CAROL MCCOOL OSTERMANN, North High Class of 1959



McCool Family c:1933-34. Chuck McCool, Granny, Gramps, Uncle George, Aunt Marge

Charles "Chuck" McCool, Denver 1940

My maternal Grandmother's English ancestors settled in the Carolinas, sometime pre-1800's. They spread out over the South and Midwest. In the early 30's my grandmother came to Denver to care for an ailing relative. Grandmother bought the house at 3419 Stuart in the late 30's. In the early 40's she was assigned by the Jehovah's Witness Society to do missionary work at Camp Amache, the Japanese interment camp near Granada, CO. She made a life long friend of one Japanese woman and her family who were in the camp. It used to make our neighbors very angry when they would visit.

My paternal great-grandparents emigrated from Exmouth, England, a small port town on the western part of the English Channel in Devon County. They settled in the area just south of Berkeley Park. As with most immigrant families, they stayed close to one another: my Granny lived at 4161 King, her bother lived across the street, one sister lived at 41st & Irving, and another at 40th & Irving. A more adventurous sister lived at 37th & Clay, and the most adventurous sister of all lived at 29th & Vrain. My Dad also graduated from North, class of '34 or 35. He was a starter (people have told me he was a star) on the football, basketball (1934 State Champs) and track teams. My Aunt, Marjorie McCool also attended North, graduating in the class of '45.

My parents, Chuck McCool and Charlotte Lindquist married in early 1941, (I have no idea how the met, wish I did). They moved to Los Angeles where I was born in January, 1942.

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My dad joined the Navy; my mother and I moved back to North Denver and lived at 3419 Stuart with my maternal Grandmother, my mother's sister and my cousin, Frances Road (NHS 1958). My parents divorced in the mid-forties.

My dad, the one with the long time North Denver roots, never lived here again. He became a golfer. He was the club pro at public golf courses in Phoenix, Arizona before his death in 1981 at the age of 67. When we returned to Colorado in 1943, my mother went to work at the Denver Dry Goods Company, selling Elizabeth Arden cosmetics. She retired from the Denver Dry and Elizabeth Arden in 1982. We were fortunate to be able to enjoy her until her death in 2004 and the age of 87.

My Grandmother's house at 3419 Stuart stayed in the family until 1999 when it was sold. It was a great North Denver house. I even returned there to live in 1990 when I got divorced. Very strange at 48 years old to still have the same phone number I had in high school in 1959.



Carol, Chuck and Charlotte McCool, Late 1942, North Hollywood, CA



McCool Family, 3419 Stuart St. Denver, 1943
L-R: Carol, Chuck & Charlotte McCool, Unidentified, Uncle Ken Roads, Uncle Addison Roads (KIA, Tarawa, WWII); Frances Roads DeJulio (NHS58)