

Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

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First Generation

1. Albert Edward DORR, son of **Albert Ernest DORR** and **Laura Estelle BOSWELL**, was born on 3 Sep 1918 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 13 Jul 1995 in Oklahoma City, OK, at age 76, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK.



Albert Edward Dorr

The following was written by Dad in 1988.

My father was killed at the 2nd Street hill in McAlester six months before I was born. My mother moved to Macon, Tennessee where I was born on September 3, 1918. When I was three months old we moved back to McAlester. My brother, Ernest B., was ten years older than me, and my sister Dorothy was six years older.

Mother bought a nineteen-room house and took in roomers and boarders. We were across the street from the fire station and I was the mascot of the fire department in my younger years. I went to McAlester elementary, junior high and high schools. I worked for four years during high school at Dixieana Creamery and Bender Drug as a soda jerk. I graduated from McAlester High School in 1936.

Mother and I moved to Stillwater, rented a house and took in roomers and boarders. I worked my first year at Kennicutt Drug and enrolled in Electrical Engineering. The second year I was flunking in twelve hours of EE and was kicked out for the semester. Electrical Engineering was just not for me so I enrolled in Mechanical Engineering and made the Dean's Honor Roll. I pledged Acacia Fraternity, where I became social chairman, vice president and in my fourth year, president of my fraternity and also president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. During these years, I worked as fountain manager of the Midwest Creamery.

At the 1938 Acacia Christmas party I met Maxyne Zerby, who was dating my best friend Bus Walker. During the summer of 1939 I began dating Maxyne and we had a wonderful courtship. On June 1, 1940 at 9:00 PM we were married in Mr. and Mrs. Zerby's home by a blind Methodist preacher. Thirza Murphy, Ernest B. Dorr and Maxyne's brother Don Perry were present. We drove to Oklahoma City in my brother's car and arrived at the Biltmore Hotel. We spent two days at \$4 .00 per day in Room 1707. We continued working and going to school and in January 1942 I graduated.

Maxyne was pregnant at the time and didn't get to graduate. On February 15, 1942 Edward Max was born at Stillwater Hospital with brain damage that caused cerebral palsy, although it took two years before a doctor told us what was wrong.

I started to work with Phillips Petroleum Company and we moved to Oklahoma City on September 23, 1943. Dana Michael was born and a month later we moved to Wichita, where I worked as a power plant engineer for Beech Aircraft. After eleven months of this, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the rank of Ensign and went to Officer's Candidate School for two months at Hollywood Beach, Florida. Maxyne, Ed and Dana moved in with her folks at Perry. I was assigned to LST 817 for duty in the Pacific.

Before I left my ship pulled in to New Orleans where Maxyne came down and spent a week with me. My ship then went through the Panama Canal and up the West Coast to Seattle. Maxyne came out and spent about a month with me as I went through firefighter and navigation schools. The next eighteen months were spent in action, where I was a navigator on the 817.

All through college, Phillips and Beech I was a 35mm photographer where I made pretty good extra money. So when my ship left Seattle, I bought all the development and enlarging needs and set up in my stateroom. My only major encounter was Okinawa, where 1400 ships and troops stormed the island. I was discharged in March 1946 with the rank of Lt. (jg).

While I was away Maxyne got her degree in Art. I came back to Oklahoma City and went to work as a mechanical engineer with OG&E. We bought our first house at 2401 NE 27th. It was a two-bedroom with built-in garage, which we later turned into a den and still later built a double garage. Later we built a 20"x16" den on the back.

On May 20, 1947 our third son Patrick B. was born. During this time I continued my photo business as well as a company called Cleaning Contractors, Inc., which specialized in washing walls and ceilings and cleaning kitchen grease ducts for restaurants.

In March 1948 I left OG&E and took a job as engineer with an air conditioning distributor and contractor named C. Robert Ingram Inc. The second year I was made sales manager and had a pleasant life until November 1953, when Lewis H. Carter, Sr. and I left Ingram and started Comfort Inc. We subleased from Ingram the first year and the second year had a 10,000 square foot building built at 1808 West Main, where we stayed for ten

in case of more than one child at a birth a SEPARATE CERTIFICATE must be made for each and the number of each, in order of birth, stated. A stillborn child must be registered as a birth and also as a death.

1. PLACE OF BIRTH		Registration Dist. No. 77250		Standard Certificate of birth	
County	Woodward	Primary Dist. No. 77158		Oklahoma State Board of Health	
Township	Supply	No. 77108		Bureau of Vital Statistics	
Village or City	Supply	Street No. 403		Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	
(If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given, instead of the street and house number.)		Ward		Register No. 65	
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Maryna Cecilia Gerby</u>					
(If the child dies without a name, before the certificate is filed, enter the words "Died unnamed." If the living child has not yet been named at the date of filing certificate of birth, the space for "Full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled out subsequently by a supplemental report.)					
3. Sex of Child	4. Twins, triplet or others?	5. Number in order of birth	6. Legitimate?	7. Date of Birth	
Female			Yes	June 11 - 1919	
(To be answered only in event of plural births.)					
FATHER			MOTHER		
8. Full name	Derey B. Gerby 610		14. Full Maiden Name	Ora Million	
9. Residence	Supply, Okla.		15. Residence	Supply, Okla.	
10. Color or race	American		16. Color or race	American	
11. Age at last Birthday	33 years		17. Age at last Birthday	39 years	
12. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known.	Mo.		18. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known.	Mo.	
13. Occupation	Bank Cashier		19. Occupation	Housewife	
(a) trade, profession or particular kind of work			(a) trade, profession or particular kind of work		
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)			(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)		
20. Number of children born to this mother, including present birth	four 1st child by this husband		21. Number of children of this mother now living	3	
22. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE. (1)					
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was <u>alive</u> at <u>9:10 a.m.</u> on the date above stated.					
(1) When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.					
(Signature) <u>R. W. Workman</u>					
(Physician or Midwife)					
Given name added from supplemental report _____ 191 _____					
Address _____					
Filed <u>7-12</u> 191 <u>9</u> <u>Sylvia M. Smith</u>					
Registrar					
23. Did you use a one or two per cent silver nitrate solution in this infant's eyes immediately after its birth?					
Yes <u>Yes</u> No _____					

CERTIFIED
COPY



State Department of Health

State of Oklahoma

400 NORTH EASTERN

OKLAHOMA CITY 5, OKLAHOMA

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL TO BE AFFIXED, AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 1963.

C. C. Case

STATE REGISTRAR

AND NOW, To-wit: On the 31 day of May A. D. 1940, personally appeared before me, Albert Darr, he being legally competent to make and take an oath, and having personal knowledge of the facts herein set forth and made the following

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

I, Albert Darr, of Payne County, State of Oklahoma, aged 31 years, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with the parties named in the following schedule and the facts herein set forth:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Albert Darr</u> Groom	<u>31</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Tenn</u>	<u>323 Husband Stillwater</u>
<u>Maryne Terby</u> Bride	<u>20</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Okla</u>	<u>Stillwater</u>

And that the said parties, or either of them, are not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they of the relationship prohibited by law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May 1940

I, Albert Darr, do hereby give my consent

to h marriage to and I request that a license issue therefor.

And I further certify that he is past the age of years.

Father Mother

Being satisfied of the truth of the sufficiency of this application and that there is no legal impediment to such marriage, the said application is hereby granted.

Deputy Court Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, PAYNE COUNTY, ss.

IN THE COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Albert Darr and M. Maryne Terby of the County aforesaid, whose ages, residences, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Albert Darr</u> Groom	<u>31</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Tenn</u>	<u>Stillwater</u>
<u>Maryne Terby</u> Bride	<u>20</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Okla</u>	<u>"</u>

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Stillwater in said County, this 31 day of May A. D. 1940

Judge.

Deputy Court Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, PAYNE COUNTY, ss.

