

Where's Archie Beavers?

October 16, 2017 by [Patricia Beavers Ford](#)

Where's Archie Beavers? Archie Beavers, son of Renson Reeves and Mary Ann (Varner) Beavers, and brother of Henry Cleveland Beavers to which is the grandfather of this query. The Beavers Family had been originally from Howell County, Missouri. "I am looking for any info on one Archie Beavers, brother of Henry." Asked Patricia Ann Beavers Ford. "I am wondering if maybe Archie was adopted by a family in Howell County, and perhaps, taken their surname as well. Any help in locating any information about Archie Beavers would be appreciated."

Brief Family History:

Patricia Ann Beavers Ford wrote: "My Great Grandmother Mary Ann (Varner) Beavers was widowed about 1894 leaving her with four young children---all boys. The oldest being born in 1879 and the youngest about 1891. After the 1900 census (in Howell County, Missouri) she threw the boys out of the house with a very little to survive on. My grandfather, Henry Cleveland Beavers (born 1886), and his older brother came to Texas and settled in Upshur County. The family story has been told that some families in Howell County took Sam Milford and Archie into their homes. I know what happened to Sam Milford, but no one seems to know what happened to Archie.

"Another reason my Great Grandmother, threw the boys out, was that she ran off with a neighbor Seaborn Jones (who was still married at the time) and they were in 1910 census in Arkansas. After Seaborn died, Mary Ann came back to Missouri and lived with Sam Milford, his wife Effie, and their daughter Golda. I spoke with Golda back in the early 1990s, and she stated that Mary Ann was extremely mean and headstrong, and when she got sick prior to her death, she wanted to see her children one more time. I know that Henry and Monroe went back to Missouri to see her before she passed away, and yet, I have no idea what happened to Archie, and no one else knew where he was.

"I know that somewhere, someone has to know about Archie or what happened to him. If I could just locate the family that took him in I might be able to get some solid answers. I do know that Archie's father was Renson Reeves Beavers, who was born about 1838 in Missouri. He was married three times. His first wife was Mary Beeler, they had four children, then she dies before 1870. The second wife was Susan Bradshaw, and she died before 1879, leaving him with three children.

"From my research I found that one of Renson's sisters married someone and this element of the family moved to Oregon along with one of Renson unmarried sisters. There is a good chance if the Archie that is found in Idaho may have followed members of the extended family to Idaho/Oregon area. Renson's sons from his first marriage, I believe, were part of railroad crews working in the Northwest part of the United States. Children from the second marriage were taken in by their grandfather William Bradshaw."

Quick Facts about Archie Beavers:

Research Compiled by Matthew D. Friend from Ancestry.com and Google Books.

Researcher's Notes:

This census record finds Archie at the age of 11 with his mother in Howell County, Missouri. One evidence shows that his birth date was listed as October 1888, and in Missouri. Going by this information the following record created this match against who Archie was and another item to add to showing it is him we are seeking for.

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 TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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State Missouri
 County Howell

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 12 Sheet No.
 Enumeration District No. 61 10

Township or other division of county Willow Springs Township Name of Institution, X
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, X Ward of city, X
 Enumerated by us on the 20th day of June, 1900, Boyd W. Campbell Enumerator.

