

**Could Clarence Warren Dilfill be the same person as Charles W Dilfill?**  
By LaRae Free Kerr 14 Nov 2008

A Timeline for Walter Kerr's great uncle, C. W. Dilfill. Happy Birthday, Walter.

Timelines are useful tools to determine whether people of similar names are the same person. As you can see, Timelines also organize data chronologically so histories are easy to write. Timelines are absolutely essential to analysis of pedigrees.

**1887 or 1886 6 Dec** Topeka, KS, **Clarence Warren Dillfill** born to Aaron Henry Dilfill and Calma (Celena) C Warren.

[1941 family group sheet with no source data and email from Kathy Ewell 19 May 2001]

**1887 22 Jul** Carrie Elizabeth Grimes b OH; C W Dillfill's future wife.

[birth and death from Social Security Death Index. Ancestry.com image. Urbana, OH]

**1900** census. in Kaw, Jefferson, Kansas. Ansel, Charles A. May 1872 ae 28 md 2 yrs b Ohio farmer; Calena C wife b. Jun 1870 ae 30 md 2 yrs 2 children, 2 living, b Arkansas; **Clarence Dilfill** Dec 1887 ae 12 b Kansas stepson; Roy L Ansel son 1888 11 b Kansas. [Ancestry.com. 1900 U.S. Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: United States. 1900 United States Federal Census. T623, 1854 rolls. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.]

**1906** Promotion to **Clarence W Dilfill** from trainman, pm, \$100 salary to conductor, \$170 Jul 1.

[Culebra Div *Minutes of Meetings of the Isthmian Canal* Gvt Printing Office. 1908 p 1457 Googlebooks search.]

**1907 11 May Clarence Dilfill** b abt 1883 from Cristobal, Canal Zone to New York, NY on ship *Allianca*

[Ancestry.com. *New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

**1907 23 Dec** New Orleans passenger lists. **C W Dilfill** from Colon, Panama to New Orleans, LA on *Ellis*.

[Ancestry.com. *New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

**1907 Clarence W Dilfill** was conductor pm \$175.00

[Official Register of the United States Vol 1 1907 Isthmian Canal Commission. *Who Built the Panama Canal?* Pepperman and Pennell. Dutton. 1915 p 395]

**1908 3 May C W Dilfill** was witness to a train accident. His testimony was included in this book.

[*Opinions of the Solicitor of the Department of Labor*. U.S. Dept of Labor. Government Printing Office. 1915. P 475. Google Book Search.]

**1910** 12 May **C Warren Dilfill** 12 May 1910 abt 1882 from Cristabal, Canal Zone (sic) to New York on ship *Colon*

[Ancestry.com. *New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

**1911** 9 May Carrie G Dilfill and **C Warren Dilfill** from Colon, Panama to New Orleans, LA on *Atenas*. Birthplace Topeka, Kansas.

[Ancestry.com. *New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

**1912** 26 Apr **C Warren Dilfill** ae 28 b 1884 and Mrs. C W Dilfill b 1888 ae 24 from Cristobal, Canal Zone on *Colon* and Mrs. C. W. Dilfill.

[Ellis Island website: <http://www.ellisland.org/> The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. and WorldVitalRecords.com]

**1912** 7 Nov dau Roberta b in Empire, Canal Zone, Panama.

[Obit, SSDI, passenger records.]

**1913** 22 Apr Carrie Dilfill, **Warren Dilfill**, Roberta Dilfill from Colon, Panama on *Abangarez* to New Orleans, LA

[Ancestry.com. *New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

**1913** 23 Dec **C. Warren Dilfill** b 1882 age on arrival 31 and Mrs. C W Dilfill ae 26 b 1887.

[Ellis Island Arrivals WorldVitalRecords]

**1914** 17 Feb from USA, Urbana, OH **C Warren Dilfill** 32 years, ship *Colon* port of departure: Cristobal, Canal Zone. Residence: Urbana, OH.

[Ellis Island site.]

