Introduction

My name is Judy Ross, my mother, Emily Jane Bigger, was born to Leonard Kelly Bigger and Marie DeJoice. Emily married Donald Ross.

* *(See DeJoice Family Research Paper).*
* *(See Ross Family Research Paper).*

Leonard’s adopted father was Henry Ward Bigger (1875-1935) and his biological mother was Emma Rachel Smith (1870-1929). Why adopted? When Emma married Henry, she was pregnant with Leonard. In honor of her 1st husband Emma gave Leonard his biological father’s last name of Kelly. Henry was also previously married, and when Henry and Emma married, they were both living in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

* *(See Smith Family Research Paper).*
* *(See Kelly Family Research Paper).*

Henry Bigger was born to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse. Abraham was born to James Bigger (1813-1868) and Kathryne Reese of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Prior to 1820 this particular branch of the Bigger family arrived from Yates County New York, and settled in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

* *(See Stackhouse Family Research Paper).*
* *(See James Bigger (1813-1868) Family Research Paper)*

This particular paper begins with Abraham Reese Bigger (1841-1912). Connecting him to his great-grandson, Henry Ward Bigger, and Henry’s marriage with Emma Smith.

Abraham Reese Bigger (1841-1912)

Abraham Reese [[1]](#footnote-1) Bigger was born July 30th 1841 to James Bigger and Kathryne Reese [[2]](#footnote-2) in Davidson Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[3]](#endnote-1) He was named after his maternal grandfather, Abraham Reese.

In 1850 7-year-old Abraham lived with his family in the Davidson Township area of Sullivan County. At the time his father, James, was a farmer. By 1860 Abraham was still living with his parents, in the post office area Eldredsville, Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

On June 21st 1861 a soon to be 20-year-old Abraham mustered into Civil War service as a private in Company H of the 34th Pennsylvania Infantry at Camp Tennally,[[4]](#endnote-2)-[[5]](#endnote-3) located in Tennallytown, northwestern Washington, D.C.

* The 5th Pennsylvania Reserve Regiment also known as the 34th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was an infantry regiment that served in the Union Army as part of the Pennsylvania Reserves infantry division during the American Civil War.
* Abraham’s headstone inscription reads: Co. I 5th Regt

Abraham was a prisoner for 5 weeks in the Libby Confederate prison, Richmond, Virginia. Abraham received wounds while in action, [[6]](#endnote-4)-[[7]](#endnote-5) and was mustered out of service on February 5th 1863, and discharged on March 5th 1863. Then in July 1863 Abraham registered again for service. At that time, he indicated he was single and working as a farmer in Davidson Township, Sullivan County. [[8]](#endnote-6)

Abraham married Mary Stackhouse [[9]](#endnote-7) about 1868. Mary Stackhouse was born June 16th 1843 to Abraham Stackhouse and Rebecca Kinney in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[10]](#endnote-8)

* *See Stackhouse Family Research Paper.*

By June 24th 1870 28-year-old Abraham and 27-year-old Mary, with their 8-month-old daughter Emma J., were living in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County.

Then on October 19th 1870 Abraham applied for his Civil War pension as a private in Company H of the 34th Pennsylvania Infantry. His application #: 209652, Certificate #: 140686. [[11]](#endnote-9)

Mary was 41 years old when she died May 6th 1885. She was laid to rest in the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 45101069 [[12]](#footnote-3)

In June 1890 Abraham was still living Unityville, Jordan Township, Lycoming County. Then in 1900 Abraham was still living in Jordan Township, along with his 21-year-old daughter, Minnie B Bigger. By 1910, beside his now 30-year-old daughter Minnie, two more children moved in with Abraham in his Jordon Township home; 33-year-old Gratz G. and 26-year-old Walter S.

Abraham was 71 years old when he died November 27th 1912 in Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in the Salem Cemetery Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. His son, General G. Bigger, of Rural Delivery #2 Unityville was the informant on Abraham’s death certificate. [[13]](#endnote-10) FAG#: 45101063 [[14]](#footnote-4)

* Headstone Inscription: 71y 3m 29d; Co. I 5th Regt.

Abraham and Mary Bigger children included.

1. Emma Jane Bigger (1869-1926). She married John E. Whitmoyer.
2. Howard Raymond Bigger (1871-1953). He married
3. Della Mae Bigger (1873–1949).
4. Henry Ward Bigger (1875-1935). He married Rachel Emma Smith
5. General George Washington Bigger (1877-).
6. Minerva Blanch Bigger (1879-1942). She went by the name Minnie. She lived with her father until he died in 1912. Minnie never married. [[15]](#endnote-11)
7. Walter S. Bigger (1884-)

Emma Jane Bigger (1869-1926)

Emma Jane Bigger was born to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Emma married John E. Whitmoyer.

