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Report to:
Re: Skemp & Wellington Families
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The report below documents the facts found and some narrative to link the pieces ... it is not a fully fledged "family history" presentation. The report covers from about the mid 1950s back to 1880. All of these families can be traced further back ... see discussion on Future Work at the end of the report.

Initial Information provided:

>> Robert Oliver Skemp DOB 8/22/10 - grew up in Scottdale, PA
(not sure where born). Died in South Hampton NY in 1984.
>> Betty Alice? Wellington lived in Chicago, no idea when born or where. Her parents (Betty's) also lived in Chicago, no idea of first names. Betty died in Norwalk, CT I'm thinking it was in the 40's.

Subsequent information ...

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>> death certificate for Betty Wellington Skemp, Norwalk Hospital, January 6, 1951, living at Wilton Road, Westport, Connecticut, date of birth = April 25, 1916, Chicago Illinois, parents = John Wellington, Chicago & Florence Madden, Chicago, cremated Ferncliff, Greenburgh New York

SKEMP FAMILY

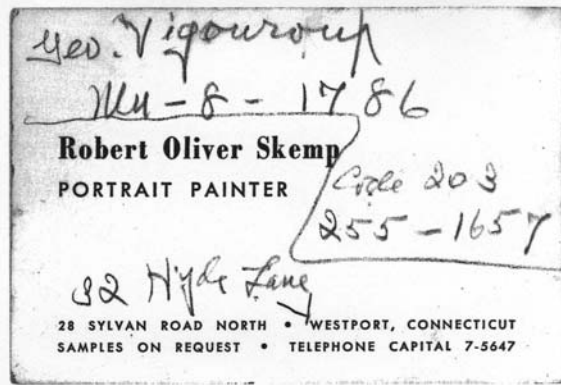
It is known that Robert Oliver Skemp is an artist of some renown. The focus of this investigation was to determine his ancestry and collect information on his career. The information on his ancestry is reported here and the information collected regarding his career can be found in Appendix A.

Robert Oliver Skemp

Though his career is reported on in Appendix A, this entry from Who Was Who in American Art, page 353¹, gives a brief overview.

SKEMP, Robert *Robert Oliver Skemp*
Oliver [Painter]
b.1910, Scottdale, PA / d.1984.
Addresses: Westport, CT. Studied: ASL with Thomas Hart Benton, George Bridgman, Frank Dumond, Robert Laurent, 1928-29; Grand Central Sch. Art; in France & Spain; aGeorge Luks; Ch. Baskerville; J.C. Chase. Member: Am. Soc. Marine Artists (fellow, 1979). Exhibited: Art Dir. Club of Chicago, 1951-52 (gold medals), 1953 (prizes); "Art: USA," NYC, 1964; Portraits, Inc., NYC; Grand Central AG, NYC. Work: Rayburn Bldg., Wash., DC; U.S. Coast Guard, Wash., DC; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, NC; Ackland Gal., Univ. North Carolina; Springfield (IL) Art Mus. Commissions: "Man's Search For Happiness," Church of L.D.S. bldg., WFNY, 1964; portraits, Chief Judge Paul V. Rao, Fed. Court, NYC, 1967; Mr. Haakon Romnes, NYC, 1969; Dean Douglas Brown, Princeton Univ., 1969; Mrs. Roger Blough, Pittsburgh, 1970. Comments: Son of Olive Hess Skemp. Sources: WW73; Howard Munce, "Portrait Painting," *Northlight Magazine* (winter, 1970); add'l info courtesy Mrs. R.O. Skemp, 1994.

¹ Falk, Peter Hastings, ed. *Who Was Who in American Art, 1564-1975*. 3 vols. Madison, Connecticut: Sound View Press, 1999.



Here is a copy of his business card, probably in the 1960s².

At the time of his death, the following obituary was reported in the Westport News³.

ROBERT O. SKEMP

Robert O. Skemp, 73, of Hyde Lane, died Saturday in an automobile accident in Bridgehampton, N.Y. enroute to his summer studio in East Hampton, N.Y.

A renowned artist, he was born in Scottdale, Pa., and studied at Art Students League in New York and Europe. In Chicago, he entered the field of commercial illustration. He came to New York in the late 1940s and entered the field of portrait painting in the early 1950s.

He painted numerous persons including J. Paul Getty and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas. His paintings were commissioned by and are in the collections of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ogden Phipps, Center for the Arts, Louisville, Ky., Andrew Mellon Foundation, Thomas Jefferson Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pa., the Vatican and many others.

His hobby was sailing and along with his love for the sea came his interest in painting ship portraits of the early trade ships. He was the winner of several awards in both painting and sailing.

He was the director of the

American Society of Marine Artists, a member of Grand Central Art Galleries and Portraits, Inc. in New York. He was also a member of the Devon-Yacht Club in East Hampton and the East Hampton Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Skemp, of Westport; one son, Eric Skemp, of Severna Park, Md.; two daughters, Susan Crandall, of North Andover, Mass., and Jennifer O'Grady, of Newtown; one sister, Nancy McCreary, of Berkley, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Services were private.

² Howard Chandler Christy Papers, David Bishop Skillman Library, Lafayette College, Easton PA -- Series II. Correspondence of Nancy Palmer Christy: 1921-1976, Box 7 -- notes written in Nancy Palmer Christy's handwriting

³ Westport News, Wednesday, June 13, 1984, courtesy of Westport Library (8/10/2005)

Olive Hess Skemp

Though family legend tells us that the mother of Robert, Olive Hess Skemp, was an artist in her own right ... it has been a challenge to document that assertion. Well, we have found a few pieces to substantiate this.

>> The Peter A. Juley & Son Collection at the Smithsonian American Art Museum includes two photos (these may or may not be of one piece) of an untitled piece of art work by Olive H. Skemp

>> She is listed in Who's Who in American Art, albeit briefly

SKEMP, Olive Hess (Mrs.) [*Painter*] *early 20th c.*

Addresses: Scottsdale, PA. Member: S. Indp. A. Exhibited: S. Indp. A., 1921. Sources: WW25.

>> We were able to access a write-up of an exhibition from 1921 ... possibly the one referenced in the above entry! The Daily Courier (Connellsville) -- 4/06/1921⁴

*Mrs. Olive Skemp Arranges Art Exhibit Which Is Interesting
Many Works Are Being Shown*

Mrs. Olive Hess Skemp is having an art exhibit at the rooms of the Scottdale Electric company on Pittsburg street. For the past 10 years art has been taught in the public schools and the one way to know whether any talent has been developed was to have an exhibition at which work might be displayed. Mrs. Skemp has made rapid strides in art and is recognized for her ability not only in Scottdale but in New York as well. If there is any talent displayed these exhibitions held once each year should stimulate the work of art in the community and great results should be shown it is believed. Mrs. Skemp is showing oil portraits of Phil McWilliams Pauline Miller Harold Attwood Mrs. H R Parker Stella Weddel Nancy Skemp Mrs. J R Campbell Virginia Clingerman Zella Dowe D: O I Hess Miss Wamen Scott and A J Skemp. Along with these are shown six paintings that Mrs. Skemp made when she first began years ago.

Skemp Family and Scottdale Pennsylvania

Our first step was to trace the family using the census. Fortunately the combination of name and location made this easy. A real bonus was that at one time or another, the maternal grandmother, aunt and paternal grandfather of Robert O Skemp, all lived with the family ... such a cornucopia of information! Let's start with a map showing where Scottdale (Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania) is – Appendix B has a map showing Westmoreland county in detail and then Westmoreland county in relation to Pennsylvania.

Additionally, the family was prominent enough and the town was small enough, that detailed obituaries and even a marriage notice (and more) were printed in the local newspaper! This is how we connected **SKEMP** to **HESS** to **SUMNER** to **RAKESTRAW** and more

>>Skemp (& Sumner) family in the Census

The genealogy rule of thumb is to always work backwards ... though we didn't necessarily use that method, we will report on our findings in reverse chronological order!

1930 Census⁵

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

⁴ e-mail received 8/17/2005 Caroljohnson@aol.com & 8/18/2005 Dawne Temple [dtis4me@zoominternet.net]

⁵ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, PA, Roll 2159, Page 11A-11B, ED 146, Image: 251.0

Skemp & Wellington & Allied Families

700 Arthur Avenue

Skemp, Kate	head	o \$13000	F	W	74	Wid	England	1888 NA
Sumner, Hannah M	sister		F	W	72	S	England	1895 AL
Kerns, Victoria	servant		F	W	21	S	Pennsylvania	
Kowalsky, Emily	servant		F	W	16	S	Pennsylvania	

1930 Census⁶

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

702 Arthur Avenue

Skemp, Arthur	head	o \$7500	M	W	46	M	England	1888 NA
	Manager, Sheet Mill							
Skemp, Olive	wife		F	W	42	M	Pennsylvania	
Skemp, Robert	son		M	W	19	S	Pennsylvania	
Skemp, Nancy	daur		F	W	16	S	Pennsylvania	
Skemp, John	son		M	W	14	S	Pennsylvania	

This means that mother (Kate Skemp) and son (Arthur Skemp) are living right next door to one another! It also appears that Arthur's brother Robert is living in Fairchance, Fayette County, Pennsylvania with wife Helen⁷.

