

+122 vi. DOROTHY BACOME was born 30 September 1898 and died in November 1988 in Syracuse, NY.⁵⁰² Dorothy married Frederick Dunham about 1917.

+123 vii. MARION BACOME was born 15 August 1900 and died 30 June 1974 in Syracuse, NY.⁵⁰³ She married Frederick Dennis about 1920..

52. **George H. Newport** (William 2, William 1) was born September 1853 in Wayne County, NY and died in June 1914 in Rose, NY. George married first Margaret (Backus?) about 1875. Margaret was born about 1854 in Jefferson Co., NY. If she is a Backus, she may be daughter of Richard and Margaret Backus. There were no known children from this first marriage.

George married for a second time about 1880 to Phoebe Gregor, daughter of Bradley and Almyra (Taylor) Gregor. Phoebe was born 12 April 1861 in Sodus Pt., NY.⁵⁰⁴ Phoebe's father, Bradley, was killed at the Battle of Olustee in Florida in February 1864. He was a private in the 8th USCT.

In the 1900 census it was recorded that Phoebe was the mother of no children. There are two persons who live with George and Phoebe as children, but they were both most likely adopted by George and Phoebe Newport.

124 i. FLORENCE MAY NEWPORT was born about 1882. She married Vincent Allen (94), son of James and Lillie M. (Newport) (26) Allen about 1901. She may be an adopted daughter. (See Vincent Allen (94) for children.)

125 ii. SAMPSON DEWEY NEWPORT was born 20 Nov 1899.⁵⁰⁵ In the 1900 census he was listed as grandson of George and in the 1910 census he was listed as "adopted son" of George and Phoebe Newport. (His name seems to be directly tied to heroes of the Spanish-American War. Admiral Sampson, who was at the Battle of Santiago off Cuba, was a native of Palmyra, NY.) Dewey was the son of Florence May Newport.

According to his WWI Draft Registration Card, he sometimes went by name of George Dewey Newport, but usually was called "Dewey". He was married on 19 June 1929 to Sarah Newport (130), daughter of Theodore Newport (54) and Arlula (Harden) Newport, in the town of Rose.⁵⁰⁶

Dewey died in an industrial accident on 24 October 1934 in Wolcott, NY and was buried in Glenside Cemetery in Wolcott.⁵⁰⁷

⁵⁰² Interview, Bette Dunham Wallace, 7 Sept 2001

⁵⁰³ Social Security Death Index, Marion Dennis; Interview, Bette Dunham Wallace, 7 Sept 2001

⁵⁰⁴ Pension Records, National Archives, Washington, D.C., Almira Gragor, widow, #886863.

⁵⁰⁵ WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. [Ancestry.com [database online]

⁵⁰⁶ Rose Methodist Church Records, Wayne Co. Historian's Office, Microfilm.

Sarah died in December 1966 and was buried in Huron Evergreen Cemetery.⁵⁰⁸

53. William Newport (William 2, William 1) was born about 1855 in Wayne County, NY. William married Caroline E. Newport (28) (Hiram 2, William 1) about 1880. The couple may have separated soon after the marriage. Caroline and her son were alone in the 1892 Sodus, NY census.⁵⁰⁹

Caroline died 23 September 1901 in Sodus, NY. Her probate record states that she is survived by her son, Charles, a minor and husband, William of Canandaigua. Her entire estate was left to her son.⁵¹⁰

William next married Ida M. (last name?) about 1902. Ida was born about 1868. The couple is listed in the 1905 census of the town of Huron, Wayne Co., NY.⁵¹¹ In the 1910 census Ida indicated that she had been married two times and was the mother of 4 children, 2 living. Only son Arthur is in household. Ida stated her father was born in Scotland and her mother in New York State.⁵¹² William died about 1935.⁵¹³

William and Caroline (Newport) Newport had one child.

+126 i. CHARLES AUGUSTUS NEWPORT was born 14 June 1881 in Sodus Point, NY. He married Eva Ophelia Richardson, daughter of John and Delia Simmons) Richardson about 1927. Charles and Eva had one child, Martha Caroline Newport, born 15 December 1928, less than a month after her father died. Charles died 24 November 1928 in Sodus Point, NY and was buried in Sodus Rural Cemetery.⁵¹⁴

Eva Newport had a second child, Henry Simmons Newport, born 20 May 1936 in Sodus, NY. Eva died on 5 April 1976 in Winter Haven, Florida.

William and Ida had one child.

127 i. ARTHUR H. NEWPORT was born 7 Jun 1903 and died 2 Apr 1991.⁵¹⁵

54. Theodore J. Newport (William 2, William 1) was born about 1866 in Wayne Co., NY. Theodore first married Mary/May Abbott, daughter of George and Amanda Abbott on 26 December 1886.⁵¹⁶ Mary/May died between 1888 and 1892.

⁵⁰⁷ *Oswego Palladium Times*, 26 October 1934 (fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁰⁸ *Oswego Palladium Times*, December 1966 (fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁰⁹ New York State Census, 1892, Sodus, Wayne County, NY.

⁵¹⁰ Wayne County, NY Surrogate Court, Probate File A571.

⁵¹¹ New York State Census, 1905, Huron, Wayne Co., NY.

⁵¹² Federal Census, 1910, Huron, Wayne Co., NY, Family #200.

⁵¹³ Letter from Martha Swan, 1993.

⁵¹⁴ Letter, Martha Newport Swan, 1993.

⁵¹⁵ Social Security Death Index, Arthur Newport.

He married for his second wife Arlula Harden about 1892. Theodore and Arlula lived in Canandaigua at least through 1898 because their three oldest children were born there. The family is back in Wayne Co., NY at the time the 1905 census was conducted. Arlula appears to have died prior to 1925, as in that census, Theodore is living with an Ida Jones, who may have become his third wife.

Theodore and Mary/May (Abbott) Newport had one child:

- 128 i. UNNAMED NEWPORT was born September 1888 in Sodus, NY and died 12 June 1889, age 9 months. No name or sex was provided on death record.⁵¹⁷

Theodore and Arlula (Harden) Newport had the following children:

- 129 i. ETHEL NEWPORT was born 12 February 1893 in Canandaigua, NY.⁵¹⁸ She married Charles Edward Hardy, son of Saliby and Jennie Hardy about 1915. Ethel died 7 June 1947 in Auburn, NY and was buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, NY. Charles died 13 Oct 1918 and was also buried in Fort Hill Cemetery.⁵¹⁹

Ethel and Charles had two children – Charles R. Hardy and Willard W. Hardy.

- 130 ii. WILLIAM H. NEWPORT was born 19 December 1894 in Canandaigua, NY.⁵²⁰ William served in the Navy during World War I and it was reported in the Auburn Citizen that he was at Newport News in January 1919. At time of his sister Ethel's death in 1947, William was living in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

- 131 iii. IRVIN S. NEWPORT was born 4 January 1898 in Canandaigua, NY.⁵²¹ He died March 1985 in Syracuse, NY. He married about 1922 Dorothy (last name unknown).

- 132 iv. CORA V. NEWPORT was born January 1899. She died on 19 August 1962 in Rochester, NY.⁵²² She married a man named Smith.

- 133 v. JENNIE V. NEWPORT (also called Jane) was born 26 July 1901 and died on 27 December 1996 in Syracuse, NY.⁵²³

⁵¹⁶ Reg. of Marriages, Sodus Town Clerk, Sodus, NY, #208.

⁵¹⁷ Reg. of Deaths, 1882-1891, Sodus Town Clerk, Sodus, NY, #509.

⁵¹⁸ Reg. of Births, Canandaigua, NY City Clerk, #0779.

⁵¹⁹ Cayuga Co., NY, GenWeb Site, Fort Hill Cemetery Listing.

⁵²⁰ Reg. of Births, Canandaigua, NY City Clerk.

⁵²¹ Reg. of Births, Canandaigua, NY City Clerk, #1506.

⁵²² Rochester City Library Online Database Index, *Democrat & Chronicle*, 21 August 1962, Cora V. Smith.

⁵²³ Social Security Death Index, Jane V. Finney.

Jane first married a man named Brooks before 1947. She then married Charles Finney between 1947 and 1966. Charles Finney was born about 1893 in Virginia and died 25 June 1968 in Syracuse, NY.⁵²⁴

Jane had one son, Raymond M. Newport, born 22 December 1923. Raymond died 2 May 2005 in Syracuse, NY.⁵²⁵

134 vi. GRACE NEWPORT was born about 1904 and died before 1947.

135 vii. SARAH M. NEWPORT was born about 1909. She married Sampson Dewey Newport (122), son of Florence May Newport (121), on 19 June 1929.⁵²⁶ Sarah died in December 1966 and was buried in Huron Evergreen Cemetery.⁵²⁷

136 viii. DOROTHY NEWPORT was born about 1912 and died before 1947.

137 ix. ROY NEWPORT was born 11 Feb 1916 and died 6 Feb 1990.⁵²⁸ Roy married Hilda Sims, daughter of Louis Henry and Jennie B. (Jackson) Sims. Hilda was born 17 Sep 1919 and died Nov 1978.⁵²⁹ Roy and Hilda had at least three (3) children – Roy, Arthur and Arlula Dianne.

⁵²⁴ Syracuse Herald, 27 June 1968.

⁵²⁵ Social Security Death Index, Raymond Newport; Syracuse Herald, 27 June 1968.

⁵²⁶ Rose Methodist Church Records, Wayne Co. Historian's Office, microfilm, p. 12.

⁵²⁷ Oswego Palladium Times, December 1966 (fultonhistory.com)

⁵²⁸ Social Security Death Index, Roy Newport.

⁵²⁹ Social Security Death Index, Hilda Newport.

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Descendants of Gideon Ramsdell and Hannah Smith

Charles Lenhart

Gideon Ramsdell lived just across the county border Monroe County. With his marriage to Hannah Smith, Asa B. Smith's sister, Gideon Ramsdell formed strong family and reform ties to Wayne County. Several houses in Wayne County maps carry Gideon Ramsdell's name. We do not know whether these were owned by the father or son. Gideon Ramsdell was also the father of Mary Ramsdell Clapp (who died in 1844) and her sister, both of whom became wives of Otis Clapp. Another daughter married the brother of major abolitionist Joseph C. Hathaway .

