WHERE WE GOT OUR NAMES

G 11bert Thomas Stephenson (Dec. 17, 1884)

The Gilbert is not a family name. I have no idea who suggested or selected it. As a child I was told that one of the neighborhood girls made fun of it because, she said, her family carriage-driver was named Gilbert. Thomas came from my grandfather Thomas Boone Stephenson (1825-1916)

Grace Morris White Stephenson (Sept. 23, 1886)

Grace is not a family name. Grace does not know who suggested or selected it. Morris is for a Methodist minister who was preaching in the community about the time she was born.

Thomas Wilson Stephenson (Aug. 6, 1915)

Thomas is for me or for my grandfather. Wilson is for Grace's mother's family. Her name was Harriet Elizabeth Wilson. Elizabeth (Libby) Forster Stephenson (June 18, 1918)

Where did you get Elizabeth? Do you have a middle name?

If so, what is it and where did you get it?

T homas Fleetwood Stephenson (Feb. 11, 1942)

Thomas is for his father. Fleetwood is for his greatgrandmother, Susan Anna Constance Fleetwood Stephenson (1863-1954), the daughter of Joshua Charlton Fleetwood. (

J wath Burke Stephenson (April 1, 1942)

Where did you get Judith? Do you have a middle name? If so, what is it and where did you get it?

Nancy Hall Stephenson (Dec. 9, 1943)

Nancy is for her great-great-grandmother, Nancy Jane Woodard Stephenson (1823-1912). Hall is for Libby's mother's family name. What was Libby's mother's name?

Susie White Stephenson (Nov. 17, 1947)

Susie is for her great-grandmother, Susan Anna Constance
Fleetwood Stephenson. White is for Grace's family name. Grace's
father was named Andrew Jackson White and her mother Harriet
Elizabeth Hell White.

James Henry Stephenson (June 6, 1918)

He was named for his grandfather James Henry Stephenson.

(1860-1941) We do not know who suggested or selected that name.

Jeanne Thompson Stephenson (Sept. 11, 1920)

Where did Jeanne get her first name? Does she have a middle name. If so, what is it and from where did she get it?

James Henry Stephenson, Jr. (A pril 17 1958)

Named for his father, James Henry Stephenson

Paul Thompson Stephenson (Oct. 25, 1960)

Named for Jeanne's father, Paul Thompson.

Notes

My grandfather Fleetwood's name was Joshua Charlton Fleetwood; my grandmother's, Elizabeth Lewter Fleetwood (1832-1860)

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I was christened Elizabeth Renshaw Forster. Elizabeth after Father's Mother's maiden sister, Elisabet Speier, who lived in Dresden and we visited in 1938/ I remember she was way in her 80s then and yet she went in town and bought us boxes of marzipan for each of us, Tutty, Willie Richard and me. Father supported her and Tare // Tante Marie Steinfeld, her friend with whom she lived from after the first World War. Father and Mother used to visit them regularly and take them on little trips. The "Tanten" were most beloved by everyone. So when we four went on our grand tour in 1938 we too visited them in Dresden. Fortunately, they died before World War II.

Renshaw was my Grandmother Hall's maiden name. But when my Mother died in 1926 Father legally changed my middle name to Hall, My Mother's maiden name so my initials would be the same as Mother's even though she was named Edith.

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Dear Mr. Gilbert,

I'm sorry that you didn't receive the information on my names; Tom sent it to you in the Sunday family letter, but apparently you didn't receive it.

JUDITH- from my great-great grandmother, Judith Monohan from County Clare, Ireland. (Judith in Hebrew, by the way, means "praised."

BARBARA- no significance

BURKE- comes from the Norman name, De Burgo or burgmaster which was brought to Ireland by the Normans with their conquest at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

"burke" is also a verb in Webster's dictionary; definition- it means to murder by suffocation, or with few marks of violence, in order to obtain a body to be sold for dissection. 2. To dispose of quietly by suppressing or shelving. (After William Burke of Edinburgh, executed for the crime in 1829.)

Hope This is O.K.!

Love

Judy