1920 Census⁸

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

704 Laucks Ave

Skemp, Robert	head	61	1887	nat 1892	England	Vice President, American Sheet & Tin
Skemp, Kate	wife	63	1887	nat 1892	England	
Sumner, Hannah M	Sister in law	61	1895	al	England	

We love when we find family members living together. This family was great about this and you'll see as we progress backward that at one time they had both a mother-in-law and a father living with them!

1920 Census⁹

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

702 Arthur Ave

Skemp, Arthur	head	35	un	un	England	Manager, Sheet Mill
Skemp, Olive H	wife	32			Pennsylvania	
Skemp, Robert O	son	9			Pennsylvania	
Skemp, Nancy	daur	7			Pennsylvania	
Skemp, Jack H	son	4 ½			Pennsylvania	

NOTE: the son Jack is not found in the 1930 census, either with the family or elsewhere.

1910 Census¹⁰

2-Wd Scottdale Boro, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

704 Loucks Ave

Skemp, Robert	head	52	1887 na	England	Steel mill
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⁶ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, PA, Roll 2159, Page 11B, ED 146, Image: 252.0

⁷ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Fairchance, Fayette, Pennsylvania, Roll 2039, Page 18A, ED 23, Image 292.0

⁸ www.ancestry.com, 1920 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll T625_1664, Page 15B, ED 202, Image 68

⁹ www.ancestry.com, 1920 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll T625_1664, Page 16A, ED 202, Image 69

¹⁰ www.ancestry.com, 1910 US Census, 2-WD, Scottdale Boro, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Series T624, Roll 1432, Part 1, page 21B

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Skemp, Kate	wife	54	1887 na	England	
Skemp, Robert	son	27	1887 na	England	Superintendent Coke Works
Skemp, Leo	son	22	1887 na	England	Clerk, Steel Mill
Sumner, Sarah S	mother in law	91	1895	England	
Sumner, Hannah	sister in law	50	1895	England	

With this census, we confirm that Kate was born Kate Sumner, with a mother Sarah S and a sister Hannah.

1910 Census¹¹

E. Huntingdon Twp, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

Main Road (??)

Skemp, Arthur J	head	26	1888 na	England	Superintendent Steel Mill
Skemp, Olive H	wife	22		Pennsylvania	

1900 Census¹²

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

Loucks Avenue

Skemp, Robert	head	41	1887 na	England	Supt Rolling Mill
Skemp, Kate S	wife	43	1888	England	
Skemp, Robert	son	19	1888	England	Clerk Rolling Mill
Skemp, Arthur	son	16	1888	England	at school
Skemp, Leo	son	12	1888	England	at school
Skemp, Harold	son	10		Pennsylvania	at school
Skemp, Robert	father	75	1891	England	retired
Sumner, Sarah	M in Law	80	1894	England	
Sumner, Hannah	S in Law	41	1894	England	

This is a wonderful census chock full of information. It has the father, mother-in-law and sister-in-law living with the family and approximately when they emigrated. This made finding most of their passenger records relatively simple ... this are presented in the next section!

There is no 1890 Census for the US... or, I should say there are fragments of it which have survived and these do not cover Pennsylvania. There are directories available for circa 1890 and this part of Pennsylvania was not populous enough to be a popular with those printing directories and so we have not yet found a directory for this time period for this area. And, as we can see from the 1900 census, the Skemp family all emigrated between 1800 and 1890. This means that for the Skemp family, the next census we looked at was the 1881 British census. Since the Sumner family did not emigrate until 1894, we looked for them in the 1891 UK census.

1891 Census¹³

Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England

63 North Street

John Sumner	head	75	Baker & Grocer	Notts Oxton
Sarah A Sumner	wife	70	Grocer	Nottingham
John T Sumner	son	39	Baker	Notts Oxton
Hannah M Sumner	daur	33		Notts Oxton

¹¹ www.ancestry.com, 1910 US Census, E. Huntingdon Twp, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Series T624, Roll 1429, Part 2, Page 5A

¹² www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll T623 1499, Page 2B, ED 132

¹³ www.ancestry.com, 1891 England Census, RG12/2226, Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton Western, ED 1, Foilio 10, Page 13, GSU

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Thomas Fletcher servant 18 Baker Wolverhampton

1881 Census¹⁴

Darlaston, Staffordshire

55 & 56 House High Street

Robert (Jnr) Skemp	head	23	Cashier Iron Wrks	Bilston, Stafford, England (born)
Kate Skemp	wife	25		Oxton, Nottingham, England (born)
Ann M. Walter	servant	18	General Servant	Bilston, Stafford, England (born)
Robert Skemp	head	55	Grocer	Cornwall, England (born)
Elizabeth H Skemp	daur	21		Bilston, Stafford, England (born)

Another nice census that has two generations living together in the same household; Robert & Kate Skemp and his father Robert who all emigrated.

1881 Census¹⁵

Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England

57 Chester Street

John Sumner	head	64	Congregational Pastor	Nottingham, Oxton
Sarah A. Sumner	wife	61		Nottingham, Oxton

From this, one can surmise that Robert Skemp and Kate Sumner met and married because her family moved from Nottingham to Staffordshire.

Additional information can be found on the Sumner siblings and that will be reported in the future.

>>Skemp (& Sumner) Family Emigrating from England

We've had success tracking the family both in the UK and US censuses. It's always interesting to try and find their passenger records ... these both confirm what has been found in the census and sometimes we learn something interesting along the way!

1. Have not been able to find the passenger record of Robert Skemp (the son) emigrating ... we know that he probably came over in early 1887 or late 1886 since his family arrived 22 August 1887
2. Kate Skemp and children (Robert, Arthur & Leo) arrived in New York on 22 August 1887. They traveled from Liverpool aboard the Aurania¹⁶. They would have arrived at Castle Garden.

1	Mrs Kate Skemp	30	to Michigan	2
2	Robert	10	to Pa	5
3	Arthur	7	to Pa	
4	Leo	5	to Pa	
5	C. H. Wills			

3. We have the grandfather Robert Skemp arriving on 5 May 1890, again to Castle Garden from Liverpool aboard the Umbria¹⁷.

¹⁴ www.ancestry.com & www.familyhistoryonline.net, 1881 England Census, RG11/2817, Folio 16, Page 25, Walsall, Darlaston, Staffordshire

¹⁵ www.ancestry.com, 1881 England Census, RG11/2799, Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton Western, ED 44, Folio 97, Page 13

¹⁶ www.ancestry.com, New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1891, 22 August 1887, Liverpool, England to Pennsylvania, Aurania, Arrived New York, Passengers 442-445, Microfilm Roll 510, List Number 1066

¹⁷ www.ancestry.com, New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1891, 5 May 1890, Liverpool, England to Pennsylvania, Umbria, Arrived New York, Passenger 193, Microfilm Roll 547, List Number 593

4. We find that Sarah A (74, widow) and Hannah (38, housekeeper) Sumner arrive in 1894. And, we find that they are joined by a Julia (24, housekeeper) Sumner ... do not know how she is related and they were all headed to Pennsylvania.
5. Obviously the 1900 Scottdale census only listed Sarah A and Hannah Sumner with the Skemp family ... and the passenger record confirms that only they emigrated, so, what happened to John and John T Sumner? Well, we looked around and discovered that John Sumner died in June 1892 at the age of 75 and John Thomas Sumner died at the age of 42 in 1894 in the Wolverhampton registration district¹⁸. So, later in 1894, we have the widow and daughter emigrating to join her sister and family.

Also, it looks like Robert (the son) must have traveled back to England a couple of times and that there was a time when Robert and Kate attempted to travel back!

1. We find in 1902¹⁹ that a nephew of Robert emigrates ... a Charles Skemp from Bradford, age 24 and he arrives in the port of Philadelphia ... it says that he "was invited by uncle." We do not know which sibling of Robert's this nephew is associated with.
2. The following has also been found, though unverified²⁰ ...
Charles F. R. Skemp came on the SS Haverford to Phila. on 23 Nov. 1903, age 26, sheet steel cashier, he was from Bradford England, had \$15 and was going to Scottdale, PA . was joining Rudolf Hotse of Phila. and friend Mr. Rainford, met by R. Skemp, Loucks Ave., Scottdale, Pa (ticket)
3. 1903²¹ ... Mr & Mrs. Robt Skemp are listed on the Umbria in 1903 though there is a line through their entry which normally means that the individual did not take the ship in question ... now this would be returning to the US ... the thing is, I haven't found them on another ship yet! Okay ... found them on the Umbria, arriving August 22, 1903²² under the names Robert & Kate Shemp (on index) though it looks like Skemp on the manifest!