African American William Clency (born in Florida or Georgia) also lived with the family of Gideon Ramsdell in 1850. Clency later attended Macedon Academy.⁵³⁰

1 **Gideon Ramsdell** b: Jan 30, 1780 in #<UGRR) Cumington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts d: Jan 31, 1859 Burial: North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Ontario County, New York Residence: 1816 Gideon built his framed house which was the first painted house in the township (Egypt, Monroe County, New York = Perinton) - became known as "Ramsdell's Castle." Significance 1: Participated in the Underground Railroad with his house as a stop per *Laphams in America*

. +**Hannah Smith** b: Nov 11, 1783 in #/(Gideon Ramsdell^AsaB Smith) Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts m: Bet. Feb 02 - 22, 1802 Father: Jeremiah Smith Mother: Rachel Wilbore d: Mar 03, 1850 Burial: 1850 North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Ontario County, New York

.. 2 **Rachel S. Ramsdell** b: Aug 11, 1804 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York

..... +**David Gregory** m: Feb 22, 1822

.. 2 **Lydia C. Ramsdell** b: Apr 23, 1806 in #L. Hathaway) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: Bef. 1841

..... +**Lorenzo Hathaway** b: Dec 23, 1807 in #/ 1st Ramsdell-2cnd Macomber) m: Sep 30, 1830 in or 1837 Father: Isaac Hathaway Mother: Nancy Richmond d: Feb 03, 1885 in * Burial: North Farmington Quaker Cemetery, Farmington, Ontario County, New York

.. 2 **Hannah G. Ramsdell** b: Oct 11, 1806 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: May 05, 1881

..... +**Amos R. Cole** b: 1806 d: Jan 29, 1881 Residence: 1880 Pittsford, Monroe County, New York

..... 3 Otis C. Cole* b: Abt 1834 in <*> New York State

..... 3 Lydia Cole* b: Abt 1841 in <*> New York State

..... +Albert Case* b: 1840 in <*> New York State m: Bef. 1880 Residence:

⁵³⁰ **Clancy, William L.**, b. Florida. About 1836; once the slave of Col. Page, of Mexican War, afterward called William Page. Now engineer of canal tug running between Buffalo and Rochester; Academy 1852, two years. *History of Macedon Academy 1841 -1891* (Fairport, New York: Mail Steam Printing House, Fairport, N.Y. 1892), 155 – 156.

1880 Pittsford, Monroe County, New York

.. 2 **Mary Dyer Ramsdell** b: Jan 14, 1810 in #/OClapp) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: **Feb 08, 1844** in <*> Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts

..... +[1] **Otis Clapp** m: Abt 1835 Father: Simeon Clapp* d: Nov 10, 1847 in Boston, (Massachusetts)

..... 3 Margaret Clapp* b: 1837 in <*> New York State

..... 3 Hannah S. Clapp* b: 1838 in <*> New York State

..... 3 Henry Clapp* b: 1841 in <*> New York State

..... 3 Mary D. Clapp* b: 1844 in <*> New York State

.. 2 **Margaret F. Ramsdell** b: May 21, 1811 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: Bef. 1859 in Unmarried

.. 2 [2] **Lucy Ramsdell** b: Jun 02, 1813 in #/OClapp) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: Apr 18, 1893 Residence: 1850 Perinton, Monroe County, New York

..... +[1] **Otis Clapp** m: Aug 06, 1846 in <*> Combined Internet (full date) & Hard copy (the year only) sources. Father: Simeon Clapp* d: Nov 10, 1847 in Boston, (Massachusetts)

..... 3 Otis Clapp* b: 1847 in <*> New York State

..... +Emily Howard b: 1849 in <*> New York State

..... 4 Ednah L. Clapp b: 1871 in <*> New York State

..... 4 Howard H. Clapp b: 1874 in <*> New York State

..... 4 William D. Clapp b: 1878 in <*> New York State

.. *2nd Husband of [2] **Lucy Ramsdell**:

..... +Roswell Hewes m: 1858 d: 1868

.. 2 **Leah Ramsdell** b: Apr 27, 1815 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: 1896

..... +**George L. Crane** b: in Adrian, (Lenawee County,) Michigan m: Oct 01, 1835 d: 1896

.. 2 **Edna Ramsdell** b: Apr 13, 1819 in #/Robinson) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York

..... +**Benedict Robinson** b: in Union Spring, (Cayuga County, New York) m: 1854 d: in (May be son of Daniel & Isabella Robinson of Farmington)

.. 2 **Jeremiah Smith Ramsdell** b: Aug 01, 1822 in #/Comstock) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York d: Mar 04, 1894 in Fairport, Monroe County, New York

..... +**Huldah Ann Comstock** b: Dec 11, 1829 in #/Ramsdell) m: Oct 12, 1854 in Farmington, Ontario County, New York Father: Nathan Comstock Mother: Anna Pound* d: Feb 12, 1914 in Chicago, Illinois

..... 3 Catherine Ramsdell*

.. 2 **Jonathan H. Ramsdell** b: Oct 05, 1824 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York

..... +**Eliza A. Ramsdell** b: in South Haven, Michigan m: 1851

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David H. Ray Family
Marjory Allen Perez

David H. Ray Sr. (1807 – 1884) was a bit of a wanderer in that for most of his life he never seemed to stay put for long periods of time. It was not until he settled in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York about 1863 that he put down roots that held him in one place for longer than a few years.

David H. Ray was born in Newark, New Jersey, about 1807, son of Isaac and Phoebe Ray.⁵³¹ It is likely that by 1820 his parents had moved from New Jersey and were living in the town of Fayette in Seneca County, New York.⁵³² David married a woman named Betsey about 1830 and they started their life together in Seneca County, where their first child, Theodore, was born about 1831. By the mid 1830s David and Betsey Ray were living in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, where their family grew to include another four children.

While the Ray family lived in Canandaigua, David H. Ray began to work to improve the lives of African Americans in New York State. In November of 1838 he was listed as a new agent for the *Colored American*.⁵³³ In June of 1840 *The Colored American* reported that D. H. Ray of Canandaigua had been appointed to Committee of Correspondence for the Convention of Colored Inhabitants of New York State to be held in Albany in August.⁵³⁴ The Ray family moved to Rochester, New York between 1840 and 1843 when it was reported that David Ray served as Secretary of Convention held at Bethel Church concerning black rights.

In 1845 the Rochester City Directory included a listing for David H. Ray, living at 8 Johnson Street, with a Shaving and Hair Dressing Saloon located in basement of the Eagle Hotel.⁵³⁵ He also placed a one-half page advertisement in that directory in which it was stated that “Shaving, Hair-Dressing, and Shampooing [sic] will be performed in the highest style and most satisfactory manner.”⁵³⁶

ROCHESTER CITY
SHAVING & HAIR DRESSING ROOMS,
Under the Eagle Hotel and Monroe Bank,
THE subscriber having recently become the proprietor of this establishment, takes great pleasure in informing his patrons and the public that he has fitted it up in a style of elegance which can not be surpassed. None but the very best workmen are employed, and
Shaving, Hair-Dressing, and Shampooing,
will be performed in the highest style and most satisfactory manner. Gentlemen who are unfortunately losing their hair, are informed that the subscriber is in possession of a sure preventive: the use of which will entirely remedy the difficulty and prevent baldness.
He will attend to dressing Ladies' hair for Balls and Parties, (a branch of the profession seldom understood,) and for that purpose will be happy to attend them at their residences.
He also keeps constantly on hand a choice variety of Perfumery and Tooth, Nail, and Hair Brushes.
D. H. RAY.
Rochester, August, 1845.

It was his profession as a barber that allowed Mr. Ray a certain amount of independence and economic stability throughout his lifetime. The Ray family continued its stay in Rochester until about 1850 when it appears from the census that they were in the process of moving to Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. The family was listed twice in the 1850 census – once in Rochester (date of census August 26, 1850) and again in Watertown (date of census August 27, 1850).

⁵³¹ Register of Deaths, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1900, #172

⁵³² 1820 Federal Census, Fayette, Seneca County, New York, 372

⁵³³ *The Colored American*, November 3, 1838, Accessible Archives, Item #4245

⁵³⁴ *The Colored American*, June 6, 1840, Accessible Archives, Item #15045.

⁵³⁵ 1845 Rochester City Directory, p. 183

⁵³⁶ 1845 Rochester City Directory, p. 18

While in Watertown, David H. Ray continued his role as social activist. In 1853 Ray petitioned the local officials over an issue that he suggested might have been racial discrimination. An article in the *Watertown Daily Times*, dated February 26, 1995, noted that Ray had put up a barber pole and had been ordered to remove it because it was said to have blocked the sidewalk. In the petition he stated “Your petitioner is poor and has a dark skin, but notwithstanding this, he feels that he is a man and he would not for an instance suppose that your honorable body had a prejudice against him on that account, although such instances are too common.”⁵³⁷ Unfortunately the article did not provide any hint of the resolution of the matter of the barber pole. Additional research may answer the question.

Phebe Ray, wife of David, died in August of 1855 and left behind six children - the youngest was five year old Edward. She was buried in Arsenal Street Cemetery in Watertown, New York. Mr. Ray married again by 1858 to a woman named Nancy who was born about 1830 in Jefferson County, New York. By 1860 the family had again moved – this time to Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York. Two children had been born to David and his new wife – Malvina, age 2 years and Frederick, age 2 months.⁵³⁸

The stay in Gouverneur would be very short. In May of 1863 the *Watertown Reformer* reported that “D. H. Ray, whom most of our citizens will remember as an educated and highly intelligent colored man and barber, formerly residing here, whence he moved to Gouverneur, has now removed to Palmyra, in Wayne county, to the citizens of which place we must heartily recommend him. Mr. Ray experienced much domestic affliction here, in the death of several children. Thinking the locality of Gouverneur unfavorable to the health of his family, he sought a new location to which he has taken himself and where we hope he will find deserving friends.”⁵³⁹ In 1859 Phebe Ann (Ray) Cook, oldest daughter of David Ray and his first wife Phebe, died in Gouverneur. This loss was followed by deaths of children Malvina and Frederick.

When the Rays moved to Palmyra the Federal government had begun to recruit African Americans for service in the army. Although David H. Ray was too old to join the army, it would only seem natural that he would want to play a role in this historic event. It is not known exactly how he became a recruiter for the 14th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery Volunteers (later called the 11th United States Colored Heavy Artillery of 11th USCHA), but recruit he did. We know from the pension file of George Washington Bogart the David H. Ray was a recruiting officer for the unit, holding the rank of First Lieutenant in Company C. of the 14th R. Is. H. A. Volunteers. Mr. Ray stated in a letter to the Pension Commission that he enlisted George Bogart on December 21, 1863 as a private at Palmyra and had taken Bogart to Providence, Rhode Island, to be mustered into the army.⁵⁴⁰ At least ten men from Wayne County enlisted in the 11th USCHA and it is very likely that Lieut. Ray was involved in this effort.

David H. Ray settled into life in Palmyra, New York, where three more children would be born to him and his wife Nancy. They were joined in Palmyra by his oldest son Theodore and his wife Susan, a younger sister of Nancy Ray; and a second son David H. Ray, Jr. and his wife Louisa, daughter of Tudor E. Grant. All three Ray men worked as barbers in this busy canal village. David

⁵³⁷ John Golden, “Blacks Have Long Had Faith in Watertown,” *Watertown Daily Times*, February 26, 1995.

⁵³⁸ 1860 Federal Census, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York, p. 669

⁵³⁹ *Watertown Reformer* (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁴⁰ Civil War Pension Files, NARA, George Washington Bogart, File #64.222

H. Ray died in Palmyra on 19 August 1884 and was buried in the Palmyra Village Cemetery.⁵⁴¹ His sons Theodore, David Jr. and Edward all predeceased him.

Additional research on David H. Ray and his role in the African American communities of upstate New York should be conducted to truly give this man his due.

First Generation

1. **David H. Ray**, son of **Isaac Ray** and **Phoebe**, was born about 1807 in Newark, New Jersey, died on 19 August 1884 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Palmyra Village Cemetery.

David married **Betsey** about 1830. Betsey was born about 1810 in Schenectady, County, New York NY, died on 12 August 1855 in Watertown and was buried in Arsenal St. Cemetery, Town of Watertown, New York.⁵⁴²

Children from this marriage were:

2 M i. **Theodore Ray** was born about 1831 in Seneca County, New York and, died on 24 October 1881 in Palmyra and was buried in Palmyra Village Cemetery.⁵⁴³

Theodore married **Susan B. ?** about 1860. Susan was born about 1837 in Jefferson County, New York, died on 10 December 1880 in Palmyra, and was buried in Palmyra Village Cemetery.⁵⁴⁴ NOTE: Susan was sister of Nancy Ray, second wife of David H. Ray Sr.

