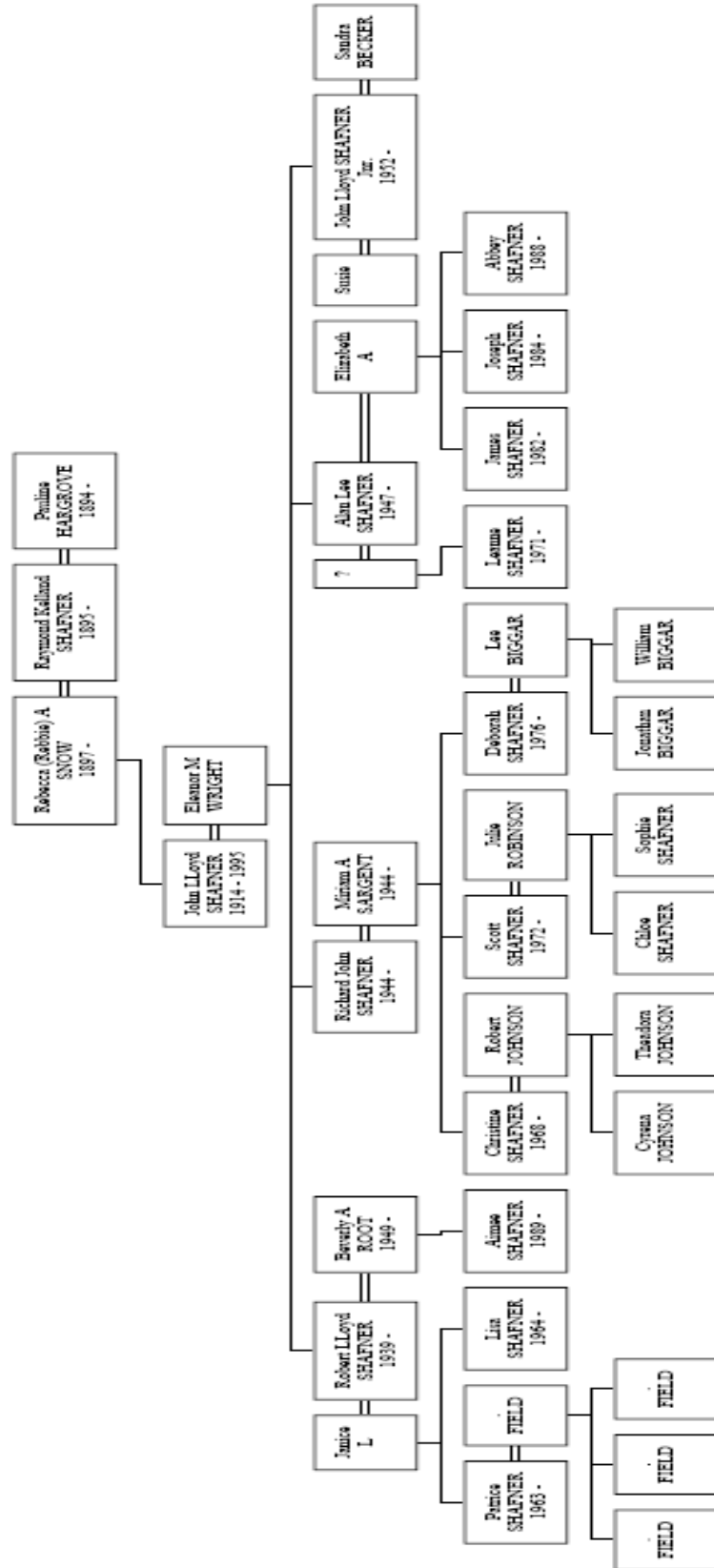


005d (i) John Lloyd Shafner.

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1914 – January 17<sup>th</sup> 1995.

*Descendants of Raymond Kelland SHAFNER*



Although the above is rather difficult to read it does give some help to the structure of the tree.

Photo of John Lloyd Shafner would be nice here.

