

# **ARLINE ROSALIND BECKON REID**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Born: January 26, 1911, in Carson, WA.

Mother's name: Elsie Mae Triplett Beckon, b. Jan 6, 1883 in Cowrie, Iowa. d. Jan. 9, 1965. Ethnic heritage: English-German.

Father's name: Jay William Beckon, b. Jan. 13, 1880 in Maquoka (Maquoketa)??, Iowa. d. Jan 9, 1935. D. Jan. 9, 1935. Ethnic heritage: English-Irish.

### Sibling's Names:

1. Florence Susan Beckon, b. May 24, 1906; d. 12, 1906.
2. Frank Harold Beckon, b. July 1, 1907; d. March 28, 1943.
3. Helen Geraldine Beckon, b. Feb. 9, 1909; d. July 21, 1991.
4. Arline Rosalind Beckon, b. Jan. 26, 1911.
5. Jay William Beckon, b. Aug. 2, 1913; d. Dec. 2, 1970.
6. Gladys Romona Beckon, b. Dec. 16, 1916.

Spouse's name: Amos D. (Jim) Reid. b. May 25, 1903; d. Feb. 11, 1969; buried: Feb. 11, 1969, Carson, WA.

Date and place of marriage: Feb. 1, 1934, Stevenson, WA.

### Children:

1. James Bertrand Reid, b. Sept. 25, 1934, Camas, WA.
2. Richard Terry Reid, b. June 9, 1938, Camas, WA.

Religion: Catholic.

Schooling: Carson Grade School and Stevenson High School, graduated 1929.

Occupational History: Drug Store, 1930, and Post Office, four years; Post Office Clerk, then Postmaster in Carson. Retired 1972 after 26 years.

# NOTES ABOUT ARLINE REID

(Following are notes taken of Arline's life, copied as was written:)

Jan. 26, 1911, Carson, WA.

Jay William, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1880.

Elsie Mae, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1883.

- \* Elsie taught school.
- \* Jay was a telegraph operator; worked for the railroad, Carson Depot. They came west on a train to Lynn, WA.
- \* First child died, Alfalfa, Wa., Condon, Oregon.
- \* They moved to Bellingham. Portland.
- \* Childhood: 10 acres, cleared the land by hand; chickens, cows, garden. Jay worked at Carson Mercantile after his health failed. 1991 home on Smith-Beckon road, small house.
- \* Three in a bed.
- \* Snow on our beds.
- \* Learned to dance while Mom played the organ.
- \* Bathed in a round galvanized tub.
- \* Kerosene lamp.
- \* Marbles, card games.
- \* Snowstorm over fence posts.
- \* Mother got dolls for Arline and her sisters.
- \* Mother weighed about 90 lbs, but could outwork anyone.
- \* Lots of kids came to play and stay all night.
- \* Breakfast in bed, after the girls had been to a Saturday night dance.
  
- \* Arline got a job; \$50.00 a month and paid to have electricity put in the family home. The neighbors Put up the poles and strung the wire.
  
- \* Mildred Larson; Rowe family. Mrs. Rowe, a big dinner once a year and invited all the girls to come. Thank you.
  
- \* Rode to birthday parties in a little horse-drawn wagon. Montchalin.
  
- \* Carson:
  - 7 saloons in Carson at one time;
  - Theatre on the corner downtown;
  - Gregorius, bakery.
  - Confectionery/Drug Store; licensed druggist.

## Post Office.

- \* Bessie Miller.
- \* Arline was proposed to through the window bars of the Post Office.
- \* Hardware Store, caskets.
- \* Masonic Lodge was a store where her mother bought the Christmas
- \* Laundry across the street from Elsie.
- \* Hotel located across from . . . one burned down.
- \* Anna Zurcher home was a hotel.
- \* Ford Garage.
- \* St. Martin's Hot Springs.
- \* Shipherd's Hot Springs.
- \* All-girl orchestra played for dances.
- \* Government Springs; dances out there, too; burned down.
- \* Grade school by the Grange Hall.
- \* Feet froze walking to school, lost runner in the snow. They called for my father to come and take her home.
- \* Two levels of school: First grade through High School, 10th grade. Gymnasium.
- \* Stevenson: 11th and 12th grade. Some walked to Stevenson and back to go to high school.
- \* Winter Sports:
  1. Coasting down long hills;
  2. Long ride on Fredrickson's hill;
  3. Long walks back up;
  4. Had sleds.
  5. Ice skating on St. Martin's pond.
- \* Dr. McNary delivered Arline.

Holidays:

1. Christmas program. Father carried Arline to the school program.
  2. Tree at school and home.
  3. Popcorn, paper chains, colored.
- \* Churches: One church: Methodist Church; her mom and dad sang in the choir.
  - \* Mrs. Beckon: She sang for nearly every funeral; big, strong voice; contralto.
  - \* 4th of July: Picnic, family, on the Fourth. Once it rained so the family picnic was held in their new barn. Arline began to make her clothes when she was only 14. Old clothes: used to recycle into new outfits.
  - \* 4th of July in Stevenson: Queen Arline; money raised for parade; Queen rode in parade.
  - \* Married in Cowry, Iowa; Lynn, WA; Condon, OR.
  - \* Alfalfa.
  - \* Naughty children.
  - \* Terrible \$5.00.
  - \* Three months in Iowa.
  - \* Mother took in washings, cooked for the school.
  - \* Father had a nervous breakdown.
  - \* Cooked at Carson Grade School; hauled it a mile to the school.
  - \* Worked at Carson Post Office for several years.
  - \* 1934 married Amos "Jim" Reid, Catholic Church, in Stevenson.
  - \* Lived in a garage until the house was built.
  - \* Clean, Jim
  - \* Jim's father built the house in 1934.
  - \* Boys slept up stairs.

- \* Jim worked on the Bonneville Dam.
- \* \$100.00 Arline's
- \* Construction.
- \* Deputy Sheriff for Sheriff Moreau Borden.
- \* Sheriff for Skamania County for many years. 24 hour job; used his own car.
- \* Arline raised the kids.