3 F ii. **Phebe Ann Ray** was born about 1838 in Ontario County, New York, died on 1 August 1859 in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York,⁶ and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur.⁵⁴⁵

Phebe married **John H. Cook** about 1856. John was born in 1836, died on 28 January 1857 in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York,⁶ and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur.⁵⁴⁶

+ 4 F iii. **Sophia Ray** was born about 1840 in Ontario County, New York..

Sophia may have married a man named **DuBois**.

+ 5 M iv. **David Harker Ray Jr.** was born on 15 March 1842 in Ontario County, New York, died on 29 April 1882 in Lyons, New York, and was buried on 1 May 1882 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁵⁴⁷

⁵⁴¹ Register of Deaths, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1900, #172; Wayne County Historian, Lyons, New York, Cemetery Listings

⁵⁴² 1855 New York State Census, Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, 2nd Election District; Arsenal Street Cemetery Listing.

⁵⁴³ Newark Union, November 12, 1881, 4:7; Wayne County (NY) Surrogate Court Records, Probate File #01335.

⁵⁴⁴ Wayne County (NY) Surrogate Court Records, Probate File #01335; Wayne County Historian Office, Cemetery Listings.

⁵⁴⁵ Tombstone Inscriptions, Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur, New York.

⁵⁴⁶ Tombstone Inscriptions, Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur, New York

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David married **Louisa Marion Grant** (d. 5 October 1899), daughter of Tudor E. and Phillis Grant about 1862.

6 M vi. **Samuel T. Ray** was born about 1844 in Ontario County, New York. He may have died between 1855 and 1860.

7 F vi. **Dorothy Ray** was born about 1845 in New York (probably in Rochester, Monroe County, New York). She may have died between 1850 and 1855.

8 M vii. **Edward H. Ray** was born in June 1850 in Jefferson County, New York and died on 25 October 1869 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Palmyra Village Cemetery.⁵⁴⁸

David next married **Nancy** (last name unknown) between 1855 and 1858. Nancy was born about 1830 in Jefferson County, New York and died after 1884.

Children from this marriage are:

9 F i. **Malvina Ray** was born about 1858 and died between 1860 and 1865.

10 M ii. **Frederick Ray** was born in 1860 in St. Lawrence County, New York, died in 1861 in Gouverneur, New York, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur.⁵⁴⁹

11 F iii. **Frances Ray** was born about 1861 in St. Lawrence County, New York.

Frances may have married **Edward Rayford** in May 1881.

12 M iv. **William H. Ray** was born about 1864 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York and died on 4 December 1889 in Palmyra.⁵⁵⁰

13 F v. **Emma Ray** was born about 1866 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York and died on 2 January 1888 in Palmyra, New York.⁵⁵¹

14 F vi. **Olive Ray** was born about 1869 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York.

Second Generation (Children)

4. **Sophia Ray** was born about 1840 in Ontario County, New York.

⁵⁴⁷ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Baptisms, p. 25; Register of Deaths, Lyons, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1888, #36; Newark Union, May 6, 1882, 4:8; Grace Episcopal Church Records, Burials, 1882.

⁵⁴⁸ 1870 Federal Census, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, Death Schedule; Palmyra King Daughters Library, Surname File

⁵⁴⁹ Tombstone Inscriptions, Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur, New York

⁵⁵⁰ Register of Deaths, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1900, #598

⁵⁵¹ Register of Deaths, Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1900, #451

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Sophia may have married ? **DuBois**.

Child from this marriage may have been:

- 15 F i. **Estella DuBois** was born about 1857 in St. Lawrence County, Wayne County, New York.

5. **David Harker Ray Jr.** was born on 15 March 1842 in Ontario County, New York, died on 29 April 1882 in Lyons, New York and was buried on 1 May 1882 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.

David married **Louisa Marion Grant**, daughter of **Tudor E. Grant** and **Phillis Putnam**, about 1862. Louisa was born about 1837 in Oswego County, New York, died on 5 October 1899 in Oswego, New York, and was buried in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁵⁵²

Children from this marriage were:

- 16 M i. **Alfred Ray** was born about 1858 in New York.
- + 17 F ii. **Flora Bell Ray** was born about 1863 in St. Lawrence County, New York, died on 3 July 1927 in Oswego, New York, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York.⁵⁵³
- Flora married **James Robert Benton** (d. 26 Nov 1924) in 1882.⁵⁵⁴
- 18 F iii. **Carrie Ray** was born about 1864 in St. Lawrence County, New York, died in May 1879 in Lyons, Wayne County, New York, and was buried on 27 May 1879 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁵⁵⁵
- 19 F iv. **Ada W. Ray** was born about 1871 in Wayne County, New York and died in Palmyra, New York.⁵⁵⁶
- 20 F v. **Hattie Ray** was born about 1871 and died on 1 October 1872 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York.^{557,23}
- 21 F vi. **Mary Sophia Ray** was born on 1 September 1877 in Lyons, Wayne County, New York, died on 12 October 1893 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried on 19 October 1893 in Lyons, Rural Cemetery.⁵⁵⁸
- 22 F vii. **Grace Mabel Ray** was born on 2 March 1879,²⁵ died on 11 March 1880 in Lyons, Wayne County, New York,²⁶ and was buried on 14 March 1880 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁵⁵⁹

⁵⁵² *Oswego Daily News*, 5 October 1899, 4:5; *Oswego Daily Times*, 9 October 1899, 2:6 (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁵³ *Oswego Palladium Times*, July 5, 1927 (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁵⁴ 1900 Federal Census, Oswego County, New York, ED 133, p. 39A

⁵⁵⁵ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Burial, 1879

⁵⁵⁶ Palmyra Kings Daughters Library, Surname File. NOTE: Date of death in surname file is listed as 3 October 1872, but there is an Ada, age 4 listed in 1875 census.

⁵⁵⁷ Palmyra Kings Daughters Library, Surname File.

⁵⁵⁸ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Baptisms, 7 September 1878; Burials, 1893.

⁵⁵⁹ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Baptisms, Burials

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

17. **Flora Bell Ray** was born about 1863 in St. Lawrence County, New York, died on 3 July 1927 in Oswego, New York and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York.

Flora married **James Robert Benton**, son of **Andrew Benton** and **Elizabeth Burroughs**, in 1882. James was born in December 1853 in New York, died on 26 November 1924 in Oswego, New York and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York.⁵⁶⁰

Children from this marriage were:

- + 23 F i. **Grace L. Benton** was born in September 1883 in New York and died in November 1947.⁵⁶¹

Grace married **Walter H. Scott** (d. 19 Oct 1916) on 18 June 1912 in Oswego, New York.^{562,32}

Grace next married **William G. La Santee** about 1928.⁵⁶³

- 24 F ii. **Flora E. Benton** was born on 19 September 1885 in New York and died on 23 September 1904 in Oswego, New York.⁵⁶⁴

- 25 M iii. **James R. Benton Jr.** was born on 14 October 1892 in Oswego, Oswego Co., New York.⁵⁶⁵

- 26 F iv. **Ethel Ray Benton** was born about 1905 in NY and died between 1920 and 1924.

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

23. **Grace L. Benton** was born in Sep 1883 in New York and died in November 1947.

Grace married **Walter H. Scott**, son of **John Scott** and **Maria**, on 18 June 1912 in Oswego, New York. Walter was born in November 1872 in Granby, Oswego County, New York died on 19 October 1916 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, and was buried in Oswego County, New York.⁵⁶⁶

- 27 F i. **Ethel Louise Scott** was born about 1914 in New York.

- 28 F ii. **Shirley F. Scott**⁴ was born about 1917 in New York.

⁵⁶⁰ 1900 Federal Census, Oswego, Oswego County, New York, ED #133, p. 39A; Oswego Palladium Times, 26 November 1924.

⁵⁶¹ *Oswego Palladium Times*, November 1957, Ten Years Ago Column, (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁶² *Oswego Palladium Times*, 17 June 1912 (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁵⁶³ 1930 Federal Census, Oswego, Oswego County, New York, ED #37, p. 6B

⁵⁶⁴ *Oswego Daily Times*, 23 September 1904, Obituary

⁵⁶⁵ World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 (online database)

⁵⁶⁶ *Oswego Palladium Times*, 21 October 1916, 5:2

Grace next married **William G. La Santee** about 1928. William was born about 1878 in Canada (English).⁵⁶⁷

Child from this marriage:

29 F i. **Rosalee La Santee** was born about 1929 in New York.

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⁵⁶⁷ *Oswego Palladium Times*, 12 October 1937, 5:6

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**John and Ann Sarsnett:
African-American Residents of Lyons, Wayne County, New York, and
Phelps, Ontario County, New York**

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This article is by no means a complete story of the lives of the John and Ann Sarsnett family of Phelps, New York. It is just an attempt to sort out the known facts and to put forth some possibilities about this African-American family that lived in the towns of Lyons and Phelps for much of the 19th century.

A starting point for information on the Sarsnett family is provided in *When Phelps Was Young* by Helen Post Ridley, published in 1939. Chapter V, entitled "Slavery In Phelps" included the following information:

Early in the last century, about 1805 or '06, a man named Dorsey emigrated into Lyons from Maryland. [Dorsey actually arrived about 1797.] He brought with him a family of slaves to assist him in his labor. He was a good Methodist and held meetings in his barn. His slaves married with the slaves of the Bennett farm which was over in the township of Phelps...

John Sarsnett was one of the outstanding negro [sic] in this group. He was son of a native African who had been abducted from the jungle wilds and brought to the United States in a slave-ship. John Sarsnett was a large, well proportioned, very black man. With his wife Ann and their six children he remained in slavery until it was abolished by law in 1828. At that time he came to the village of Vienna and built for his family a house on Clifton Street, afterward known as the Bell place. There he reared his children, educated them, and saw that each one had some trade or business by which he could earn a living. These people had always been kindly treated and were well known to our townsman, Francis Root, before they were set free. He described them as highly intelligent, and fine citizens. Among their children: Mary became a fine cook and was in demand for parties, suppers, etc. She married John Baker. Harry Sarsnett was a prominent Freedman, actively engaged in work for the advancement of the race. Tennie was for many years employed in the house of Hon. Gideon Granger in Canandaigua. Amos and Marcus remained in Phelps, and Harry also lived and died in the house built by his father. He was a fine gardener, exhibiting great taste and industry. Harry Sarsnett was buried from the Methodist Church on the 10th of February, 1889. He was 90 years old.⁵⁶⁸

It is unlikely that Mrs. Ridley had any first hand information on the subject of slavery in Phelps or of the Sarsnett family. On the other hand Francis Root would have had first hand knowledge of the Sarsnett family. Mr. Root was born in Phelps in 1806, son of Luther Root, one of the town's pioneers and a next door neighbor of the Sarsnett family. In fact his life span matched that of Harry, third child of John and Ann Sarsnett. Mr. Root died on 23 July 1890 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetery in the village of Phelps. His obituary stated he was "one of the best historians of the town."⁵⁶⁹

Who had held John and Ann Sarsnett in Slavery?

