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Natural Father's Story

Jerry Ford's Other Family

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By Jerry Cohen
Times-Pool News Service

Forty-five years ago in Grand Rapids, Mich., a 16-year-old boy was walking on his high school campus during a noon recess when a stranger approached him.

The boy declined.
"You're my son," the stranger told the high school football team's star.

Although the boy had no recollection of the man, he knew what the stranger said was true. He had been

in Tucson, Ariz., in 1941 at the age of 54.

The new President was born to King, then 28, and his young wife, the former Dorothy Gardner of Harvard, Ill., in Omaha, Neb., on July 14, 1913, and named after the father: Leslie Lynch King Jr. Mrs. Ford was 21 at the time.

The Kings were divorced the following January, and she married a Grand Rapids paint store owner, Gerald Rudolph Ford, not long after. In

King, best known simply as "C.H." C. H. King began acquiring wealth as an Omaha wool merchant and operator of a stage coach freight line in the Midwest and Plains states.

Through his connections, C. H. helped the Burlington Railroad gain a foothold in Wyoming — and he followed it there, to his great profit.

He opened general stores along routes of the railroad — in such spots as Casper, Glen Rock and Douglas. He founded the first bank in Casper and

In time, C. H. King acquired a handsome home in Los Angeles.

His son Leslie gradually assumed control of his father's enterprises, but he, too, spent a considerable period of time in Los Angeles. And it was in Los Angeles that he met his second wife, the member of a pioneer California family.

The two daughters born to them at Riverton, Wyo., the President's half-sisters, are Mrs. Marjorie Werner of Cumberland, Md., and Miss Patri-



Ford's Brother Weighs Politics

Nashville, Tenn. — LESLIE Ford's half-brother, is thinking about a career in politics as a Republican candidate for the House of Representatives from Tennessee's 4th Congressional District. "I have considered it, and I have had several calls from people across the state who want me to run,"

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King said. "But right now I



guest conductor for the New York Philharmonic.

London—Actor BURT LANCASTER showed up for the premiere of the movie "Moses," in which he plays the title role, and told reporters that he doesn't believe in the Ten Commandments. "I have certain ethics by which I live," he said. "I don't believe in a God or a hereafter."

Riverside, Calif. — Sen.

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(FORD KING)

NASHVILLE, TENN. (UPD -- PRESIDENT FORD'S HALF-BROTHER, LESLIE (BUD) KING, IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING A BID FOR THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT HELD BY DEMOCRAT JOE EVINS FOR 30 YEARS.

SINCE EVINS' ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION, A FLOCK OF DEMOCRATS AND KING, A REPUBLICAN, HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE TRADITIONALLY DEMOCRATIC POST.

ALBERT GORE JR., 27, SON OF THE FORMER U.S. SENATOR, WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO DECLARE HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE SEAT.

KING, A REPUBLICAN AND OPERATOR OF A COOKEVILLE TIRE COMPANY, SAID HE EXPECTED TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THE RACE WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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(FORD KIN)
LEBANON, TENN. (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S HALF-BROTHER, LESLIE H. "BUD" KING SR., WAS KILLED EARLY TODAY WHEN HIS CAR COLLIDED HEADON WITH A TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK ON INTERSTATE 40 NEAR HERE, THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID.

THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID THAT KING, 53, OF COOKEVILLE, TENN., WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT MCFARLAND HOSPITAL IN WILSON COUNTY.

"THE KING VEHICLE WAS GOING WEST IN THE EASTBOUND LANE OF INTERSTATE 40, STRIKING A TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK HEADON ABOUT ONE-FOURTH MILE WEST OF THE STATE 109 EXIT," A HIGHWAY PATROL RADIO SPOKESMAN SAID.

KING WAS ALONE IN THE CAR. THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK WAS NOT HURT. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND 1:45 A.M. CST AT FEW MILES FROM LEBANON, THE PATROL SAID.

KING WAS THE SON OF FORD'S FATHER WHO DIVORCED THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER AND REMARRIED.

A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID EARLY TODAY THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE ACCIDENT.

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FORD'S BROTHER

LEBANON, TENN. (AP) -- LESLIE HENRY KING, PRESIDENT FORD'S 53-YEAR-OLD HALF BROTHER, WAS KILLED TODAY WHEN HIS CAR COLLIDED HEAD-ON WITH A TRACTOR-TRAILER ON INTERSTATE 40 NEAR THIS CENTRAL TENNESSEE TOWN, POLICE SAID.

STATE POLICE SGT. RON HILL SAID KING'S CAR WAS WESTBOUND IN THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE INTERSTATE WHEN IT HIT THE TRACTOR-TRAILER. KING, A RESIDENT OF COOKEVILLE, TENN., WHERE HE OWNED AN AUTO PARTS STORE, WAS ALONE IN THE CAR AND APPARENTLY WAS KILLED OUTRIGHT, HILL SAID.

THE DRIVER OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER, BILLY HUDSON, WAS NOT INJURED, HILL SAID.

HILL SAID IT TOOK MORE THAN AN HOUR TO CUT KING'S BODY FROM THE TANGLED WRECKAGE.

WITNESSES TOLD POLICE THAT KING HAD BEEN DRIVING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION FOR SEVERAL MILES, HILL SAID.

OPERATORS OF CITIZENS BAND RADIOS WHO SAW KING DRIVING THE WRONG WAY SAID THEY TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO WARN HIM OFF THE HIGHWAY.

HILL SAID AN INVESTIGATION WOULD BE MADE.

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