SEX	MARRIAGE	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION	SPEECH IF DEAF
				Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person				
290 289		Head	W. M. Mar. 1837 48 70 10	Tennessee	N. Carolina	N. Carolina		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. Dec. 1822 78 55 10 1	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Son	W. M. 1875 25 8 8	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
291 281		Head	W. F. Oct. 1820 67 44 8	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. 1824 63 42 8	England	England	England		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Son	W. F. July 1878 21 8	England	England	England		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
292 282		Head	W. M. Oct. 1829 71 70 18	Pennsylvania	N. Jersey	Illinois		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. Jan. 1827 73 70 17 6 3	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania		at school	4 5 8 20	
		Son	W. M. Feb. 1888 12 8	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania		at school	4 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. June 1872 28 8	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania		at school	4 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Apr. 1874 26 8	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania		at school	4 5 8 20	
293 283		Head	W. M. Aug. 1828 66 70 0	Illinois	Arkansas	Arkansas		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. Oct. 1824 68 70 0	Illinois	Arkansas	Arkansas		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Son	W. M. Apr. 1874 26 70 0	Illinois	Arkansas	Arkansas		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Dec. 1868 32 70 29	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Nov. 1868 31 70 34	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
294 284		Head	W. M. Feb. 1869 31 8	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. Oct. 1815 84 70 27	Ohio	Indiana	Indiana		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Son	W. F. July 1861 38 70 37 5 4	Indiana	Tennessee	Miss. & Va.		at school	6 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Feb. 1861 37 70 4	Indiana	Ohio	Indiana		at school	6 5 8 20	
295 285		Head	W. M. Dec. 1822 77 70 14	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Wife	W. F. Feb. 1824 75 70 14 6 6	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Son	W. M. Oct. 1874 25 8	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Oct. 1874 25 8	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Nov. 1876 23 8	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Nov. 1871 28 8	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
		Daughter	W. F. Feb. 1868 32 8	Germany	Germany	Germany		Farmer	0 5 8 20	
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1900 U.S. Census:
 Willow Springs, Howell, Missouri, USA
 Name: Archie Beavers
 Aged: 11 (Oct 1888 MO)
 Relationship to Head: Son
 Household & Family Nos.: 299 | 299
 Head of Household: Mary Beavers (Mother)
 Siblings:
 Monroe (Aged: 20), Henry (Aged: 13), Samuel (Aged: 9)
 Enumerated: 20 Jun 1900

The next record is the WWI Draft Registration record, though the last name is missing the "s" based on the census record above. We know it has to be the same Archie Beavers because of his birth date matches the month and but off by a couple of year of age. This is common when people give these kind of information, like in the census record was the mother who gave the info to the enmerator, while this record is Archie himself. So we don't know for sure if he was born in 1888 or 1886. Another piece of evidence is the birth place he gave in this record. Olden, Missouri. So we can say for sure this is him and he lived in Pocatello, Idaho at this point.

Form 1 *255* REGISTRATION CARD *30* No. *150*

1 Name in full *Archie Beaver* Age in yrs. *30*
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address *Pocatello Idaho*
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth *Oct 28 1886*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *nath born*

5 Where were you born? *Olden Mo USA*
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Not employed*

8 By whom employed? *H 38*
 Where employed?

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *No*

10 Married or single (which)? *single* Race (specify which)?

11 What military service have you had? Rank *No*; branch
 years; Nation or State

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *Tried to enlist did not pass*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

C X *Archie Beaver*
(Signature or mark)

If possible affix photograph of this registrant

>
 WWI Draft Reg. Cards, 1917-1918:
 Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho, USA
 Applicant's Name: Archie Beaver
 Birth Data: 28 Oct 1886, Olden, Howell, Missouri, USA (Aged: 30)

Residency: Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho, USA

Occupation: Not Employed

Physical Description:

Build: Stout, Height: Tall, Hair: dark (not bald), Eye: Gray **Status:** Single

Date of Application: 5 Jun 1917

This last piece is interesting information and unfortunately Archie Beaver served in the war, briefly, because this record shows a listing of all the men who were drafted and then served at least two month before deserting the military. However, it doesn't show where they turned up missing, and this is where NARA have to come in and provide records of this person.

28	675	Dan Baker, Pocatello, Idaho.
ta,	2277	Alvin Bingham (Barnham), Broomfield, Mo. (Ex. gang No. 24, Tyhee, Pocatello, Idaho).
	653	Wallace Bates, Clayton, Mo. (O. S. L. gang No. 24, Tyhee, Idaho).
e),	309	Archie Beaver, Pocatello, Idaho.
are	2765	William Wallace Berchard, 911 Market Street, St. Louis, Mo.
vin	3012	Leland Brown, 152 South First Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho.
	1368	David (Davis) Roy (Ray) Brown, relief agent, O. S. L., Pocatello, Idaho.
Ga.	3147	Thomas Elton (Eton, E.) Butterwood, 306 North Main, Pocatello, Idaho.
et,	1470	Herman Carrio (Carrillo), north end of town, Pocatello, Idaho (care of O. S. L., Pocatello, Idaho).
	202	Raymond Cantwell, general delivery, Pocatello, Idaho.
	1495	Ralph Chadwick, 13 North Harrison, Pocatello, Idaho.
	578	Nels Edward Christensen (Nick Christensen, Nels Christiansen), 450 South Tenth, Pocatello, Idaho.

Congressional Record:

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This section of the book explained that the soldiers who were drafted into the war had served over two months before they deserted, though, it not clear if they were in-state or in-field