It is likely that John Sarsnett was the slave of Daniel Dorsey of Lyons, as reported in *When Phelps Was Young*. Daniel Dorsey emigrated from Frederick County, Maryland in 1797, bringing with him about 40 slaves and settled on land south of the village of Lyons. Also it is very likely that Ann Sarsnett (maiden name unknown) was connected to the Bennett family of Phelps. Several documents seem to substantiate this claim and also confirm the names of three children of John and Ann Sarsnett.

⁵⁶⁸ Ridley, Helen Post, *When Phelps Was Young*, 1939, Phelps, NY, pp. 30-31.

⁵⁶⁹ Ontario County, NY GenWeb Site: Rest Haven Cemetery Listings, Phelps, NY. Obituary transcription Francis Root, *Geneva Gazette*, 1 Aug 1890. www.rootsweb.com/~nyontari.

The Sodus Town Records include records of births of children born to Ann/Nan, slave of Samuel Mummy. Samuel Mummy's daughter, Elizabeth, was the wife of Thomas Bennett. The following births were recorded by Samuel Mummy with the Sodus Town Clerk, as was required by New York State law:⁵⁷⁰

Christianna, b. 9 Jan 1802, daughter of Nan.

Mary, b. 4 December 1804, daughter of Ann.

Harry, b. 10 Nov 1807, son of Ann. =

Samuel Mummy was listed in the 1800 census of Sodus with two (2) slaves.⁵⁷¹ Published histories indicate that Mr. Mummy sold his property, including slaves, and returned to Maryland about 1810. Perhaps the "purchaser" of the slaves was Mummy's son-in-law Thomas Bennett. This might account for Ann being considered part of the Bennett family by later historians.⁵⁷²

John and Ann Sarsnett in Phelps, New York, 1820 to 1845

John Sarsnett must have truly been "industrious" as he was described by Ms. Ridley in her book, "When Phelps was Young." He is listed in the 1820 Census of Phelps, Ontario County as free person of color and head of a household, containing 3 males under 14, 1 male over 45, 2 females under 14, 1 female 14-26 and 1 female 26-45.⁵⁷³

Also in 1820 John was able to purchase from Pierce Granger and his wife Delany a piece of land containing 2 ¾ acres, located on the south side of what is now Clifton Street in the village of Phelps, paying \$190. Two years later, John added a ½ acre lot adjoining his property to the west, paying the Grangers \$40.⁵⁷⁴

John and Ann Sarsnett sold their three acre lot to son Marcus in January 1840 in consideration of the "sum of One thousand dollars to them in hand paid." The property description indicated is was the same premises on which John and Ann were then living. It seems like a pretty stiff price for a three acre lot, even with a dwelling.

The burial listings from the Phelps Pioneer Cemetery have a listing for John Sarsnett, died Sept 1845, age 96 and one for Ann Sarsnet, died 25 Dec 1815 or 1845.⁵⁷⁵ The date of 1845 is more likely as there is a female in the household of John Sarsnett consistently between 1820 and 1840. Neither John nor Ann Sarsnett is listed in the 1850 census.

The Children of John and Ann Sarsnett

Five children of John and Ann Sarsnett were identified in When Phelps Was Young – Tennie, Mary, Harry, Amos and Marcus. From a probate file of Marcus Sarsnett, it is established that there was an additional daughter, name unknown.⁵⁷⁶

Christianna "Tennie" Sarsnett

The oldest child is Christianna or Tennie (a nickname derived from her given name), born 9 January 1802, while her mother was still a slave. Little is known of Tennie beyond that she is said to have worked for the Granger family in Canandaigua. Marcus Sarsnett's probate file dated 1861 does provide a few clues. It

⁵⁷⁰ Sodus Town Records, 179_ - 18__, Microfilm, Wayne County, NY Historian Office.

⁵⁷¹ 1800 Federal Census, Sodus, Ontario County, NY, p. ____

⁵⁷² Need to find documentation

⁵⁷³ 1820 Federal Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY, p. 296.

⁵⁷⁴ Ontario County, NY Deeds, Book 46, p. 405, 406.

⁵⁷⁵ Ontario County, NY GenWeb Site.

⁵⁷⁶ Ontario County, NY Surrogate Court Records, Marcus Sarsnett, 1861 [Need film and frame #]. Ontario County Records and Archives Center.

indicated that he was survived by children of a deceased sister, whose names and residences were unknown, except that of John S. Granby of Buffalo, “the oldest and who is illegitimate”.⁵⁷⁷

A John Granby was located in Buffalo census of 1860 – age 38, black. With him is an Emeline Granby, age 38, both born in New York.⁵⁷⁸ In the 1850 census, John and Emeline Granby are listed as residents of Town of Seneca, Ontario Co., NY.⁵⁷⁹ The evidence that this John Granby is son of Christianna is only circumstantial.

In April 1827 DeMarcus Gramby and wife Christeena [sic] sold property to John Sarsnet [Sarsnett] in the town of Phelps.⁵⁸⁰ The land equaled ½ acre and from the description of the land was a portion of the land originally purchased by John Sarsnett in 1820. This seems to establish that it is likely daughter Christianna Sarsnett married a man named Gramby or Granby sometime between the birth of son John Granby (1820 to 1822) and 1827 (the date of the deed). It is possible that her son, John, took the name of his stepfather. The Gramby/Granby family is listed in the 1830 census of Arcadia, Wayne Co., NY with 2 males under 10, 1 male 24-36, 1 female under 10 and 1 female 24-36. In 1840 census of Rochester, Monroe County, NY a Marcus Granby, free person of color, is listed as head of household containing two males 20 to 24, one male 36 to 55, one female under 10, one female 10 to 24 and one female 36 to 55.⁵⁸¹

A listing of African American heads of household, gleaned from Rochester City Directories (1834 -1852) includes the following pertinent information:⁵⁸²

1834	De Marcus Grainby, 2 Ely St.
1841	Marcus Granby, laborer, 91 S. St. Paul St.
1844	Demarcus Granby, laborer, S. Washington, near Troup
1849-50	Demarcus Granby, laborer, 3 Mechanics' Alley

It appears that Christianna Granby is the head of household in 1850 census of Rochester, listed as C. Grumby [sic], age 42, black, b. NY. With her is Harriet Grumby [sic], age 22, black, b. NY.⁵⁸³ From here the trail goes cold. A search of Rochester City between 1850 and 1859 failed to turn up any reference to Christianna or Harriet. A check of death schedule in the 1850 census might also provide information about Marcus/Demarcus Granby.

Mary A. Sarsnett

Mary A. Sarsnett was born 4 December 1804 in the town of Sodus, Ontario County, NY and the birth was recorded by her mother's owner Samuel Mummy with the Sodus Town Clerk.⁵⁸⁴ Mary married John Baker sometime before 1834. John Baker is listed as a free person of color and head of household in 1840 census of Phelps, NY with household containing 1 male 24-36, 1 male 36-55, 2 females under 10, 1 female 10 – 24 and 1 female 24-36.⁵⁸⁵ Mary is listed as head of household in 1850 indicating that John may have died sometime before 1850. Her household included females Frances, age 16; Charlotte, age 10 and Alice G., age 7. In 1860 Mary's household in Phelps included Lottie and Alice G. Baker, ages 20 and 17 respectively; M.C. Washington, age 3 and her brother, Amos Sarsnett, age 35.⁵⁸⁶ Her occupation in the 1860 census is baker.

⁵⁷⁷ Ontario County, NY Surrogate Court Records, Marcus Sarsnett, 1861

⁵⁷⁸ 1860 Federal Census, Buffalo, Ward 5, Erie Co., NY, p. 708.

⁵⁷⁹ 1850 Federal Census, Seneca, Ontario Co., NY, p. 455 (M432-572).

⁵⁸⁰ Ontario County, NY, Land Records, Book 46, p. 407. Ontario County Records and Archives Center.

⁵⁸¹ 1830 Census Federal Census, Arcadia, Wayne Co., NY, p. 72. 1840 Federal Census, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, p. 352

⁵⁸² <http://www2.libraryweb.org>.

⁵⁸³ 1850 Federal Census, Rochester, Ward 5, Monroe Co., p. 180

⁵⁸⁴ Sodus Town Records, microfilm, Wayne County Historian.

⁵⁸⁵ 1840 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY, p. 38.

⁵⁸⁶ 1850 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY. 1860 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY, p. 19.

The Baker family is not listed in the 1865 census of Phelps and at this point nothing more is known about the descendants of John and Mary (Sarsnett) Baker.

Harry Sarsnett

The birth of Harry Sarsnett on 10 November 1807 in the town of Sodus, Ontario County, NY was recorded in the records of the Sodus Town Clerk by Samuel Mummy.⁵⁸⁷ In July 1833 Harry Sarsnett married Mary Brooks and the couple had four sons by the time the 1840 census was taken.⁵⁸⁸ The sons were George, born about 1834; Philander, born about 1836; Edward or Edgar born about 1838; and John, born about 1839. It appears that Harry and Mary separate between 1840 and 1850 as they are not listed in same household in 1850 census. Harry's household included sons Edward, John and Philander. Living with Mary in household of Elias Cost were George Sarsnett and a child Ellenor Sarsnett, age 8.⁵⁸⁹

In 1834 Harry purchased a quarter of an acre of land in the village of Phelps, adjoining his father's property to the west. It is also interesting that in 1842, Harry sold his property to his four sons, George, Philander, James Edgar and John – perhaps this transfer of title coincides with a separation from his wife Mary.⁵⁹⁰ If that was the case, it is not clear how upon his death in 1889, the land came to owned by Mary Johnson of Niagara Falls, NY, “former wife of Harry Sarsnet” who then transferred ownership of the property to Ellen Sarsnet [sic] of New York City.

It appears that Harry Sarsnett married for a second time between 1855 and 1860 to a woman named Laura, who was born about 1830 in Massachusetts and they had two sons – William, b. about 1855 and Charles R., b. about 1858. Harry and Laura are only listed together in the 1860 census. In the 1865 census, Harry is has head of household with children Charles and William living with him. He indicated to census taker that he has been married 1 time, is now married and is the parent of 6 children. The number of children provides some interesting possibilities – six sons have been identified, but this does not take into account the child Eleanor Sarsnett who is living with Mary in the 1850 census. Also only one marriage is acknowledged by Harry – at least according to the census taker.⁵⁹¹

Laura, the second “wife” of Harry may actually be Laura Briley or Bailey. A Laura Briley, born about 1825 in Massachusetts is living in Manchester, Ontario Co., in 1865. This Laura married Charles B. Duffin in Newark on 26 September 1870.⁵⁹² The coincidence of name and birthplace make this a possibility.

Harry Sarsnett continued to live in the village of Phelps throughout the remainder of his life, supporting himself and his family as a day laborer. In May of 1888 this proud man was admitted to the Ontario County Poorhouse because he had become too infirm to care for himself. He died there on 10 February 1889.nd .

Amos Sarsnett

Amos Sarsnett was born about 1814 and very little is known about his life. He is the first child whose birth was not recorded in the town clerk's records, which may mean that by 1814, his mother Ann was a free woman. Amos purchased property from Moses Whitmore in 1837 and sold the same property to Marcus Sarsnet (his brother) in January 1840. In the 1850 census Amos is listed in the town of Phelps as head of household, occupation farmer. In his household is a woman named Julia, age 30 - perhaps his wife - and his younger brother, Marcus. In the 1860 census, Amos is listed two times – once as head of household and once with his sister Mary Baker – both times it indicates he is owner of real estate valued at between \$500 and \$800

⁵⁸⁷ Sodus Town Records, Microfilm, Wayne County, NY Historian Office

⁵⁸⁸ usgenet.org/usa/ny/county/ontario, Ontario Co. Newspapers, abstracts; 1840 census, Phelps, Ontario Co., p. 42.

