

The Family of Sarah Sheppard Young

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Generation One

1. Sarah Sheppard² Young, (Benjamin Charles¹), born 7 January 1904, Cockeysville, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;¹ died 22 October 1994, Carmichael, Sacramento, California, United States.² She married on 9 July 1928, Westminster, Maryland, United States, **Frederick Herman Cypull**, Senior, son of Frank George and Louisa Amelia (née Gruelich) Czipull.³

Sarah was born into a wealthy home; her father owned one of the largest hardware stores in Baltimore City.⁴ When it came time to marry, Sarah's father did not like her choice of suitor. He told her not to marry Frederick; he was no good. However, Sarah was stubborn, and no one told her what to do. As a result, Sarah and Fred ran off and eloped. The day after they eloped, the couple went back to Sarah's house. However, she was not allowed in, so her mother packed up her things, and Sarah never returned home. Instead, the couple lived in a tar paper shack on Fred's father's property.

Sarah made the little shack a home where she raised her children, Fred Junior, and Mary.⁵ The children had five acres to run and play, but they also had to work. There were chickens and pigs to feed, a vegetable garden to weed and harvest. When World War II came, the Cypull family was grateful for their garden and animals. Mary remembers rationing of meat, sugar, dairy products, and coffee. Sarah preserved the vegetables from the garden, and then she hid the extra because hoarding was illegal.

During the war, Sarah taught her children an important lesson about caring for others.⁶ In the neighborhood lived a German family who felt hated because Germany had started the war. Sarah and Fred befriended this family and treated them with respect. Fred spoke German because his parents were immigrants; he would talk to them in their native tongue. The father worked in a restaurant and would bring home leftover meat, which he traded with Sarah for her canned goods. Fred Junior and Mary became good friends with the children of the family. They did not allow their friend's ethnicity to affect the friendship. After the war ended, the family moved away, but the friendship that developed during the conflict remained strong.

¹ Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Maryland, delayed birth certificate no. 43272, Sarah Sheppard Young, Health Department, Baltimore City.

² California Department of Health Services, death certificate 999394 (1994), Sarah Sheppard Cypull; Department of Public Health, Sacramento.

³ Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Westminster, Maryland, (privately held by Mary Louise Welhoelter, [address for private use,] Kelso, Washington, 2021), issued 1928.

⁴ Mary Louise Welhoelter (Kelso, Washington), interview by Brian D. Welhoelter, 31 October 2021, Cypull Family History Files, Brian Welhoelter Family History Collection, Wenatchee, Washington.

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid.

Sarah worked as a telephone operator for The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland.⁷ Sarah started working as an operator in 1941 and retired from the telephone company in 1962. When Sarah started as an operator, she joined the Telephone Pioneers of America, an organization that promoted the ideals and traditions of the telephone industry.⁸ At her retirement, Sarah was awarded Life Member status in the Telephone Pioneers of America for her twenty-one years of service. Sarah worked hard and saved her wages.⁹ She dreamed of building a big brick house up by the road.

In 1948, Sarah's dream became a reality when the Cypull family moved from the tar paper shack into a beautiful brick house at 725 Walker Avenue.¹⁰ On Christmas Eve of 1948, the tar paper shack burned down, and someone commented that it was too bad. Mary commented, "It's ok, we have a new house."

Known children of Sarah Sheppard² Young and Frederick Herman Cypull, Senior were as follows

- 2 i. FREDERICK HERMAN³ CYPULL, JUNIOR, born 24 Oct 1932, Stoneleigh, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;¹¹ married Barbara Ann Hunt on 9 June 1956, Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;¹² died 7 January 2019, Florida, United States.¹³
- + 3 ii. MARY LOUISE CYPULL, born [private], Stoneleigh, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;¹⁴ married Howard Joseph Welhoelter on 5 December 1957, Idlewyde, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.¹⁵

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ "Pioneer Timeline," *Pioneer*, last modified 2021, accessed 12 December 2021, http://www.pioneersvolunteer.org/Pioneers/About/Pioneers_Timeline.aspx.

