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Early Marshalls at Auburn Heights, 1897: Not energetic enough for a new story tonight, I revert to one the house docents may be familiar with. Israel Marshall (1850-1911) was 46 and his wife, Elizabeth "Lizzie" (1854-1930), was 42 when the family moved into Auburn Heights in 1897. Their children were Joseph Warren (1881-1953), Anna Howard (1883-1986), and Thomas Clarence (1885-1969). Israel lived only 14 more years, much of it in failing health, and Lizzie ran Auburn Heights as a widow for 10 more years. The last nine years of her life were spent in an apartment in Wilmington, where she died at the age of 75. Warren was married in the front hall at Auburn Heights in June 1907, four years before his father's death, and moved with his bride, Bertha Lamborn Marshall (1883-1962), to Kennett Square.

The next year, however, they built a bungalow above the new fibre mills in Yorklyn 7/10 of a mile from Auburn Heights. Anna married Norman B. Mancill (1881-1937) on January 25, 1912, 7 months after her father's death, also in the front hall at Auburn Heights. Off and on, they lived at Auburn Heights with her mother and her bachelor brother, Clarence. Norman Clarence Mancill (1914-1988) was born in the northeast bedroom on November 28, 1914, the only birth ever to take place in the house.

On June 4, 1921, Clarence married Esther Livezey Shallcross (1885-1979) in Old Drawyers Church near Odessa, and she became the new hostess of Auburn Heights.