⁵⁸⁹ 1850 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY, p. 387 and p. 406.

⁵⁹⁰ Ontario Co., NY Deeds, Book 72, p. 80.

⁵⁹¹ 1860 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY; 1865 Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY.

⁵⁹² 1865 NYS Census, Manchester, Ontario Co., NY, ED #2, p. 11; Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, NY, p. 23.

and is working as a day laborer. Amos was still alive in 1861 when estate of his brother Marcus was probated. Nothing is known of him after this date.

Marcus Sarsnett

Marcus, believed to be the youngest child of John and Mary Sarsnett, was born about 1820 and died on 23 March 1861 in Phelps, NY. He was buried in Phelps Village cemetery. Marcus may have been somewhat of an entrepreneur. In 1840 he purchased property from his parents and paid \$1000 according the recorded deed. In 1850 census his occupation was given as “grocer” and in 1855 census as “saloon keeper.” A reference to an ad in “When Phelps was Young” stated that “new materials” were for sale at store of M.M. Sarsnett at corner of Church and Main streets.⁵⁹³ In the 1860 census, Marcus Sarsnett was living in the hotel of Renssalaer Gardner and his real estate was valued at \$2500 and personal estate at \$1000.⁵⁹⁴

Marcus Sarsnett died intestate and the records show that his estate held insufficient funds to pay his debts. His sister Mary Baker served as administrator of the estate.

Amarillas Sarsnett – Possible sixth child.

This person is still a conjecture. The probate file of Marcus M. Sarsnett (died May 1861) stated that he was survived by sister, Mary A. Baker, brothers Harry and Amos Sarsnett; **a child of deceased sister, Chenley [?] Bland**, “a minor and single woman”; and children of another deceased sister.⁵⁹⁵

There is an Amarillas/Amarilla Bland, born about 1815, listed in the 1850 census of Seneca, Ontario Co., NY with children Mary E., b. about 1836, Charles Bland, b. about 1836, George A. Bland b. about 1840 and Blandinall [?] or Virginia Bland, born about 1849.⁵⁹⁶ In the 1850 census the child’s name is given as Blandinall and in 1855 and 1860 as Virginia. Amarillas is probably the widow of Robert Bland and it is possible the “minor” referred to in the probate file of Marcus Sarsnett is Virginia Bland. The probate file of George J. Bland (1886) stated that among his heir-at-law were Charles and Virginia Bland. The records indicated that Virginia Bland is thought to have married, but that her married name and her residence was unknown to the administrator of the estate. If Amarillas Bland is the sixth child of John and Ann Sarsnett, she died between 1860 and 1861.

The Sarsnett family is another example of the life of African American pioneers who helped to settle upstate New York and did not make it into the standard history texts. If it had not been for Francis Root leaving behind a summary of the life of his neighbors and friends, the story of the Sarsnett family might still be a mystery.

⁵⁹³ *When Phelps Was Young*, 31.

⁵⁹⁴ 1860 Federal Census, Phelps, Ontario Co., NY.

⁵⁹⁵ Sarsnett, Marcus, Ontario County Surrogate Court, Ontario County, NY Archives.

⁵⁹⁶ 1850 Census, Seneca, Ontario Co., NY.

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William Scott of Huron, New York and his Extended Family
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The story of William Scott and his extended family is complicated. The family was held in slavery in Tennessee and had experienced the trauma caused by separation when family members were sold and the upheaval of the Civil War.

William W. Scott was the first of the family to move to Wayne County, New York, arriving between 1866 and 1868. He was at that time calling himself William Bacune (also spelled Bacome, Bacom, and Bacon).⁵⁹⁷ William Scott's biographical sketch, found in Landmarks of Wayne County provides a beginning point to study William Scott and his family.

Scott, William W. was born a slave in Sullivan County, Tenn., about 1842, and is one of twelve children of Frank Scott, who died a slave. He was owned by four different masters, and at one time was sold for \$1,100. He did many heroic acts during the war, and many a Union soldier he fed from his master's larder in 1863. He led a large number of slaves in an escape attempt to the Union lines. He was a soldier for eleven months, captured and re-captured several times. In 1864 he came to Sheffield, Mass., and engaged as laborer in a marble quarry, being unusually intelligent was made second foreman and timekeeper, and two years later engaged as charcoal burner in Mount Washington. He was told of a State farther North called York, where he decided to go and wended his way north to Hudson. He later went to Lyons, where he was employed by Dr. Bottom, thence to Sodus, and in 1871 came to Huron, where he married Nancy, daughter of Lewis Sampson, a farmer in Huron, who was a slave in his early days. His wife was Elizabeth Brigg, whom he married in 1842. Mrs. Scott was born in the town of Galen. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have three children: Lewis, born February 1872; Finley born 1879; and Fred born in 1886. Subject and wife are members of the Royal Templars of Temperance of Huron. They own the farm of fifty-six acres formerly owned by Mrs. Scott's father.⁵⁹⁸

The next family member to arrive was William Scott's brother, Finley M. Scott, who at that time was going by the name of Finley Haskell.⁵⁹⁹ It is from Finley's Civil War Pension application that more of the story of Scott family is sorted out. In 1883 Finley M. Scott, in applying for his pension, identified himself as Finley Haskell, who had enlisted on January 14, 1864 in Co. A of the 1st Tennessee Colored Artillery and was discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee in April 1866.

In papers dated May 25, 1929, located in the pension file, Finley explained the naming process in his family as follows: "My mother had been owned by the Scott family, and when we was sold, she was set free. She married a man named Connelly. My mother was a Scott. My brother was named Bacom because he was sold to Bacom. I was Haskell because I was sold to Haskell. My brother and I had the same father Yokely but we didn't go by that name."⁶⁰⁰ [NOTE: Other documents in the pension file give name of his father as Frank DeVault. William's biographical sketch gave father's name as Frank Scott.]

⁵⁹⁷ 1870 Census, Lyons, Wayne County, New York, p. 250; Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, Certificate #584.607.

⁵⁹⁸ Cowles, George W., *Landmarks of Wayne County* (1895), Appendix B, p. 219.

⁵⁹⁹ 1870 Census, Lyons, Wayne Co., NY, p. 231; Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, Certificate #584.607

⁶⁰⁰ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, Certificate #584.607.

A nephew of William and Finley was the next to arrive in Wayne County. George Bacome, son of Malinda Scott/Bacon, arrived in Wayne County between 1870 and 1875.⁶⁰¹ George's mother, Malinda, stepfather Albert Knox and half-sister Sarah are living in Wayne County when the 1880 census was taken. The Knox family was recorded in the 1870 census in Roane County, Tennessee.⁶⁰²

The Scott Family in Slavery

The military and pension files of Finley M. Scott were a great help in developing a partial picture of the Scott family before the Civil War. First we learn that Finley was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee, as was his brother William, although exactly when is still a question. In 1910 Finley submitted a statement that is part of his pension file stating the following:

I was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee on the 18th day of May 1838 [1848?],⁶⁰³ was born in slavery, my mother at that time belonging to a family by the name DaVault. My Father name was Frank VaVault [sic], who was also a slave of the same family, and my mother name was Melvina Scott, then DaVault according to her owners name. I lived with my mother with her master DeValut [sic] until I was about nine years old, at which time on the account of financial trouble I was sold at Sweet Water, Tenn. to Daniel Haskell, who name I taken, and remain with him until about seven years after he purchased me, at which time I enlisted in the Army, on January 1st 1864... My Mother died soon after I enlisted in the Army. My Father having died when I was an infant.⁶⁰⁴

The slave schedules of the 1850 census of Tennessee, Sullivan County lists two (2) Davault families: Jno Davault had 8 slaves, but no male slaves under the age of 12; Jacob Davault had 12 slaves.⁶⁰⁵ The Jacob Davault household may include the family of Melvina Davault/Scott and her children. There was a 35 year old female, with no male old enough to be her husband. If Finley M. Scott was accurate in his 1910 statement, we would not expect Frank DaVault to be in the household. Malinda Scott/Bacon would have been about age 15 in 1850 and there are two black females, ages 14 and 15. There were also three (3) black males ages 12, 10 and 4. William Scott was born about 1842 and Finley was born between 1846 and 1848.

Jacob DaVault, age 65 and his wife Elizabeth, age 62 were listed in the 1850 census of Sullivan County, Tennessee. Jacob's real estate was valued at \$1000. In the 1840 census his household included 8 slaves, but no adult males.⁶⁰⁶ This Jacob DaVault may have married at least two times – to Mary Hodges in 1815 and to Elizabeth Jane Scott in 1844.⁶⁰⁷ In the 1840 census, a Joseph Scott is listed two lines above Jacob Davault. The tie to the Scott family may be the clue as to why William and Finley eventually took that as their surname.

Another wrinkle in the history of the Scott family is that in 1929, Finley Scott had stated for the record that his father was named Yokely. There are Yoakley families listed in the 1840 census of

⁶⁰¹ 1875 Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York, p. 14

⁶⁰² 1880 Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York, p. 152B; 1870 Census, Barnardsville, Roane County, Tennessee, p. 434A

⁶⁰³ The age of Finley M. Scott varies throughout the file. His age was given as 18 when he enlisted.

⁶⁰⁴ Civil War Pension File NARA, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁰⁵ Ancestry.com. 1850 Federal Census Slave Schedule [database online]

⁶⁰⁶ 1850 Federal Census, Sullivan County, Tennessee, p. 66; 1840 Federal Census, Sullivan County, Tennessee, p. 100

⁶⁰⁷ Ancestry.com, *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*, Yates Publishing, [database online]

Sullivan County, Tennessee that owned slaves – Benjamin, John, Peter and Richard. So it is possible that the father of William and Finley was at one time enslaved by one of these men.

About 1855 the Scott family was split asunder due to financial pressures, presumably faced by the DeVault family. William Scott was sold to a man named Bacom/Bacome, probably of Monroe County, Tennessee. Finley was sold to Daniel Heiskell of Monroe County, Tennessee. It is possible that their sister Malinda also was purchased by Mr. Bacome as she used that surname when she married Albert Knox in 1869 and her son George also used that surname.⁶⁰⁸ Finley reported that after his mother was sold she was freed and married a man named Connelly.

An Archibald Bacome of Sweetwater, Tennessee was the likely owner of William Scott. In the 1860 census his household of 18 slaves included two black males ages 18 and 19 – about the right age for William.⁶⁰⁹ Archibald Bacome was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1814 to James and Sarah (Glass) Bacome and moved to Monroe County about 1820 with his family.⁶¹⁰ Bacome's ties to Sullivan County may explain how the Scotts came to make the move to Monroe county in the mid 1850s..

The Civil War brought additional disruptions to the lives of the Scott family. Tennessee seceded from the Union on 8 June 1861 - the last of the eleven states to join the Confederate States of America. A strong unionist sentiment in much of eastern Tennessee (location of both Sullivan and Monroe counties) had slowed the withdrawal of the state from the Union.

