

Chapter XX

Present Status of Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) THE FAMILY AFFLICTION 1995

As stated before, Retinitis Pigmentosa is an inherited disease in which the retina degenerates in many places over time. In 1985 it affected about 1,000,000 people in U.S.A., about 23,000 were legally blind due to Retinitis Pigmentosa. The patient first notices poor night vision, then loses peripheral vision, although central vision may be as good as 20/20 until middle age. There is no known treatment and eventually tunnel vision (down to a small pin hole, then total blindness) results. There is no known cure, even today.

As we now know, all of John Jackson and Alice Burton Titchenal's children except Myrtle had Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). In order to try to analysis the future path of this family disease. I have summarized the path of RP in our family in the following charts. The names of each Descendant that have (or have had) the disease are printed in bold and underlined , all others have not had (or have) the disease.

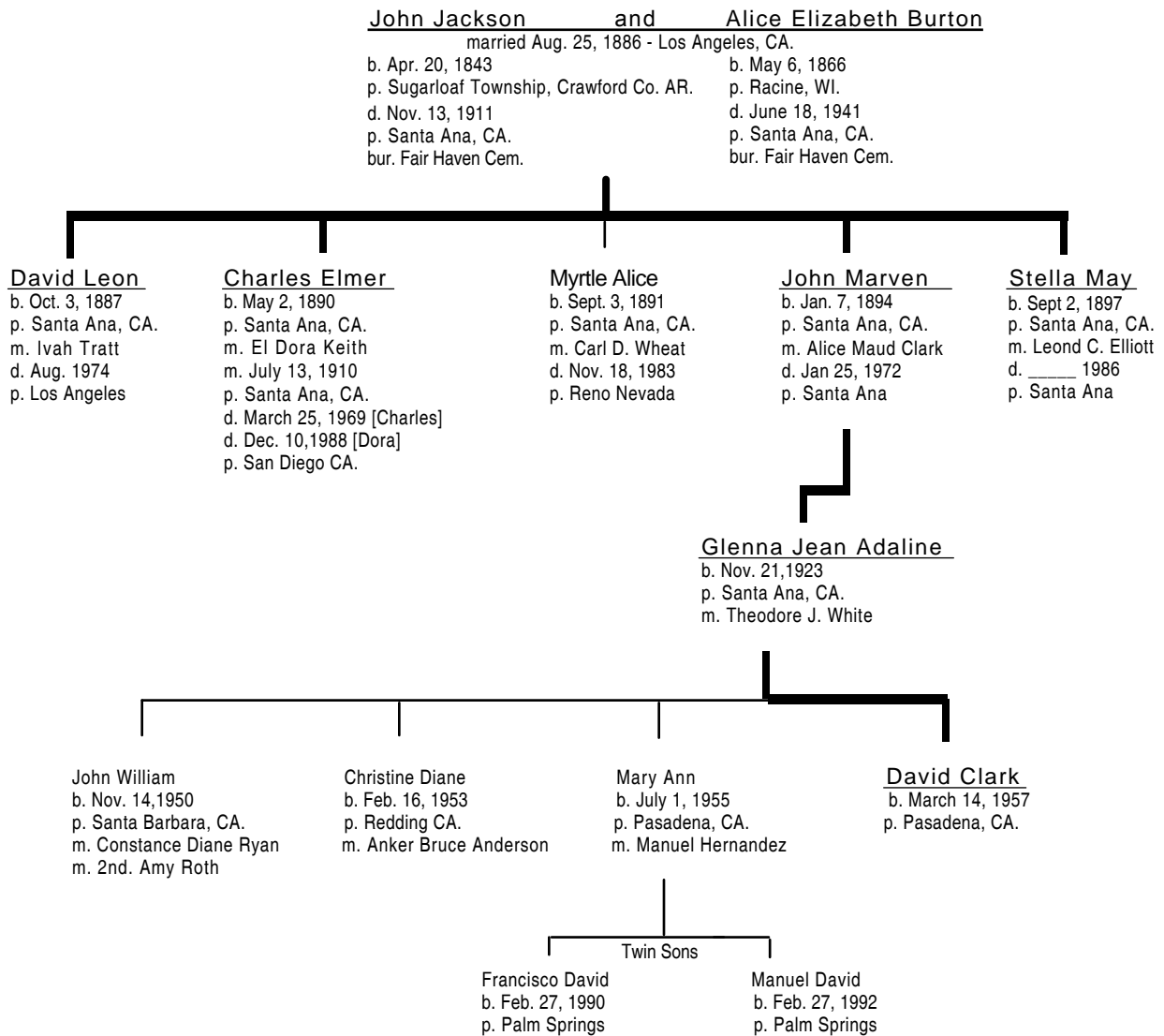
One type of RP is transmitted mostly, by the female to the male. This seems to have been true in our family, so far the disease has not been transmitted to a son through a son, only through daughters. If this holds true, it would seem from the path of the disease to date, that RP may have run it's course in our family.