⁹ Mary Welhoelter, interview, 31 October 2021.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ "U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1," database, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 September 2001), entry for Frederick Cypull, Jr, 1993.

¹² Mary Welhoelter, interview, 31 October 2021.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Baltimore City, Maryland, birth certificate no. [private certificate number] (1935), Mary Louise Cypull; Baltimore City Department of Health, Baltimore City.

¹⁵ Baltimore County, Maryland, marriage certificate no. 16238 (1957), Howard Welhoelter and Mary Cypull, Maryland Division of Vital Records, Baltimore.

Generation Two

3. Mary Louise³ Cypull (Sarah Sheppard², Benjamin Charles¹ Young) was born [private date], Stoneleigh, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.¹⁶ She married on 5 December 1957, at Idlewylde, Baltimore, Maryland, United States, **Howard Joseph Welhoelter**, son of Morton James and Ethel Marie (née Klauberg) Welhoelter.¹⁷

Mary's life revolved around family traditions; she fondly remembered two family traditions.¹⁸ She said, “Every Christmas day for as long as she could remember three birthday cakes were made and put out. One was for Baby Jesus, one was for her cousin Walter, and the last was for her cousin Edward. We celebrated their birthdays together.” The second tradition that Mary shared was the family gathering for sauerbraten (sour beef and dumplings) for New Year’s Eve dinner. Traditions were important to the Cypull family, and they continued until World War II involved the family. Mary continued to say that the war affected everyone; four of her closest cousins served in the military. Before the war, they would watch over Mary like she was their little sister. Two came home with shell shock, now known as PTSD, one came home deaf, and one died overseas. The relationships were never the same, and the family traditions ended.

Music always was part of Mary’s life. Growing up, her mother would sing, “You are my Sunshine.”¹⁹ She recalled, “When I got hurt, or I was just feeling down, mom would sing her song to me, and I would suddenly feel better.” Mary’s song of comfort continued as she sang to her children, grandchildren and now her great-grandchildren.²⁰ Mary’s granddaughter Nicole shared a special memory. “Whenever I didn’t feel good or got hurt or even just because grandma would sing ‘You Are My Sunshine’ and it always made me feel better.”²¹ We all hold memories of Mary singing different songs, even if she made up the song. Her son Brian remembered, “One memory we kids have was how Mom could turn anything into a song. We do not know how she did it, but she had a talent. We only hoped and prayed that she would not do it when our friends were around. She did, and to this day, we knew she did it to embarrass us.”²²

Mary always wanted to be a secretary.²³ Her Aunt Margaret was a secretary, and Mary was fascinated that she could type and take shorthand. After graduating from high school, she attended Baltimore Business College. In 1952, Mary graduated from Baltimore Business College in Baltimore City, then worked at the Maryland Casualty Company. While working at the Maryland Casualty Company, she met Howard Welhoelter. “His first words to her were, ‘Where

¹⁶ Balto. City, MD, birth certificate no. [private certificate number] (1935), Mary Louise Cypull.

¹⁷ Balto. County, MD, marriage certificate no. 16238 (1957), Howard Welhoelter and Mary Cypull.

¹⁸ Mary Welhoelter, interview, 31 October 2021.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian D. Welhoelter, [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington]. Welhoelter, the son of Mary Louise Cypull, grew up in her home 1962 – 1983.

²¹ Nikki Jones, Rocklin, California, [(e-address for private use),] to Brian Welhoelter, email, 9 December 2020, “Memories and photo,” privately held by Welhoelter, [(e-address) & 1504 Historic Lane,] Wenatchee, Washington.

²² Personal knowledge of the author, Brian D. Welhoelter, [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington]. Welhoelter, the son of Mary Louise Cypull, grew up in her home 1962 – 1983.