Confederate forces were challenged in East Tennessee by an insurrection in late 1861, but were able to hold control until the summer of 1863. In August they were forced to abandon Knoxville. During the next four months the territory between Knoxville and Chattanooga was crisscrossed by both Union and Confederate troops and the community of Sweet Water was on the main route connecting these two cities. In late November General William T. Sherman marched north from Chattanooga to relieve the forces in Knoxville.

In his report of the campaign, General Sherman reported "we then had no provisions save what we gathered by the road, and were ill-supplied for such a march." A report of Lieut. Col. James C. Foy, 23rd Kentucky Infantry stated that on December 3 his troops encamped near Sweet Water.⁶¹¹ This is probably when William Scott raided his master's larder to feed Union soldiers as recorded in his biographical sketch.⁶¹² William Scott was said to have served 11 months in the army, but no record of his service has been located at this time.

Finley M. Scott enlisted at Knoxville in the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent) on February 14, 1864, using the name of Finley Heiskell, for a term of three years. The enlistment material indicated Finley was 18 years old, born in Sullivan County, Tennessee and a farmer by occupation. He was mustered in on the 20th of February.⁶¹³ (NOTE: Other records put his enlistment in January 1864).The Regiment, later renamed the 1st USCHA and finally the 3rd USCHA, served within Tennessee until it was mustered out in April of 1866. Finley spent much of that time in hospitals, first in Knoxville during March and April 1864 and again at Chattanooga from Sept 1865 to April 1866.

⁶⁰⁸ Ancestry.com, Tennessee Marriages, , 1851-1900, Dodd, Jordan R. [on-line database]

⁶⁰⁹ Ancestry.com. 1860 Federal Census Slave Schedule [database online].

⁶¹⁰ <http://www.tngennet.org/monroe/goodsp1.htm>

⁶¹¹ Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook, <http://tennessee.civilwarsourcebook.com>.

⁶¹² *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Appendix B, p. 219.

⁶¹³ Civil War Military Records, Finley Heiskell, NARA Film M1818-11,
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The story of how the Scott family was able to reconnect after the Civil War is not known. It is possible that Finley M. Scott had not lost touch with his older sister, Malinda, as he was stationed in Tennessee for the duration. In August or September of 1866 Finley went to live with Malinda who was then living near Kingston in Roane Co., located about 40 miles northwest of Sweet Water, Tennessee. He remained there about 3 years as he recovered his health before joining his brother William in Wayne County, New York.⁶¹⁴ Perhaps Scott family lore might contain the story of how William, Finley and Malinda were reunited and why they chose to live in Wayne County, New York.

The Descendants of Frank DeVault and Melvina Scott
First Generation

1. **Frank DeVault** may have died between 1846 and 1850 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Other names for Frank were Frank Davault, Frank Scott and Frank Yokely.

Biographical sketch of son William W. Scott stated his father Frank Scott was the father of 12 children; was born a slave and died a slave. At the time of his son Finley's birth was said to have been owned by a Davault family. In one document found in the pension file of Finley M. Scott, his name was also given as Frank Yokely, which may indicated at one time he had also been owned by a family of that name.⁶¹⁵

Frank married **Melvinia Scott**. Melvinia died about 1864 in Tennessee. Another name for Melvinia was Melvinia DaVault/Devault. She may have been born in Virginia.

In affidavit of son, Finley Haskell/Scott, dated June 9, 1910, states that Melvinia Scott was also known as Melvinia DeVault, name of her owner. She died soon after son Finley enlisted in army (Jan. 14, 1864). An affidavit of son Finley Scott dated May 25, 1929 - stated that "My mother had been owned by the Scott family, and when we was sold, she was set free. She married a man named Connelly. My mother was Scott ..." ⁶¹⁶

Children from this marriage were:

- + 2 **Malinda Scott/Bacome** was born about 1835 in Tennessee ⁶¹⁷ and died after 1910 in Missouri.

Malinda may have been married two times, but only marriage to Albert Knox is documented. Malinda married Albert Knox on 22 Aug 1869 in Roane, Tenn.⁶¹⁸ Albert Knox was born about 1825 and died between 1880 and 1900.

- 3 **Frank Haskell** was born about 1840 in Tennessee and died between 1920 and

1929 in Camden, De Kalb County, Missouri. He married Octavia about 1860 and they had a large family. He moved his family from Tennessee to De Kalb County, Missouri

⁶¹⁴ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, Certificate #584.607.

⁶¹⁵ *Landmarks of Wayne County*, Appendix B, p. 219; Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #584.607.

⁶¹⁶ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #584.607

⁶¹⁷ 1870 Federal Census, Roane, County, Tennessee, Barnardsville, p. 434A

⁶¹⁸ Ancestry.com, Tennessee Marriages, [on-line database]

between 1869 and 1870. Finley Scott indicated in his pension file that he moved to De Kalb County because he had a brother living there at the time.

- + 4 **William W. Scott** was born about 1845 in Sullivan County, Tennessee, died on June 26, 1906 in Huron, New York and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Huron.⁶¹⁹

William married **Nancy L. Sampson** about 1871. Nancy was born about 1847 and died in 1908.

- + 5 **Finley M. Scott** was born on May 18, 1848 in Sullivan County, Tennessee and died between June 1930 and March 3, 1931 in Missouri.⁶²⁰

Finley married **Anna Elizabeth Wilson** in February 1876 in Cameron, Missouri. Finley next married **Henrietta Crockery** on September 15, 1928 in Cameron, Missouri.⁶²¹

Second Generation (Children)

2. **Malinda Scott** (*Frank*) was born about 1835 in Tennessee and died after 1910 in Missouri.⁶²²

Other names for Malinda were Malinda Bacome/Bacon and Malinda Knox. Malinda was most likely born in Sullivan County, Tennessee as were her brothers William and Finley. Records in Lyons Town Clerk indicated her son George Bacome was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1859. In 1866 Malinda was living near Kingston, Roane County Tennessee and was still in that county in 1870. Malinda and her husband Albert Knox moved to Wayne County, New York between 1875 and 1880. Malinda was listed in the 1900 census in Rose, Wayne County, New York with her son George and in 1910 she was living with her brother Finley in Camden, DeKalb County, Missouri.⁶²³

The 1900 census indicated that Malinda was the mother of 1 child, with 1 child

living. In 1910 census she is credited with being mother of 4 children, with 1 still living. She may have moved to Missouri after the death of her son George.

In 1892 Malinda (while a resident of Arcadia, Wayne County, New York) submitted an affidavit in behalf of her brother Finley's application for a Civil War pension based on disabilities resulting from his time in the army. She provided the following statement:

I am a sister of the claimant [Finley Haskell/Scott]. In September or August 1866 my said brother Finley Haskell came to my house to stay with me and stayed about three years. He told me when he came that he had just been discharged from the Army. I was then living in Kingston (or

⁶¹⁹ 1900 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne County, NY, Family #175; Wayne County Cemetery Listings, Evergreen Cemetery.

⁶²⁰ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #585.604

⁶²¹ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #585.604

⁶²² Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #585.604

⁶²³ 1900 Federal Census, Rose, Wayne County, New York, ED #122, #95; 1910 Census, Camden, DeKalb County, Missouri, ED #66, p. 5B.

rather near there) Tennessee. When he came to me his back was so weak that he could not work. For the first year he was with me he could not work at all from his weak back. He could not lift anything and part of the time he had to use a cane to walk. The next year he was a little better and the third year late in the summer he got well enough so he went away from my house and came North. I got liniment, while my said brother was with me, and poultices and other applications and put on my said brother's back. We were too poor to have a doctor much. I went to see a doctor and got stuff to rub on my brother's back and medicine for him to take. That was Dr. McNutt of Kingston, Tenn. He is dead. All the while my brother was at my house he had a weak back so that he could work but little...⁶²⁴

[Note: Malinda Knox signed her name to document]

Malinda married **Unknown**.

Children from this relationship were:

- 6 **Margaret Knox** was born about 1857 in Tennessee.⁶²⁵

This child is conjecture, but in the 1870 census, Roane, Tennessee a child named Margaret Knox, age 13, was listed in household of Albert and Malinda Knox. She may be from previous relationship as Malinda and Albert did not marry until 1869. Of course she may be child of Albert from previous relationship.

- + 7 **George Bacome** was born in March 1859 in Nashville, Tennessee and died about 1907 in Ithaca, New York.⁶²⁶

In 1870 census George was listed in household of Albert and Malinda Knox with name of George Knox, age 13. In all other census his name was given as George Bacome so believe he is child of Malinda from a previous relationship.

George married **Clara Potter** about 1880. Clara was born August 21, 1861 and died November 28, 1945.

Malinda next married **Albert Knox** on August 22, 1869 in Roane, Tennessee.⁶²⁷

Albert was born about 1825 in Tennessee and died between 1880 and 1900.

The child from this marriage was:

- 8 **Sarah C. Knox** was born about 1871 in Tennessee. Another name for Sarah was Sadie.

⁶²⁴ Civil War Pension File, Finley M. Scott, #585.604

⁶²⁵ 1870 Federal Census, Barnardsville, Roane County, Tennessee, p. 434A

⁶²⁶ Register of Births, 1882-1888, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, p. 19; Susan G. Wallace, e-mail 23 Aug 2001.

⁶²⁷ Ancestry.com, Tennessee Marriages, 1851-1900, [on-line database]

Living in household of Finley M. Scott and wife Anne E. in 1880 census, Arcadia, Wayne County, New York as "niece", b. Tenn, both parents, b. Tenn. Listed in 1910 census, Camden, DeKalb Co., Missouri in household of Finley Scott as niece, age 35, single, b. TN, parents b. TN.

4. **William W. Scott** (*Frank*¹) was born in Jan 1846 in Sullivan County, Tennessee, died on June 26, 1906 in Huron, New York, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery,

Huron. Other names for William were William Bacom, Bacon, and William Bacune.

William married **Nancy L. Sampson**, daughter of **Lewis Sampson** and **Elizabeth Briggs**, about 1871. Nancy was born about 1847 in Galen, Wayne County, New York, died in 1908 in Huron, New York, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Huron, NY.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 9 **Lewis Willis Scott** was born in February 1872 in Huron, New York and died in 1917 in Geneva, New York.⁶²⁸

Lewis married **Laura M. Linzy** on May 20, 1896 in Huron, New York.⁶²⁹ Laura was born in March 1876.

- + 10 **Finley Sampson Scott** was born on March 20, 1876 in Huron, New York.⁶³⁰

Finley married **Irma Linzy** on December 25, 1900 in Lyons, New York.⁶³¹ Irma was born about 1877.

- 11 **Eunice Scott** was born about 1880 in Huron, New York and died between 1892 and 1900.

- + 12 **Frederick Gordon Scott** was born on August 11, 1885.⁶³²

Frederick married **Viola Dolce Linzy** (b. 5 May 1892, d. Apr 1977) in 1910.⁶³³

5. **Finley M. Scott** (*Frank*¹) was born on May 18, 1848 in Sullivan County, Tennessee and died after June 1930 in Missouri. Another name for Finley was Finley Haskell.

Military History of Wayne County, New York. - in 1882 of Newark; enlisted Jan. 16, 1864 in 1st USC Heavy Artillery, Co. A; discharged April 1866; moved to Lyons, NY 1869. Vosburgh Post GAR records indicated he transferred his membership to Root Post, Syracuse, New York - may have moved to Syracuse between 1883 and 1885. Pension Record indicates he moved to Mayesville, DeKalb Co., Missouri in 1886.