17	Mr & Mrs. Robt Skemp	45	Umbria	Do	Umbria
18	Shemp Robert	45	Mill Manager	Do	English
19	Do Kate	45	Wife	Do	Do

4. 1907²³ ... Robert Skemp, 49, returned to the US on the Luoania and he is listed as a Mill Manager

>>Skemp (& Sumner) Family – Other References

Since the Skemp family had some renown in Scottdale we are fortunate that the family can be found in some other references.

→ Wiggin's directory of Greensburg and Westmoreland County for 1890-1891²⁴

¹⁸ <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>, Deaths, June Quarter 1892, Sumner John, 75, Wolverhampton vol 6b, page 319 & Deaths, June Quarter 1894, Sumner, John Thomas, 42, Wolverhampton, vol 6b, page 297

¹⁹ www.ancestry.com, Charles Skemp, arrived 26 Jan 1902, Philadelphia, 24 years, Ship = Westernland, going to Robt Skemp (uncle), Scottdale, Mill Manager, coming from Bradford, Microfilm # 37

²⁰ e-mail received 8/18/2005, Dawne Temple [dtis4me@zoominternet.net]

²¹ www.ellisland.org & <http://stevmorse.org>

²² www.ellisland.org & <http://stevmorse.org>

²³ www.ellisland.org & <http://stevmorse.org>

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Skemp Robt, p 150 (I believe the p 150 is an assessed value of property)

We also find the Hess family (page 385)

Hess, O I, r 563 p 663

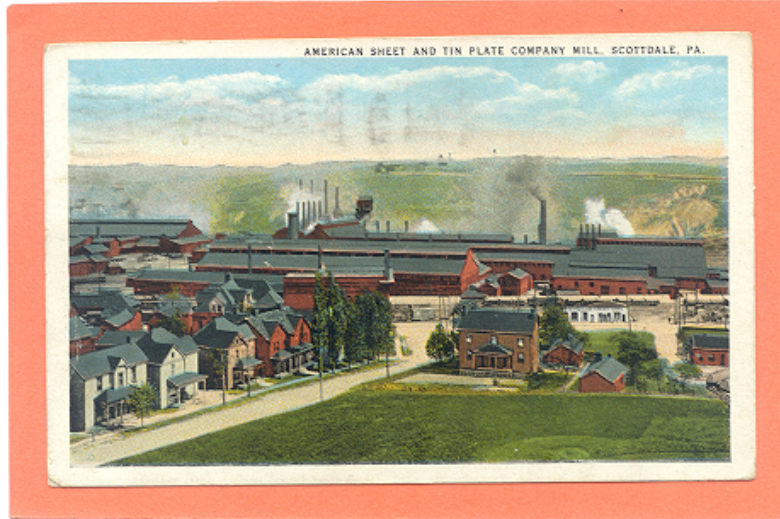
- Coal Miners Memorial Scottdale Mine (Scottdale Steel Company Mine), Everson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania²⁵

Skemp, Robert – General Superintendent, ca. 1900, ca. 1905, Scottdale Mine, for American Sheet and Tin Company

- Report of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania. Vol. 2, Eleventh District of Westmoreland and Fayette Counties (p. 477)²⁶

American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., Scottdale – Fayette – Robert Skemp

- Postcard showing the American Sheet and Tin Company in Scottdale (c. 1925)²⁷



- Index of marriages covering from 1906 until 1985 for Scottdale²⁸ ... we find the following Skemp siblings

10/14/1909	Arthur Stemp	Olive F Hess	#27859
1/30/1912	Leo N Skemp	Ethel B Dick	#31991
9/20/1919	Harold Skemp	Hazelle A Rowe	#47023

Given the prominence of these families, in particular the Hess family, at the time of the 1909 wedding of Arthur and Olive, there was a detailed write-up in the newspaper, The Daily Courier (Connellsville)²⁹

²⁴ Historic Pittsburgh Full-Text Collection, <http://digital.library.pitt.edu>, Wiggin's directory of Greensburg and Westmoreland County for 1890-1891, page 387

²⁵ <http://patheoldminer.rootsweb.com/fayscottdale1.html>

²⁶ Historic Pittsburgh Full-Text Collection, <http://digital.library.pitt.edu>, Report of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania. Vol. 2, Eleventh District of Westmoreland and Fayette Counties (p. 477)

²⁷ http://cgi.ebay.com/American-Sheet-Tin-Plate-Mill-Scottdale-PA-1925_W0QQitemZ6203633192QQcategoryZ20232QQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

²⁸ Westmoreland Public Access, <http://westmorelandweb400.us:8088/EGSPublicAccess.htm>

²⁹ Connellsville, Daily Courier – provided by Carol Johnson, Caroljohnson@aol.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1909.

SKEMP AND HESS CHURCH WEDDING.

Popular Artist of Scottdale
Weds Young Man of
That Town

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Yethers-Coffman Nuptials Also Celebrated—Comrade Jimmy Woods of Summit in Town—Other News of the Busy Mill Town.

SCOTSDALE, October 15.—Beautiful in its every appointment was the ceremony that united Olive Iona Hess, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Otter I. Hess, and Arthur John Skemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skemp at 8 o'clock last evening. The First Methodist Episcopal Church was being filled with a gathering of friends long before the ceremony was scheduled to begin, and most of the pews were filled when to the music of the wedding march played by E. A. Humphries the party filed down the aisle.

The party was a rarely lovely sight, those making it up being composed of the younger set of town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Mansell, D. D., pastor of the church of which the bride and her family are members, and Rev. Edward C. Kun-

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ble, pastor of the First Baptist Church, to which the groom's family belong, assisted. The bride had for her maid of honor her sister, Miss Evelyn Clare Hess, and for her maids Miss Marjorie Day, a cousin, of Strasburg, Pa.; and Miss Lillian Wright of Buckhannon, West Virginia, and Miss Jessie Smith and Miss Clara Sherick of Scottdale. The groom had for his best man, his brother Robert Sumner Skemp, and the ushers were Leo N. Skemp and Harold Skemp, brothers of the groom, and Sampson Wiley and Walter Miller of Scottdale.

The bride was attired in a draped Princess gown of cream satin made with court train and trimmed in Princess lace and seed pearls, and her veil was caught up by pearl bands and orange blossoms.

The bridesmaids were gowned in white muslin with yellow satin empire sashes and yellow satin bands in their hair, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The maid of honor wore a yellow satin messaline gown made in empire style, and carried white chrysanthemums.

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The church decorations were in ferns, palms and foliage, while at the reception which followed at East-home Place to the families and a very few friends the table decorations were in yellow and white. The young couple are among the best known and popular in town, the groom is employed with the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company of which his father is manager, and the couple will be "at home" after November 10, when they return from an eastern trip. The bride is a graduate of the Scottdale High school, and her commencement essay in the form of a dissertation upon characters well known and illustrated by cartoons drawn by herself will be long remembered as one of the most original and witty contributions ever given to the usually tedious and yawn provoking commencement exercises. After her graduation she was a student at the Art School of Philadelphia and has been the delineator of many striking drawings since then. Among her most notable work has been some unusually clever cover designs for George Levy's Pittsburg paper "The Spectator." She is also engaged in doing a series of Bible illustrations for Rabbi J. Leonard Levy of Pittsburg, which will be brought out this season by Raphael Tucker & Sons of London. Besides this she is an accomplished miniature painter and has executed a number of commissions for Pittsburg society people.

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→ WWI Draft Registration Cards³⁰ – these are for the 3 Skemp male siblings ...

Robert Sumner Skemp

Fairchance, Fayette Co., PA

age 37, born May 31, 1881, citizen by Father's naturalization before registrant's majority.

Mine Supt., HC Frick

Nearest Relative, Mrs. Helen H. Skemp-Fairchance

Tall, medium build, blue eyes, brown hair

Arthur John Skemp

702 Arthur Ave, Scottdale, Westmd. Co.

age 34, b. February 21st, 1884

Citizen by Father's naturalization before registrant's majority

Manager, American S & T Co.

Scottdale, Westmd., PA

nearest relative Olive H. Skemp (wife)

702 Arthur Ave.

medium height and build, blue eyes, dark hair

(something else written that I cannot read)

Lee N. Skemp, age 30 (I think this must be Leo)

511 Loucks Ave. Scottdale

b. May 13 1887

naturalized, N ??erhampton, England

³⁰ e-mail received 8/18/2005, Dawne Temple [dtis4me@zoominternet.net]

Supp. JJDick Co.
Wife and three Children
Tall. medium build, blue eyes, brown hair.