I, Willmore Kindall Minister Methodist of Stillwater in Payne County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify

that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 12th day of June A. D. 1940

at Stillwater in Payne County, Oklahoma, in the presence of E. B. Darr of M^{rs} Alister and Therza T. Murphy of Woodward

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the contracting parties, have subscribed our names this 12th day of June 1940

E. B. Darr Therza T. Murphy Witnesses. Willmore Kindall Albert Darr Groom. Maryne Terby Bride

DORR

MAXYNE CECILIA
JUNE 11, 1919~SEPT. 30, 2007
FAMILY OF ZERBY

MARRIED
JUNE 11
1940

ALBERT EDWARD
SEPT. 3, 1918~JULY 13, 1995
WWII USNR LST 817

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34
LET GOD LOVE YOU"

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years. At the end of this period we build a 20,000 square foot building at 100 NE 34th and later added another 15,000 square feet. We worked hard and put in many long days and weeks. Our business was very successful and we had a very good reputation. We were both distributors for Chrysler Airtemp air conditioning and mechanical contractors.

On April 25, 1952 our fourth son, Jon Real Dorr, was born and on November 5, 1954 our fifth son, Kent Anthony Dorr, was born. In November 1958 we moved into our custom-built home in Wildewood, where we had six bedrooms, a swimming pool and paddle tennis court. We lived here happily until March 1970, when we moved into our custom-built 3500 square foot house in Lansbrook.

I always loved the water and boats, so in 1964 I bought a Lightning 19-foot centerboard sailboat. Maxyne didn't like jumping over the centerboard so the second year I traded it for an Aurora, a 21-foot keelboat, and joined the Oklahoma City Boat Club on Lake Hefner. I loved racing and won many trophies. As the Boat Club members began getting younger and I became older, I sold my boat to Ed and retired from sailing after about seventeen years.

At the end of 1979 I sold my Comfort Inc. interest to Carter. Although I retired, I kept my office in our building at 100 NE 34th where I come each day from 11:00 until 4:00, mainly to get away from the house, be around people and keep books on C&D Investments Company, which Carter and I started about 1961. During this time we owned two post offices in small towns, a 40-unit apartment house and about eight oil and gas wells. We still have the Comfort building, which pays Carter and me about \$25,000 a year each. This also gives me time to read the Wall Street Journal and several trade and investment magazines.

It is now 1988 and I am seventy years old and have enjoyed a very full family life and have a wonderful wife and a bunch of kids and grandkids.

For more information see "Tales of the Al Dorr Family."

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Mechanical Engineer.

Albert married **Maxyne Cecilia ZERBY**,¹ daughter of **Percy Brandon ZERBY** and **Ora Cecilia MILLION**, on 1 Jun 1940 in Stillwater, OK. Maxyne was born on 11 Jun 1919 in Supply, OK,² died on 30 Sep 2007 in Stillwater, OK, at age 88, and was buried on 6 Oct 2007 in Memorial Park, Oklahoma City, OK.

Maxyne grew up in Supply where her family owned the Bank of Supply. Both of her parents worked in the bank. Her grandfather, who had owned the bank, died when Maxyne was only one. Bonnie, her grandmother, built a smaller home after Burrell died and the Zerby's moved into the nice large home at the edge of town. In 1929 the bank moved to Woodward. In 1931 the bank failed and the family moved to Lone Wolf.



Maxyne went to Southwestern State for her freshman year and then to Oklahoma A&M. While in college she met and married Albert Edward Dorr in 1940. Al graduated in January 1942. Edward Max was born in February 1942 and Dana Michael in September 1943. While Al served in World War II, Maxyne and the children lived with her parents in Perry, OK where she was able to complete her degree.

After the war they moved to Oklahoma City where Al took a job with OG&E. Patrick was born in May 1947. Al and Maxyne joined the little neighborhood Presbyterian Church that Maxyne really enjoyed. This was the first time she had ever been involved in a church. Maxyne was always active in school affairs and was a Cub Scout den mother many times. Jon Real was born in April 1950 and Kent Anthony in November 1952.

At this point they had five boys in a small three bedroom house. Al's company, Comfort, Inc., was doing very well which enabled Maxyne to design a nice five bedroom home which they moved into in 1958. In 1959 Al and

1. State of Oklahoma, birth certificate; General Register Office, Southport.

2. State of Oklahoma, birth certificate 1919, 77250 registration district, 77150 sub-district.

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Maxyne took their first major overseas trip, a Chrysler trip with five days in Paris and five in Rome. She had been an art major in school and just to be able to see all the art work that she had studied was overwhelming. As a child she had an intense interest in maps and geography. Over the next few years they were fortunate to go on more Chrysler trips; all of these were first class all the way. Most of the time they went with Lewis and Joan Carter (Lewis was Al's partner). Some of the trips included Miami Beach, Majorca, Barcelona, Madrid, Athens, Naples, Pompeii, Venice and London.

In 1971 there were a number of conflicts within the family that led Maxyne to turn her life over to the Lord. In July 1974 she attended the Congress on World Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland, which was very meaningful to her. Over the next seventeen years she took many trips to conferences all over the world. She went to Israel, and made many trips to China Europe. Sometimes she would take one of her grandchildren.

After Al died in 1995, she withdrew to her home at the lake and never was really involved outside of her home. In 2002 she moved to the Renaissance Assisted Living Center in Stillwater with her dog Missy. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease and had to be moved to the advanced care building in 2006. Over the next few years she gradually lost most of her memory but still remained a loving person. She died on September 30, 2007 in her bed at the Renaissance Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was a wonderful woman and mother.

For more details see the document "Tales of the Al Dorr Family."

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Edward Max DORR** was born on 15 Feb 1942 in Stillwater, OK.

Noted events in his life were:

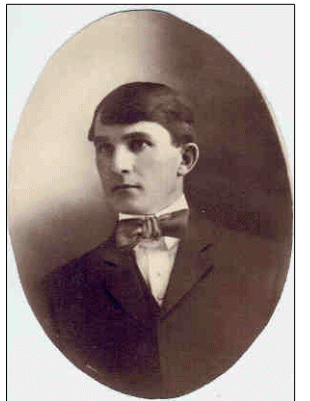
- He was educated.
- ii. **Dana Michael DORR** was born on 23 Sep 1943 in Oklahoma City, OK.
 - iii. **Patrick B. DORR** was born on 20 May 1947 in Oklahoma City, OK.
 - iv. **Jon Real DORR** was born on 25 Apr 1952 in Oklahoma City, OK.
 - v. **Kent Anthony DORR** was born on 5 Nov 1954 in Oklahoma City, OK.

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Second Generation

2. Albert Ernest DORR, son of **Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR** and **Sara Jane WILKINS**, was born on 17 Feb 1879 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, died on 20 Feb 1918 in McAlster, OK, at age 39, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Ernest met Estelle while she was on a visit to her Aunt Lucy Trotter in Mississippi. They were married in a double ceremony with Estelle's sister Lettie in 1907 by Rev. G. B. Baskerville. They moved to McAlester, Oklahoma where Albert Ernest owned a barbershop. He was killed in 1918 in an automobile accident in McAlster, OK.



Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in 1910 in McAlester Ward 1, Pittsburg, Oklahoma, United States.¹
- He had a residence in 1920 in McAlester Ward 1, Pittsburg, Oklahoma, United States.¹
- He had a residence in 1880 in Sardis, Panola, Mississippi, United States.¹

Albert married **Laura Estelle BOSWELL** on 19 Nov 1907 in Memphis, TN. Laura was born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK, at age 89, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Children from this marriage were:

- 1 i. **Albert Edward DORR** (born on 3 Sep 1918 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN - died on 13 Jul 1995 in Oklahoma City, OK)
- ii. **Ernest Boswell DORR** was born on 13 Sep 1908 in McAlster, OK and died on 13 Apr 1998 in Norman, OK, at age 89.
- iii. **Dorothy May DORR** was born on 6 Sep 1912 in McAlster, OK and died on 18 Jul 1988 in Oklahoma City, OK, at age 75.