⁶²⁸ *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*, April 24, 1917, 4:4, www.fultonhistory.com.

⁶²⁹ Huron, New York Town Clerk Records, E-Mail, July 31, 2008.

⁶³⁰ Ancestry.com, WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1919, [on-line database]

⁶³¹ Register of Marriages, 1888-1903, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, p. 94, #942; M.E. Church Records, Lyons, New York. Microfilm.

⁶³² Ancestry.com, WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1919, [on-line database]

⁶³³ Ontario County Marriages, 1908 – 1935, Ontario County, New York Archives.

In 1883 - applied for invalid pension; resident of Newark, Wayne County, New York. Identified himself as Finley Haskell. Enrolled January 14, 1864 in Co. A, 1st Ten Col Artillery, commanded by Capt. Elliott; discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee in April 1866; age 35, 5 ft. 8 inches; complexion dark; hair black; eyes black; weak back incurred in Tennessee December 1864 during picket service and doing fatigue duty; also caused by fording streams in March 1865. Treated in hospitals at Knoxville, Tennessee in March and April 1864; ; at Chattanooga, Tennessee from September 1865 until April 1866 when discharged. Since leaving service, applicant has resided in Newark, New York, farmer; now greatly disabled. Affidavits supporting claim: Sister Malinda Knox, currently resident of Newark, New York (1883); Daniel Robinson and John Woobey of Lyons indicated they have known him since 1869.

1900 census, Camden, DeKalb Co., MO, p. 167: Finley Haskel E. Scott, listed as head of household, b. May 1847, 51 years, married 23 years, b. TN, parents b. TN, farmer. With him Ann E., wife; children Frank, James, Wing and Lena Etta; also brother-in-law John Wilson.

1910 census, Camden, DeKalb Co., MO, ED #66, p. 5B - Finley Scott (alias Haskel) listed as head of household, age 62, married 33 years, b. TN, parents b. TN, farmer general farm. Listed with him wife Annie; children Wing and Malinda [Linette?]; sister Malinda Knox and niece Sadie Knox.

1920 census, Camden, DeKalb Co. MO, ED #69, p. 4B - Finley M. Scott listed as head of household, black, age 72, b. TN; parents b. TN, farmer, general farm. With him wife Bettie, and children Wing W. and Linette.

1930 census, Cameron, Clinton Co., MO, ED #19, p. 1B - living at 710 W. 2nd Street, head of household, age 81, married first at age 29, b. TN, parents b. TN, no occupation. With him wife Henrietta.

Finley married **Anna Elizabeth Wilson**, daughter of **Washington Wilson** and **Unknown**, in February 1876 in Cameron, Missouri. Anna was born about 1855 in Missouri and died on July 16, 1926 in Maysville, Missouri.⁶³⁴

Children from this marriage were:

- 13 **William F. Scott** was born on October 20, 1877 in New York.⁶³⁵

1880 Arcadia census, age 2. Believe he has died before census taken in 1900 - in that census, mother indicated she was mother of 10 children, only 4 living at the time. There are four children listed in household - does not include William F.

- 14 **Frank Washington Scott** was born on July 16, 1879 in New York.⁶³⁶

1880 Arcadia, Wayne Co., NY census - 10 mos.; 1900 census, DeKalb Co., MO - listed with parents, age 20, b. July 1879, age 20, b. NY; In 1929 working for Pullman Service, Salt Lake City.

- 15 **James Andrew Scott** was born on September 28, 1881⁶³⁷ in New York and died

⁶³⁴ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607.

⁶³⁵ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶³⁶ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607.

between 1900 and 1910 in Mayesville, Missouri.⁶³⁸

1900 census, Camden, DeKalb Co., MO, p. 167 - listed with parents, b. Sept. 1881, age 18. One of four living children. Not listed with parents in 1910 - mother now indicated she had only 3 living children.

16 **Serena M. Scott** was born on February 22, 1884 in New York, died before 1886 in Syracuse, New York, and was buried in Wolcott, New York.⁶³⁹

17 **John L. Scott** was born on January 1, 1886 in New York and died before 1900 in Mayesville, Missouri.⁶⁴⁰

18 **Covel Dudley Scott** was born on May 28, 1888 in Mayesville, Missouri and died before 1900.⁶⁴¹

19 **Ellen A. Scott** was born on August 3, 1890 and died before 1900.⁶⁴²

20 **Bertha M. Scott** was born on January 1, 1892 and died before 1900.⁶⁴³

21 **Wing J. Scott** was born on February 17, 1895 in Cameron, Missouri. ⁶⁴⁴ He died on 28 Feb 1975, and was buried on 4 Mar 1975 in Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery.⁶⁴⁵

22 **Linetta Scott** was born on August 4, 1897 in Missouri.⁶⁴⁶

Finley next married **Henrietta Crockery**, daughter of **Unknown** and **Martha Crockery**, on September 15, 1928 in Cameron, Missouri. Henrietta was born about 1852 in Shelby Co., MO.⁶⁴⁷

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

7. **George Bacome** (*Malinda Scott/Bacon*², *Frank DeVault*¹) was born in March 1859 in Nashville, Tennessee and died about 1907 in Ithaca, New York.⁶⁴⁸

1870 census, listed as George Knox, age 11, black - in household of step-father and mother Albert and Malinda Knox, Roane County, Tennessee. 1875, hired man, age 16, in Lewis Sampson household, Huron, Wayne County, New York. 1880 Lyons, boarder, age 22, hostler, b. TN in household headed by Joseph Degolyer (#216/#277). 1900 census, Rose,

⁶³⁷ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607.

⁶³⁸ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607.

⁶³⁹ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴⁰ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴¹ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴² Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴³ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴⁴ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴⁵ Ancestry.com, National Cemetery Administration, US Veterans Cemeteries, 1800-2004 [on-line database]

⁶⁴⁶ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴⁷ Civil War Pension File, Finley Scott, #584.607

⁶⁴⁸ Susan G. Wallace, E-Mail, 23 Aug 2001

Wayne County, New York, ED #122 - 95/99 - head of household, b. Mar 1859, married 19 yrs, b. Tenn.

According to Bette Dunham Wallace (Interview September 7, 2001) - George died as result of a construction accident. May have occurred when family was in Ithaca. Family headed by wife was listed in 1910 Census for Ithaca.

George married **Clara Potter**, daughter of **James A. Potter** and **Margaret Eliza Newport**, about 1880. Clara was born on August 21, 1861 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁶⁴⁹ She died on November 28, 1945 in Syracuse, New York, and was buried in Morningside Cemetery, Syracuse, New York.⁶⁵⁰

1910 census, Ithaca, 2nd ward, Tompkins Co., NY, p. 76B: head of household as Clara Bacon, age 48, widow, mother of 10/6 living, b. NY, housework. with her are: Iola and Wilmont Thomas; Fannie and Muriel Ebo; Leah, Dorothy and Marion Bacon; and Edward Provost, cousin.

According to Bette Dunham Wallace (9/7/01) - Clara lived for a while in Batavia with daughter Fannie and granddaughter Muriel; in 1920s moved to Rochester and lived with her oldest daughter, Alice Iola ("Ola"); about 1945 moved to Rochester to live with daughter Dorothy ("Dot"); died in Syracuse in Nov. 1945.

Syracuse Herald, Friday, 30 Nov 1945, 22:2 - "Mrs. Clara P. Bacome, 84, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Dunham, of 828 S. Townsend st. She was a former resident of Rochester. Surviving are one son, Herbert S. Bacome, of Corning; six daughters, Mrs. Wilma Thomas of Rochester, Mrs. Fannie Blake [?] of Batavia, Mrs. Laura Baker, Mrs. Marion Dennis, and Mrs. Dunham, all of Syracuse; 16 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and 4 nieces ... E.M. funeral home. Services ... St. Philip's Episcopal Church ... Burial in Morningside Cemetery."

Children from this marriage were:

- 23 **Alice Iola Bacome** was born on November 30, 1881 and died in June 1966 in Syracuse, New York.⁶⁵¹ Other names for Alice were Ida A. Bacome, and Ola Bacome.

Alice married **Wilmont Thomas** about 1909.⁶⁵² Wilmont was born in September 1881 in New York.⁶⁵³

- 24 **Fanny Augusta Bacome** was born on July 6, 1883 in Huron, New York and died on February 4, 1971 in Rochester, New York.⁶⁵⁴

⁶⁴⁹ Civil War Pension File, James A. Potter, Certificate #118.887

⁶⁵⁰ Susan G. Wallace, E-Mail August 23, 2001; *Syracuse Herald*, November 30, 1945, 22:2

⁶⁵¹ Social Security Death Index. [on-line database]

⁶⁵² Bette Dunham Wallace, Interview, August 13, 2001.

⁶⁵³ Ancestry.com, WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, [on-line database]

Fanny married first **Daniel Ebo**, son of **Boneparte D. Ebo** and **Josephine**, about 1904.⁶⁵⁵ Daniel was born in May 1871 in New York.⁶⁵⁶

Fanny next married **George Black** between 1920 and 1930. George died about 1939 in Batavia, New York.⁶⁵⁷

25 **Herbert Sylvester Bacome** was born on November 4, 1884 in Lyons, New York.⁶⁵⁸ He died in September 1956 in Rochester, New York.⁶⁵⁹

Herbert married **Letta** about 1906.⁶⁶⁰ Herbert next married **Myrtle G. Briggs**, daughter of **George Briggs** and **Georgianna Brown**, about 1923.⁶⁶¹

26 **?** **Bacome** was born on June 3, in Lyons, New York.⁶⁶²

27 **Leah Bacome** was born in October 1894 and died in July 1965 in Syracuse, New York.⁶⁶³

Leah married **John Anderson** before 1920. John was born about 1899 in AL.⁶⁶⁴ Leah next married **Baker**.⁶⁶⁵

28 **Dorothy Elizabeth Bacome** was born on September 30, 1898 and died in November 1983 in Syracuse, New York.⁶⁶⁶

Dorothy married **Frederick Dunham**, son of **David Dunham** and **Lena Brown**, about 1917.

29 **Marion Bacome** was born on August 15, 1900 and died on June 30, 1974 in Syracuse, New York.⁶⁶⁷

Marion married **Frederick Dennis** about 1920. Frederick was born about 1899 in New York.⁶⁶⁸

9. **Lewis Willis Scott** (*William W.*², *Frank*¹) was born in February 1872 in Huron, New York and died April 21, 1917 in Geneva, New York.⁶⁶⁹

⁶⁵⁴ Bette Dunham Wallace, 13 August 2001; Social Security Death Index.

⁶⁵⁵ 1910 Federal Census, Ithaca, Ward 2, Tompkins County, New York, p. 76B

⁶⁵⁶ 1900 Federal Census, Savannah, Wayne County, New York, p. 106

⁶⁵⁷ Bette Dunham Wallace

⁶⁵⁸ Register of Births, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, 1882-1888, p. 19

⁶⁵⁹ Bette Dunham Wallace

⁶⁶⁰ 1910 Census, Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York.

⁶⁶¹ 1930 Census, Corning, Steuben County, New York, ED #22, p.11A

⁶⁶² Register of Births, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, 1882-1888, p. 19

⁶⁶³ Bette Dunham Wallace

⁶⁶⁴ 1920 Census, Batavia, Genesee County, New York, ED 13, p. 6B

⁶⁶⁵ Syracuse Herald, November 30, 1945, 22:2. Obit of Clara Bacome

⁶⁶⁶ Social Security Death Index; Bette Dunham Wallace

⁶⁶⁷ Social Security Death Index, Bette Dunham Wallace.

