchildren of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning
Great Great Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

1. Theodore F. Mettler, Jr., b. 6/14/1947, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Estelle Rosewood Underwood, 3/28/1969, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 8/26/2010, Monmouth, Warren, IL; cremated
2. Jeff A Mettler,
3. Jack L. Mettler,
4. Linda Sue Mettler,



Theodore F. Tedd Mettler, Jr.

Theodore F. Mettler, age 63, of Monmouth, Illinois passed away at 10:45 pm on August 26, 2010 at OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth, Illinois. Ted was born on June 14, 1947 in Monmouth and is the son of Theodore F and Estella A Chewning Mettler. He was raised in Monmouth and attended local schools and graduated from Monmouth High School in 1965. Ted entered the Army and served in Viet Nam attaining the rank of E 5. He was married to Estelle Rose Underwood on March 28, 1969 in Monmouth, Illinois. Ted began working at Well's Pet Food in Monmouth where he learned the art of Welding. He then worked for a time at Butler Manufacturing in Galesburg, until entering service. After his return from service he worked for School District 38 as a custodian at Garfield Elementary. Ted's main job began in 1973 with Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad as a welder and grinder. He was a member of the Maintenance of Way and retired from the Panel Plant in June of 2007. He is survived by his wife Rose Mettler of Monmouth, and two children. His daughter Laura (Dirk) Hippen of Monmouth, and son Jeremiah (Aimi) Mettler of Cameron, North Carolina. Nine grandchildren also survive. He has one sister Linda Groves of Monmouth, IL and two brothers Jack L. (Pat) Mettler of New London, Iowa and Jeff A Mettler of Monmouth, IL. Numerous Nieces and Nephews also survive. He is preceded in death by his Parents.

Services: Cremation is being accorded. A memorial service will be on Thursday September 2, 2010 at 2:00 pm at Turnbull Funeral Home. No hours for visitation are being planned by the family.

Turnbull Funeral Home

Twila Jean Chewning Birdsall

Daughter of Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning

Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning



Twila Jean Chewning Birdsall, 6 months, 18 months, high school graduation



Twila Jean Chewning Birdsall

1940 census with her parents

[U.S. Public Records Index](#) about Twila J Birdsall

Name:	Twila J Birdsall
Birth Date:	Feb 1931
Phone Number:	337-3979
Address:	1205 W Cypress St, San Dimas, California 91773-0801 (1993) [13626 Giordano, LA Puente, California 91746-0101 (1993)] [6371 Lupelo Dr, Citrus Heights, California 95621]

[Social Security Death Index](#) about Twila Jean Birdsall

Name:	Twila Jean Birdsall
Last Residence:	91773 San Dimas, Los Angeles, California
Born:	4 Feb 1931
Died:	15 Jan 2008
State (Year) SSN issued:	Illinois (Before 1951)

Twila Birdsall Community volunteer, dancer

Twila Jean (Chewning) Birdsall of San Dimas died on January 15, 2008 of complications from heart failure. She died in her sleep at Citrus Valley Hospice in Covina, holding the hand of her husband of 59 years. She was 76 years of age.

Ms. Birdsall was born in Illinois on February 4, 1931, the middle daughter of Herville P. and Ester Bonita Chewning. Though a homemaker most of her life, she was always actively involved in the community. In the 60s, she was a Camp Fire Girl leader for the Valinda School District and a volunteer for the National Democratic Party, campaigning for John F. Kennedy, working at poll booths and counting votes by hand at local Democratic precincts. After her children were grown, she spent her summers working at Meade's Air Comfort. She also played an active role in the raising and development of her 3 grandchildren.

"With her nurturing personality she was a mother to many," wrote her granddaughter, Mary House, in a remembrance.

Later in life, Ms. Birdsall became highly involved in senior citizen programs in San Dimas, Claremont, Pomona, La Verne and other local communities. Along with her husband, she frequently cooked Thursday breakfast at Lonehill Manor in San Dimas. She enjoyed shopping, water aerobics, yoga and, most of all, dancing. Her dance repertoire included jazz, tap, hula, ballroom and line dancing. As a member of dance groups such as Doug Miranda's Senior Dance group of La Verne, she performed at various locations in Claremont such as the Claremont Manor and the Joslyn Senior Center. Ms. Birdsall and her fellow dancers were also seen at many locations in La Verne and San Dimas and won several awards at Pismo Beach dance competitions.