However, Charles Elmer's daughter, Alice Heine, did not have RP, but her son Charles did. Under this circumstance, the only children in line of decent by daughters from Alice (Burton) Titchenal Have gotten it. However some children could still be in doubt, for example; Edwin Leond's daughter Leanna Lyne's two sons, Christopher and Ashley. Likewise, Glenna Jean's daughter, Mary Ann does not have RP, but her two sons, born in 1990 and 1992 could be suspect and should be checked regularly.

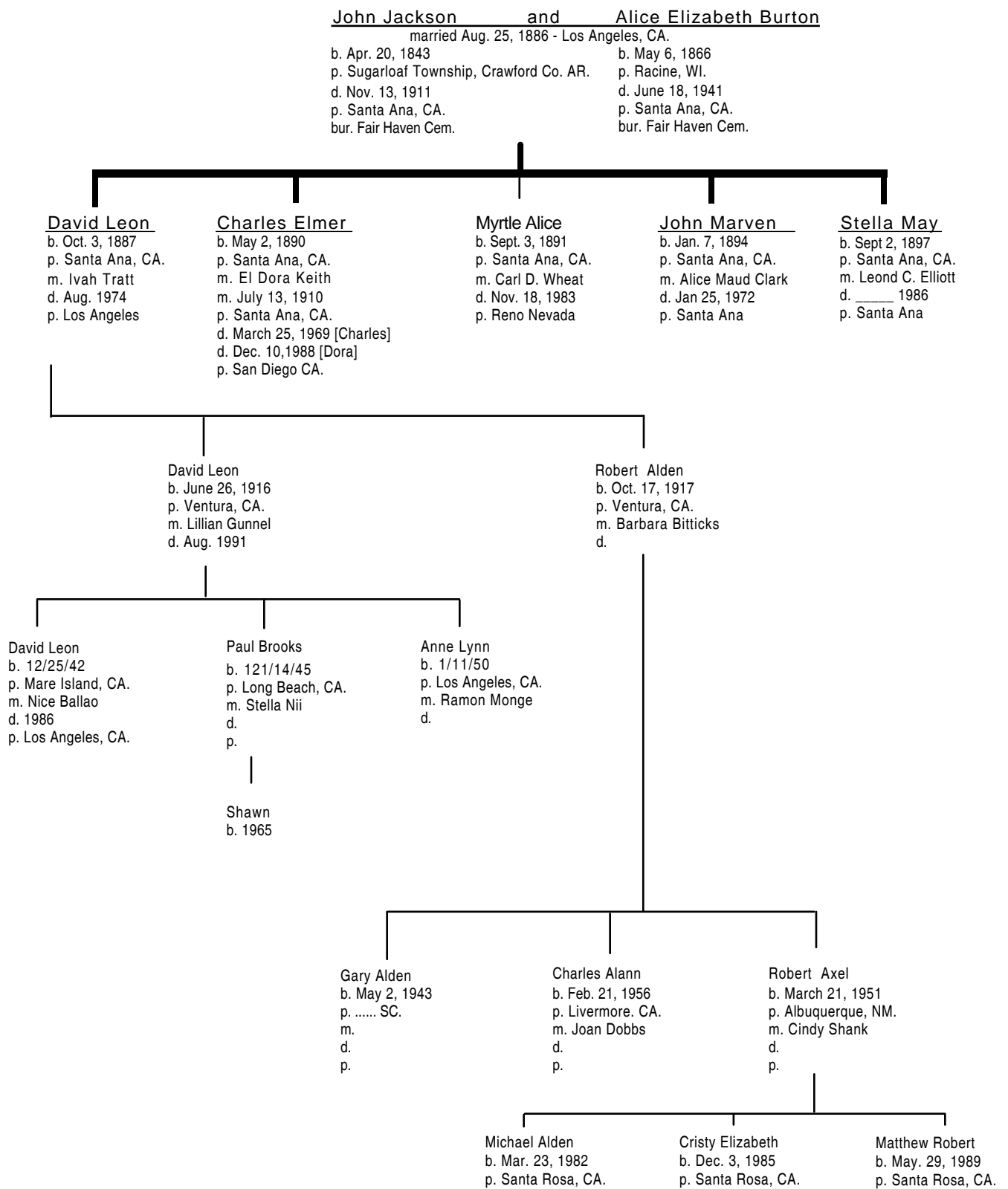
Alice's son, Jack Heine, did not have RP nor did his daughters, Alison and Michelle, (Jack was not Becky Sue's father), Their children are not likely to have RP; but to be on the safe side, Eric, Robyn, Amy Marie, Evan Mark and Jared Matthew should be checked regularly.