→ Snippet from a history³¹

*The Scottdale Foundry and Machine Company is an extensive factory. It was established in 1880 by Hill & Kenney as a foundry and machine shop, employing about twenty-five men, and did a business of forty thousand dollars per annum. In 1884 Mr. Hill withdrew and A. K. Stauffer was taken as a partner, the firm being known as Kenny & Company. The works were greatly enlarged, and they engaged in building steam engines. In 1890 they were doing an annual business of \$125,000. In 1891 the plant was destroyed by fire, and at once a new stock company was formed with A. K. Stauffer as president; E. L. Rutherford, vice-president and secretary; Walter L. Stauffer, treasurer. Among the other directors are E. A. Humphrey, Worth Kilpatrick, **Robert Skemp**, B. F. Stauff, John Dick and J. R. Smith.*

→ In the "Daily Courier" 12/5/1908³²

*The teachers and pupils of the Scottdale High School enjoyed an afternoon of Shakespearean study yesterday afternoon by a skilled interpreter of the immortal bard, **Robert Skemp**, of town, who gave a number of readings from Julius Caesar. The pupils have just completed studying that play as part of their training in English, and Mr. Skemp who is a member of the Board Of Education, was requested to interpret some of the characters. Mr. Skemp is undoubtedly the Shakespearean of town, has frequently given readings from his works, and has many times visited Stratford On Avon, Mr. Skemp's birthplace being not far from there. Those who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed it greatly.*

→ Scottdale Centennial Book – "Scottdale 100 Years"³³

An Englishman, progenitor of the Skemp Family, was Robert who came to Scottdale with wife and three sons in the late 1800's. He was a man of fine character and literary an industrial founder and civic leader of early Scottdale.

Starting as superintendent of the Scottdale Iron & Steel Co, later the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co, he became district manager of over fifteen plants in PA, WV, and OH. He finished his career as vice president of the subsidiary of the US Steel Co. His son, Arthur J., became local manager of the Tin Plant plant, prior to promotion at Gary. IL. Mr Skemp was charter founder of the YMCA, president of school board, and superintendent of the Baptist church school for years. His interest in English literature, especially Shakespeare, was profound and very evident in his personality.

Children born from his marriage to Kate Sumner include: Arthur; Leo N, Sr, Robert S, and Harold (living in Vandergrift in 1974). Arthur married Olive Hess (dau of Dr & Mrs. O.I. Hess) who was an artist working in oils and especially noted for her still life works. Robert O. Skemp, oldest of their three children, became known as a portrait painter and had his work depicting life among the Mormons shown at the NY World's Fair. Leo Skemp., Sr. married Ethel Dick and as an associate of the J.I. Dick Construction Co.

³¹ History of Westmoreland County, Volume 1, Chapter 42, <http://72.14.207.104/search?q=cache:tOybWB0FmrkJ:www.pa-roots.com/~westmoreland/historyproject/vol1/chap42.html+Skemp+genealogy+scottdale&hl=en>

³² e-mail received 8/18/2005, Dawne Temple [dtis4me@zoominternet.net]

³³ Scottdale Centennial Association, Inc., 1974 Scottdale 100 Years. Scottdale, PA: Scottdale Centennial Association, Inc. – via e-mail dated 8/18/2005, LaVonne R Hanlon [scottie56@juno.com]

Five children were born to them: James and J. Dick Skemp; Thomas; Dorothy (wife of William Cox); and Leo N. Jr. of Uniontown and wife Virginia are parents of three daughters. Leo is a noted layman of Trinity Presbyterian Church and speaks often in Scottdale. (Written in 1974)

>>Skemp (& Sumner) Family – Obituaries and Cemeteries

These are the obituaries printed for the family ... (Note ... these make references to other people, siblings and such that would help us to continue researching further back). Any information on Betty Alice Wellington Skemp is included under the Marks/Wellington section.

These are all from * The Daily Courier * (Connellsville)³⁴

6/14/1905

Robert Skemp Dead

Succumbed To Infirmities Of Old Age This Morning

Was Eighty Years Old

Came To Scottdale Fifteen Years Ago and Lived With His Son, Supt. Robert Skemp-Leaves Relatives in England, His Native Country.

Scottdale, June 14- Robert Skemp is Dead at the home of his son, Robert Skemp, on Loucks avenue. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. For the past three months, the cheery old Englishman has been steadily failing, and on Wednesday he was taken worse. He died this morning. Dr. A. W. Strickler was the physician in attendance.

Robert Skemp Sr. was born April 24, 1825 at Tamerton, County Of Cornwall, England. He lived in England up to the last fifteen years, coming to this country in 1890, when he took up his residence with his son Robert Skemp at Scottdale. The younger Robert has been in charge of the mills at Scottdale for years, and is now district manager for The American Sheet & Tin Plate Company.

He is survived by three brothers C W Skemp of Vinton Ia; P W Skemp of Dubuque Ia; and Joseph Skemp of Billston, England. Also by two daughters, Mrs. S G Lovett and Mrs F Antwood of Stafford, England and son Robert of Scottdale.

Interment will be private in the Scottdale Cemetery and will take place Friday morning.

(NOTE ... obviously this obituary gives us lots of leads to follow to learn more about the Skemp family in the UK)

We do not yet have an obituary for Sarah A Sumner from 1911.

Tuesday, April 11, 1922

Many Attend Services For **Robert Skemp**

Wheels of Scottdale Industry for Minute during Funeral

Schools Are Dismissed

Special To The Courier

Scottdale yesterday afternoon paid tribute to the memory of one of its distinguished citizens, Robert Skemp, when for a minute during the funeral service at the home in Loucks Avenue the wheels of the industrial plants of the town were stilled. The public schools, in which Mr. Skemp was keenly interested, were dismissed for the afternoon.

A throng of relatives, friends and associates fo Mr. Skemp assembled at his home for the service. Rev C C Rich, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. W. G. Russell of Philadelphia a former pastor, conducted the services. The pallbearers were officials of the church. They were J T Sayers, John M. Stauffer, J E Howells, C F Overholt, A L Rosensteel, Arthur Snyder and W. F. Stauffer. The Masons handled the service.

³⁴ Connellsville, Daily Courier – provided by Carol Johnson, Caroljohnson@aol.com, or Dawne Temple, dtis4me@zoominternet.net, via the PAWESTMO-L@rootsweb.com newsgroup

Another for Robert Skemp in 1922

4/13/1922

Robert Skemp Dies Suddenly At Scottdale

Official Of American Sheet & Tin Plate Company Heart Disease Victim

Was Assistant To Vice President Of Company And For Years Was Plant Superintendent At Scottdale; Active In Civic Life Of Mill Town

Scottdale April 8-Seized with a heart attack soon after rising this morning at his home in Loucks avenue, Robert Skemp, assistant to the vice president of American Sheet Metal & Tin Plate Company and for over thirty years a leading citizen of Scottdale, died within a half hour. Mr. Skemp was stricken just as he walked into the kitchen, after coming down the stairs. He was 64 years old.

Previous to this time he was apparently in good health. He spent Friday at the Scottdale and Old Meadow Sheet mills and was feeling as well as usual when he retired.

For several years Mr. Skemp had been assistant vice president of the sheet metal company and in this capacity was in charge of the operations of the company and devoted the greater part of his time in traveling from plant to plant. Before that he was for a score of years manager of the Scottdale plant and at one time also held the position of district manager, having the Scottdale, Morgantown, W. Va., and other plants under his supervision.

Scottdale had been the home of Mr. Skemp since 1887 at which time he came from England. Soon after his arrival he was made assistant manager of the plant of the Scottdale Iron & Steel Company and a year later became manager. He continued in this capacity when the local plants were merged and when they became part of the United States Steel Corporation System.

During his long career in the Mill Town Mr. Skemp was active in many things pertaining to the welfare of the town and community.

Until a year or two ago he was for many years superintendent of the Sunday School Of the First Baptist Church and still was retained as assistant superintendent. He was a member of the board of trustees and was a deacon in the church. He gave up the superintendency because he was absent from town the greater part of his time.

For a number of years Mr. Skemp was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. At the time of his death he was a member of the school board with which he had been identified for many years. He was a member of Marion Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons.

During the war Mr. Skemp was chief of the Procurement Department of the Gas Defense of the Army and in this capacity had charge of the purchases of all supplies for that department. During this time he devoted much time to travel in the interest of the service. At the close of the war he was highly commended by the War Department for the efficiency in his department due to his work.

Mr. Skemp is survived by his wife and four sons, Robert Skemp Jr. near Uniontown; Leo and Arthur Skemp, Scottdale, and Harold Skemp, Vandergrift. Mrs. Fred Atwood of Scottdale is a sister.

(6/20/1932)

(4/13/1962)

**MRS. KATE SKEMP
OF SCOTSDALE DEAD
AT AGE OF 77 YEARS**

Special to The Courier.

SCOTSDALE, June 20.—Mrs. Kate Skemp, 77 years old widow of Robert Skemp who was formerly superintendent of the plants of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company here died early this morning at her home at 700 Arthur avenue. She was one of the oldest members of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons: Robert S. Skemp of Fairchance, Arthur J. Skemp and Leo N. Skemp of Scottdale and Harold Skemp of Vandergrift; also a sister, Hannah Mary Sumner.

The funeral service will be at the home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Roy E. Whittemore, her pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Scottdale Cemetery.