John Lloyd Shafner was born 7<sup>th</sup> February 1914, the son of Raymond Kelland Shafner and Rebecca (Rebbie Snow) Shafner. His parents were both very young when he was born, Rebecca may well have still been 16 years of age at his birth and his father was just turned 18 years old. Sadly the marriage was not to last, his father enlisted in the Army for three years during World War I and his mother with her baby returned to live with her parents. It was somewhere around the end of the war that the John Lloyd's parents became divorced, and it was not until 1924, when John L was 10 years old, that his mother married for a second time. Her husband, known as Mac became the father figure to John Lloyd, instead of his natural father Raymond Kelland Shafner, who took no further part in his son's life.

Using the Lynn Directories, the first time John appears is in 1937, when he would have been 23 years old. The entry shows :-

**Shaffner Lloyd J. (Eleanor) clk, 94 Summer r 29 Fenton Ave.**

From this entry it would appear that John Lloyd or Lloyd John is now married to a lady called Eleanor. He is working as a clerk at 94, Summer Street and renting rooms at 29 Fenton Ave., Lynn, MA. There is a similar entry for the following year. I am not quite sure if the entries actually refer to the year in which they appear or to the previous year, but what I find fascinating is that they actually exist at all! I would assume that John Lloyd Shafner married Eleanor M Wright in about 1937. Eleanor was born 17<sup>th</sup> April 1916.

Their first child is born in about 1938, a little girl they named Barbara, but sadly she died soon after her birth

The 1939 and 1941 Directory entries again show him as Lloyd J, but this time they have spelled Shafner correctly, but have spelled his wife's name as Helena. He is now working as a clerk for J.B.Blood Co. and has rooms at 38 Marion.

Their next child, a son, Robert Lloyd Shafner is born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1939. He is the first of the four boys that become their family.

The next Directory entry I find is actually in the Saugus Directory for 1942 which states that Lloyd J. is now employed by G.E. (General Electric) and is living at 2 Stanton, East Saugus. Saugus is a small town next to Lynn. But by 1946 they are back in Lynn and living at 21 Sidney Ave., and he is still working for G.E.C. They continue to live at this address for at least the next five years. It is during this time that their next two sons are born, Richard John Shafner on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1944 and Alan Lee Shafner 16<sup>th</sup> March 1947.

Sadly I missed tracing the birth of their fourth son when John and I were on our "flying" visit to Lynn in 2008, but Miriam (Richard's wife) has told me that their fourth son John Lloyd Shafner Jnr. was born 3rd December 1953. I hope anyone who reads this and notes any errors will please let me know so that I can correct them.

Surprisingly, it is easier to find out information about people born before 1930 as we have access to Census records. I am fortunate that the Lynn Directories exist and are actually on Ancestry.com. These do at least allow one to track some movement of people locally. Other sources of information are the US Public Record Office and the Social Security Death Index which are also on Ancestry. I have not been able to find whether or not John Lloyd was in the forces during the Second World War.

So, in 1985, John L and his wife Eleanor are still living in Sidney Ave., although the house number has changed! Either the houses were renumbered or else John and Eleanor have moved up/down the avenue a few houses at some time.

Using the Social Security Death Index it shows that Eleanor died on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1988 at the age of 72 years. John Lloyd presumably continued to live in Sidney Ave., until eventually in about 1993 he moved to a Home for the Elderly at 1 Atlantic Terrace, Lynn. He passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> January, just short of his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

What is now needed are some photographs of John L and Eleanor and the boys, if there are any, to give the story more life. Any interesting stories that anyone who reads this knows, would also make it more interesting. What sort of people were John and Eleanor, what hobbies or interests did they have? What talents did they have, such as singing, painting, sport etc.? Were they religious people?

That is all I know about John Lloyd and Eleanor, but at this moment in time I intend to include all of their descendants under his heading.

### **1. Robert Lloyd Shafner 25<sup>th</sup> November 1939.**

From the US Public Records it would appear that Robert Lloyd lived for some time at 123 Summer St., Lynnfield, MA. before moving to 258 Crawford St., Northborough, MA. In the Lynn Suburban Directory for 1963 Robert L is shown as a welder at General Electric, his wife is Janice L and they live at 13 Stocker, East Saugus. Janice was Robert's first wife and they had two children, Patrice Shafner who was born 24<sup>th</sup> June 1963 and Lisa Shafner who was born in 1964. Patrice is now married and called Patrice Field and she now has three children, a girl and two boys.

