Ray Family Photo Album

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Children and grandchildren of Joe Ed Ray (1864-1907) & Vivia Jane (Scott) Ray (1875-1915)

Virginia Ray Harman (Mrs. Ray W. Harman)
children: Sam Ray Harman, 1925; Joe Wilson Harman, 1929

William Brown Ray (wives Martha Whitehouse and Audrey Benedict)

Edward M. Ray (wife Joanna Mason)
children: Barbara Ray Sutter, 1932; Emily Ray Moore, 1937

Joseph M. Ray (wife Jettie Hollingsworth)
children: Scott Ray, 1939; David Ray, 1941; Sally Ray Morris, 1944

Ruby Ray MacDonald and Eleanor Ray had no children
Joe M. Ray, center front, “YMCA Conference Champs—Frankfort, KY, 1926”
Joseph Malchus Ray (1907-1991) is the youngest child in this family photo, holding the hand of his widowed mother, Vivia Jane Scott Ray (1875-1915). To the right of Joe are siblings, Edward Marshall Ray (1903-1973); William Brown Ray (1899-1986); Ruby Catherine Ray (1896-1972); Amy Eleanor Ray (1902-1955); Virginia Scott Ray (1897-1972); mother Vivia’s twin sister, Iris Scott (1875-1946). The two children in the carriage behind are cousins: Rena Mae Thomas and John Holmes Thomas.

The Ray family lived at 1232 Kenton Street, Bowling Green, KY. This photo was probably taken somewhere in Warren County, KY.
Joseph Malchus Ray, Sargent Shriver, Jettie Ray
Joseph Malchus Ray (October 14, 1907-June 20, 1991) was born in Bowling Green, KY as the youngest of six children who were orphaned in 1915. He died in El Paso, Texas after serving as president at the University of Texas at El Paso.
William Brown Ray (1899-1986) upon graduation from WKU in 1924. He is older brother of Joseph Malchus Ray. He was called “Brown” by his family.
15th Street, Bowling Green, KY, ca. 1920: Front left—Brown Ray (brother of Joseph Malchus Ray); Gertrude Mason; cousins
William Brown Ray (brother of Joseph Malchus Ray) at old reservoir, Bowling Green, KY, ca. 1915
Amy Eleanor Ray (1902-1955) sister of Joseph Malchus Ray, ca. 1940s
Nancy Eleanor Callis Scott Bunch, ca. 1870, maternal grandmother of Joseph Malchus Ray
Virginia Ray Harman (1897-1972) at her 1253 Park Street, Bowling Green, KY, home.
She was the sister of Joseph Malchus Ray.
Twin sisters Iris (1875-1946) and Vivia Jane Scott (1875-1915) age 13, 1888. Vivia was mother of Joseph Malchus Ray. Iris raised Vivia’s 6 orphaned children after Vivia died of typhoid in 1915.
Ruby Ray MacDonald (1896-1972), elder sister of Joseph M. Ray. She sat 7-year old Joe on her lap when their widowed mother died and told him that she would always take care of him, and she did. Postponing marriage till later in life, she always thought first of her youngest sibling’s well-being.
Edward Marshall Ray, brother of Joseph M. Ray
Joe Ed Ray (1864-1907) was the father of Joseph Malchus Ray (1907-1991). Joe Ed was a brick kiln owner and died in a river logging accident two months before the birth of Joseph Malchus Ray.
William Brown Ray, brother of Joseph Malchus Ray
Iris Scott (1875-1946) was known affectionately as “Auntie” by her twin sister Vivia’s six children. On her deathbed in 1915, Vivia asked Iris to take care of her children, which Iris did, marrying Dave Howell later on in life and having no children of her own.
Joseph Malchus Ray at UT Austin, as one of 5 self-sustaining students, 1933
Joseph Malchus Ray as UTEP President
Joseph Malchus Ray at University of Texas at El Paso
Ray family reunion ca. 1938 at Mammoth Cave Park. Left to right:
Edward Marshal Ray (1903-1973)
Ruby Catherine Ray MacDonald (1896-1972)
William Brown Ray (1899-1986)
Virginia Scott Ray Harman (1897-1972)
Joseph Malchus Ray (1907-1991)
Amy Eleanor Ray (1902-1955)
Athletic Committee at University of Texas
Ella Jeffries, Joseph Malchus Ray, Ruby Catherine Ray, 1927
William Brown Ray, circa 1921
Rena Thomas, William Brown Ray, Lucille Scott, Amy Eleanor Ray, circa 1921
Western Kentucky Teachers College Football Team, 1924
Ella Jeffries, 1952. Jeffries, WKU geography professor in the early 1900’s, figures prominently in Joseph Malchus Ray’s memoirs as the Ray children’s benefactress. She came into contact with the six Ray orphans when oldest sister, Ruby Ray, became her seamstress. Recognizing their potential and on a meager salary herself, she one-by-one took them under her wing, gave them jobs, etc., to help them get through college at Western. Never married, she came to be considered a member of the grateful Ray family.
Joseph Malchus Ray
Brown Ray (oldest brother of Joseph Malchus Ray) was package boy at Callis Bros. Drug Store in Bowling Green, KY, in 1916.
In 1910, widowed Vivia Ray and her 6 children lived at 1232 Kenton Street in Bowling Green, KY.