The Lineage of the Founders of Delta Gamma Fraternity

Founders’ Memorial Room
The Mary Ricks Thornton Cultural Center, c. 1899
200 North Huntington Street
Kosciusko, Mississippi

Founders’ Room
Alpha Psi-Mississippi
203 Sorority Row
Oxford, Mississippi

Delta Gamma Memorial Window
Ventress Hall, College of Liberal Arts
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Eva Webb Dodd, Mary Comfort Leonard, Anna Boyd Ellington

Founded 1873
The Lewis School
Oxford, Mississippi

updated 2015
Grandparents of Anna Boyd and Eva Webb
All are cousins between these two founders

John D. Boyd, b. 1800 and Anne McKee Boyd, b.1804:
• Elizabeth Boyd, b. 1821
• Rachel Boyd, b. 1823
• William Boyd, b. 1825
• Sophia Boyd, b. 1827
• James Madison Boyd, b. 1829 (Matilda Anne Boyd’s brother, Anna’s father and Eva’s uncle)
m. Caroline A. Kennedy Boyd
  ° Sidney Gordon Boyd, b. 1854 (Anna’s brother)
  ° Anna Rebecca Boyd Ellington, b. 1832 d.1913
  ° John D. Boyd, b. 1857 (Anna’s brother) m. Maggie L. Goree 1870
  ° Lou Ella Boyd, b. 1859 (Anna’s sister)
  ° James Robert Boyd, b. 1862 (Anna’s brother)
  ° Caroline Matilda Boyd Campbell, b. 1866 (Anna’s sister)
  ° John Gordon Davis Boyd, b. 1835 d.1917
  ° Martha J. Boyd, b. 1837 d.1856
  ° Sarah A. Boyd, b.1839
  ° Andrew Jackson Boyd, b. 1840 d. 1878
  ° Robert Ross Boyd, b. 1842 d. 1915
• Matilda Anne Boyd, b. 1832 d.1913 (James Madison Boyd’s sister, Eva’s mother, Anna’s aunt) m. Robert Berry Webb
  ° Eva (Evelyn) Webb, b. 1855
  ° Charles Micajah Webb (Eva’s brother), b.1858 d.1934
  ° Robert James Webb (Eva’s brother), b. 1857 d.1906
  ° Ruth Webb (Eva’s sister), b.1860
  ° Jack Boyd Webb (Eva’s brother), b. 1862
  ° Clayton Webb (Eva’s brother), b. 1864
  ° Arthur Leon Webb, (Eva’s brother), b. 1866
  ° Annie Webb (Eva’s sister), b. 1872 d.1940
  ° Ester Ruth Webb (Eva’s sister), b. 1893 d. 1920
  ° Charles Gordon Webb (Eva’s brother), b. 1908 d.1984

* indicates alumnae initiates

The evolution of this lineage is a work in progress. We are looking forward to hearing about more Delta Gammas that may have descended from our founders. Please share any information you may have with archives@deltagamma.org to help us continually update this important history.
ANNA REBECCA BOYD ELLINGTON – Psi-The Lewis School, 1873
The vivacious brunette was born January 22, 1856, in Kosciusko, MS and died August 12, 1907. She was the daughter of James Madison Boyd b.1829 d. 1899 (uncle of Eva Webb) and Caroline A. Kennedy Boyd b.1823 d.1896. Her father was a member of Mississippi legislature. Her mother was a school teacher. Anna married Daniel A. Ellington in 1882 and moved to California. He died in 1890 and she returned to Kosciusko a few years later. They were the parents of four daughters:

- Lena Boyd Ellington, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1938*, b.1883 d. 1980, no children
- Harriet Ruth, b.1884 d.1923
- Caroline Ella, b. 1886, d. 1963
- Lillian Ellington Duncan, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1938* b.1888 d.1959, no children

Children of Caroline "Carrie" Ellington Green (daughter), Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1944* m. John Clarence Green 1906
- John Clarence Green, Jr. b.1926 (grandson) m. Barbara V. Green
  - Elizabeth "Betsy" Ellington Green Miles (great-granddaughter), b. 1959
  - Peter Damian Green (great-grandson), b.1963, m. Elizabeth D. Green, 1987
- Megan Elizabeth Green, Epsilon Gamma-Virginia, 2014 b. 1995
  (great-great-granddaughter)
- Mary Teresa Green Wootten, b. 1965 (great-granddaughter)
  - Aaron Michael Donohue, b. 1995 (great-great-grandson)
  - Joseph Selle Donohue, b. 1997 (great-great-grandson)
- Ruth Vierti Green, b. 1966 (great-granddaughter)