²³ Mary Cypull Welhoelter, Kelso, Washington [(e-address for private use),] to Brian Welhoelter, email, 21 July 2020, “Question 5”, privately held by Welhoelter, [(e-address) & 1504 Historic Lane,] Wenatchee, Washington.

do we get paid around here?’²⁴ She thought he was cute and genuinely nice. He asked Mary out about a month later. She was impressed by his good manners and his philosophy towards others. ‘If you don’t have anything nice to say about someone, then don’t say anything at all.’ He was eighteen, and she was twenty when they first met.” Eventually, Mary faced a tricky situation just like her mother when it came time for marriage. They enjoyed each other’s company and dated steadily for about a year. “Our relationship began to be more than casual; one day Howard, asked ‘if I asked you to marry me would you say yes?’²⁵ I told him I would say no because a marriage between a staunch Catholic and a staunch Mormon would not work out.” Howard said he would meet with the Mormon missionaries if she would meet with a Jesuit priest. Mary agreed and met with the priest. From the time they got to the priest’s office, he ridiculed the Mormon church, which was a very unpleasant experience. Finally, Howard told him they had to leave. On the way home, Mary told Howard since she would not be meeting with the priest again, he did not have to meet with the missionaries. He said he would meet with them anyway, and he took the discussions and was baptized. A year later, they were married in a civil ceremony in Baltimore on 5 December 1957, and 4 days later, and sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on 9 December.²⁶

Mary and Howard are currently retired and living in Kelso, Washington.²⁷

Known adopted child of Mary Louise³ Cypull and Howard Joseph Welhoelter (born to Mary Lou Barton and Harry Ferris Owens, III) was

- + 4 BRIAN DAVID¹ WELHOELTER, born 7 April 1962, Baltimore City, Maryland, United States;²⁸ married Sheila Rae Hinkson on 14 January 1989, Bellevue, King, Washington, United States.²⁹

Known adopted child of Mary Louise³ Cypull and Howard Joseph Welhoelter (born to unknown parents) was

- 5 BRENT DUANE WELHOELTER, born 16 August 1964, Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;³⁰ married Deborah Lynn Alvarado on 24 August 1986, Lake Tahoe, Placer, California, United States;³¹ divorced.³²

²⁴Mary Cypull Welhoelter, Kelso, Washington [(e-address for private use),] to Brian Welhoelter, email, 24 August 2020, “Question 10 –Spouse”, privately held by Welhoelter, [(e-address) & 1504 Historic Lane,] Wenatchee, Washington.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Brian Welhoelter, Howard Welhoelter-Mary Cypull Family Group Sheet, Welhoelter Family Charts and Group Sheets, 1788-1962; supplied by Welhoelter, [address for private use,] Wenatchee, Douglas, Washington, 2021. This sheet offers only a generic list of materials used, with no specific documentation for any pieces of data.

²⁷ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, son of Howard and Mary Welhoelter, visited parents 25 November 2021.

²⁸ Baltimore City, Maryland, birth certificate no. 62-09077 (1962), Brian David Welhoelter; Baltimore City Department of Health, Baltimore City.

²⁹ Washington State Department of Health, marriage certificate 58157 (1989), Brian David Welhoelter and Sheila Rae Hinkson; Center of Health Statistics, Olympia.

³⁰ Welhoelter, Howard Welhoelter-Mary Cypull Family Group Sheet, previously evaluated at note 26.

³¹ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, brother of Brent Welhoelter, attended Brent’s wedding 24 August 1986.

³² Brent Duane Welhoelter, brother of Brian Welhoelter, ([2111 Radcliffe Ave], Klamath Falls, Oregon), interviewed by Brian Welhoelter, 3 November 2021; transcript privately held by Welhoelter, [1504 Historic Lane,] Wenatchee, Washington 2021.