3. Laura Estelle BOSWELL, daughter of **Laura Ellie PARKS**, was born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK, at age 89, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

Estelle was the oldest daughter of ten children. She meets Ernest while on a visit to her Aunt Lucy Trotter in Mississippi. She and her sister Lettie are married in a double ceremony in 1907. Estelle and Ernest move to McAlester, Oklahoma where he owns a barbershop. Six months before Al Dorr was born his father is killed in an automobile accident and Mrs. Dorr returns to Macon, Tennessee for his birth. Three months after he is born, she moves back to McAlester and buys a nineteen-room house where she takes in boarders. In 1936 Estelle moves to Stillwater where she again runs a boarding house. This enables her son, Albert, to go to college. After Al Dorr marries Maxyne Zerby, Estelle moves back to Macon, TN to live with Dewitt Boswell and his wife Ola. She also teaches in a country school. She and the Boswells travel every summer and she spends summers with Al Dorr's family. She dies in a nursing home in Edmond, OK.



Laura married **Albert Ernest DORR** on 19 Nov 1907 in Memphis, TN. Albert was born on 17 Feb 1879 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, died on 20 Feb 1918 in McAlster, OK, at age 39, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 26 Jun 2024), entry for Albert Ernest Dorr, person ID GMF1-TYJ.

ESTELLE BOSWELL
OCT. 30. 1882
JAN. 12. 1972

INTERRED IN
MEMORIAL GARDENS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



IN LOVING MEMORY

ALBERT ERNEST
FEB. 17. 1880
FEB. 20. 1918

DORR

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Third Generation

4. Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR, son of **Louis Adolphe DORR** and **Francoise "Fannie" BENAL**, was born on 2 Dec 1844 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, United States,¹ died on 5 Mar 1916 in Panola County, Mississippi, United States,¹ at age 71, and was buried in Mar 1916 in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.¹



Narcissus' parents, Louis and Frances Dorr, arrive in America at Mobile, AL in 1840 and marry in 1841. He is born on February 2, 1844. At the time he has a two-year old sister Sylvia and a one-year old brother. Sometime after Narcissus is born but before 1847, the family moves to Kemper County, MS. We know this because the record of his brother Norman's birth shows him as being born in Kemper County.

Very little is known of Narcissus' younger days. He has four sisters and seven brothers. He marries an Englishwoman named Sara Jane Wilkins on February 2, 1849 in Sumter, AL. Sumter is on the Alabama-Mississippi border next to Kemper County. Sara Jane is a daughter of one of Louis' neighbors.

From Louis' letters:

Narcissus has his own place two miles from his father and is working for him in return for part of the crop. His father Louis is never quite happy with where he is at the time and tries to convince Narcissus to move to Arkansas or Texas, but Narcissus refuses to go.

In early 1871 Louis and all of his children that were in Kemper County moves to Panola County, MS which is in the northern part of the state. Louis moves to a bluff that overlooks swamp country and that year they are all in poor health. Martin and Narcissus rent 30 acres of bottomland two miles from their father. They pay 50 pounds lint cotton per acre, but the land is creek bottom and never fails to make less than a bale an acre. Around August Narcissus' oldest boy Edwin dies of the flu and in October Narcissus himself becomes very ill. Martin returns from Arkansas and joins Narcissus on the farm. Evidently, due to the poor heath conditions, Narcissus is ready to return to Kemper County in the fall of 1871.

In the fall of 1872 Louis sells his land on the bluff and moves eight miles to the east. For a time Narcissus and Norman rent land in the neighborhood and work together. Later Narcissus is able to buy 80 acres of land adjacent to his father's place for \$900. His father writes, "he built a very good house on it. Part of it is creek bottom and made a bale (and made 18 bales of cotton the first year) to the acre besides plenty of corn and potatoes." Norman is working with Narcissus at this time.

In 1875 Norman rents land from Narcissus and is working on his own house. Henry is staying with Narcissus.

In 1876 Louis writes, "Narcisse and Shug [?] are well and are making money like Jews. He has paid for his place and has besides no less than 1000 dollars on interests. Henry is still working with him. All three made nearly 30 bales of cotton last year." In 1877 Narcissus and Edward buy another farm in the neighborhood, 160 acres for about \$10 an acre. Martin lives with Louis but is working for Narcissus.

Narcissus and Sara have a total of nine children, five boys, and four girls. In November 1906 Sara dies. In March 1908 Narcissus marries Lucinda "Cindy" Jackson. In 1916 Narcissus passes away and Cindy dies in 1920.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in 1850 in Kemper county, Kemper, Mississippi, United States.¹
- He had a residence in 1860 in Kemper, Mississippi, United States.¹
- He had a residence in 1870 in Mississippi, United States.¹
- He had a residence in 1880 in Sardis, Panola, Mississippi, United States.¹

Narcisse married **Sara Jane WILKINS** on 2 Feb 1869 in Sumter Co., AL.² Sara was born on 15 May 1848 in Halifax Co., VA, died on 3 Nov 1906 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Children from this marriage were:

- William Edwin DORR** was born on 26 Dec 1869, died on 11 Jul 1871, at age 1, and was buried in Star Place - Shiloh Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- Caroline "Carrie" Belle DORR** was born on 13 Sep 1872 and died on 4 Mar 1930, at age 57.

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis Dorr, person ID 9471-85S.

2. Sumter Country Marriage Records, Book 3 Page 158.

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The State of Alabama, {
SUMTER COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we,
Narcissus L. Dorr and *J. M. Thomas*

are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Two Hun-
dred Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves,
our heirs and legal representatives, jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this *27* day of *January* 186*7*

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, the above
bound *Narcissus L. Dorr* has obtained license to
intermarry with *Sarah J. Wilkins* Now,
if there be no lawful cause why such marriage should not be celebrated, then this
obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

N. L. Dorr



J. M. Thomas



Attest:

L. A. Abraham Judge.

Narcisse Dorr's Orbitalary

Obituary of Narcissus Dorr from the Southern Reporter, Volume XXXI, Number 30

Southern Reporter – Sardis Miss. Friday Evening, April 7, 1916

Mr. N. L. D'ORR

DIED at his home, near Sardis, Miss., Mr. N. L. D'Orr, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 3 days.

The above paragraph tells the readers of the Reporter that the messenger of death has once more been in our midst and has taken from us one of our valuable, honest and upright citizens. It falls like a pall of darkness, for we all realize the loss we have sustained. His death, though not entirely unexpected, made us realize (sic) the loss. For several weeks he had been suffering with Bright's disease, during which time he had physician, the prayers of his many christian (sic) friends, and every assistance that could be rendered by the sympathetic hands of his loved ones, but all this failed to bring relief, and the end came at God's appointed time.

Mr. D'Orr was born and reared in Kemper County, Miss., and there he was married to Miss Sara Wilkins, moving to Panola County, and, locating near Sardis, lived there till death claimed him. His wife preceded him to the Great Beyond only ten years. Two years after the death of his wife he was married again, this time to Miss Lucinda Jackson, of Sardis. He leaves a widow, eight children and twenty-two grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn for him.

He lived a Christian life from early manhood, being a member, and for a number of years an officer, either as steward or superintendent of the Sunday school, of Davis Chapel church, and was always to be found at his post of duty. He was a man of most exemplary character, pure and blameless, inspiring to a higher life all who came under the uplifting influence of the firm and useful life he lived.

Though his life is ended, yet the sweet influence he left will ever point his loved ones to the God whom he loved and served. May we see in this sad bereavement the act of a loving Father who knows best. He will be greatly missed in the church, to which he took so much pride in going, and in his home, where he was loved and honored by his family. In fact, no one can fill his place in life; but, friends, let us try to fill our places better by having such an example as this life before us. May our faith in Christ be strong and simple like his.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, whose words of sympathy were very touching to every one present. The body was laid to rest in Davis Chapel cemetery.

May God look down in tender mercy on his wife, relatives and many friends.