For those wishing more information on RP, our cousin, Barbara Wylie Jr., sent information about the RP Foundation for Fighting Blindness. If anyone has questions about this disease you can contact the foundation.. Call 1-800-683-5555. They can send information that may enable you to look at the heredity pattern of each family and predict if or which child might inherit the disease.

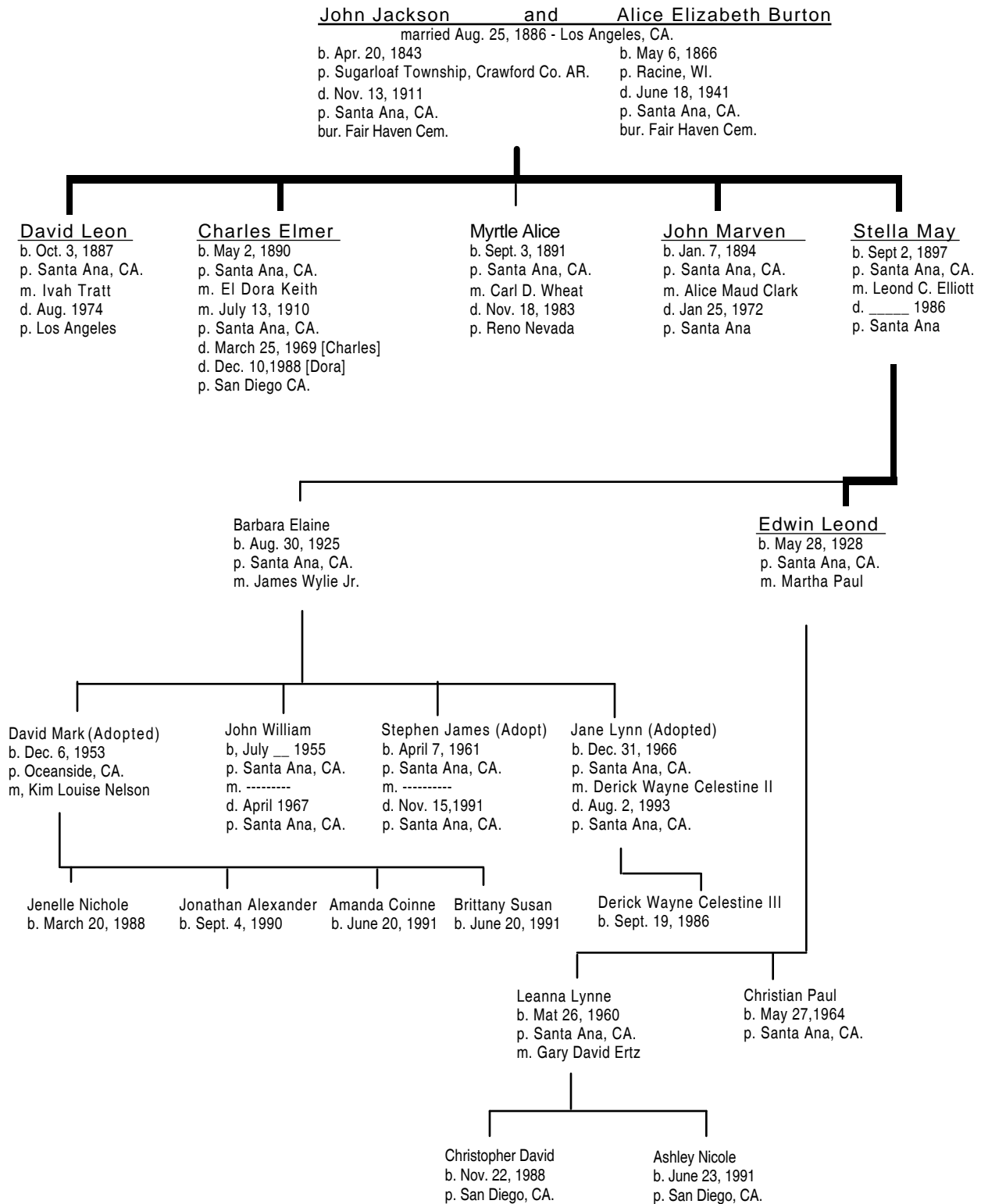
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John Jackson and Alice Elizabeth Burton

