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Dear Everyone,

This Genealogy is a gift of love to all of you. It is especially dedicated to my Father who would be so happy to see all gathered together, both in this book and at this happy event of Father Jack's Anniversary of Ordination.

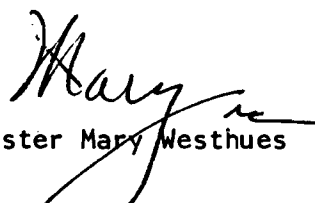
It was on one of my first visits home after entering the convent, before Dad died, that I jotted down some bits of this information, and so the 'tree' began. However, I did nothing with it until 1979 when Uncle Ben and Aunt Viola had their Anniversary celebration in Moberly. On returning to St. Louis I sent out a first rough draft to the various families. Then in 1982 when Ludger Westhues and the German cousins arrived I added a bit more, and Ludger researched some for me in Germany when he returned. In '83 and '85 I found some time to add to it, and this celebration has forced me to put it all together.

I apologize for any errors and the lack of information in some areas that might have added to the interest. I would now suggest that you begin where I have left off and flesh out these bare bones so that your children will have the joy of remembering. I would be grateful for a copy of anything you add or correct.

My thanks goes to each of you who so laboriously wrote down and sent information, some of which I did not use as it seemed best not to finish the next generation at this time. Special thanks, of course, to Harold Westhues who so kindly offered to have these copies printed.

As we look over these pages, let us remember with love all who have gone before and who are to come, and let us pray for each other so that one day we can truly rejoice together in Heaven.

God Bless each of you,



Sister Mary Westhues