Ms. Birdsall was also a member of several organizations over the years including the Cabernet Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

Over the years, Ms. Birdsall traveled to 46 of the 50 states across America and to places such as the Caribbean, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico and several places in Europe. She often enjoyed traveling in cruise line luxury.

Thoughts about Ms. Birdsall expressed at her celebration of life attested to how highly regarded she was among friends and family. Among the comments were, "She had a lot of friends," spoken by her son-in-law John Rensch.

"There will never be another like Twila," said many of her friends.

And, her cousin David Beckner, from Springfield, Illinois, said, "She brought us together as family, she will be missed."

"She will be remembered for her feisty personality, popularity amongst friends and her timeless beauty," wrote her granddaughter, Jenelle Rensch, in a remembrance.

On Ms. Birdsall's wedding day, the officiating minister gave bibles to her and her husband. Recently, the family retrieved a scrap of newsprint that fell out of her bible, and on it was a poem that, according to her family, seemed to capture Ms. Birdsall's perspective on entering hospice care.

Patsy Joann Chewning Settles

Daughter of Herville Payne and Esther Bonita Tarr Chewning

Granddaughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning



Audrey Eugene and Patsy Joann Chewning Settles stone, Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, McDonough, IL

1940 census with her parents.

1959 San Francisco, San Francisco, CA directory

Settles, A E (Patsy J) servmn Goodyear Tire & Rubber h 1114 Church

Her obit says that her husband d. 6/10/1998; his tombstone says 1/8/1998. I'll go with his tombstone.

Obituary for daughter Patsy:

Patsy Joann Settles

Patsy Joann Settles, 69, San Francisco, Calif., died at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 2004 at the Pacific Coast Care Center, Salinas, Calif.

*She was born June 3, 1935 in Monmouth, the daughter of Herville and Bonita (Tarr) Chewning. She married Audrey Settles June 5, 1953. He preceded her in death **June 10, 1998**.*

She is survived by one son, Gene (Claire) Settles, Stockton, Calif.; one daughter, Katie (Frank) Troya, Salinas, California; 8 grandchildren: Corby, Everett, and Hannah Troya; Daniel, Katherine, Patrick, and Gene Settles; and Daniel Massimillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

*Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 1 at the **Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb**, with the Reverend Diane Bigley officiating.*

The family will meet with friends one hour before services at the Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1650 S. Amphlett Blvd. #110 San Mateo, CA, 94402. Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb, is in charge of the arrangements.

Letha Florence Chewning Downes
Daughter of Theodore and Nancy Ann Morris Chewning

Letha Florence (my grandmother) will have her own section with her husband, Maurice Emil Downes.

Letha Florence Chewning was **born 8/29/1904**, in Ashton, Clark, MO. She's with her parents and siblings on the **1910 in Lincoln, Clark, MO, and the 1920 census, Monmouth, Ward 5, Warren, IL.**

1910 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark County, MO

Theodore Chewning, 39, married 12 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, blacksmith, owns own shop, owns home with mortgage

Nancy M. Chewning, 37, married 12 years, 4 children, 3 living, b. in IL, father b. in England, mother b. in IL

Raymond A., 9, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, attended school in last year

Harvel (census looks like Hurvel), 7, etc.

Florence, 5, etc.

1920 census, Lincoln Twp., Clark, MO: (Ashton)

A.M. Davidson, 42, owns farm, b. in MO, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO, machinist

Effie Davidson, 36, b. in MO, parents b. in US

J. Edward, 7, b. in MO; parents b.in MO

Hibbert W., 5, etc.

Raymond Chewning, 19, nephew, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL, no occupation

She married Maurice Emil Downes on 2/27/1924, Monmouth, Warren, IL.

1930 census, Roseville, Warren, IL

Maurice E Downes, 28, owns radio set, married at 22, b. in IL, father b. in IL, mother b. in PA, farmer, general stock farm

Letha F Downes, 26, married at 20, b. in MO, father b. in MO, mother b. in IL

Roger, 5, b. in IL, father b. in IL, mother b. in MO

Herville, 4 3/12, etc.

Elizabeth A, 11/12, etc.

Social Security Death Index:

Name: Letha Downes

Last Residence: Monmouth, Warren, IL

Born: 29 Aug. 1904

Died: May 1986