married Aug. 25, 1886 - Los Angeles, CA.

b. Apr. 20, 1843
p. Sugarloaf Township, Crawford Co. AR.
d. Nov. 13, 1911
p. Santa Ana, CA.
bur. Fair Haven Cem.

b. May 6, 1866
p. Racine, WI.
d. June 18, 1941
p. Santa Ana, CA.
bur. Fair Haven Cem.

David Leon
b. Oct. 3, 1887
p. Santa Ana, CA.
m. Ivah Tratt
d. Aug. 1974
p. Los Angeles

Charles Elmer
b. May 2, 1890
p. Santa Ana, CA.
m. El Dora Keith
m. July 13, 1910
p. Santa Ana, CA.
d. March 25, 1969 [Charles]
d. Dec. 10, 1988 [Dora]
p. San Diego CA.

Myrtle Alice
b. Sept. 3, 1891
p. Santa Ana, CA.
m. Carl D. Wheat
d. Nov. 18, 1983
p. Reno Nevada

John Marven
b. Jan. 7, 1894
p. Santa Ana, CA.
m. Alice Maud Clark
d. Jan 25, 1972
p. Santa Ana

Stella May
b. Sept 2, 1897
p. Santa Ana, CA.
m. Leond C. Elliott
d. _____ 1986
p. Santa Ana

James Adrin
b. March 19, 1915
p. Fullerton, CA.
m. Dolly Rossi
d. Jan. 15, 1959
2nd., Sinclair
3rd., Bayder

Dorothy Jean
b. Sept 25, 1919
p. Ventura, CA.
m. Albert McMutton Henry

Edna Carolyn
b. Oct 2, 1924
p. Long Beach CA.
m. William W. Reidell

Betty Ruth
b. Oct, 5, 1928
p. Long Beach, CA.
m. Thomas E. Stranathan

Jean Denise
b. Jan. 21, 1951
p. Los Angeles
m. Ralph Cheney (divorced)
2nd., Ed Lindgren

Joan Ellen
b. Aug. 9, 1952
b. Manhattan, NY.
m. Dennis W. Berg

David Alan Hardman-Reidell
b. July 2, 1955
p. Yonkers, NY.
m. Gretchen Hardman
b. Sept. 27, 1939 (she)
m. Oct. 25, 1980

James Albert
b. July 28, 1964
p. Nyack, NY.
m. Sharin Minkler

Jolie b. Mar. 11, 2001
Tyler b. July 13, 2003

Kyle William
b. Dec. 19, 1975
p. Suffern NY.

Gwenn
b. Sept. 23, 1980
p. Middleton NY.

Christopher David
b. June 210, 1978
p. Englewood, NJ.

Matthew Jucion
b. June 10 1981
p. Englewood, NJ.