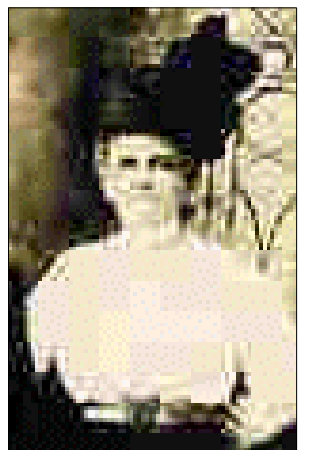
Notes: (Sic) means this was copied exactly as originally written, even though it might be misspelled or doesn't conform to modern usage. Notice that his name was spelled as it is in French. Bright's disease is chronic nephritis (kidney disease).

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- iii. **Marietta (Mary Etta) DORR** was born on 25 Jan 1875 in Kemper Co., MS and died on 3 May 1962 in Panola Co., MS, at age 87.
- iv. **Jennie (Jenny) DORR** was born in 1878, died in 1932 in Panola Co., MS, at age 54, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- 2 v. **Albert Ernest DORR** (born on 17 Feb 1879 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS - died on 20 Feb 1918 in McAlister, OK)
- vi. **Louis Henry DORR** was born on 1 Jan 1881, died on 27 Jul 1939 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. He had no known marriage and no known children.
- vii. **Wilma Louise DORR** was born on 26 Oct 1884 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, died on 5 Feb 1945 in Sardis, Panola Co., MS, at age 60, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.
- viii. **Weir L. DORR** was born on 10 Jun 1888 in Panola Co., MS, died on 8 Jan 1950 in Memphis, TN, at age 61, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.
- ix. **Ella Lorine\Lorena DORR** was born on 8 Feb 1890 in Panola Co., MS, died on 16 Sep 1946 in Panola Co., MS, at age 56, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Narcisse next married **Lucinda "Cindy" JACKSON**, daughter of **Robert JACKSON** and **Sara SECOR**, on 25 Mar 1908 in Panola Co., MS. Lucinda was born on 15 May 1859 in Rockland Co., NY, died on 19 Mar 1920 in Panola Co., MS, at age 60, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. They had no children.

Cindy was the sister of my grandmother, Ruby Jackson Bishop, wife of Alonzo "Lon" Bishop. DNB



5. Sara Jane WILKINS was born on 15 May 1848 in Halifax Co., VA, died on 3 Nov 1906 in Panola Co., MS, at age 58, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Sara Jane is from a very established English family who ancestors came to America in 1618 and settle in Virginia. Sara Jane is born in Halifax Co., VA in 1848. Her father, Josiah Richard Wilkins dies of the measles when Sara is only five years old. When she is about 13, her widowed mother moves the family to Kemper County, Mississippi, near the border with Sumter County, AL. Sara marries Narcissus Dorr in 1869. Sometime after 1869 most of the Wilkins family move to Jackson County, Arkansas. Sara and her sister, Elizabeth, who is also married stay in Mississippi.



From Paul Dorr's Letter:

"Aunt Sarah was unlettered but a very fine woman who, I think, was generally loved. I used sometimes to go to this home for Sunday dinner; there was always a table full of company and the "board groaned" with food. Aunt Sarah had many hospitable expressions with a strong "Arkansas flavor"; if you sat near her end of the table when the plates were being loaded and passed to the consumers, and you offered your plate, as was the custom, to the hostess, Aunt Sarah would smile and say, "Just keep that if it suits you." Or if, as she watched from her end of the long table the rapid disappearance of the food from the row of plates, and observed with a keen eye, for example, that you had devoured all of the chicken, three or four pieces, to which you had been helped, she would catch your eye and say with insistent urgency: "Now, Brother Hargrove (or Paul, or any other guest), "You haven't had anything hardly to eat; just help yo'self to chicken and gravy and more mashed postatoes. You set handy." In conversation with her, if you were making a statement about some simple event that had taken place, Aunt Sarah would interject feelingly, from time to time, "I say! I say!" She used to take a vacation from

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her manifold household duties of one full week every spring. She would spend the first day visiting Aunt Jodie (at Uncle Norman's house) and sit in a rocking chair all day and talk, if anybody was near with whom she could talk. Next day Ira and Clinton would hitch up the buggy and haul her down to Davis Chapel, where she would spend the day (in exactly the same manner) with Aunt Alice (at Uncle Eugene's house). From thence, Uncle Gene would transport her to our house (Uncle Rufus), where she would exactly duplicate the former 24-hour visits, rocking amiably and peacefully, dear soul, talking and "I saying" with my mother, Lillie. Then to Grandma's, to Uncle Ed's and on to the end of the list. Peace to that good woman's ashes."

The above information provided by Jo Dixon Helmers.

Sara married **Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR** on 2 Feb 1869 in Sumter Co., AL.³ Narcisse was born on 2 Dec 1844 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, United States,⁴ died on 5 Mar 1916 in Panola County, Mississippi, United States,⁴ at age 71, and was buried in Mar 1916 in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.⁴

7. Laura Ellie PARKS was born on 26 Jan 1862 in Iredell County, NC, died on 28 Jan 1945 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, at age 83, and was buried in Macon Cemetery, Macon, Fayette Co., TN.

Laura married someone.

Her children were:

- i. **Thomas Dewitt BOSWELL** was born on 1 Feb 1881, died in 1967 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, at age 86, and was buried in Memorial Park, Memphis, Shelby Co., TN.
- 3 ii. **Laura Estelle BOSWELL** (born on 30 Oct 1882 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN - died on 12 Jan 1972 in Edmond, OK)
- iii. **Charlotte Letitia BOSWELL** was born on 11 Oct 1884 and died on 21 Feb 1940 in Oakland, TN, at age 55.
- iv. **John Collins BOSWELL** was born on 6 Nov 1886.
- v. **Walter Lee BOSWELL** was born on 17 Feb 1889 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 16 Mar 1948 in Memphis, TN, at age 59.
- vi. **Russell Norman BOSWELL** was born on 29 Nov 1891 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 14 Jun 1961 in Arlington, VA, at age 69.
- vii. **Mary Otie BOSWELL** was born on 12 Feb 1894.
- viii. **Lucy Ellen Zibiah BOSWELL** was born on 21 Dec 1857 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN, died on 25 Jan 1930, at age 72, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- ix. **Wilbur Parks BOSWELL** was born on 7 Aug 1889 in Macon, Fayette Co., TN and died on 8 Jan 1954 in East Point, GA, at age 64.
- x. **Annie Ernestine BOSWELL** was born on 27 Jul 1903.

3. Sumter Country Marriage Records, Book 3 Page 158.

4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis Dorr, person ID 9471-85S.

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Fourth Generation

8. Louis Adolphe DORR, son of **Mathias DORR**¹ and **Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET**, was born on 20 Mar 1816 in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France,² died on 6 Jun 1883 in Panola Co., MS, at age 67, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.²

Louis Dorr was born in Morhange, Mosele, France on 12 September 1816 in the area of Alsoues, Loraine. His father was a draper and quite wealthy and there are stories that Louis was educated at the University of Paris. There is no documentation for this fact. He was somewhat of a scholar and speaks not only French, German and English with excellence, but can also make his way in two or three other European idioms. Before he moves to America, his mother dies and his father marries a younger woman with children. His stepmother also dies before his father's estate is settled, which complicats the estate. Evidently her children contest the original will.

There are two different versions of why Louis comes to America. First is that he is a court gentleman and is required to serve five years in the king's army. He decides to come to America instead of serving in the army. He meets Frances on the boat to America and they are married when they arrive in Mobile, Alabama.

The other version is that his stepmother's children contest his father's estate. It appears that it could be contested for a long period of time, and Louis decides that he could do better by coming to America instead of waiting for his inheritance.

The is no documentation for either version.