Children of Harriet Ruth Ellington Campbell (daughter) m. Delma Charles Campbell 1908
- Annie Ruth Campbell Ashley b. 1909 d. 1948 (granddaughter) m. John Clarence Green 1906
  - Elizabeth "Betsy" Ellington Green Miles (great-granddaughter), b. 1959
  - Peter Damian Green (great-grandson), b.1963, m. Elizabeth D. Green, 1987
- Lillian Kimberly Palmer b.1959 (great-granddaughter)
- Caroline Matilda Boyd Campbell b. 1832 d.1913 (Anna’s sister) m. William A Campbell b.1863
  - James W. Campbell (nephew) m. Evelyn Flowers
  - Evelyn Campbell Watts, b. 1928 d. 2007 Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1949*
    - Robert Campbell (nephew)
    - Caroline Campbell (nephew)
- John D. Boyd b. 1857 (brother of Anna) m.1870 Maggie L. Goree
  - Edwin Forrest Boyd b. 1889 (Anna’s nephew) m. Ethel Ostrander
  - Edwin Forrest Boyd, Jr. b. 1920 (great nephew) m. Frances Ross
- Frances Boyd Agajanian, b. 1951 Alpha Nu-USC, 1969 (great niece)
  - Amy Elizabeth Agajanian, b. 1985 Alpha Nu-USC, 2009 (grand-niece)
  - Allie Ruth Boyd, b.1891 d.1972
  - Mary Litt Boyd, b.1894 d. 1944
  - Pearl Boyd, b. 1896 d. 1974
  - Johnnie Dorris Boyd, b.1898 d.1983
- J. Gordon Boyd, b. 1835 (Anna’s brother)
- Martha J. Boyd, b. 1837 (Anna’s sister)
- Sarah A. Boyd, b. 1839 (Anna’s sister)
- Andrew Jackson Boyd, b. 1840 (Anna’s brother)
- Robert Ross Boyd, b. 1842 (Anna’s brother)
- Lou Ella Boyd b. 1859 (Anna’s sister)
- Robert James Boyd b.1857 (Anna’s brother)

MARY ELEANOR COMFORT LEONARD – Psi-The Lewis School, 1873
The blondish redhead was born January 22, 1856 and died August 4, 1940. She was the daughter of Eliza Love Durham, b.1837 d.1859, and Daniel Benjamin Comfort, b. 1839 of Kosciusko, Mississippi. She was one of 13 children, three by her mother and 11 by her mother’s sister and step-mother, Georgia Brown Durham, after Eliza died at age 22. Mary was called “Mae-Ellen” by her siblings. Mary married Charles H. Leonard b. 1856 d.1887 in January 1880. Charles was a Delta Psi at the University of Mississippi. Both were teachers, lived and taught in Tennessee – moved to Florida for Charles health where he died. They were the parents of three sons:

- Cecil Charles, b. 1881, no children
- William Comfort, b.1883 d.1956
- Herbert T., b.1886 d. 1946

Children of William Comfort Leonard (son) m. Verna Boyd Leonard
- Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Leonard Long, b.1916, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1938 (granddaughter), d. 2015
  - John Wade Long Jr. (great-grandson)
  - John Wade Long III (great-great-grandson)
  - James Leonard Long (great-grandson)
  - William Comfort Long (great-grandson)
- William "Billy" Comfort, b.1924 d.2005 and Verna Leonard (grandson)
  - Betty Boyd Leonard Nelson, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1963 (granddaughter)
    - Michelle Nelson Miller (great-granddaughter)
    - Michel Leonard (Lee) Nelson (great-grandson)
  - Mary Mack Leonard Jones, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1967 (granddaughter)
    - Margaret Keith Smythe Meacham (great-granddaughter)
    - Mary Marshall Smythe (great-granddaughter)
  - Charla Leonard Reynolds, Phi-Colorado, 1971 (great-granddaughter)
    - Thomas Keith Reynolds (great-great-grandson)
    - William Leonard Reynolds (great-great-grandson)
- Children of Herbert T. Leonard (son) m. Myris "Mersy" Seawright Leonard
  - Rose Marie Leonard Paris, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1951 (granddaughter) m. Henry Paris
    - Irma Leonard Paris (great-granddaughter)
    - Leroy (great-grandson) m. Lisa Redditt Paris, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1982
      - Rachel Marie Paris, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 2001 (great-granddaughter)
      - Vivian Redditt Paris, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 2013 (great-granddaughter)
      - Rachel Myrius Paris Causey (great-granddaughter)
- Children of Clifton C. Comfort, b.1919 d.1974 (half brother) m. Eunice Parker Comfort, b.1882 d.1961
  - Nancy Love Comfort Heilbronner, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 1941 (half niece), d. 2014
    - Janet Heilbronner Litton, Epsilon Omega-Louisiana Tech, 1986 (great half niece)
    - Wayne Heilbronner (great half nephew)
  - Haley Heilbronner Kuhn, Delta Lambda-Mississippi State, 1997
    (great half niece)
  - Shelby Heilbronner Hathorn, Delta Lambda-Mississippi State, 1999, affiliate
    Alpha Psi-Mississippi (great half niece)
- Helen Lane Comfort Sanders, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi, 1971 (half niece), b.1903 d. 1990
EVA (EVELYN) WEBB DODD – Psi-The Lewis School, 1873

