

Family Group Sheet

Husband:	Frank Lawrence Estel
Born:	June 17, 1892
in:	Fulton County, Ohio
Died:	November 23, 1992
in:	Fresno, CA
Relationship with Father:	John Frederick Estel - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Pauline Mayer - Natural
Burial:	Mariposa Cemetery, Mariposa CA
Occupation:	Electrician
Address and Phone(s)	

Medical**Notes**

Frank Estel spent most of his childhood and youth in his parents home about a mile north of Ai, an Ohio crossroads. He lived across the road from the Frank Merrill family. His friendship with their son Roy lasted throughout their lifetime.

In 1910 Mabel June Clifton, daughter of William D. and Aletha Gasche Clifton, moved from Winimeg to the Ai district. This led to the marriage of Frank and Mabel on November 27, 1913. They lived in the family home until the birth of their son Robert on June 13, 1914. They then rented various farms and continued their farming operation through 1934.

At this time, following the urging of one of Frank's cousins, Frank, Mabel and Bob headed for Pasadena, California. The streets were not paved with gold--the depression was still with them--but the California dream had been planted.

In February they visited Roy and Ruby Merrill in Mariposa, California. Roy was going to build a sawmill in the spring and offered Frank and Bob jobs. They spent the summer living at Owl Creek in a small cabin, but Mabel got very homesick for her family in Ohio. In October, 1935, they went back to Ohio. Frank and Mabel got a job working at the "County Farm," a charity residential facility; while Bob worked for various farmers at a dollar a day.

During the summer of 1936 Bob met Hazel Mason. Bob couldn't get work in Ohio to support them, so he and his parents went back to Pasadena for the winter and on to Mariposa in the spring to work again in the sawmill. At the end of the season they went back to Pasadena and in January Bob went back to Ohio with the purpose of bringing Hazel to California. They were married April 12, 1938 and left for Mariposa one week later.

Frank and Mabel stayed in Pasadena in the winter and Mariposa in the summer through 1941. In the spring of 1942 Frank had an opportunity to go to Ventura and work at the naval base at Port Hueneme. After World War II he went to work on an electric line crew building lines in Ventura County. Except for a five year period in the 1950's which they spent in Ohio, they stayed in Ventura until he retired in 1967. At this time they moved to Fresno to be closer to their family.

Mabel died July 27, 1985 at the age of 91. After 71 years of marriage this opened a new life for Frank. After his grief subsided, he learned to cook, shop and clean house and became very self-sufficient. He was always very appreciative of anything his family and friends did for him.

Frank lived to celebrate his 100th birthday on June 17, 1992, celebrating with his son and daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a great great grandson; as well as nieces and nephews who came from Ohio, Florida and Oregon. He passed away in November of that year.

Hazel Estel, 1992; updated 1996

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Mabel June Clifton
Married:	November 27, 1913
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Delta, Oh

Marriage Notes

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Wife:	Mabel June Clifton
Born:	June 17, 1894
in:	Henry Co, OH
Died:	July 27, 1985
in:	Fresno, CA
Relationship with Father:	William David Clifton - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Emma Aletha Gasche - Natural
Burial:	Mariposa Cemetery, Mariposa CA
Address and Phone(s)	
Medical	
<i>Notes</i>	

Family Group Sheet

Child:	Robert William Estel
Born:	June 13, 1914
in:	Fulton County, Ohio
Died:	March 17, 2005
in:	Mesa, AZ
Relationship with Father:	Frank Lawrence Estel - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mabel June Clifton - Natural
Burial:	March 26, 2005 Mariposa Cemetery, Mariposa, CA
Occupation:	Electrical Contractor, Lumber Sawyer, Mine Worker
Address and Phone(s)	

Medical**Notes**

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Bob worked in the sawmill until it burned in 1947. He then worked for short periods at other mills, gold mines, and whatever he could find. In 1948 he went to work for Jack Messenger, who had a plumbing, electric and sheet metal shop. About nine years later when Jack was ready to retire, he sold the electric portion of the business to Bob and the plumbing and sheet metal to Glen Ballard.

At this time Hazel started working with Bob doing the book work and learning that there was more to electric wiring than pushing a plug in the wall or flipping a switch. They continued this enterprise for 20 years, retiring in 1976. Since then they have kept busy with their family, many trips in the motor home, and other activities.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Hazel Doris Mason
Married:	April 12, 1938
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Fulton County, Ohio

Marriage Notes