Upon arriving in Mobile, Alabama, Louis Dorr and Frances Benal are married on 7 June 1841. Based on the ages of Louis' children in the 1850 census, it appears that he and the family move to Kemper County between 1844-1847. Louis' first three children, Selvy, Albert, and Narcissus, are born in Alabama. Lands records exist showing that Louis obtained 40 acres in Kemper County, Mississippi on 1 April 1856. Of the 12 children that Louis and Frances had, all are born except Eugene by this time.

Apparently Louis serves in the Confederate Army in 1861 and 1862. Source: www.rootsweb.com/~mskemper/military/5thcoi.htm

Louis corresponds with his brother Victor in France regularly. His main interest in these letters is the status of their inheritance, and he is always interested in how the family was. Another common subject is that he is unhappy where he was and plans to move. He also writes regularly to a Madame Heric in New Orleans. It is not clear who she was, but in a letter dated 27 March 1871 he refers to her as "Sister." Also Frances writes to her so she may have been Frances' sister. Madame Heric is married and has children. She sends Louis newspapers from New Orleans, which are his only source of information about what was happening in France. He especially wants news when the Prussians invade France. The fall of France and Napoleon seems to upset him. Copies of the letters written from 1868 to 1879 exist and are the basis of the following information about Louis and his family.

Victor sends Louis money during 1866-1868. It is unclear if this is from their father's estate or personal loans from Victor. In one of the letters Louis comments that his stepmother had been very generous to the children of Fanfare. Was Fanfare Louis' mother?

It appears that in 1868 Louis writes that he is interested in obtaining an additional 160 acres in Kemper County, but at the same time he is writing to friends that he might move to Florida or Arkansas. He evidently has a poor crop and says that sickness was rampant there. Also he is not happy with the Negro situation after emancipation. In general he always wants to be somewhere else. By March 1870, Martin is in Arkansas; Norman, Albert and "the widow" (?) are in Texas. Narcissus has his own place 2 miles away and works with his father for part of the crop. Louis tries to get Narcissus to move to Arkansas, but he will not move.

In late 1870 or early 1871 Louis moves to Panola County, Mississippi and buys 120 acres on top of the bluff overlooking the Mississippi swamp for \$2,200. This is approximately 15 miles west of Sardis, Mississippi. He writes Victor that his mailing address was Star Place, Panola County, United States. At the time he moved he was living 3 miles northeast of Tamola Station in Kemper County. Narcissus rents 30 acres of bottomland 2 miles from his father. Martin returns from Arkansas and is working with Narcissus. Norman also returns from Texas with his wife.

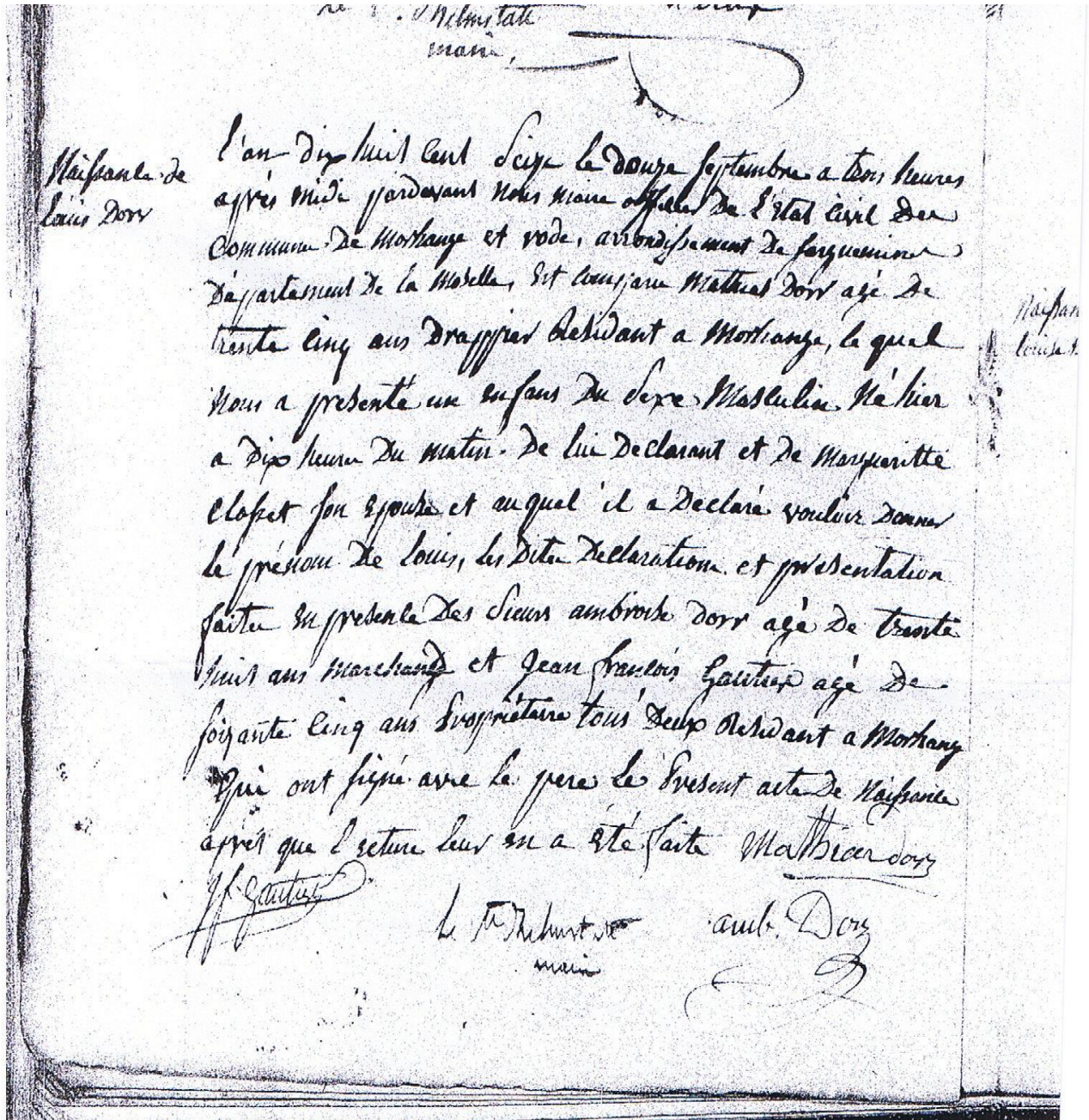
Louis tells Victor that his crop was excellent that year, but there was much sickness being so close to the swamp. Ed and Narcissus get the mumps; Norman's wife dies and Narcissus loses his boy. Due to all of the illness after just one year at the bluff, he decides to buy 200 acres approximately 8 miles from where he is for \$3,000. He mentions that he was tired of paying the doctor half of his profits. Martin stays with Louis and rents

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2. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Louis Adolphe Dorr, person ID L481-3B4.

Louis A Dorr's Birth Act

Below is a copy of the original French birth act for Louis Dorr in 1821. Below is an English translation provided by Jacques Dorr of France. The French call a birth certificate a birth act. This documents the America Louis Dorr's descendants to the original family in France.



LOUIS BIRTH - ACT

ON YEAR 1816, SEPTEMBER 12th, AT 3 O'CLOCK PM, US,
MAYOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF VITAL STATISTICS, COMMUNITY
OF MORHANGE AND RODE, SARREGUEMINES DISTRICT, MOSELLE
DEPARTMENT APPEARED MATHIAS DORR, AGE 35, SHEET MAKER
LIVING MORHANGE, WHO HAS PRESENTED US A CHILD OF MALE
SEX, BORN YESTERDAY AT TEN O'CLOCK AM FROM HE DECLARING
AND Mrs MARGUERITE CLOSSET HIS SPOUSE, AND WILLING
GIVE HIM FIRST NAME LOUIS.

AFFIRMATION AND PRESENTATION IN PRESENCE OF MM. AMBROISE
DORR, AGE 38, MERCHANT AND FRANCOIS GAUTIER, AGE 65,
OWNER, BOTH LIVING MORHANGE WHO SIGNED WITH THE FATHER
THE PRESENT BIRTH ACT.