MRS. OLIVE SKEMP

SCOTSDALE — Mrs. Olive Hess Skemp, formerly of Scottdale, died Thursday morning in Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley, Calif.

She was the oldest daughter of the late Dr. O. I. and Katherine R. Hess of Scottdale. She lived with her daughter, Mrs. A. D. (Nancy) McCreary of 799 Hilldale Ave., Berkeley.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert O. of Westport, Conn., and John H. of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Hess Van Allen of Holicon, Bucks County. She was the widow of Arthur J. Skemp, former manager of the American Sheet and Tinplate Co.

The funeral service will be held this weekend in California.

10/3/1942 (Daily Courier)

Miss Hannah Sumner

Miss Hannah Sumner, 86 years old, died at 10:55 o'clock Friday morning at her home after a three month long illness. She is survived by two nephews, Leo N. Skemp of Scottdale and Harold Skemp of Vandergrift. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Robert Skemp of Scottdale and was a member of the First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home at 700 Arthur Ave. in charge of Rev. Roy E. Whittemore, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment will be in Scottdale Cemetery.

We found that the Skemp family is buried in the Scottdale Cemetery³⁵ ... the details are:

Robert Skemp Sr	Section R Lot 17	died 1905
Sara Ann Sumner	Section R Lot 17	died 1911
Kate Skemp	Section R Lot 17	died 1932
Hannah Sumner	Section R Lot 17	died 1942
Leo Skemp	Section R Lot 17	died 1948

Hess Family and Scottdale Pennsylvania

Now we will shift our attention to the HESS family. This family enters with the marriage of Arthur Skemp to Olive Hess, as previously reported. They were a family not originally from Scottdale and yet achieved some "status" while in Scottdale. We will start with the census

>>Hess family in the Census

1930 Census³⁶

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

12 N. Chestnut Street

Hess, Oliver I	head	O \$6000	76	Pennsylvania	Doctor
Hess, Katherine R	wife		64	Pennsylvania	

³⁵ fax received 8/24/2005, Melinda Powell, Scottdale Bank, 724-887-8330

³⁶ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll 2159, Page 9B, Ed 145, Image 206.0

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Hess, Katherine R	daur	28	Pennsylvania
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1920 Census³⁷

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

12 Chestnut Street

Hess, Oliver I	head	63	Pennsylvania	Physician
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Hess, Katherine	wife	58	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Catherine	daur	19	Pennsylvania
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1910 Census³⁸

1-WD, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

12 Chestnut Street

Hess, O.I	head	56	Pennsylvania	Physician
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Hess, Kathryn R	wife	47	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Evelyn Clara	daur	18	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Helen R	daur	17	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Kathryn R	daur	9	Pennsylvania
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1900 Census³⁹

Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania

422 Pittsburg Street

Hess, Oliver I	head	46	Pennsylvania	Physician
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Hess, Katherine	wife	36	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Olive	daur	15	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Evelyn	daur	8	Pennsylvania	at school
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Hess, Helen R	daur	6	Pennsylvania
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Kristen, Fenton	lodger 45	Pennsylvania	Clerk, Bank
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In 1900 we still find Oliver's parents alive!

1900 Census⁴⁰

Wayne, Mifflin, Pennsylvania

Hess, William	head	76	Pennsylvania	Farmer
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Hess, Bell R	wife	70	Pennsylvania
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Hess, George M	son	34	Pennsylvania	Farm Laborer
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Reminder: There is no 1890 Census!

1880 Census⁴¹

Wayne, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Hess, William	59	Farmer	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Bella	49	wife	Keeping House	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Samuel M	30	son	Trucker	Pennsylvania
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Hess, Oliver	26	son	at school	Pennsylvania
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Hess, William A	18	son	farm laborer	Pennsylvania
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Hess, George M	15	son	farm laborer	Pennsylvania
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³⁷ www.ancestry.com, 1920 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll T625, Page 11A, ED 201, Image 23

38 www.ancestry.com, 1910 US Census, 1-WD, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Series T624, Roll 1432, Part 1, Page 5A

³⁹ www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Scottdale, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, Roll T623 1499, Page 22A, ED 132

⁴⁰ www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Wayne, Mifflin, Pennsylvania, Roll T623 1441, Page 9A, ED 141

⁴¹ www.ancestry.com, 1880 US Census, Wayne, Mifflin, Pennsylvania, T9 1156, FHC # 1255156, Page 189.1000; ED 179, Image 0726

>>Hess Family – Bits 'n Pieces

Westmoreland Physicians in 1938⁴²

SCOTSDALE

OLIVER I. HESS

Born 1854

Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, KY. 1894, lic 1894

This is confirmed by the "Medical School Alumni Database" for the Kentucky School of Medicine and it's antecedents⁴³!

HESS	OLIVER I	KSM 1894
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>>Hess Family – Obituaries

MRS. KATHERINE HESS
SCOTSDALE, Apr. 19.—Mrs. Katherine Rakestraw Hess, 84 years old, widow of Dr. Oliver I. Hess, died at 8:15 o'clock this morning at her home at 12 Chestnut street after a prolonged illness. She had been a resident of Scottdale for more than 60 years and was active in civic and church work.

Mrs. Hess was a member of the Methodist Church and president of various church societies at some time. She organized and headed the Red Cross during the Spanish War. She was a past president of the Westmoreland County Federated Clubs and past president of the Saturday Afternoon Club of Scottdale and Mount Pleasant.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Olive H. Skemp of Puerto Rico, Mrs. Evelyn H. Allen of Chappaqua, N. Y., and Miss Catherine Hess at home. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a sister of Mrs. George E. Day of New York City, Mrs. J. B. Keylor of Cochranville and Miss Susan Rakestraw of Chester.

Friends will be received at the Murphy funeral home where the funeral service will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in charge of Rev. Dr. William Baumgartner, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial will be made in Scottdale Cemetery.

**Dr. O. I. Hess
Dies Suddenly
At Scottdale**

SCOTSDALE, July 10.—Dr. Oliver I. Hess, 86 years old, died suddenly Tuesday evening at his home at 12 North Chestnut street.

Dr. Hess was a practicing physician here for many years, retiring five years ago. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine and was Scottdale's first school physician, having held that position until his retirement from practice.

Dr. Hess, a member of the Methodist Church, was a son of the late William and Rosabell Hess and was born in Huntingdon county. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Rakestraw Hess, and three daughters, Mrs. Olive I. Skemp, Glenview, Ill.; Mrs. Evelyn Hess Allen, Mount Kisco, N. Y., and Miss Catherine I. Hess at home. There are also seven grandchildren.

These are the obituaries printed for the family ... (Note ... these make references to other people, siblings and such that would help us to continue researching further back) -- These are all from * The Daily Courier * (Connellsville)⁴⁴. The obituary for Oliver I Hess was dated 7/10/1940 and the one for Mrs. Katherine Hess was dated 4/19/1947. Notice that these obituaries give lots of information, including the parents of Oliver I Hess, where he was born and where he went to school; we also learn that Rakestraw was Katherine's maiden name, her many community activities and the names of 3 sisters.

WELLINGTON FAMILY

This was a tough nut to crack and only because when Betty Alice married, she used the name **Wellington** ... when her brother died, he used the name **ROMAINE**, and, when they were born, the surname was **MARKS**. Once the name issues were straightened out, it was a bit easier to track this family in Illinois.

⁴² <http://www.pa-roots.com/~westmoreland/physicians.html>

⁴³ <http://www.library.louisville.edu/kornhauser/gfdb/h.asp>

⁴⁴ Connellsville, Daily Courier – provided by Carol Johnson, Caroljohnson@aol.com, or Dawne Temple, dts4me@zoominternet.net, via the PAWESTMO-L@rootsweb.com newsgroup

Also, this branch of the family was not as publicly visible as the Skemp and Hess families. So, a lot less information is available; meaning that one can document certain basic life events and not much more!

Since the Romaine obituary⁴⁵ is our link to everyone, here it is.

ROMAINE

Edition: Chicago Tribune

Donald Romaine of 949 Foster avenue, Aug. 29, 1942, son of Florence and John Wellington, brother of Mrs. Robert Skemp and Mrs. Oliver Oskison. At chapel, 5501 N. Ashland avenue, where services will be held Monday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m.

This explained the relationship of Donald Romaine to John & Florence Wellington to Betty Alice Skemp (Mrs. Robert). As a researcher helping me said "Learning that "Romaine" was previously "Marks" - = Priceless!"

With this, the following information was pulled together.

>>Marks/Wellington family in the Census

Notice, that through the 1930 census, we don't see the name Wellington! It really added to the challenge of linking all the pieces!

1930 Census⁴⁶

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Marks, John W	head	R\$110	55	Illinois	Specialist, Scalp
Marks, Florence	wife		55	Illinois	
Marks, Fern	daur		30	Illinois	Correspondent, Insurance Co
Marks, Betty	daur		14	Illinois	

NOTE: this is the census that has Betty living with sister Fern and with parents, John W Marks & Florence! We have not found Donald Marks or Wellington or Romaine in this census!

