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Carolyn,

I called and talked to my mother (Eleanore) tonight. She says that grandfather Walter never talked much about his ancestry, but she does offer a few bits of info:

Walter's father was some sort of county officer in Illinois before he moved the family to Michigan. He had a malformed hand from birth. Some fingers missing. He lived in the big house on the hill, Walter and his family lived in the smaller house to the south, where John and Marie later lived. Walter and Gertrude moved to the big house after his mother died.

John and Marie once visited some Harry relatives in Kansas.

An aunt in Minnesota left Walter 80 acres.

Walter had a brother who was killed in a farm accident.

After Walter died and Grandma Harry (Gertrude) was living with Pete and Eleanore, she visited some of her relatives in Fennville.

If you want information on the Norcrosses, you might try Neil Norcross. Let me know if you want to know how to contact him.

I read a biography of Benjamin Franklin a while ago. He had an assistant in his print shop with the last name Harry. And I think there are some black Harrys here in Lansing.

Other possible sources: cousin Charlotte; my older brother Walter (email mssue43@i2k.com, phone number 269-637-5851).

If there is anything else I can do to help, let me know.

Steve