**1915** **Dilfill, C. W.** (Carrie) 3 children. Conductor TH&L 1006 Dodd St Ind. Tel.

[*The Farm Journal Directory of Henry Co Ohio* 1916. Googlebooks]

**1916** **DILFILL, C. W.** (Carrie) 3 children. conductor TH&L 1006 Dodd St Ind tel. 1916

[*Napolean Directory*. [http://www.henrycountyohiogenealogy.org/2003\\_May\\_Jun.htm](http://www.henrycountyohiogenealogy.org/2003_May_Jun.htm)]

**1916** 8 Jan dau Elizabeth Helen b in Napolean, Henry, OH.

[*Unflinching courage* by Adele B. Westover. No pub. 1960. Pp 154-5. Ancestry.com #12]

**1917** 20 May **Clarence W Dilfill** enlisted Wichita, KS by Poindexter age 21.5 laborer. Eyes blue hair D complexion ruddy height 5'10" discharged Jun 22 04 at Col Bxs Ohio

[Ancestry.com. *U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data: Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M233, 81 rolls); Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917, Record Group 94; National Archives, Washington, D.C.]

**1917** 5 Jun. **C Warren Dilfill** Henry County, Napoleon, Ohio. It says he was born Dec 6 1886 Topeka, KS He is a freight conductor D T and I (?) RR at Napoleon, has a wife and 3 children He is tall, slender with light blue eyes and brown hair.

[Ancestry.com. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls.]

**1919** Nov **C W Dilfill** transferred from Div 856 to 684.

[*Locomotive Engineers Journal*. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers 1920. Univ of Michigan. Google Books. 1920]

**1920** US census. **Clarence W Dilfill** ae 33 b 1886 Kansas, white ,home in 1920: San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, CA. inspector steam engine; Carrie 32 OH; Roberta 7 Canal Zone; Margaret 5 OH; Elizabeth 3 11/12 OH. Grimes, Mollie 57 OH mother-in-law  
[**Source Citation:** Year: *1920*; Census Place: *San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California*; Roll: *T625\_144*; Page: *17B*; Enumeration District: *48*; Image: *928*.]

**1930** Rachel Dilfill b 1846 bur 1930 in Topeka KS. She is C W's stepmother.

[ cemetery Find a Grave on WorldVitalRecords.]

**1930** census **Dilfill, Charles W.** 43 md age 23 KS PA AR superintendant steam railroad. Carry 42 ae 22 OH OH OH, Roberta, 17 Panama, librarian at library, Margret 15 OH KS OH Elizabeth 14, Mollie Grimes motherinlaw 67 wid OH PA PA

[1930 census image. ancestry.com **Source Citation:** Year: *1930*; Census Place: *Ecorse, Wayne, Michigan*; Roll: *1071*; Page: *32A*; Enumeration District: *915*; Image: *713.0*. Ecorse, Wayne, Michigan. 28 645 710.]

**1933** Margaret Dilfill attends Arizona Teacher's College in Flagstaff, AZ. See pix below.

[*College at Flagstaff Arizona yearbook*. Item: 91958

Call no.: LaCuesta1933.003 Original format: Yearbook Date(s): 1933 Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Department Northern Arizona University

[http://www6.nau.edu/library/scadb/imagedisplay.cfm?item\\_num=91988&type=Text](http://www6.nau.edu/library/scadb/imagedisplay.cfm?item_num=91988&type=Text)

**1935** 8 Mar. Roberta and Elizabeth Dilfill of Ecarse, Michigan are both in a touring Glee Club in AZ. Most of the singers are from Arizona.

[The Casa Grande Dispatch. AZ. So what are they doing in AZ? #11]

**1936** a Dilfill is mentioned twice in the book Investigation of Railroads, Holding Companies, Affiliated Co

[Google Book Search]

1936 Hancock Co Mississippi Carrie Dilfill mother of bride, "Chas." Dilfill Father of bride, Margaret, bride. Emmet P Robinson, groom. John Robinson, father of groom, Mary Robinson, mother of groom.

[Hancock Co Mississippi Historical Society Marriage Index. Bk X P 167.

<http://www.hancockcountyhistoricalsociety.com/reference/indexmarriage.htm?I=D>]

1938 5 Apr Elizabeth Helen Dilfill dau of **Clarence W Dilfill** and Carrie Grimes md Robert Roy Cummins in Tucson, AZ.

