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Vasilie Stavros / Bill Star, Starr, Starre

In 1934 Vasilie Stavros came to America. He was looking for work when he found a company in BlueField, West Virginia that was in need of coal miners. Vasilie tried for the job, it didn't go well. His name sounded funny to the locals. A few of them started to ask questions. Things like, "Where are you from?" or "What kind of name is that?" Vasilie knew he had to have a name people would not even think about. 1935 He renamed himself Bill Star. Bill wrote home to let his family know about the name change. As several more of his family made it to America, they all used Star as a last name.

Much of his bloodline still uses Star. It was entered into records as Star, Starr, and Starre.

Bill worked in Bluefield for ten years until 1944 when age 35. He had saved enough money to move to Bluffton, South Carolina on Water street. Bill went to work in a Bait shop, he also cleaned Oyster's he sold from his own Oyster stand.

Bill kept to himself most of his life. At 48 years old he married a local girl. In 1957 Bill's wife Mary wanted to buy a nice house near the coast. Hurricane "Cindy" came in July of 1959. They lost their home with all they had. Bill's Oyster stand was gone. Mary had been hurt in the storm. She never fully recovered from her injuries and deep depression she died in 1961. Bill once again was on his own. With no home Bill signed on with a small group of men to net shrimp. The men had little success. In a separate attempt to find shrimp. They sailed out far from normal waters. In the dark of night, the boat was rammed by a pod of whales. The ship sank fast, Bill did not survive. The men that made it back reported rough water and whales were why they sank. Bill was never recovered, each year he is remembered during a "First Life Celebration" held at Oyster Bay.

He had no children; his nephews and their families keep alive the First Life and Bill's memory. As well as the STAVROSIAN way of life. They kept the secret close.

The Star families are among us today.

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