FOLLOWING SIGNATURES

JEAN FRANCOIS
GAUTIER

MAYOR

MATHIAS DORR

AMBROISE DORR
(MATHIAS BROTHER)

Francoise "Fanny" Brnal Birth Act

Le dix huit cent vingt deux le cinq Juin a une heure après midi, par devant nous Dominique Petitjean
 (Jeune) Maire et officier de l'état civil de la commune de Guermange, Département de la Meurthe, arrondissement
 de Sarrebourg, Canton de Neichinourt, les comparus François Brnal, âgé de vingt cinq ans Meneur en
 cette commune, lequel nous a présenté un enfant, d'âge féminin, né le jour d'hui à midi, d'une
 Déclarant, et de Marguerite Rose Heuchel, son épouse, auquel il a déclaré de vouloir donner le prénom
 de François; les dites déclarations et fiduciation furent faites en présence de Sieur, Nicolas Denord
 âgé de quarante deux ans Instituteur, et de Nicolas Thomas âgé de trente quatre ans Meneur,
 tous deux résidents en cette commune, et amis audit Déclarant, et ont les père et le même signés avec
 nous le présent acte après lecture faite, les an et jour ci dessus dits,

[Signature] N. Nicolas Denord [Signature] D. Petitjean

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List of Passengers for ship Hanover, Command. from Havre

NAMES.	AGE.	SEX.	COUNTRY to which they severally belong.	COUNTRY of which they intend to become inha- bitants.	REMARKS relative to any that may have died or otherwise left the vessel during the voyage.
Charles Berg	35	male	France	U.S.A.	
Louisa Berg	26	female	do	do	
Clara Berg	2	f.	do	do	
Humbert	35	m.	do	do	
Louis Dorr	24	m.	do		
Philip Dy	44	m.			
Marianna Juncker	38	f.			
Christine Heil	22	f.			
Barbe Heil	19	f.			
Nicolas Zieger	28	m.			
Christoph Zieger	18	m.			
Jeremie Bouvier	28	m.			
Joseph Girard	28	m.			
Theodore Zimmer	19	m.			
Barbe Schneider	25	f.			
Francois Benal	17	f.			
George F. Schultz	28	m.	Barriere		
Madelaine Schilly	28	f.	do		

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } ss.
Mobile County.

To any one of the State Judges, or to any
Ordained Minister of the Gospel, or to any Justice of the Peace of said County:
Know All, That you are hereby authorized and Licensed to join together in
the bonds of Matrimony, *Louis Dorr*
with *Francois Benal*

Given under my hand and seal the *15th* day
of *June* 18 *51*

[Signature] Clk.

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CERTIFICATE

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND
OFFICE at Columbus, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by
Louis A. Dorr,

Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL,
which said tract has been purchased by the said Louis A. Don.

United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Louis A. Lorr,

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *first* day of *April*,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty six*, and of the
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the *Eighth*

Franklin Pierce.

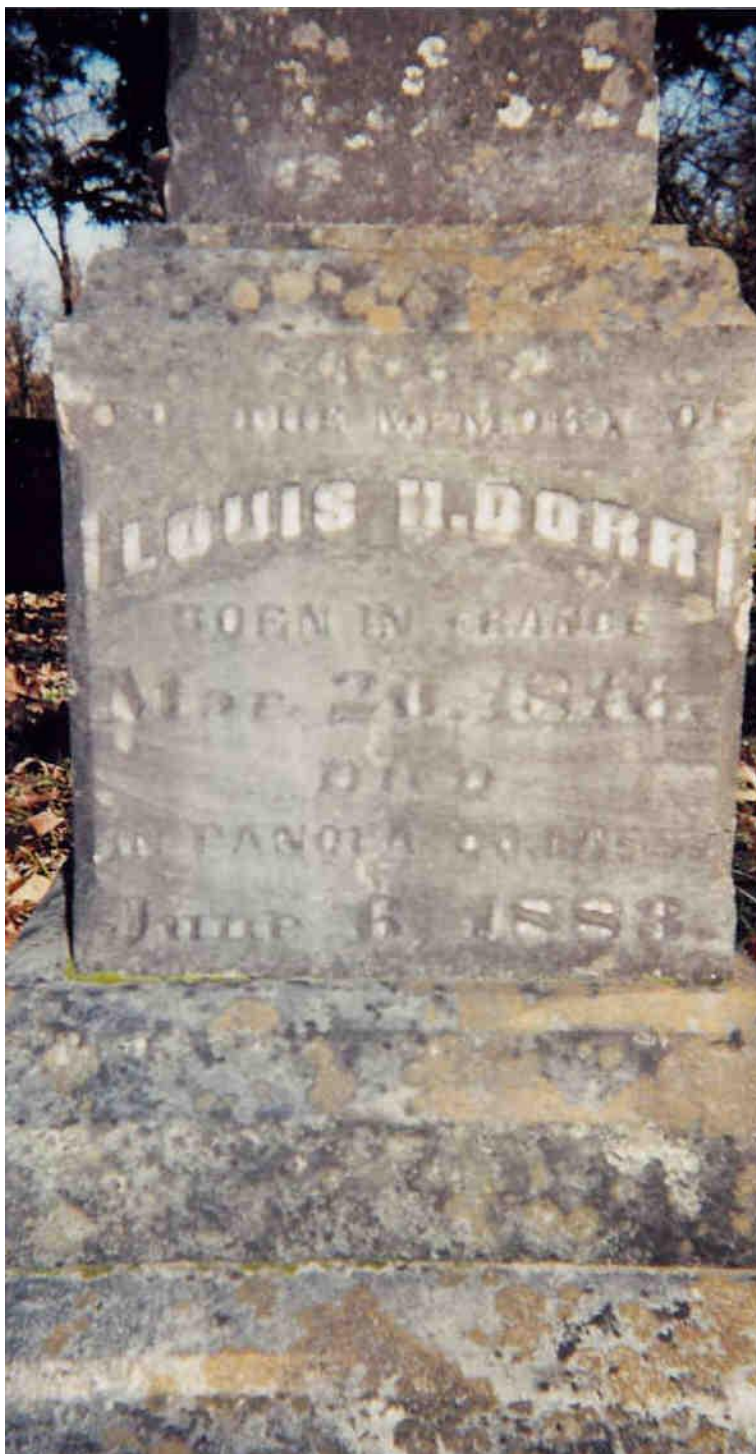
H. E. Baldwin Asst Secretary.

A. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office.



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Louis A Dorr Grave



Francoise Benal Dorr



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20 acres of his father's land. Ed works for Louis and receives \$20 a month. Narcissus and Norman rent "a good little place near here." At this time he writes, "our family of 12 children are all living and four are married and live with or near us, except for Albert, who has been in Texas 5 years." In October 1873 he writes Victor, "we have made an excellent crop. Our cotton crop brought \$4,000 and we are doing very well, but I am getting old and I do not think I will last long." In every letter he asks for information on the family in France. He has become a trustee for the school at Bishop.

In March 1874 he writes that "I am getting too old for the work of the farm, and I have rented it to three of my sons for 300 piastres a year." He reserves 3 acres for his flower garden to have something to keep him busy. Jenny Ruth says, "He planted his yard as the castle gardens in moons, crescents, and stars and his people in France sent Seeds and Bulbs." He says that his eyesight is becoming very bad and Francoise is as fat as a little pig. Narcissus buys 80 acres adjoining his father's place for \$900. In 1875 he writes Madame Heric that they have been able to save 3,000 piastres since moving to the current farm. He also tells her, "We are doing well at the moment. Our crops this year are excellent, better than I have seen in 15 or 20 years." Norman now rents land from Narcissus and is working on his own house. Henry now stays with Narcissus.

In 1876 Martin becomes ill and Louis writes, "There is no improvement with him yet and I fear that there is no cure for him. His brain is badly affected and unless there is a change for the better soon, I am afraid he will lose his mind." Narcissus and Ed are doing very well and they buy another 160 acres. Also in 1876 Louis learns that the major portion of his father's estate has been lost to an unscrupulous lawyer.