1920 Census⁴⁷

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

4708 Champlain Avenue

Marks, J.W.	head	49	Illinois	Salesman, Piano Co
Marks, Florence	wife	44	Illinois	
Marks, Fern	daur	19	Illinois	Clerical, Engineering Co
Marks, Betty	daur	3 6/12	Illinois	

NOTE: again, we have not found Donald.

1910 Census⁴⁸

12-WD Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

South Sawyer Ave

Marks, John W	head	38	Illinois	Manager, Mail order House
Marks, Florence P	wife	34	Illinois	

⁴⁵ 1942-08-31, *Chicago Tribune* (IL, Copyright 1942, Chicago Tribune. For permission to reprint, contact Chicago Tribune. Record Number: 19420831dn032)

⁴⁶ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook, Illinois, Roll 491, Page 5B, ED 1803, Image 737.0

⁴⁷ www.ancestry.com, 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Illinois, Roll T625_309, Page 1B, ED 296, Image 253

⁴⁸ www.ancestry.com, 1910 US Census, 12-WD Chicago, Cook, Illinois, Series T624, Roll 253, Part 2, Page 149A

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Marks, Donald B	son	13	Illinois	
Marks, Dorothy F	daur	9	Illinois	
McNabney, Louisa M	roomer	31	Illinois	Claim Adjuster, Railway Co

1900 Census

(This census is interesting in that Florence ends up being listed twice ... with her husband under her married name and with her parents under her maiden name, Florence MADDEN (see the Madden section for this entry) – the theory is that she probably went to her parents house to have Fern and was still there recuperating at the time of the census!) Also, we have John's parents still alive and in Olney!

1900 Census⁴⁹

Olney, Richland County, Illinois

Marks, John W	head	29	Illinois	Mftr Fire Kindlers
Marks, Florence	wife	25	Illinois	
Marks, Donald	son	3	Illinois	
Marks, Fern	daur	0/12	Illinois	

1900 Census⁵⁰

Olney, Richland County, Illinois

Marks, J W	head	79	New York
Marks, Louisa	wife	66	Tennessee

Reminder – there is no 1890 census

1880 Census ... this is noteworthy in that it is the only time, except for the obituary of Florence and the use by Betty Alice as her maiden name, that we see WELLINGTON! Also

1880 Census⁵¹

Sumner, Lawrence County, Illinois

Marks, Luisa	wife	47	Tennessee
Marks, John <u>Wellington</u>	son	9	Illinois
Perryman, Elizabeth	daur	17	Illinois

NOTE: Luisa is marked as a wife, though John is not listed with her! So, another mystery in the making!

>>Marks/Wellington family Bits 'n Pieces

We were able to find a marriage for John W. Marks and Florence Madden ... yippee!

Richland County Marriage Records⁵²

John W. Marks, son of John W. Marks and Louise Bland married Florence Madden, daughter of Louis W. Madden and Mary E. Bartley, on Jun 9, 1895.

This was a great find as it gives us the maiden name of Louise and it also gives us the maiden name of Florence's mother! Excellent!

⁴⁹ www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Olney, Richland, Illinois, Roll T623 338, Page 24B, ED 126

⁵⁰ www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Olney, Richland, Illinois, Roll T623 338, Page 12A, ED 126

⁵¹ www.ancestry.com, 1880 US Census, Sumner, Lawrence, Illinois, Roll T9_224, Page 90.1000, ED 194, Image 0439

⁵² e-mail received 8/11/2005, Roberta Talley<grandma_86@yahoo.com>

>>Marks/Wellington family Obituaries, Death Certificates and/or Monumental Inscriptions

Besides the obituary, previously reported, for Donald, we have his death certificate and this was also instrumental in making sure that we had the right family!

Donald Romaine, 949 Foster Avenue, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
August 29, 1942

He was a navy veteran of the World War

He was divorced and his wife had been Juanita

He was born October 2, 1895 in Olney Illinois

His occupation was Interior Decorator

His parents were John W Romaine, Olney and Florence Madden, Olney

Informant was Mrs. Oliver Oskison

He was buried in Graceland cemetery

(NOTE: thought the father was listed as John W Romaine, we know that his birth name was John W Marks ... to date, we have not figured out where the name Romaine enters the story!)

Betty Alice Skemp⁵³

From *The Westporter-Herald* of Thursday, January 11, 1951:

"Private funeral services were held Monday morning at Ferncliff Crematory, Greenburgh, NY for Mrs. Betty Skemp wife of Robert Skemp of Wilton Rd. Mrs. Skemp died Saturday in Norwalk Hospital."

From the *Westport Town Crier* of Thursday, January 11, 1951, p. 8:

"Mrs. Robert O. Skemp

Mrs. Betty Skemp of Wilton Road died last Saturday morning at Norwalk Hospital. She is survived by her husband Robert O. Skemp; a daughter Jennifer Skemp; her parents Mr. & Mrs. John Wellington of Chicago, Illinois and one other sister Mrs. Fern Oskison of Appleton, Wisconsin. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Ganung Funeral Home in Norwalk and were private."

We have learned that Betty was cremated⁵⁴

"Pursuant to your email dated August 9, 2005, Betty Wellington Skemp died January 6, 1951, was cremated at the Ferncliff Crematory on January 8, 1951 and Ganung Funeral Home called for her cremated remains on January 9, 1951. Therefore, Betty Wellington Skemp was cremated at Ferncliff but is not buried here."

Florence Wellington⁵⁵

WELLINGTON

Edition: Chicago Tribune

Florence Wellington of 949 Foster avenue, July 19, 1954, beloved wife of the late John, dear mother of Fern Okison of Appleton, Wis., and the late Donald and Betty Skemp, sister of Paul Madden, Ivy Coen, and Yola Siebenthal, grandmother of Jennifer Skemp. At chapel, 5501 N. Ashland avenue, where services will be held Wednesday, July 21, at 1 p.m. Interment at convenience of family.

From the above, we know that John Wellington pre-deceased his wife. We have not found an obituary for him.

⁵³ e-mail received 8/8/2005 from Westport Library [Ref@westportlibrary.org]

⁵⁴ e-mail received 8/19/2005, Jane Marsek [jmarsek@ferncliffcemetery.com]

⁵⁵ 1954-07-21, Chicago Tribune IL, Copyright 1954, Chicago Tribune. For permission to reprint, contact Chicago Tribune. Record Number: 19540721dn078

MADDEN FAMILY

>>Madden family in the Census

1930 Census⁵⁶

Olney, Richland, Illinois

Madden, Louis W	head	O	80	Indiana	Farmer
Madden, Katherine	wife		58	Illinois	
Madden, Willard K	son		21	Illinois	Laborer, Factory

1920 Census⁵⁷

Olney, Richland, Illinois

Madden, Louis W	head	O	69	Indiana	Farmer
Madden, Catherine L	wife		48	Illinois	
Madden, William	son		16	Illinois	
Madden, Henry S	son		14	Illinois	
Madden, Willard K	son		10	Illinois	

1910 Census⁵⁸

Olney Twp, Richland, Illinois

Madden, Lewis W	head		60	Indiana	Farmer
Madden, Catherine R	wife		38	Illinois	
Madden, ??	son		6	Illinois	
Madden, Gordon	son		4	Illinois	
Madden, Willard	son		1	Illinois	

1900 Census⁵⁹

Olney, Richland, Illinois

Madden, Louis W	head		50	Indiana	Farmer
Madden, Mary A	wife		46	Illinois	
Madden, Myrtle	daur		26	Illinois	Teacher, School
Madden, Florence	daur		22	Illinois	Teacher, School
Madden, Avis	daur		16	Illinois	at school
Madden, Paul	son		14	Illinois	at school

(NOTE: this is the interesting census since Florence shows up here as Florence Madden and also with John W. Marks as Florence Marks ...)

1880 Census⁶⁰

New Liberty, Jasper, Illinois

Madden, Lewis W	30	School Teacher	Indiana
Madden, Mary E	27	Keeping House	Illinois
Madden, Myrtle	6		Illinois
Madden, Florence	5		Illinois
Madden, Iva	2		Illinois

⁵⁶ www.ancestry.com, 1930 US Census, Olney, Richland, Illinois, Roll 554, Page 4A, ED 17, Image 276.0

⁵⁷ www.ancestry.com, 1920 US Census, Olney, Richland, Illinois, Roll T625_401, Page 2B, ED 206, Image 752

⁵⁸ www.ancestry.com, 1910 US Census, Olney Twp, Richland, Illinois, T624, Roll 318, part 2, Page 237B

⁵⁹ www.ancestry.com, 1900 US Census, Olney, Richland, Illinois, Roll T623 338, Page 22A, ED 126

⁶⁰ www.ancestry.com & www.familysearch.org, 1880 US Census, New Liberty, Jasper, Illinois, Roll T9_215, Page 349C, ED 163, Image 0459

>>Madden family BMD et al

Mary E. Madden⁶¹

Mary E. Madden, wife of L.W. Madden died January 21, 1901 at the age of 47y, 7m, 6d and is buried in Haven Hill Cemetery, Richland County, Illinois

Louise William Madden (same source as for his wife)

Louis William Madden, sone of John P. Madden and Mary M. Isley married Catherine L. Bullard, daughter of Henry R. Bullard and Mary Kirkpatrick in Richland County on August 7, 1902.