Known adopted child of Mary Louise³ Cypull and Howard Joseph Welhoelter (born to Mary Elizabeth Deacon and David Peter Mackin) was

- 6 TRACY DIANE WELHOELTER, born 9 November 1966, Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;³³ married John Raymond Thurber on 5 October 1996, Lake Tahoe, Douglas, Nevada, United States.³⁴

Known children of Mary Louise³ Cypull and Howard Joseph Welhoelter was

- 7 i. KIMBERLY DENISE WELHOELTER, born [private date] Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, United States;³⁵ married Keith Lewis Smith on 28 July 1992, Daytona Beach, Volusia, Florida, United States;³⁶ divorced.³⁷

Generation Three

4. Brian David¹ Welhoelter (adopted by Mary Louise³ Cypull, Sarah Sheppard², Benjamin Charles¹ Young), born 7 April 1962, Baltimore City, Maryland, United States.³⁸ He married on 14 January 1989, at Bellevue, King, Washington, United States, **Sheila Rae Hinkson**, daughter of Gerald Willis and Beverly Jean (née Schwab) Hinkson.³⁹

Brian was born at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore City, Maryland, to Mary Lou Ward.⁴⁰ The name she gave him at birth was William Edward Ward. She could not provide the life she wanted to for her baby. Adoption was the only option. Mary Lou never saw William; she was afraid that her adoption decision would change. Mary Lou prayed that her baby boy would be raised by parents who would love William as she loved him.

In early September 1962, Howard and Mary Welhoelter came to the adoption agency to meet William. On 25 September 1962, Howard and Mary signed a placement agreement for William to become part of their family with the intention of adoption.⁴¹ According to the Placement Agreement, William's name changed to Brian David Welhoelter On 27 September, Brian left the adoption agency and began his life with the Welhoelter family. Brian was decreed adopted on 13 May 1963 in Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City.⁴² Over the next four years, the Welhoelter family would grow as Howard and Mary adopted two more children, Brent, and

³³ Welhoelter, Howard Welhoelter-Mary Cypull Family Group Sheet, previously evaluated at note 26.

³⁴ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, brother of Tracy Welhoelter, attended Tracy's marriage on 5 October 1996.

³⁵ Mary Welhoelter, interview, 31 October 2021.

³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ Balto. City, MD, birth certificate no. 62-09077 (1962), Brian David Welhoelter.

³⁹ Washington marriage certificate 58157 (1989), Brian David Welhoelter and Sheila Rae Hinkson.

⁴⁰ Mary Lou Greaves (Baltimore, Maryland), interview by Brian D. Welhoelter, 4 March 2018, Barton Family History Files, Brian Welhoelter Family History Collection, Wenatchee, WA.

⁴¹ Placement Agreement, Family Welfare and Henry Watson Children's Aid Society of Baltimore, Inc., 25 September 1962, original copy in possession of Brian D. Welhoelter, Wenatchee, Washington, 2 November 2021.

⁴² Baltimore City, Maryland, Circuit Court #2, Case 7947 AD, Howard J. Welhoelter and Mary C. Welhoelter, his wife, "etal for the adoption of an infant,"

Tracy.⁴³ The Welhoelter family was complete when Kimberly Denise was born in December of 1970.⁴⁴

While singing may have been a talent that his mother and grandmother shared, Brian lacked the talent.⁴⁵ Brian tried out for the choir for his high school graduation without success. He was allowed to be part of the choir; however, the director told him to mouth the words. Brian was the only member of the Kelso Ward who was given an official “do not join the ward choir” by the choir director. He loves to sing but is not a good singer.

Brian was married and sealed to Sheila Hinkson in the Seattle Temple on 14 January 1989.⁴⁶ Their first child Ashleigh Rae was born twelve months later in Sacramento, California.⁴⁷

With a rising crime rate around their home, Brian and Sheila decided it was time to move from California.⁴⁸ In June 1990, Brian loaded up the smallest U-haul truck with all the family’s possessions, and they headed north to Washington. The family arrived in Kelso, Washington, without a job and moved in with Sheila’s parents. Thank goodness for family. Eventually, Brian found work driving a semi-truck, and they found a home. In 1991 a second daughter was born; Olivia Louise joined the Welhoelter family.⁴⁹ A son joined the family in 1995 when Joseph Tyler was born.⁵⁰

Brian was heading to Warrenton, Oregon, to deliver building material to a construction site; when he heard a report of a plane flying into the World Trade Center.⁵¹ He wondered how the accident could have happened. At the job site, Brian talked with the superintendent when he got a phone call. The call was over quickly, and the superintendent said, "My unit is activated. The Pentagon is under attack. I have to go." Brian listened to radio reports of the terrorist attacks on the United States, throughout the day. His heart ached to think that his country was under attack, he was mad, he wanted to fight back. But, that day, the United States was united, her people bound together in a spirit of patriotism not seen since World War II.