Children of Gretchen Hardman (*previous marriage*)

Monica Forsman
b. Mar. 14, 1960
p. Pensacola, FL.

Christopher Forsman
b. April 18, 1961
p. Corpus Christi, TX.
m. Nadine

Patrick Forsman
b. Mar. 16, 1962
p. Warwick RI.
d. April 24, 1987

Salvatore
legally renamed Joseph
b. April 29, 1989
p. San Francisco, CA.

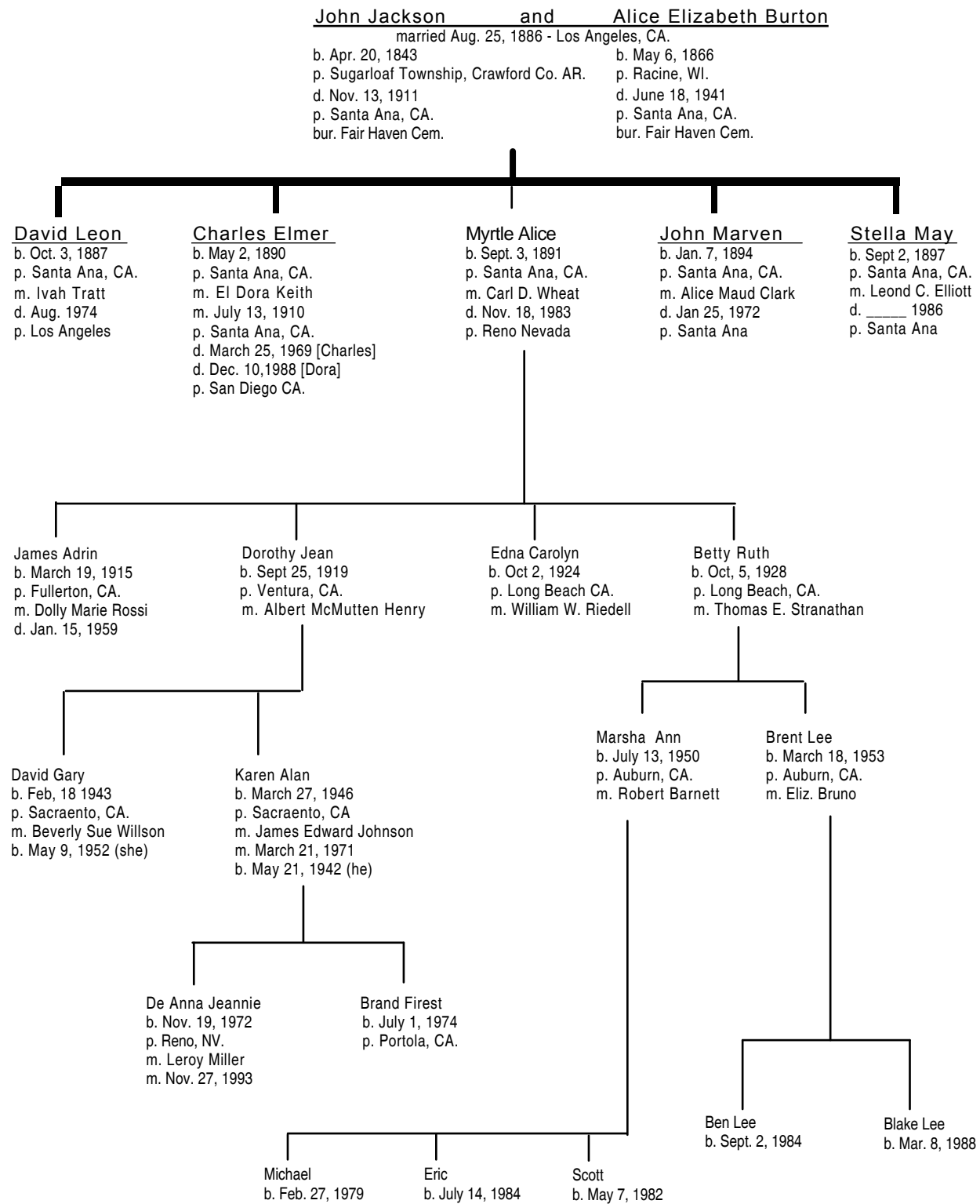
Jeffrey Alan Wheat Sinclair
After his mother re-married Jeffrey used the name Sinclair
b. Oct. 13, 1952
p. Sacramento, CA.
m. Shelley Ann Myers