[*Unflinching Courage* by Adele B Westover. 1960 #12]

1939 16 Apr "Mr and Mrs **Clarence Dilfill, of Detroit, Mich.**, are guests of Mr and Mrs. Leslie Darling, 405 W Elm st." that's it.

[The Lima News, OH. P 20 newspaperarchive.com #17]

1940 22 Mar index says Dilfill of rr on page 11 of Lima News but can't read it.

[Lima News of Lima, OH Newspaperarchives.com ]

1940 14 Oct Talk given by **C W Dilfill** vice pres of DT&IRR at Jackson, OH.

[Portsmouth Times, 1940-10-14 p 3. Newspaperarchive.com #16]

1941 Toledo and Ironton Railroad Co. Stanley P Ruddiman pres **Chas W Dilfill** v-pres C C Straub v-pres-treas E H McCauley genl auditor E H DeBoard traffic mag 4921

Calhoun. Dilfill Chas W v-pres DT&IRR r4066 High (E) this is his residence. #10

[*Polk's Dearborn (Wayne Co Mich) City Directory* 1941. Detroit: R L Polk Co.]

1941 20 Feb **C. W. Dilfill**, DT&I vice pres, described derailment.

[Evening Independent Massillon, Ohio also in Lima, Ohio paper #14

<http://newspaperarchive.com/SearchResultsV3.aspx>]

1943 the same #10

1946 the same #10

1948 the same #10

1950 **DILFILL. Charla Warna**, operating vice-près. M Detroit. Toledo A Ironton RB; b. Topeka, M Kan., Dec. 6, 1886; s. Aaron Henry and Calma V (Warren) D.; ...

[*Who's Who in Finance and Industry*. Marquis Who's Who LLC, 1951]

[actually in *Who's Who in commerce and Industry*. Marquis Who's Who LLC, 1951 p 360.#18]

1951 in Allen Park, Michigan

1951 **Clarence Dilfill** 16 May 1951 abt 1887 Male departed Cristobal, Canal Zone Panama to New York, NY on *Panama*.

[Ancestry.com. *New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

1955 28 Jun C W Dilfill, vice president in charge of operations will retire Thurs from DT&I rr.

[The Lima News, Ohio 1955 06 28. #15

<http://newspaperarchive.com/PdfViewerTags.aspx?img=15053729&firstvisit=true&src=search&currentResult=3>]

1955 17 Nov 1955 Clarence Warren Dilfill 17 Nov 1955 from Belem,Bra to New York, NY

[ Ancestry.com. *New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data]

1974 23 Nov Florida Death Index, 1980-79: Clarence W Dilfill Palm Beach Co, w, b 6 Dec 1886. d 23 Nov 1974 Certificate: 78452.

[Ancestry.com. *Florida Death Index, 1877-1998* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: State of Florida. *Florida Death Index, 1877-1998*. Florida: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Records, 1998.]

1980 Dillfill, Carrie Elizabeth d 7/15/80.

[Social Security Death Index and

[http://www.champaign.lib.oh.us/obituaries/surname\\_di.htm#13](http://www.champaign.lib.oh.us/obituaries/surname_di.htm#13)]

Conclusion: Clarence, Warren and Charles are all names for C. W. Dilfill.



First Row Hutchinson King Klink Dilfill Ward Williams Morrow  
Second Row Clardy Patterson Jordan O'Connor Woods Dilfill Rabogliatti  
Third Row Erickson Fernandez Power Weisberg Swanson

The Pine

Margaret Dilfill is on the top row center.  
LaCuesta 1933 published by the associated students of Arizona State Teacher's  
College at Flagstaff Arizona yearbook. *Item:* 91958

*Call no.:* LaCuesta1933.003

*Original format:* Yearbook

*Date(s):* 1933 Cline Library  
Special Collections and Archives Department  
Northern Arizona University

[http://www6.nau.edu/library/scadb/imagedisplay.cfm?item\\_num=91988&type=Text](http://www6.nau.edu/library/scadb/imagedisplay.cfm?item_num=91988&type=Text)