In October 1877 he writes, "I am too old to have anything to do with the farm, and I have concluded for the boys to divide the farm among themselves by paying a small rent to defray the expenses on the place." By now both Ed and Norman have been able to buy land. Rufus and Henry have rented a plantation of 120 acres. Martin lives with Louis but works for Narcissus. Eugene is the only one home with his parents at this time. In 1879 Albert asks his father to send him money so he can return home.

The 1880 census shows that all of Louis' children are living in Panola County. Narcissus has married and has five children, Norman is married with three children, Edward is married with three children, Henry is married and Sylvia is married and has three children. The other children are farming/living with Louis. Louis is now 64 years old and has 14 grandchildren.

His letters end in 1879.

Paul Dorr's Comments

Grandpa headed out for (let us hope) a better clime about 1883. I never knew him. His epitaph says (with which my father seemed to agree) that he was a loving husband and an indulgent father. He was somewhat of a scholar and spoke not only French, German and English with excellence, but could also make his way in two or three other European idioms. I have been informed that he was more-or-less a Freethinker, having little regard for the dogmatism of religion, taking the Life of Jesus as an example, and considering the essence of true religion to be morality and kindness. I get the im-pression that this is about the view of my correspondent (Raoul) in France. Grandma was a very fine character, with a wide-embracing love for, and a universal interest in, ALL of the grandchildren. She stored in the cellar barrels of apples every year, and whenever we went to see her Aunt Lilly would go down - often taking us with her - and fetch up apples for us. The two maiden aunts and Uncle Martin lived with Grandma. Your father and mine, and their other brothers, had for their mother almost a reverence.³

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in 1850 in Kemper, Mississippi, United States.⁴
- He had a residence in 1860 in Kemper, Mississippi, United States.⁴
- He had a residence in 1870 in Kemper, Mississippi, United States.⁴
- He had a residence in 1880 in Sardis, Panola, Mississippi, United States.⁴

Louis married **Francoise "Fannie" BENAL** on 7 Jun 1841 in Mobile Co., AL.⁵ Francoise was born on 5 Jun 1821 in France, died on 10 Jan 1901 in Panola Co., MS, at age 79, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

Children from this marriage were:

3. Rowland.
4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Louis Adolphe Dorr, person ID L481-3B4.
5. Mobile County Marriage Records, Book 5, Page 136, Entry 70.

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- i. **Sylvia Marcellia DORR**⁶ was born on 6 Mar 1842 in AL and died on 25 Mar 1882, at age 40.
- ii. **Albert Jacob DORR Rev.** was born on 29 Apr 1843 in Mobile Co., AL, died on 20 Dec 1912 in Ptocowa Springs, MS, at age 69, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- 4 iii. **Narcisse "Narcissus" Louis DORR** (born on 2 Dec 1844 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, United States - died on 5 Mar 1916 in Panola County, Mississippi, United States)
- iv. **Norman Franklin DORR** was born on 27 Mar 1847 in Kemper Co., MS and died on 13 Feb 1922 in Panola Co., MS, at age 74.

Noted events in his life were:

- Fact 1: Panola Co. Will Bk. C, P 153.
- v. **Martin Cullen DORR** was born in 1849, died in 1918, at age 69, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. He had no known marriage and no known children.
- vi. **Edward Charles DORR** was born on 16 Mar 1851 in Kemper Co., MS, died on 16 Jan 1934 in Panola Co., MS, at age 82, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Sardis, Panola Co., MS.
- vii. **Henry James DORR** was born in 1854 in Kemper Co., MS.
- viii. **Rufus Marion DORR** was born on 24 Dec 1855 in Kemper Co., MS, died on 14 Jul 1950 in Parchman [MS?] Home Of Grdtr Mrs. Andy Anderson, at age 94, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- ix. **Frances "Fannie" (S. F.) DORR** was born about 1857.
- x. **Eugene Emile DORR** was born on 14 Mar 1859, died on 28 Sep 1942 in Panola Co., MS, at age 83, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.
- xi. **Mary Louisa "Ninny" DORR** was born on 13 Sep 1861 in Kemper Co., MS, died on 30 Apr 1919 in Panola Co., MS, at age 57, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. She had no known marriage and no known children.
- xii. **Susan Lilla "Lillie" DORR** was born about 1865, died in 1924 in Panola Co., MS, about age 59, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS. She had no known marriage and no known children.

9. Francoise "Fannie" BENAL, daughter of **? BENAL**, was born on 5 Jun 1821 in France, died on 10 Jan 1901 in Panola Co., MS, at age 79, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola Co., MS.

The following is a copy of obituary of Frances [Francoise] Benal Dorr

Frances [Francoise] Benal Dorr died at her home near Sardis on January 11, 1901, in the 80th year of her life. After a long and useful life, the aged pilgrim is at rest. The hands always so busy in good works and tender ministrations are folded; the gentle, kindly voice is still.

The old home can never be the same any more; we listen in vain for the quiet footfall. We wait for the words of sympathy and encouragement. We miss the feeling of security her serene presence always seemed to impart; but her mission is finished, her lifework is done and the Master has called her home.

Of her life-long devotion to duty, her unfaltering loyalty to truth, her self-forgetting sacrifice, I will not speak. In the discharge of her obligations as wife, mother, counselor, and friend, she met every demand; of her ministrations to the destitute and forgotten; the history of her daily life bears witness.

Born and raised in France, she grew up a devout Roman Catholic, but later in life, she embraced Protestantism and became an ardent Methodist, yet still clinging to all that was best and purest in her early faith. After the lapse of more than half a century, I have heard her tell the joyous experience of her first communion, and the aged face would beam with a light that was not of this world. Thus in the morning of her life God had spoken to her, and ever afterwards she walked with him gladly. Herein lay the secret of her abiding faith, her sublime unselfishness, her practical piety. She was actuated by the spirit of Him who "went about doing good".

Such a life can end but one way. When the final summons came, it found her waiting on the pleasure of her Lord. In the old churchyard at Davis Chapel, by the side of other loved ones who had preceded her, we put her away for the resurrection. Farewell, Mother, When we meet again, it will be among the bloodwashed millions in the city of God.

A Son

Francoise married **Louis Adolphe DORR** on 7 Jun 1841 in Mobile Co., AL.⁷ Louis was born on 20 Mar 1816 in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France,⁸ died on 6 Jun 1883 in Panola Co., MS, at age 67, and was buried in Davis Chapel Cemetery, Panola County, Mississippi, United States.⁸

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7. *Mobile County Marriage Records, Book 5, Page 136, Entry 70.*

8. *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Louis Adolphe Dorr, person ID L481-3B4.*

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Fifth Generation

16. Mathias DORR,¹ son of **Jean Pierre DORR** and **Catherine Elizabeth WEBER**, was born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 32, and was buried on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange, Moselle, Lorraine, France.²

Mathias Dorr hid his origins in the town of Morhange (Moselle). The Municipal records list his occupation as cloth maker and apparently he was a wealthy man. It is not clear at this time how many children Mathias had. According to the municipal records he had three children, Victor, Rosine, and Louis, all by his first wife Marie-Marguerite. After she died he married a younger woman with children of her own. A French genealogy web site shows him with seven children by his first wife. When he died there was a dispute over his inheritance which continued until 1876. The settlement was delayed due to Napoleon's defeat. It ended up that most of the inheritance was lost to an unscrupulous lawyer.

Mathias married **Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET** on 31 Aug 1801 in Morhange, France. Marie-Marguerite was born on 26 Sep 1773 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 20 Jun 1828 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 54.

Children from this marriage were:

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- i.

Louis Adolphe DORR (born on 20 Mar 1816 in Nancy, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France - died on 6 Jun 1883 in Panola Co., MS)
- ii.

Victor DORR was born on 2 Mar 1808 in Morhange, France.
- iii.