Jeffrey, Jr.
b. April 21, 1975

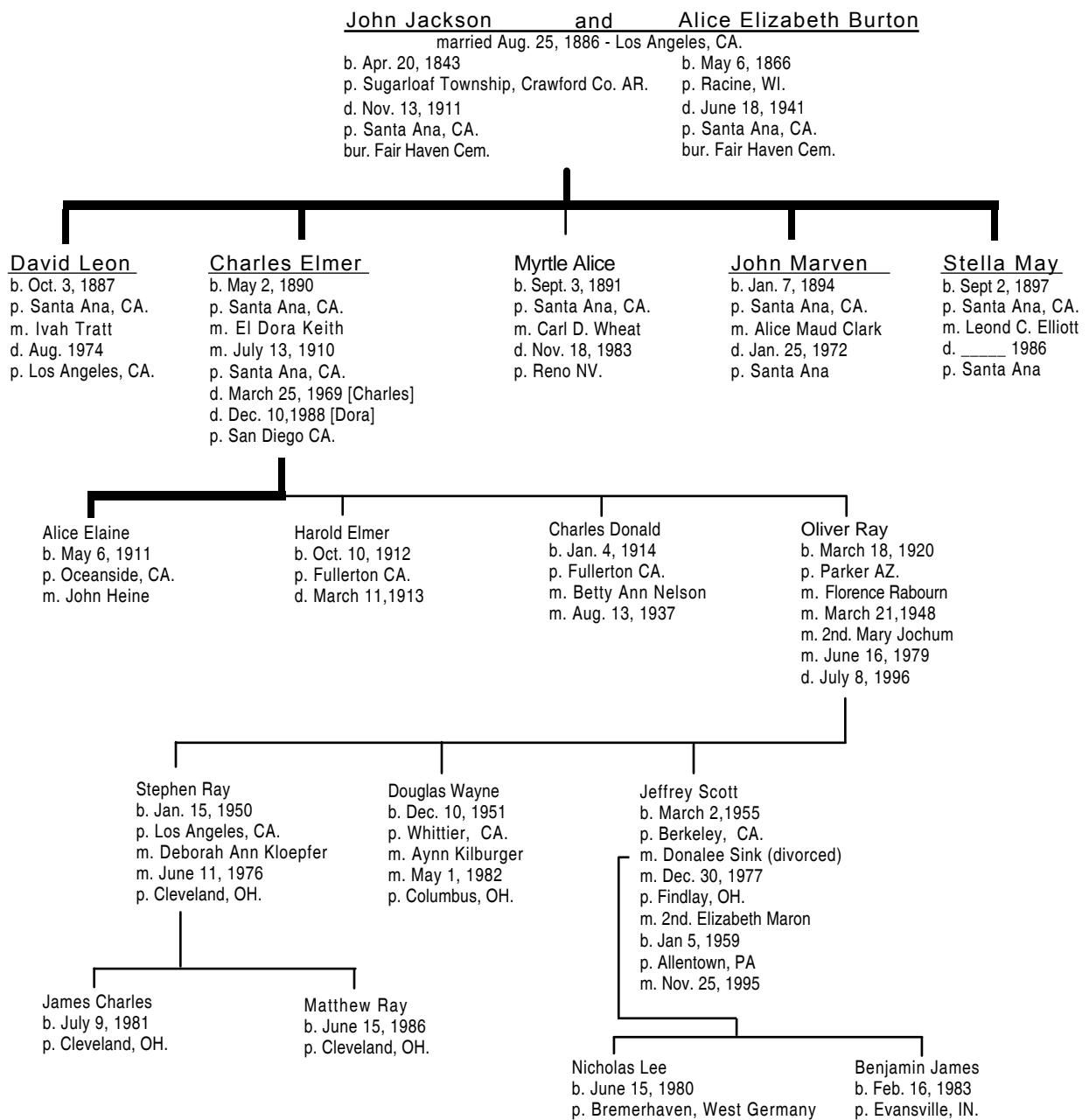
Kevin James
b. Sept. 4, 1977

Todd Robert