This 2nd marriage is nice as it gives us the parents of Louise W. Madden and it explains the change in spouses that we observed in the census records.

This same source, in a later e-mail, reports that

Louis W. Madden, died December 11, 1940 and was buried at Haven Hill Cemetery in Olney on December 14, 1940. His parents were Madeline Isley and John Madden. His death certificate is recorded in Book 6 Page 426.

FUTURE WORK

SKEMP & SUMNER: There are extensive British records available that would take the SKEMP & SUMNER families back several generations! The censuses from 1841 through 1871 provide great information and when coupled with some country-wide indexes for birth, marriage and death and then local records for burials, monumental inscriptions, tithe/apportionment information, very active locale-based genealogy groups with very helpful members, and more, with a few hours of work, we can take this family easily back a couple of generations to the early 1800s or even late 1700s!

I have taken a peak and seen some pertinent records – we can trace the family back easily to 1861 to Bilston and Oxtou and Annesley Nottinghamshire and link into the **WEBB (or HEBB) & WIGHTMAN** families and other branches and the records back to 1841 should be fairly accessible. Apparently they were connected with the Methodist church as preachers, were involved in lace making or farming.

HESS & RAKESTRAW: Using the US census, obituaries found and other information, we would be able to go back through the 1870 and earlier censuses to find these families. Additionally, we could search for church and cemetery records.

MARKS/WELLINGTON & MADDEN: Using the US census we can trace these family backwards from 1880 ... to maybe as early as 1850. It looks like a few burial and other records may be available to help learn more about these families. We have learned that Louisa Marks was at one time Louisa **PERRYMAN** and that appears to be from a first marriage and so we would like to learn her maiden name!

⁶¹ e-mail received 8/11/2005, Roberta Talley <grandma_86@yahoo.com>

APPENDIX A
Robert Oliver Skemp – Artist

AskArt.com ... has a biography of Robert Oliver Skemp

Robert Oliver Skemp was born in 1910 the son of a prominent rug designer and artist, and grew up with a love of the sea and the ships that sailed it. A librarian Aunt provided books with stories like Treasure Island, 20,000 Leagues under the sea, and Mysterious Island with illustrations by artists like N.C. Wyeth, Meade Schaeffer and others.

At age 16 he enrolled in the Arts Student's League of New York to study with Thomas Hart Benton, George Bridgeman, and Frank V. DuMond. Still a young man, he joined the merchant marines and went around the world on a cargo ship, traveling to Europe, the Middle East, India, Japan, China, Hawaii and South America.

He returned to study under Pruett Carter at the Grand Central Art School, and with George Luks in New York. He tried for a berth on the Tusitalia, the last commercial sailing ship, but her voyage was canceled, and she never sailed again.

Mr. Skemp returned to France and Spain to paint and study further. His life a mix of painting and sailing, he built an ocean racing ketch in Maine with a friend, and later raced in the Bermuda race.

He began working as an illustrator for such magazines as Colliers, Liberty, Saturday Evening Post and Sports Afield, earning 3 Gold Medals among other awards from the Art Directors Clubs of Chicago and New York, and served as a flag officer of the Columbia Yacht club in Chicago, before moving to Connecticut.

In Connecticut he turned to portrait painting, and began a career which included portraits of notables such as J. Paul Getty; Admiral Richard E. Byrd; Admiral James Farley; Mayor Richard Lee of New Haven, CT; Luther B. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; and General Douglas Mac Arthur.

Work for the Church of the Latter Day Saints included a number of portraits as well as 2 murals for the New York World's Fair, and the Tokyo Worlds Fair.

Mr. Skemp's marine paintings focused for the most part on the clipper ships of the first part of the 19th century, especially notable for accuracy about individual ships, their rigging, sails, weather and marine environment. He was a founding member of the American Society of Marine Arts.

Died 1984.

Collections: Pentagon; The Vatican, The U.S. Coast Guard; Kingdom of Qatar, Governors mansion, Raleigh, N.C.; Princeton University; Yale University; Cornell University, and Pace University, and many others.



The Pin-up Files (www.thepinupfiles.com) ...

Skemp was born in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, on August 22nd, 1910.

A member of the Sundblom school of illustration, he first attended the Art Students League in New York in 1928-29, then went on to the Grand Central School of Art, studying in those years under George Luks, Thomas Hart Benton, and Harry Ballinger. But it was not until his association with Haddon Sundblom in Chicago that he came into his own as an artist.

Skemp and fellow Sundblom protégés like Elvgren, Buell, and Ballantyne, modelled their art in large part on that of the older artist. During his pin-up and glamour career, Skemp worked for several major publishing houses, but his original paintings are very rare today.

In the field of advertising, Skemp developed national campaigns for companies like Schlitz Beer, Studebaker Cars, the Ford Motor Company and, most notably, for Coca-Cola, where his images coordinated well with Elvgren's and Sundblom's work for the firm. He also created many story illustrations for mainstream magazines, including *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Collier's*, and *Sports Afield*. Skemp often adopted Elvgren's "situation" poses in his work, depicting girls caught off-guard in various activities. The use of primary colours was another characteristic of his work. He painted in a large format, usually 40 x 30 inches (101.6 x 76.2 cm), in oil on canvas.

Skemp was a member of the Society of Illustrators and the National Arts Club. His paintings are in both public collections (the Pentagon, the United States Coast Guard, and the New York Public Library) and corporate ones (AT and T, Reynolds Tobacco, and the Franklin Mint). Between 1949 and 1953, Skemp won numerous medals from The Art Directors Club of Chicago.

He died in 1984 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Southampton, New York, on the way to his summer home.

Source: Robert Skemp biography borrowed from ***The Great American Pin-up*** by Charles G. Martignette and Louis K. Meisel.



Bits 'n Pieces from other sources

From Westport Library & Westport Historical Society ...

Our book *A Community of Artists* lists Robert Kemp as follows: *Robert Skemp did agency work and is a long-time successful portrait painter.*

There is a black & white drawing *Clipper Ship* by Robert that is part of the *Black and White Collection* that hangs in the McManus Room at the Westport Library.

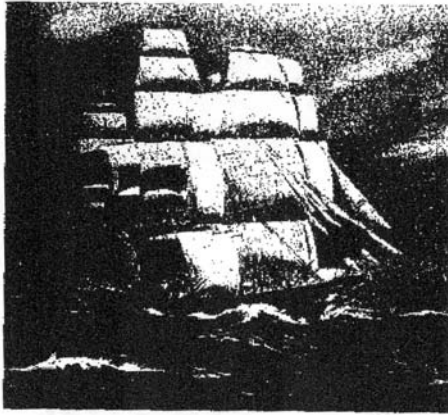
From The Smithsonian, Library of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and The National Portrait Gallery, Pat Lynagh

The Peter A. Juley & Son Collection at the Smithsonian (<http://siris-juleyphoto.si.edu/#focus>) holds photographic negatives of the work of more than 11,000 American artists and Robert Skemp is included. Some of the works listed are: Mr. D. Butts, H.I. Romnes, Dr. Arthur Trevinniny Haris, Portrait of a Woman with Red Scarf, William A. Burbank, and an untitled piece.

The Grand Central Art Galleries, Inc., 1969 Year book page 29, has a portrait of Mr. H.I. Romnes done by Robert O. Skemp

This image is from a 1st November 1936 edition of The Art Digest

"A PLEASURE TO USE,"
Writes Artist Robert O. Skemp, Gary, Ind.



MEET Mr. Robert O. Skemp, of Gary, Ind. Writing of the marine illustrated, he says, "This painting was done, as is all my work, with your materials I find them a real pleasure to use and more than satisfactory."

Everywhere artists say the same about Devoe Artists' Colors. They comment on the unusual brilliance and permanence of Devoe oils. Devoe artists' oil colors

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NOTE: we have some faxes of images attributed to Robert Oliver Skemp and they would reproduce too poorly to include here ...

>> one appears to be a 1945 advertisement for the Studebaker Corporation ... showing a radio operator

>>1943 Advertisement in "The Saturday Evening Post" for The White Motor Company, Cleveland – "World's Largest Grocery Truck"

>> Saturday Evening Post, March 6, 1945 ... image showing all-

American family in the center surrounded by images associated with various countries around the world.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

William S. and Ann Atherton

Art of the American West Gallery

► **Featured Artists**

Robert Oliver Skemp

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1910

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From the North Carolina Museum of Art, Art Reference Library

(http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/g_arto_arti.html)

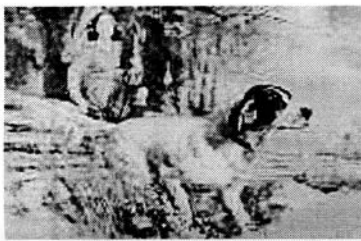
Shared with us some of the art that ask.com lists under its price database. These are two of the five pieces listed and they are chosen to show the diversity of subject matter that Robert Oliver Skemp tackled.