Howard Raymond Bigger (1871-1953)

Howard Raymond Bigger was born April 18th 1871 to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Howard married Bertha on October 8th 1901. Howard died September 29th 1953 while living in Hughsville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hughsville. FAG#: 87286823 [[16]](#footnote-5)

Della Mae Bigger (1873–1949)

Della Mae Bigger was born June 25th 1873 to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

She lived with her parents in 1880. But not in 1900. Della married William Harry Trivelpiece in August 1893.

Della was 76 years old when she died September 26th 1949. She was laid to rest at the Roselawn Cemetery, Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 40612418 [[17]](#footnote-6)

Della and William had these children.

1. Jennie B. Trivelpiece
2. Chloe Wilma Trivelpiece. She married Mr. Frey
3. Anna Ruby Trivelpiece
4. Warren Earl Trivelpiece
5. Oliver Blair Trivelpiece
6. Scott Biggar Trivelpiece
7. Clyde William Trivelpiece
8. Cecile Marguerite Trivelpiece
9. Jessie B. Trivelpiece

Henry Ward Bigger (1875-1935)

Henry Ward Bigger was born February 24th 1875 [[18]](#endnote-12) to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[19]](#endnote-13)

Henry was previously married. He then married Emma Rachel [[20]](#endnote-14) Smith in 1897, who went by the name Emma. The family lived in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.[[21]](#endnote-15) Henry had a medium build, black hair, and brown eyes. [[22]](#endnote-16)

* Henry’s WWI draft card identifies his wife’s name as Rachel Emma, but her son Leonard’s WWI draft card identified his nearest relative as mother, Emma Rachel. All other records identify her name as Emma, or Emma R.
* Family Oral History: Emma's middle name was Rachel. Rachel Smith-Kelly-Bigger was widowed while pregnant with my grandfather Leonard.

Emma married Henry Ward Bigger [[23]](#endnote-17) about 1897. In 1900 the family lived in Unityville area of Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.[[24]](#endnote-18)

Rachel Emma Smith was born August 29th 1870 to William Smith and Sarah Jane Long in Pine Top, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. [[25]](#endnote-19) Rachel Emma Smith’s name also was recorded as Emma R., and she usually went by the name Emma.

In 1900 the family lived next door to Emma’s mother Sarah Smith and William Kelley in Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Then in 1910 Henry and Emma were living with 72-year-old William Kelley and 64-year-old Sarah J. Smith. Sarah indicated she had two children, but only one was still living. I believe this is Emma’s mother, Emma and Henry were still living near her relatives, and a daughter, 20-year-old Lizzie Kelley, was living with them.

* Lizzie Kelley is the daughter of Emma, and Emma’s 1st husband Mr. Kelly.

When Henry signed up for the WWI draft in 1918, the family still lived in Unityville where Henry worked as a carpenter for Edward Neufor in Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania

By 1920s the family moved to 459 Academy Street in Hughsville [[26]](#footnote-7) Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[27]](#endnote-20)

Emma was 59 years old when she died from cerebral sclerosis and hemorrhaging on September 14th 1929 in Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Her husband Henry was the informant on her death certificate. [[28]](#endnote-21) FAG#: 137603647 [[29]](#footnote-8)

Henry was 60 years old when he died October 6th 1935 from chronic interstitial hepatitis. He was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. His son Grant Bigger of Unityville was the informant on Henry’s death certificate. [[30]](#endnote-22) FAG#: 133673610  [[31]](#footnote-9)

Henry and Emma Bigger children included. In the 1900 census record, Emma indicated she had five children, but only four were still living. In 1910 Emma indicated she had nine children, but only seven were still living. In 900 Emma indicated she was married to Henry for three years, 1897.

Emma Smith and Mr. Kelley children were:

1. Lizzie Kelley was born in 1890
2. Unknown Kelley child was born, and died prior to 1900
3. Unknown Kelley child was born, and was living in 1900.
4. Leonard Kelly (1897-1973). He married Marie DeJoice.

Henry Bigger and Emma Smith children were”

1. Wilbur Norman Bigger was born January 29th 1899. He married Nellie Poust, lived at R.D.#3 Muncy, Clinton Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania where he worked as a cabinet maker. Wilbur was 59 years old when he died from coronary sclerosis on August 29th 1958 in Clinton Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Plot 102H, Hughesville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. His wife, Nellie, was the informant on his death certificate. [[32]](#endnote-23) FAG#: 90431793 [[33]](#footnote-10)
2. Gratz Bigger was born in 1901.
3. Mary A. Bigger was born April 3rd 1902. She married Cleon C. Worthington.

