

Sarah Jane DAUBENSPECK and Michael PROUT married on 6 Jun 1976 in Rush Co, IN.^{542,544,548} **Michael PROUT** was born on 25 Jul 1950.⁵⁴⁴ He graduated from Hanover College.⁵⁴⁴ Sarah Jane DAUBENSPECK and Michael PROUT had the following children:

- +2596 i. **Marguerite Jane PROUT**, born on 8 Oct 1981⁵⁴²; married John Andrew "Andy" MILLS, on 2 Aug 2008, Erie Co, OH⁵⁴⁴.
- 2597 ii. **David Conrad PROUT**⁵⁴² was born on 3 Oct 1984 in Erie Co, OH.⁵⁴⁴
- 2598 iii. **Ellen Jane PROUT**⁵⁴² was born on 30 Oct 1988 in Erie Co, OH.⁵⁴⁴

1862. **David William BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Mar 1930 in Cincinnati, OH.¹⁶ He graduated in 1949 from South Side High School, Ft. Wayne, IN.¹⁶ He graduated on 31 May 1953 from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co, IN.¹⁶ (BS-Political Science). He graduated in 1965 from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.¹⁶ (MA - American History). He graduated in Jun 1969 from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.¹⁶ He graduated in Jun 1975 from The National War College, Washington, D.C.¹⁶



Compilers have families too! From left to right: William Dean [2600], Nan, David Noel [2599], David [1862], Naomi [2602], Alan Keith [2601]. Dec 1998.

Dave arrived at Manila, Philippines with Grandmother Van Curen aboard S.S. President Hoover, 4 Nov 1933. He lived with parents in Lingayan, Pangasinan until 1937 and then Manila before WW II. He resided in Santo Tomas and, later, Los Banos Internment Camps during Japanese occupation. He was rescued 23 Feb 1945 by 11th Airborne Division and Filipino guerrillas in a daring raid 25 miles behind Japanese front lines. Dave completed a 30 year US Army career (Colonel), commanding field artillery units at every level from battery to brigade. He was a Vietnam combat veteran with 4 battle stars, 2 Legions of Merit, Air Medal, Vietnamese Staff Service Medal, Airborne Ranger. He was awarded the Order of St. Barbara for Distinguished U.S. Army Field Artillerymen, Ft. Sill, OK, 1978. He taught at Rutgers U. 1961-64, U. Maryland (Bangkok - Thailand branch) 1966, and US Army War College 1978-83 (Director of National Security Studies). He retired as colonel on 1 July 1983. His second career was as administrator at Dickinson School of Law, 1983-99. Dave is recognized in "Who's Who in American Education"

1993-2010. Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Purdue University. He was a 1953 Distinguished Military Graduate from Purdue University and was inducted into Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame, 1995.



Diana "Nan" and David W. Blackledge [1862] on their wedding day, 5 Jun 1953 in Whiting, IN.

David William BLACKLEDGE and Diana Marjorie WILEY married on 5 Jun 1953 in Whiting, IN at bride's home.¹⁶ Their wedding was attended by all four widowed grandmothers. **Diana Marjorie WILEY** (daughter of Edwin Garnet WILEY and Marjorie Chastina PACKARD) was born on 18 Jun 1932 in Chicago, IL.⁹⁰² She was educated 1951 to 1953 in Purdue University, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co, IN.⁹⁰² (Home Economics Department-Art major).

"Nan" declined her parents' advice that she finish college while her fiance pursued his military

Blackledges In America – Second Edition

career, electing instead to join him in this (to her and her family) totally foreign world. Since he was away at least one-third of their 30-year career, she had the primary responsibility of raising their four children and making a home wherever it might be. During the Vietnam War she chaired the Casualty Support Volunteer Committee at Ft. Bragg, NC, bringing aid and comfort to the families of those killed or seriously wounded.

She later headed the Army Community Service Support Volunteers at Ft. Sill, OK and was a volunteer for the Post Museum Children's Program while simultaneously performing the functions expected of a brigade commander's wife. At Fort Sill, in 1978, she was given the highest award a spouse could receive: the coveted Molly Pitcher Award. She was similarly active as a volunteer at the U.S. Army War College, where she also worked part-time for the Post Library, and, later, in the Carlisle civilian community. She was president of the Carlisle Travelers' Club 1998-00.

David William BLACKLEDGE and Diana Marjorie WILEY had the following children:

- +2599 i. **David Noel BLACKLEDGE**, born on 7 Dec 1953, Camp Polk, LA⁵⁴¹; married Linda Ann AGUANNO, on 7 Jun 1975, West Point, NY¹⁶; married Iwona Ewa BITNER Lt. Col, USAF, on 30 Jan 1998, Las Vegas, NV^{681,903}.
- +2600 ii. **William Dean BLACKLEDGE**, born on 18 Dec 1956, Frankfurt au Main, Germany¹⁶; married Laura Martin STONE, in 1982, Charlotte, NC⁵⁴¹; married Martha MOODY, on 17 Jun 1995, Kansas City, MO⁵⁴¹.
- +2601 iii. **Alan Keith BLACKLEDGE**, born on 13 Nov 1959, Hammond, IN¹⁶; married Karen Elizabeth ALLAN, on 18 Jun 1988, First United Church of Christ, Carlisle, PA¹⁶.
- +2602 iv. **Naomi Karen BLACKLEDGE**, born on 3 Apr 1963, New Brunswick, NJ¹⁶; married Duane Mark SEARLE Esq., on 28 May 1988, Carlisle, PA¹⁶.

Diana Marjorie WILEY: Information on Parents

Edwin Garnet WILEY was born on 27 Sep 1903 in Nashville, TN. At their request Edwin and Marjorie were cremated and their ashes scattered by their children at the park on Bradley University's campus where they had courted each other. Edwin married Marjorie Chastina PACKARD on 24 Jun 1926 in Peoria, IL.

Marjorie Chastina PACKARD was born on 22 Nov 1904 in Peoria, IL. She graduated from Bradley Univ., Peoria, IL, with a BA.

Sources: David W., Diana Wiley Blackledge. Family records, personal visits to Wiley grave sites.



At Andrea's Wedding: from left to right: Barbara Boschert and James Arthur Blackledge [2603] with their two sons Andrew [3135] and Sean [3136]; Sally McCollum (Bob's wife); David J. Beach (groom) and Andrea Blackledge Beach (bride) [2604] with Helen Van Curen Blackledge; Robert "Bob" [1863]; Stephanie Blackledge Henry [2605] & Robert Henry holding Skyler [3139]. San Diego, 1996.