Robert and Janice divorced in about 1970 and he remarried Beverly A Root who was born 18<sup>th</sup> May 1949 and they still live in Northborough. They also have a daughter Aimee, who was born 30<sup>th</sup> March 1989 and is at present studying in Australia.

As well as working as a welder at G.E.C. Robert also served in the US Air Force. On leaving the forces Robert went into nursing followed by a career in Hospital Management and finally teaching.

## **2. Richard John Shafner 10<sup>th</sup> April 1944.**

Richard (Dick) Shafner was the second son of John Lloyd and Eleanor Shafner and he became a Mechanical Engineer and worked for Millipore Corporation. He married Miriam Sargent, who was born 11<sup>th</sup> March 1944, and they have lived for many years in Lynnfield, MA.

John and I were fortunate enough to meet them and their children in October 2008, although it was for only a couple of hours as we had an appointment in New York the next day. They were charming and most hospitable and they kindly gave us lunch. It was very interesting, I had spoken to Richard and his brother Alan several years earlier to query if they were linked to Sarah Jane (Kelland) Shafner, John Lithgow Shafner or Raymond Kelland Shafner. But, because Raymond Kelland Shafner and Rebecca (Snow) Shafner had divorced, neither of them knew any further back than the name of their father, John Lloyd Shafner. At that time I did not know that Raymond K was the father of John Lloyd. I was phoning from England, I had no other information and so the trail just went dead. It was only by chance at the last minute before setting out on our holiday to the New England States in 2008 that I decided to take my notes about the Kellands and Safners in Massachusetts with me. We were planning our own holiday route so were free to go where we wished. When in Boston we decided to go to Lynn and spent a morning at City Hall checking the Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes, which is where we found the link between Raymond K and John Lloyd Shafner. I still had Richard's telephone number in my notes so a call was made and we arranged to meet.

Dick and Miriam have three children, the oldest child being a girl, Christine Shafner who was born in 1968 in Lynn. Although Christine is now married to Robert Johnson she has retained her maiden name and so is still Christine Shafner. They have two children Cyrena Johnson and Theadora Johnson (what lovely names). They now live on the West Coast of America in Seattle.

Next is their son Scott Shafner who was also born in Lynn in 1972. He is also married, to Julie nee Robinson and they also have two daughters Chloe and Sophie (again two lovely names).

Their third child is another girl Deborah, born in 1976 in Melrose. She is also married and her husband is Lee Biggar and they have two sons Jonathon and William Biggar. Miriam has very kindly given me most of the above information when I spoke to her on the telephone on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. I only hope I have read my scribbled notes correctly! Again what would make this more interesting would be if one could put faces to the various names.

My main motivation for tracing my ancestors and trying to write stories about their lives is to be able to leave it to our Grandchildren. I know they will not be particularly interested in it at the present time, but perhaps in say another fifty years, when we are no longer here, they will find it interesting and appreciate all the information. I am quite willing to share my research with anyone who is interested, just let me know.

**3. Alan Lee Shafner  
16<sup>th</sup> March 1947.**

Alan Shafner lived for a number of years in Danvers, MA. but now lives in Gloucester, MA. Alan has a daughter Leanne, born in 1971, by his first wife. He also has three more children by his second wife Betsy (Elizabeth A). There is Jamie (James) Shafner born in 1982, Joseph Shafner born in 1984/5 and a daughter Abbey Shafner who was born about 1988.

Alan served in the US Navy and on leaving the forces worked as a Plant Manager in Wilmington, MA.

**4. John Lloyd Shafner Jnr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 1952**

John Lloyd Shafner Jnr. moved to Florida many years ago and actually married his first wife Gail Sandra Becker on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1977 in Volusia, Florida. His second wife is called Susie and they still live in Florida where John L works as a UPS truck driver. They do not have any children, as far as I am aware.

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Although the entries in the US Public Records, which are on the internet, actually include many addresses, I have not included any current addresses in my writings. Much of the information is rather sketchy, but it does cover everyone in this branch of the family, as far as I am aware. Any further information, and particularly photographs, would be much appreciated as they do bring a family to life.