Mary was 32 years old when she died December 24th 1934 at the Williamsport Hospital of burns on her face, chest, and arms from an accidental explosion at her home in Hepburnville, Hepburn Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Mary was laid to rest in the Unityville Cemetery. Her husband, Cleon C. Worthington was the informant on her death certificate. [[34]](#endnote-24) FAG#:45102020 [[35]](#footnote-11)

1. Harold George Bigger was born April 26th 1908 in Jordan Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[36]](#endnote-25) He was 66 years old when he died November 29th 1974. He was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#:45101066 [[37]](#footnote-12)
2. Chester Vernon Bigger was born October 13th 1909 in Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was 86 years old when he died November 19th 1995 in Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Chester was laid to rest at the Moreland Lutheran Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#:105856982 [[38]](#footnote-13)

Leonard Kelly (1897-1973)

Leonard Kelly was born October 13th 1897 to Mr. Kelley and Emma Rachel Smith. Leonard had a medium build, brown hair and eyes. [[39]](#endnote-26)

Leonard’s biological father died before Leonard was born, and his mother married Henry Ward Bigger, who adopted Leonard. Leonard’s mother gave him the middle name Kelly in honor of his father. Leonard was always known as Leonard Kelly Bigger.

Leonard ran away from home at a fairly young age. He went to Baltimore for a while, where he was briefly hospitalized, before returning to Pennsylvania.

* *See Smith and Kelly Research Papers*

When Leonard signed up for the WWI draft in 1918, he lived Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He worked as a farm hand for G. W. Gardner in Millville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. He identified his mother, Emma Rachel Bigger of Unityville as his nearest relative. [[40]](#endnote-27)

On August 27th 1929 32-year-old Leonard Kelly Bigger married 28-year-old Marie Dejoice in Ithaca, New York. When Leonard married, he was living at 332 Maple Avenue in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. He was working as a laborer in Unityville, Pennsylvania. Marie was living in Ithaca, Tomkins County, New York. At the time of her marriage, Marie was doing housework. [[41]](#endnote-28)

Mary L. [[42]](#endnote-29) DeJoice was born March 10th 1902 to Nicholas Di Gioia and Lucia Stanga in Tyler, Huston Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

Mary went by the name Marie after a neighbor took her to be christened, as her mother Lucy was indisposed. The neighbor spoke in broken English (she was likely Italian) and when the priest asked for the child's name, she replied Mary but it sounded like Marie, so from that day forward Mary was known as Marie.

* *See DeJoice Family Research Paper*

Leonard and Marie lived at Courson Court in Williamsport.  Leonard worked for the city and Marie worked for the Joseph Rhodes family on "Millionaires Row" where she also took care of Mr. Rhode's mother who was 102 years old.

Leonard K. Bigger, 75, of Union Avenue, died at 6:15 pm Tuesday, July 31st 1973, in the Divine Providence Hospital, where he was admitted July 8th as a medical patient. He was a member of Boniface Catholic Church. [[43]](#endnote-30)

* Surviving is his wife, the former Marie DeJoice; two sons, Thomas A., of Renovo, and Edward T., of Reading; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Ross, of Camp Hill; two brothers, Harold, of Montoursville, and Chester, of Muncy; and four grandchildren.

Leonard’s funeral was held in the Providence Hospital chapel with burial in Resurrection Cemetery, Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 206142696 [[44]](#footnote-14)

Mary “Marie” DeJoice Bigger was 90 years old when she died December 11th 1992 while living in Camp Hill, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest with her husband at the Resurrection Cemetery, Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 234313876 [[45]](#footnote-15)

Leonard and Marie Bigger’s children included.

1. Emily Jane Bigger was born October 24th 1929 at the in Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. She attended Williamsport High School, where she graduated in 1947. Emilie married Donald I. Ross.
* *See Ross Family Research Paper*

General George Bigger (1877-)

General George Bigger was born in 1877 to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. General George was named after his uncle General George Washington Bigger.

George lived with his parents in 1880, but not in 1900, and later with his father in 1910. to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse

Walter S. Bigger (1884-)

Walter S. Bigger was born in 1884 to Abraham Bigger and Mary Stackhouse in Unityville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Walter lived with his parents, and his father until 1900. He returned living with his father in 1910.

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13. Abraham Reese Bigger Name, Occupation, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 103374, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
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