b. Dec. 3, 1978

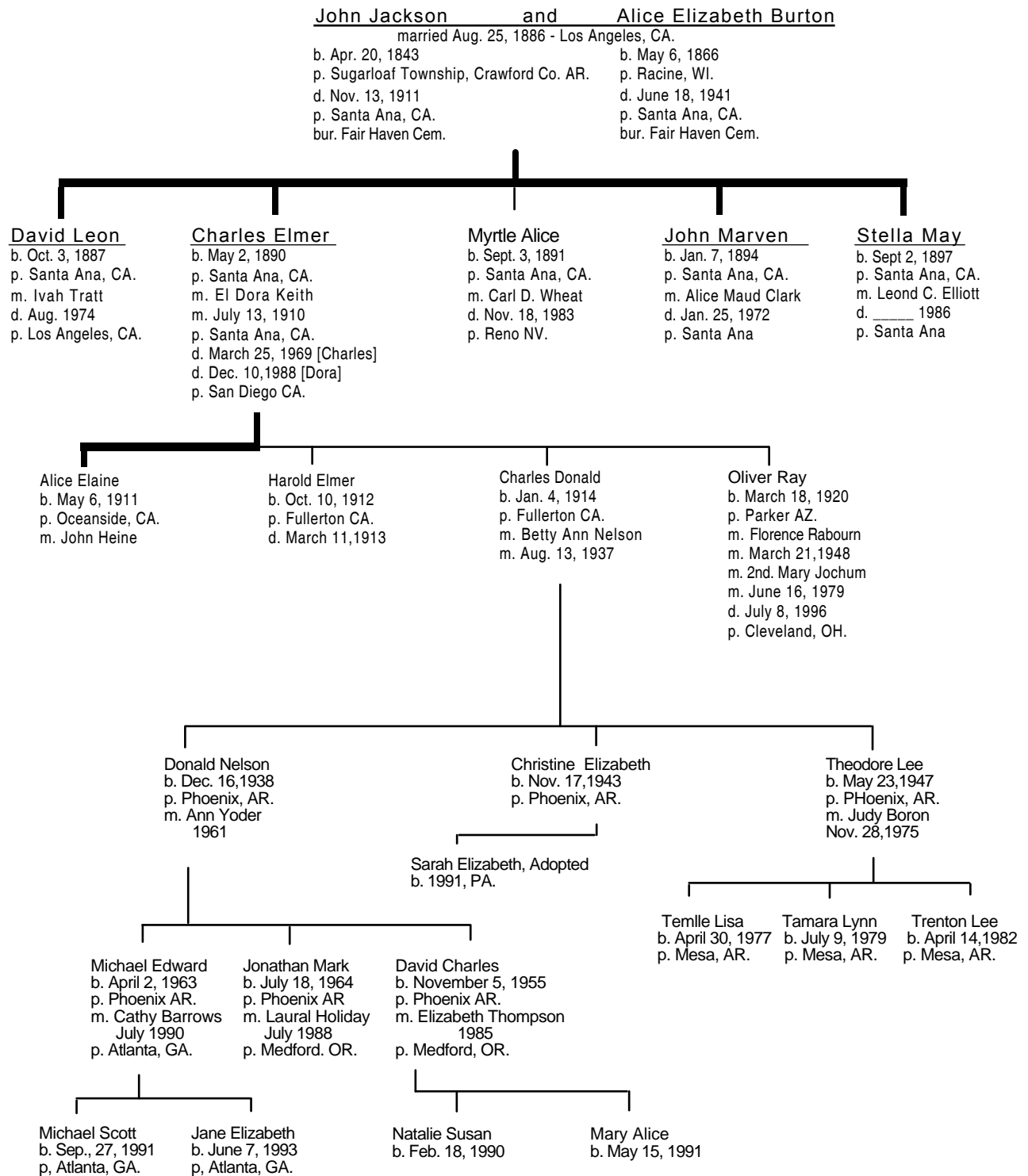
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