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Grandpa Dale Is Alive and Well

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My grandfather, Dale F. DeLong, is alive and well at the age of 70. He was born on September 5, 1927, in the front bedroom of 407 E. Mound Street, Circleville. He was the son of Mark and Clara DeLong and had one sibling, a brother, by the name of Marion, aka Porky.

From the beginning of his life his Mom took him to church for every service and every outing. Grandpa Dale has attended Calvary United Methodist Church all of his life and has served on every board and held every position in the church locally, and was a representative to the Methodist World Conference. God has been the main focus of Grandpa's life from the beginning.

One of his first memories was playing around his home and going to both of his Grandmas on Sunday.

Another memory is his first day of school, when his Mom walked him to Franklin Street School, helping him to set off on the right foot. When he was young, his Dad brought home a new used 1937 DeSoto and the family took a ride that day and was so excited.

To Grandpa, school was enjoyable, with the exceptions of gravel instead of grass on the playground and the cold winters. The clothes he wore were corduroy or knicker pants, high socks and if you were fortunate, high boots that would lace up and cover your legs.

In his free time, Grandpa Dale played baseball and football with the neighborhood kids. Together, they would gather up wood and roller skates to make skate boards.

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been held a captive with the Indians. Died in 1801, and lies here in this place, chosen by herself and cleared by her own hands."

Two other women have been recorded as the first white women in Ohio. Mary Ingles was captured in 1755, 11 years after Catherine. Mary Harris was captured in 1740 and became the wife of Eagle Feather. This would have been before Catherine, but Catherine's story is certainly unique with her return to her previous life and eventually back to Ohio. Catherine's son John had nine children in all: David, Catherine, Barbara, Maria, Daniel, John, George, Samuel and Magdalene. Daniel and his brother David farmed and had a sawmill on the Scioto River at the mouth of Blackwater Creek. Daniel married Elizabeth Charles in 1826 and they lived in their parents pioneer home in Greene Township, Ross County. They had 13 children: John, Josiah, Charles, Samuel, Alfred, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, James, Harriet, Daniel, Jeremiah and Nancy.

John (married Susan Immell) and Josiah (married Mary Immell) moved to Missouri. Charles (married Sarah Garrett) and Harriet (married Nelson Kellenberger) lived near Chillicothe. Daniel (married Mary Miller) lived in the old family home in Greene Township, Ross County. David died when he was young. James and Jeremiah, who never married, probably lived in Ross County as the family owned over 1,000 acres. The five other children (Samuel, Alfred, Elizabeth, Sarah and Nancy) were all unmarried and all lived in my home, the "Goodman home" here in Madison Township, Pickaway County in the 1920's. When they

purchased the land in 1882 from the estate of Zebulon Perrill, they had it recorded as the first community deed in Pickaway County with all five owning equal shares. The land then automatically descended to the survivors without an inheritance tax. After all five died, the farm was to be sold with the money going to the heirs of their already deceased brother, John. According to local records, Elizabeth died August 6, 1910; Samuel died on May 3, 1922; Sarah died on January 24, 1929; Nancy died on January 27, 1929; and Alfred died on July 27, 1929. Sarah and Nancy, who died within three days of each other, were said to be very close and were buried in the same grave. All five Goodmans are buried in Crouse Cemetery in Ross County. I think it is very interesting to have learned this part of history that has a connection with my home.

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They would also make stilts. When he wasn't playing, he would do his chores, which were emptying the "ashes" bucket and filling the stove with coal to keep the house warm.

Movies, arcades, computers and Nintendo were not available to Grandpa. So for entertainment, they would listen to the radio and hear such shows as: Lowell Thomas and the news, Fibber Maggee and Molly, the Johnson Family, Henry Aldrich and Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. After high school and while their parents were on vacation, Grandpa and Uncle Porky purchased a black and white TV. They wanted to surprise their parents, so they put a down payment on a TV and hoped Mom and Dad would pay the balance.

When Grandpa Dale thought about his career, and people would ask him, he said he wanted to be a bookkeeper or play in a symphony orchestra. Grandpa has always had a love for music and to this day plays in as many bands as possible. He has always told me that music will be a part of your life always, no matter what your physical achievements are. The instruments that he has played are trumpet, trombone and baritone.

His first job was a paper boy when he was 13, delivering the Columbus Dispatch on his bike. For two to three years, he made \$2 to \$5 a week delivering in mostly the downtown area of Circleville. Over the years, Grandpa had several accounting positions and in 1961 purchased the Reid Insurance Agency from his Aunt Lucille. He worked many long hours building the

business and eventually changed the name to Dale F. DeLong Insurance Agency. It is still one of the most successful businesses in Circleville. After working many long years, Grandpa has retired from the agency, but still is a vital consultant to the agency.

When Dale was 24 years old, he met Evelyn Lindecamp from Ashland, Ohio. Dating was a true adventure and challenge, driving 100 miles, with no freeways, to court the girl he loved. They married in 1951 and raised two sons,

Daniel, who was born in 1954, and David, in 1959. Both boys, following in their father's footsteps, are now in the insurance industry. The family has grown to include three grandsons and a granddaughter.

The biggest change Grandpa has seen in his life has been the introduction of computers. It makes for a faster paced world and in too many areas is taking away from family and church activities.

I am the luckiest boy in the world to have a Grandpa who loves me for what I am. He takes me fishing, takes me for ice cream, takes me to ball games and sometimes takes me on vacation. Grandpa Dale has influenced so many lives by his love for Christ, his hard

work, his love for his family and his character. I love him.

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