Rosine DORR was born on 9 Mar 1806 in Morhange, France.
- iv.

Cecile DORR was born on 4 Jan 1804 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France.
- v.

Marie Anne DORR was born in 1810 and died in 1810.
- vi.

Jean Michile DORR was born in 1811.
- vii.

Mathias DORR was born on 24 Feb 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 8 Apr 1866 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 52.

Mathias next married **Catherine HUMBERT** on 20 Oct 1830 in DIEUZE (Moselle).

17. Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET was born on 26 Sep 1773 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France and died on 20 Jun 1828 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 54.

Marie-Marguerite married **Mathias DORR**¹ on 31 Aug 1801 in Morhange, France. Mathias was born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France, at age 32, and was buried on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange, Moselle, Lorraine, France.²

18. ? BENAL.

? married someone.

His children were:

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- i.

Francoise "Fannie" BENAL (born on 5 Jun 1821 in France - died on 10 Jan 1901 in Panola Co., MS)
- ii.

Marie BENAL died on 23 Dec 1887 in New Orleans, LA.

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2.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "FamilySearch Family Tree," database entry for Mathias Dorr, person ID MMZM-PZ3.

3.

(Varsburg) Marriage certificate.



VILLE DE DIEUZE

SERVICE DE L'ÉTAT CIVIL

Année 1830Acte N° 20

EXTRAIT D'ACTE DE MARIAGE

Le vingt et un octobre mil huit cent trenteà onze heures à onze

en notre commune a été célébré le mariage entre :

Mathis DORR, fabricant de draps, domicilié à Morhangené le 07 juillet 1782 à Varsberg (Moselle)fils de Jean Pierre DORR, décédé à St-Avold le 29.09.1811(1) et de Catherine VEBER, décédée à Varsberg le 10.11.1787,

veuf de Marguerite GASSET, décédée à Morhange le 20.06.1828

et Catherine HUMBERT, sans professionnée le 07 mai 1797 (18 Floréal - à Dieuze (Moselle)fille de François HUMBERT, aubergiste(1) et de Christine JACQUOT, son épouse.

Sans contrat préalable

Mentions marginales

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Certifié le présent extrait conforme aux indications portées sur le registre par nous

FIGONI Marie-Madeleine

, officier de l'état civil

de la commune de Dieuze (Moselle) par délégation du Maire.

Commune et département

Le 08 juillet 2008

date signature et cachet

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Ancestors of Albert Edward Dorr

Sixth Generation

32. Jean Pierre DORR, son of **Jean Jacques DORR** and **Marie Marguerite PAULUS**, was born on 4 Dec 1734 in Varsberg, Moselle, Lorraine, France and died on 29 Sep 1811 in Saint-Avoid (57, Moselle), Lorraine, France, at age 76.

Jean Pierre married twice, the second time to Catherine Elisabeth Weber from Varsberg from whom we descend. During this time some of the Dorrs went into the cloth making field and evidently became well off. Jean became a tailor and an inn keeper. Jean Pierre's brother, Nicolas, became the mayor of Varsberg.

Jean married **Catherine Elizabeth WEBER** in 1763. Catherine was born in 1736 and died on 10 Oct 1787 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France, at age 51.

Children from this marriage were:

- 16 i. **Mathias DORR**¹ (born on 7 Jul 1782 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France - died on 30 Aug 1814 in Morhange (57 Moselle), France)
- ii. **Anne Marie DORR** was born in 1766.
- iii. **Jean Adam DORR** was born in 1769 and died in 1859, at age 90.
- iv. **Ambroise DORR** was born in 1775 in 1864.
- v. **Catherine Elisabeth DORR** was born in 1779.

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Seventh Generation

64. Jean Jacques DORR, son of **Nicolas DORR** and **Catherine DECKER**, was born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France and died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France, at age 60.

Jean Jacques married Marguerite Paulus from Varsberg, a town approximately 5 miles northeast of Obervisse. Today Obervisse has a population of 120 while Varsberg has a population of approximately 2,500. He became a tailor, innkeeper, and merchant. He evidently moved to Varsberg where the next three to four generations of Dorrs lived. They had six children, the first of whom, Jean Pierre, is in our lineage.

Jean married **Marie Marguerite PAULUS**. Marie was born on 10 May 1710 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France and died in 1766, at age 56.

The child from this marriage was:

- 32 i. **Jean Pierre DORR** (born on 4 Dec 1734 in Varsberg, Moselle, Lorraine, France - died on 29 Sep 1811 in Saint-Avold (57, Moselle), Lorraine, France)

65. Marie Marguerite PAULUS was born on 10 May 1710 in Varsberg (57, Moselle), France and died in 1766, at age 56.

Marie married **Jean Jacques DORR**. Jean was born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France and died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France, at age 60.

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Eighth Generation

128. Nicolas DORR, son of **Nicolas DORR**, was born about 1663 in Obervisse, France and died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France, about age 92.

Nicolas Dorr was a master tailor in Obervisse, France. It's in the Lorraine region in northeastern France and borders both Belgium and Germany. Nicolas married Catherine Decker in Boucheporn in 1703. They had five children, the second being Jean Jacques, who is in our lineage.

The following email gave us the first solid information about the Dorr family in France:

Hello

My name is Patrick NICOLAS, and I'm living in Nancy (Lorraine) and I'm fond of genealogy since many years. I found your site with google, because I'm interested by the Dorr family, since I've got some Dorr in my own tree.

I went to the Municipal archives and I didn't found the birth of Louis Dorr on the year 1816.

But I found a Louis Dorr, born on 9-12-1816, in MORHANGE, and he has got a brother Victor; born on 3-2-1808 in MORHANGE also and a sister Rosine, born on 3-9-1806, in MORHANGE too.

His brother Victor was married with Elisabeth SCHOUMERT, and had a daughter, named Victorine, born on 7-17-1838.

The father of Louis, Victor and Rosine and others, was named Mathias (instead of François) and was married with Marie-Marguerite CLOSSET on 8-31-1801 in MORHANGE.

Louis's mother died in 1828 and his father got married again with Catherine HUMBERT, on 10-20-1830 in DIEUZE (Moselle).

I noticed that on the passengers'list of the Hanover Ship, the line above the Louis'one is HUMBERT, like his stepmother. Maybe, This HUMBERT was a brother of his stepmother ?

About Victor, he lived after in NANCY and he was à cloth maker. He was rich, apparently.

Victor DORR and his wife, Elisabeth SCHOUMERT, are the ancestors of Ségolène ROYAL. Do you know her? She is an important political leader and was candidate to the recent presidential elections in France against Nicolas SARKOZY. Furthermore, she was living in the same village as me (CHAMAGNE). I was looking for her genealogy when I found your site. Click on the link below to discover your famous cousin.

<http://www.geneastar.org/liste.php3?nom=royal&x=8&y=8>

I noticed that the families BENAL & HERIC are often from the same village: GUERMANGE (Moselle) but I didn't find anything about Françoise BENAL.

I hope that the french informations will interest and help you.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick NICOLAS

Nicolas married **Catherine DECKER**.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Anne Marie DORR** was born in 1707 and died in 1749, at age 42.
- ii. **Jean DORR** was born in 1708 and died in 1798, at age 90.
- 64 iii. **Jean Jacques DORR** (born on 5 Feb 1711 in Obervisse, France - died on 11 Dec 1771 in Varsberg, France)
- iv. **Catherine DORR** was born in 1713 and died in 1779, at age 66.
- v. **Pierre DORR** was born in 1715 and died in 1772, at age 57.
- vi. **Suzanne DORR** was born in 1724 and died in 1774, at age 50.

129. Catherine DECKER.

Catherine married **Nicolas DORR**. Nicolas was born about 1663 in Obervisse, France and died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France, about age 92.

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Ninth Generation

256. Nicolas DORR.

Nicolas married someone.

His child was:

128 i. **Nicolas DORR** (born about 1663 in Obervisse, France - died on 16 May 1755 in Obervisse, France)

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