

## *MILLER-FISHER-WILLIAMS & MALUGANI Family Reunion*

The MILLER-FISHER-WILLIAMS & MALUGANI Family Reunion has been held each year and dates back to the 1920s with the MILLER sisters. However, being sisters who married into other families, the name "MILLER" has faded from the memory of many of their descendants. This re-introduction is an attempt to *briefly* remind everybody who we all are and how we all go here. Many more details are at [www.genealogue.info](http://www.genealogue.info).

### *MILLER*

The MILLER sisters I referred to are the daughters of Isaac Dennis MILLER, (1843-1896) a wounded Civil War veteran from Iowa who, along with his younger brother John Valentine MILLER (1856-1940), moved to San Luis Obispo, California, by 1873. Isaac was a fourth generation descendant of Pennsylvania Dutch who immigrated in the early 1700s. His mother's side, the KESTERS, were also Pennsylvania Dutch, but one line reportedly traces back to the *Mayflower*.

After Isaac died and his sons took over the family farm, three daughters Cora, Elma, and Iva, moved northward to Sonoma and Napa counties and eventually established the annual reunion.

### *FISHER-WILLIAMS*

Cora Ethel MILLER (1880-1967), the eldest of the three MILLER sisters, first married Theodorick "Bud" Leather FISHER (1877-1911) and had seven children, the youngest of whom died in infancy. Bud, a native of Nebraska, was likely of Pennsylvania Dutch descent as well. His parents and siblings all moved to California around 1894.

Bud suffered from consumption and during his decline was aided by friend and 'step-brother' Al WILLIAMS (1874-1940), a native of Kansas. Interestingly, Bud's widowed mother married Al's widower father in 1910, when both men were in their 30s, thus technically making them step-brothers. Bud FISHER died the following year and nearly two years later Cora remarried to Al. They went on to have four children, one of whom died in infancy, and resettled up Calistoga Road above Santa Rosa.

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All total Cora MILLER-FISHER-WILLIAMS, whom we all refer to as “Grandma WILLIAMS” to this day, had the following children who lived to give her 41 grandchildren:

- Howard Earl FISHER (1899-1966)
- Pearl Elizabeth (FISHER) MALUGANI (1901-1941)
- Mildred May (FISHER) FECHTER (1902-1989)
- Carrie Truett (FISHER SHELLY) HOPPER (1904-1936)
- Merle Everett FISHER (1906-1990)
- Sonoma C. (FISHER DILLON) CLARKE (1907-1993)
- Elsie Alberta (WILLIAMS) HITCHCOCK (1914-2001)
- Gladys Elaine (WILLIAMS CLARKE) (1916-1998)
- Edward Carl WILLIAMS (1920-2012)

### *MALUGANI*

While living up Calistoga Road the FISHER-WILLIAMS family met and befriended the MALUGANI family. The MALUGANI family has roots in Primaluna, Lecco province in Northern Italy but moved north to the little alpine town of Giumaglio, Switzerland, where Joseph MALUGANI (1864-1924) married Aurelia Catterina CERINI (1867-1948) by 1888. They had two children there before they and Joe’s younger brother and sister emigrated to California in 1892. The MALUGANI family first settled in Santa Rosa before moving up Calistoga Road and had six more children:

- Martha (MALUGANI MARCI) Tomlinson (1888-1981)
- Charles Aurelio MALUGANI (1890-1957)
- Serena (MALUGANI) MAGATELLI (1893-1928)
- Antonio MALUGANI (1895-1977)
- Josephine L. (MALUGANI) SANFORD (1898-1994)
- Joseph C. MALUGANI (1899-1984)
- Philomena L. MALUGANI (1901-1931)
- Daniel Joseph MALUGANI, Sr. (1908-2008)

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Eldest son Charlie MALUGANI married Pearl Elizabeth FISHER thus joining the two families; however, it wasn't until 1972 that MALUGANIS, (beyond those of Charlie and Pearl's children) first joined in the reunion. The event that prompted it was the 84<sup>th</sup> birthday of Martha (MALUGANI MARCI) THOMLINSON. Thereafter, Dan MALUGANI became a regular attendee and later in 1983, when Joe's son Richard MALUGANI hosted the reunion, the combined reunion was cemented.

### *RECENT EXPANSIONS*

With the global reach and interactions of the Internet, the Family Reunion has not just grown by adding new generations, it has also grown backward in generations. Genealogically-minded descendants of earlier generations who have made their way to California have joined the reunion in recent years.

### *FISHER*

- Carol Jean (LASLEY) LARSEN (1927-2002): she was a second cousin to Bud FISHER and attended in 2000 and 2001
- David FISHER: his dad was also a second cousin to Bud FISHER and Carol Jean, and began attending in 2000 as well
- Tom FISHER: a first cousin to David and therefore also of the same relation to Bud and Carol Jean; he also first attended in 2000
- Cheryl (FISHER) CASCIANI: her grandfather was a first cousin to Bud FISHER and attended in 2000—*a banner year for the FISHERS!*
- Dorothy (SMITH) MILLIKEN: her father was a second cousin to Bud Fisher; she and daughter Patricia (MILLIKEN) HARTLEY joined in 2010

### *MILLER*

- Herbert Archie MILLER family: a nephew of Isaac Dennis MILLER and first cousin to Grandma WILLIAMS, his daughters Gail and Sandra began attending in 2005. Archie and wife Wilma attended the following year and their nephew and nieces, Fred, Barbara, and Bonnie joined in 2008.