The petite blond was born July 5, 1855 and died January 28, 1934, in Kosciusko, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Matilda Anna Boyd, b. 1832 d. 1913, and Robert Berry Webb, b.1822 d. 1900, pioneer residents of Kosciusko, Attala County, Mississippi. Eva married the Honorable Samuel L. Dodd, b. 1848 d. 1928 on October 12, 1875. They were the parents of eight children:

- Evelyn, died as an infant
- Charlotte, b.1877
- Walter, b.1878 d.1925
- Mary, b.1880 d.1931
- Samuel A., b.1882 d.1884
- Harvey, b.1885 d.1912
- Ruth, b.1890 d. 1912
- Lapsley, b. 1893 d.1954

Children of Charlotte “Lottie” Dodd, m. 1896, and Edgar West (daughter)

- Charlotte Waddell West (granddaughter) m. John Y. Waugh II
  - John Y. Waugh, III (great-grandson)
  - Janice Patricia Waugh (great-great-granddaughter)
  - John Y. Waugh, IV (great-great-grandson)
  - Steven Scott Waugh (great-grandson)
- George Lapsley Waugh (great-grandson)
- Elizabeth Ann Waugh McCandless (great-granddaughter)
  - Mary Katherine McCandless, Beta Kappa–Kansas, 2010 b.1992 (great-great-granddaughter)
  - George L. Waugh, Jr. (great-great-grandson)
  - Elizabeth “Ellie” West Waugh, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, 2015 b.1996 (great-great-granddaughter)
  - Thomas Waddel Waugh (great-grandson)
- Charles West Waugh (great-grandson)
  - Charles West Waugh, Jr. (great-grandson)
  - Samuel Dodd Waugh (great-grandson)
  - Charlotte Ann Waugh (great-granddaughter)
  - John Stone Waugh (great-grandson)

Mary Evelyn West Thudium, Alpha Omega-Arkansas, 1955, (granddaughter) b. 1901 d. 1963
- Martha Elizabeth West, Phi-Colorado 1925 (granddaughter) b. 1903 d. 1947

Walter Dodd (son) m. Clara Belle Dean

- Evelyn Dodd Staehle, d. 1979, (granddaughter)
- Virginia Dodd Devall, b.1908 (granddaughter)
  - Frederick DuMontier Devall III, b.1938 (great-grandson)
  - Frederick DuMontier Devall IV, b.1969 (great-grandson)
  - James Richard Devall, b. 1973 (great-grandson)

- Mary Dodd Crosier (daughter) m. James W. Crosier
- Lapsley Ward Crosier (grandson) b.1914 d. 2000
  - Shirley Jeannette Crosier (great-granddaughter)
  - Mary Carol Crosier Davison (great-granddaughter)

- Kelly Davison (great-great-granddaughter)
- Danny Davison (great-great-grandson)
- Jeffrey Ward Crosier (great-grandson)
- Elizabeth Crosier (great-granddaughter)
- Ronald Wayne Crosier (great-grandson)
- Peggy Crosier (great-granddaughter)
- Gwen Dolyn Crosier Cully (great-granddaughter)
- John Cully (great-grandson)
- Robert Lapsley Crosier (great-grandson)

Charles Gordon Webb b. 1908 d.1984 (Eva’s Brother)

- Gordon Webb (nephew)
  - Charles Mansfield Webb
  - Robert G. Webb

Robert James Webb, b.1857 d.1906 (Eva’s brother)

- Martha Ann Webb Webb (niece)
  - Margaret Ray Buchanan (niece)
  - Harriet Ann Buchanan Johnson (great niece)
  - William Payton Johnson (great-grandnephew)
  - Maureen Meredith Johnson (great-grandniece)
  - Susanna Margaret Johnson (great-grandniece)
  - Robert Buchanan Johnson (great-grandnephew)

Charles Micajah Webb, b. 1858 d.1934 (Eva’s brother) m.1890 Martha Celestine Walling b.1874 d.1944

- Mary Ann Webb, b. 1890 d.1939 (Niece)
  - Lois Ruth Webb Pollard, b. 1911 d. 2000 (great niece)
  - Lois Afton Price, b. 1934 (great-great niece)
  - Lewis Marshall Roch III, b. 1956 (great-great-grandnephew)

Ester Ruth Webb, b. 1893 d. 2020 (Eva’s sister) m. Milton Montgomery

- Evelyn Webb, b. 1894 d.1956 (Eva’s sister) m. Clarence Dewitt Carol and Lee Caskey
- Robert Clayton Webb, b. 1901 (Eva’s brother)
- Ruth Webb, b. 1860 (Eva’s sister)
- Jack Boyd Webb, b. 1862 (Eva’s brother)
- Clayton Webb, b. 1864 (Eva’s brother)
- Arthur Leon Webb, b. 1866 (Eva’s brother)
- John Gordon Webb, b. 1869 (Eva’s brother)

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