After twenty years in Washington, Brian and Sheila and their family moved to southern Utah for new opportunities.⁵² Over the next ten years, their children married and started their own families. Ashleigh and Olivia migrated back to Washington.

In February 2018, Brian contacted Mary Lou after fifty-six years.⁵³ The first contact was not pleasant. Mary Lou told Brian, "Do not ever contact me again; I want nothing to do with you." A couple of weeks later, with the help of a friend, Brian and Mary Lou enjoyed a pleasant

⁴³ Welhoelter, Howard Welhoelter-Mary Cypull Family Group Sheet, previously evaluated at note 26.

⁴⁴ Mary Welhoelter, interview, 31 October 2021.

⁴⁵ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, son of Mary Welhoelter, lived with Mary Welhoelter 1962 - 1983.

⁴⁶ Washington marriage certificate 58157 (1989), Brian David Welhoelter and Sheila Rae Hinkson.

⁴⁷ California Department of Public Health, birth certificate [private certificate number] (1989), Ashleigh Rae Welhoelter; Office of Vital Records, Sacramento.

⁴⁸ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, father of Ashleigh Welhoelter, travelled with Ashleigh to Washington in June 1990.

⁴⁹ Washington Department of Health, birth certificate [private certificate number] (1991), Olivia Louise Welhoelter; Center for Health Statistics, Olympia.

⁵⁰ Washington Department of Health, birth certificate [private certificate number] (1995), Joseph Tyler Welhoelter; Center for Health Statistics, Olympia.

⁵¹ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, 11 September 2001.

⁵² Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, father of Joseph Welhoelter, attended Joseph’s marriage on 18 July 2020.

⁵³ Ibid.

phone conversation. Mary Lou shed tears when Brian told her that he grew up in a home where he felt loved every day. He thanked Mary Lou for the two lives she gave him, the physical life, and the home life. Mary Lou and Brian have a wonderful relationship and visit often.

Brian and Sheila are currently living in Wenatchee, Washington.⁵⁴

Known children of Brian David Welhoelter and Sheila Rae Hinkson were as follows:

- 8 i. ASHLEIGH RAE² WELHOELTER, born [private date], Sacramento, Sacramento, California, United States;⁵⁵ married Jonathan Rockwell Hall on 26 May 2012, Longview, Cowlitz, Washington, United States.⁵⁶
- 9 ii. OLIVIA LOUISE WELHOELTER, born [private date], Longview, Cowlitz, Washington, United States;⁵⁷ married Daniel Paul Welch on 20 October 2012, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah, United States.⁵⁸
- 10 iii. JOSEPH TYLER WELHOELTER, born [private date], Longview, Cowlitz, Washington, United States;⁵⁹ married Brandee Jeannette Woods on 18 July 2020, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States.⁶⁰

⁵⁴Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, head of household, moved family to Wenatchee, Washington on 29 May 2021.

⁵⁵ California birth certificate [private certificate number] (1989), Ashleigh Rae Welhoelter.

⁵⁶ Personal knowledge of the author, Brian Welhoelter [1504 Historic Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801]. Welhoelter, father of Ashleigh Welhoelter, stood as a witness at Ashleigh's marriage on 26 May 2012.

⁵⁷ Washington birth certificate [private certificate number] (1991), Olivia Louise Welhoelter.

⁵⁸ Iron County, Utah, marriage certificate no. 15953 (2012), Olivia Louise Welhoelter and Daniel Paul Welch; Iron County Court House, Parowan.

⁵⁹ Washington birth certificate [private certificate number] (1995), Joseph Tyler Welhoelter.

⁶⁰ Iron County, Utah, marriage certificate no. 19367 (2020), Joseph Tyler Welhoelter and Brandee Jeanette Woods; Iron County Court House, Parowan.

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