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Robert Skemp

Title	Anna Holder's \$4,000,000 dream (illus. for American Weekly)
Printing/ Casting	1948
Medium	Oil on Board en grisaille
Size	21 x 15 in. / 53.3 x 38.1 cm.
Impression	1948
Misc.	Signed
Sale Of	Illustration House: Friday, February 20, 1998 [Lot 164] Back Porch Auction III of Illustration Art (lots 101-200)
Estimate	900 - 1,500 US\$
Sold For	400 US\$ PREMIUM



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Robert Skemp

Title	Lady hunter and bird dog
Medium	Oil on Canvas
Size	24 x 36 in. / 61 x 91.4 cm.
Misc.	Signed
Sale Of	Frank H. Boos Gallery: Thursday, February 12, 1998 [Lot 1005] Fine Paintings, Furniture and Decorative Arts (lots 773-1151)
Estimate	600 - 800 US\$
Sold For	700 US\$ HAMMER

Art found on the web



(source: http://www.askart.com/artist/S/robert_oliver_skemp.asp?ID=103247)

There are two portraits he did that are in "Commanding Generals and Chiefs of Staff, 1775-1995; Portraits & Biographical Sketches of the United States Army's Senior Officer" by William Gardner Bell, 1997 (<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/books/cg&csa/>)



Robert Oliver Skemp (1910), portraitist and muralist, studied at the Art Students League under Thomas Hart Benton, Frank Vincent DuMond, and Robert Laurent; at the Grand Central Art School under Harry Ballinger and Pruett Carter; and at the George Luks and Charles Baskerville studios. He enlarged upon this background with study in France and Spain. Mr. Skemp maintains studios at Westport, Connecticut, and Amagansett, New York. He has won a number of awards and is represented in numerous collections. Among his prominent subjects are J. Paul Getty of Getty Oil Corporation, Walter Wriston of Citibank, and Donald Regan, chairman of the board of Merrill Lynch.

Hugh Lenox Scott
By Robert Oliver Skemp
Oil on canvas, 36" x 30", 1973



Robert Oliver Skemp (1910–) was born in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. He taught private art classes at Gary Indiana, in the mid-1930s and was an instructor at the Chicago School of Professional Art in the mid-1940s while he pursued his primary professional occupation of portraitist and muralist. In addition to his portraits of prominent figures in business and the professions, he executed murals for the Mormon Church and for World's Fairs at New York and Osaka. He has painted clipper ships of the nineteenth century and other marine subjects, and illustrated war bond publications during World War II. Mr. Skemp is a fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists.

Douglas MacArthur
By Robert Oliver Skemp
Oil on canvas, 44" x 32", 1973

Another Pin-up piece



(source: <http://illustratedgallery.com/collection/Skemp.htm>)



Artist: **Skemp, Robert O.**

Culture: **American, 1910-1984**

Title of Work: **William Hayes Ackland**

Dates:

Medium: **oil on canvas**

Category: **Painting**

Dimensions: **121.9 x 91.4 cm (48 x 36 in.)**

Credit Line: **William Hayes Ackland Estate Collection**

Accession No.: **58**

Source: **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill,
Ackland Art Museum,**

<http://www.ackland.org/index.html>

1944 War Ad: Studebaker - Connell Family



The Connells of South Bend are traveling

They've left the job of building Flying Fortress engines at Studebaker to their Dad.

GEORGE CONNELL is in the Marine Corps. His brother Francis is in the Navy. Both are in the air service. On his Studebaker job over 28 years Charles R. Connell began his Studebaker career before either of his air-crew sons was born.

STUDEBAKER
Builder of Wright Cyclone engines for the Boeing Flying Fortress,
big multiple-drive military trucks and other vital war materiel.



Charles R. Connell, father of George and Francis Connell, began his Studebaker career over 28 years ago. He is now in charge of the Studebaker plant in South Bend, Ind., where the Flying Fortresses are built.

1944 Studebaker Original Vintage War Ad

COMPANY: Studebaker

FOCUS: Connell Family - Father & Sons - B-17 Engines

HEADLINE: The Connells of South Bend are traveling. They've left the job of building Flying Fortress engines at Studebaker to their Dad.

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STUDEBAKER - Builder of Wright Cyclone engines for the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, big multiple-drive military trucks and other vital war materiel.

NAMED: Charles R. Connell - George Connell - Francis Connell

ARTIST: Robert Oliver Skemp (1910-1984)

CONDITION: Fair - staple stain

SOURCE: National Geographic - 1944

PAGE SIZE: (Approx) 7 x 10 inches

(source: <http://pages.tias.com/10720/PictPage/1922028531.html>)

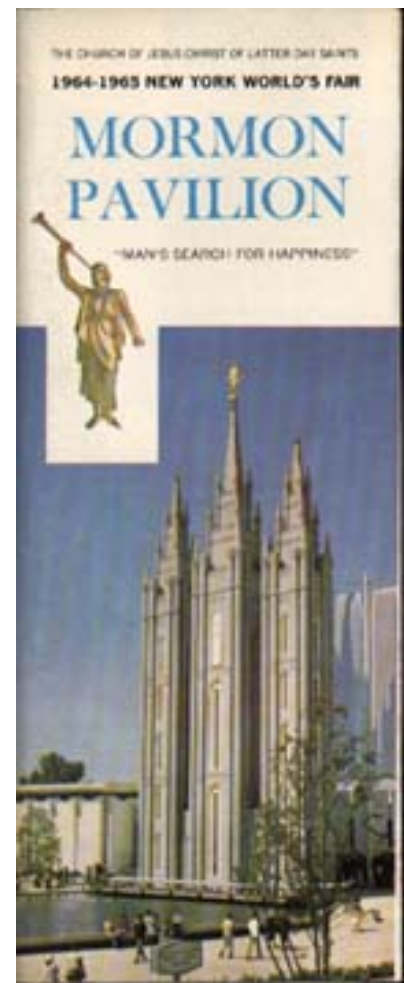
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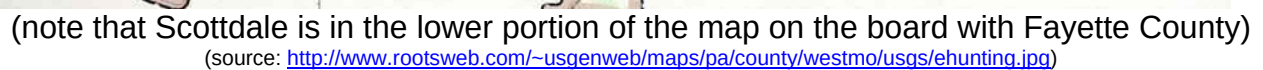
SKEMP, ROBERT OLIVER PAINTER

b Scottdale, Pa, Aug 22, 10. *Study*: Art Students League, with Thomas Hart Benton, George Bridgman, George Luks, Frank DuMont & Robert Laurent, 28-29; Grand Cent Sch Art, 29-30; in France & Spain; also with Charles Baskerville & J Cummings Chase, 30-32. *Work*: Rayburn Bldg, US Coast Guard, Anderson House, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Gov's Mansion, Raleigh, NC; New York Pub Lib; Ackland Gallery, Univ NC, Chapel Hill; Springfield Art Mus, Ill. *Comm*: Man's Search for Happiness, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, World's Fair, New York, 64 & Osaka, Japan, 69; portrait, Gen Armistead Maupin for Order of the Cincinnati, Washington, DC, 74; portrait, J Paul Getty, Getty Oil Corp, Delaware City, Del, 78; portrait, Mr & Mrs Lowell Thomas, Pawling, NY; portrait, Donald Regan, Pace Univ, NY; and others. *Exhib*: Am Soc Marine Artists, World Trade Ctr, 79; Int Maritime Art Awards Show, The Gallery, Mystic, Conn, 80-81; Contemp Marine Art, Peabody Mus, Salem, Mass, 81. *Awards*: Gold Medal, 51, two Gold Medals, 52 & Second & Third Places, 53, Art Dir's Club Chicago. *Bibliog*: Howard Muncie (auth), Portrait painting, Northlight Mag, winter 70. *Mem*: Am Soc Marine Artists (fel, 79 & dir, 79-81). *Style & Technique*: Academic-free, realistic, traditional. *Media*: Oil. *Dealer*: Portraits Inc 41 E 57th St New York NY 10022; Grand Cent Art Gallery 50 E 50th St New York NY. *Mailing Add*: 32 Hyde Lane Westport CT 06880

It is also interesting to compare his entry in Who's Who in American Art, 1982, to what was previously presented. This piece gives a bit more of a chronological perspective on his life as an artist and was written just 2 years before his death.

Here is a brochure from the World's Fair exhibit.





Skemp & Wellington & Allied Families



Westmoreland county is in the southwest corner of the state

(source: <http://www.pagenweb.org/imagemap.html>)