⁶⁶⁸ 1920 Census, Batavia, Genesee County, New York, ED 13, p. 6B

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Arcadian Weekly Gazette, 9 Feb 1898, 8:2 - article that Mr. and Mrs. Louis [Lewis] Scott and Finley Scott of Wolcott played at party given for Mr. and Mrs. Byron Church

"The entertainment was given by the colored people, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott and Finley Scott, of Wolcott, deserves special mention. The Messrs. Scott are experts on the banjo. They were assisted by the Mssrs. Chauncey and Frank Hall, of Huron. There were other friends also present from Huron and Butler."

Lewis married **Laura M. Linzy**, daughter of **Minor Linzy** and **Dolly Hagar Payne**, on May 20, 1896 in Huron, New York.⁶⁷⁰ Laura was born in March 1876 in New York.

The child from this marriage was:

30 **Ethel E. Scott** was born in Jul 1897 in New York.

10. **Finley Sampson Scott** (*William W.*², *Frank*¹) was born on March 20, 1876 in Huron, New York.⁶⁷¹ He died January 5, 1932 in Huron, New York.⁶⁷²

Arcadia Weekly Gazette, 9 Feb 1898, 8:2 - "A pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Byron Church last Friday evening, about ninety of their friends being present. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, and a good social time was enjoyed by all. The entertainment was given by the colored people, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott and Finley Scott, of Wolcott, deserves special mention. The Messrs. Scott are experts on the banjo."

Finley married **Irma Linzy**, daughter of **Minor Linzy** and **Dolly Hagar Payne**, on December 25, 1900 in Lyons, New York.⁶⁷³ Irma was born about 1877 in East Bloomfield, New York.

Children from this marriage were:

31 **Florence Scott** was born about 1904. She may have married a man named Dixon.

Died before 1932.

32 **Myrtle Scott** was born on July 24, 1906 in New York and died in February 1991 in New York.⁶⁷⁴

33 **Beatrice Scott** was born August 7, 1908 and died July 4, 1932.⁶⁷⁵

34 **Finley Laverne Scott** was born about 1911 and died December 27, 1975, a resident of Jamesville, New York.⁶⁷⁶

⁶⁶⁹ *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, April 24, 1917, 4:4. www.fultonhistory.com

⁶⁷⁰ Huron, New York Town Clerk, E-mail July 31, 2008

⁶⁷¹ WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1919, Finley Sampson Scott.

⁶⁷² Huron, New York Town Clerk, E-mail July 31, 2008

⁶⁷³ M.E. church Records, Marriages, Lyons, NY; Reg. of Marriages, Lyons, NY, 1888-1903, p. 94

⁶⁷⁴ Social Security Death Index.

⁶⁷⁵ Huron, New York Town Clerk, E-mail July 31, 2008

⁶⁷⁶ *Auburn (NY) Citizen*, 29 Dec 1975, 5:7

12. **Frederick Gordon Scott** (*William W.*², *Frank*¹) was born on August 11, 1885.⁶⁷⁷

Frederick married **Viola Dolce Linzy**, daughter of **Minor Linzy** and **Dolly Hagar Payne**, in 1910.⁶⁷⁸ Viola was born on 5 May 1892 in New York and died in Apr 1977 in Rochester, New York.⁶⁷⁹

Children from this marriage were:

- 35 **William Scott** was born about 1911.

William married **Mabel Thomas**,⁶⁸⁰ daughter of **Elijah Thomas** and **Christiana**. Mabel was born on January 9, 1913 in Virginia and died in October 1984.⁶⁸¹

- 36 **Frederick G. Scott** was born about 1919.

⁶⁷⁷ WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Frederick Gordon Scott.

⁶⁷⁸ Ontario County, NY Marriages, 1908-1935

⁶⁷⁹ Social Security Death Index.

⁶⁸⁰ Dorothy Scott Cook, Geneva, NY, 1980

⁶⁸¹ Social Security Death Index.

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Descendants of Asa B. Smith and Hannah Comstock Smith

Charles Lenhart

1 **Asa B. Smith** b: Abt 1788 in *> Berkshire, Adams County, Massachusetts d: 1863 in - "Probable" date for this/an Asa B. Smith) -likely Minnesota Attended 1: May 12, 1835 New York City Anti-Slavery Society Convention Attended 2: Bet. Oct 21 - 22, 1835 Utica, New York Anti-Slavery Convention Attended 3: Jun 24, 1853 dated *Frederick Douglass's Paper* that the New York State Temperance Society held its annual meeting in Rochester, New York "last Week." Asa B. Smith was noted as attending. As was Daniel Anthony Jr. Religion: Aug 23, 1832 Orthodox Quaker Note 1:: Oct 19, 1833 President of the "Farmington Temperance Society" with J.C. Hathaway as Sec'y. Significance: Abt 1850 Credited, with others, including Quaker women, as having with given Myrtila Miner the suggestion of starting a school for blacks in Washington, D.C.

. +**Hannah Comstock** b: Feb 04, 1792 in Farmington, Ontario County, New York m: Nov 03, 1808 Father: Darius Comstock Mother: Phebe Smith d: Aft. 1863 in (family moved west) Religion: Aug 23, 1832 Orthodox Quaker Significance 1: Hannah was said to be the 'first white girl born in the town.' (likely means Farmington) - see Welcome Herendeen for 1st white child (& male) in Farmington.

.. 2 **William R. Smith** b: Abt 1810 in New York State (as stated in the 1850 census) - most likely in the town of Macedon, Wayne County d: Dec 27, 1880 in Newcastle, Placer County, California (NE of Sacramento) Attended 1: Apr 15, 1852 NYS Anti- Slavery Society Convention - with Gerrit Smith President & 17 Vice Presidents which included WM. R. SMITH, Macedon Residence 1: Macedon, Wayne County, New York Residence 2: Dec 26, 1854 Wilmington, Delaware Residence 3: 1861 Winisheek (= Winneshiek County/ Decorah is county seat) MM Iowa Significance 1: a documented UGRR agent

..... +**Eliza Wright** b: Dec 21, 1808 in Ireland (as stated in the 1850 census) m: Sep 07, 1832 Father: John Wandesford Wright* Mother: Eliza Bell* d: Sep 11, 1879 in <*> Oakland, Alameda County, California

..... 3 Hannah Smith b: 1835

..... 3 [1] **Eliza Bell Smith** b: Dec 26, 1836 in Macedon, Wayne County, New York

..... +**Addison J. Bennett** b: 1829 in New York m: Abt 1853 Father: Moses Bennett Mother: Edith Unknown

..... ***2nd Husband of [1] Eliza Bell Smith:**

..... +**Thomas Swayne*** m: Apr 12, 1858 in Yellow Springs, Ohio (Where Antioch College is located founded by Horace Mann in 1852) Father: Thomas Swayne* Mother: Eliza Smith*

..... 3 **Emily Smith** b: 1839 in #^WRSmith)*> Jan. 5, 1839 in Macedon, Wayne County, New York d: Jan 14, 1914 in <*> San Pasqual, San Diego County, California

..... +**Edward Webb*** b: Feb 14, 1825 in #/WRSmith)<*> Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware m: Nov 25, 1856 in <*> Yellow Springs, Ohio (Where Antioch College is located founded by Horace Mann in 1852) Father: Benjamin Webb* Mother: Katherine Jackson* d: Jun 22, 1900 in <*> New Brighton, Santa Cruz County, California

..... 3 **Alfred Smith** b: 1848

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Smith-Ramsdell Family

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Generation No. 1

1. Jeremiah¹ Smith (Source: *Pioneers of Macedon*, compiled by Mary Louise Eldredge (Fairport, NY: Mail Printing House, 1912), 22.). He married Rachel Wilbore bet. 1770 - 1783 in (Note - this was her second marriage), daughter of George Wilbore and Deborah Rundall. She was born 13 Sep 1750 and died 19 Oct 1798. (Sources: (1) John Reid Wilbor and Benjamin Franklin Wilbor, *The Wilbore in America*, 2nd edition (1933), 54. (2) <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright>

More About Jeremiah Smith: Built a saw mill & a log grist which Henry Wilbur tended after his return from Adams, Massachusetts with his family. Residence: 27 Sep 1856, Asa B Smith's barn burned. 1790, Was one of the "company of seven who came from Adams, Massachusetts" to the Farmington - Macedon, New York area. (Source: *Pioneers of Macedon*, compiled by Mary Louise Eldredge (Fairport, NY: Mail Printing House, 1912), 22.)

More About Rachel Wilbore: Rachel Wilbor(e) was/is first cousin to Henry Wilbor of Macedon, Wayne County, New York.

More About Jeremiah Smith and Rachel Wilbore:
Marriage: Bet. 1770 - 1783, (Note - this was her second marriage)

Children of Jeremiah Smith and Rachel Wilbore:

- + 2 i. **Hannah² Smith**, born 11 Nov 1783 in #/Gideon Ramsdell^AsaB Smith) Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; died 03 Mar 1850.
- + 3 ii. **Asa B. Smith**, born Abt 1788, Berkshire, Adams County, Massachusetts; died 1863 in - "Probable" date for this/an Asa B. Smith) -likely Minnesota.

Generation No. 2

2. Hannah² Smith (Jeremiah¹) (Source: (1) Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich, *Laphams in America* (Victor, N.Y., 1953?), 441., (2) *Pioneers of Macedon* compiled by Mary Louise Eldredge (1912); 3) *Hathaways of America*, Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles (Northampton, Mass.: Garrett Printing, 1970), 578. **was born 11 Nov 1783 in Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts** (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **and died 03 Mar 1850** (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.). **She married Gideon Ramsdell** (Source: (1) "*Hathaways of America*" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 578., (2) See this person's Father's more about notes., (3) Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich (b 1888), "*Laphams in America*", (Publisher Victor, N.Y.1953?), p 440., (4) "Pioneers of Macedon" compiled by Mary Louise Eldredge, 1912, Mail Printing House, Fairport, NY, p 22.) **Bet. 02 - 22 Feb 1802** (Source: (1) Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich (b 1888), "*Laphams in America*", (Publisher Victor, N.Y.1953?), p 441, this should read Feb 2, 1802 (recheck this - if different than Feb 2, 1802 - change to that date)., (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, - this reads Feb 22, 1802.), **son of Thomas Ramsdell and Hannah Gannett. He was born 30 Jan 1780 in Cumington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) TOMBSTONE -personal viewing of., **and died 31 Jan 1859** (Source: TOMBSTONE -personal viewing of.).

More About Gideon Ramsdell:

Date born 2: 30 Jan 1780, <*> Cimmington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts (Source: See this person's more about notes.)

Burial: North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Ontario County, New York (Source: TOMBSTONE -personal viewing of.)

Residence: 1816, Gideon built his framed house which was the first painted house in the township (Egypt, Monroe County, New York) - became known as "Ramsdell's Castle." (Source: Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich (b 1888), *"Laphams in America"*, (Publisher Victor, N.Y.1953?), p 441.)

Significance 1: Participated in the Underground Railroad with his house as a stop per "Laphams in America" (Source: (1) Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich (b 1888), *"Laphams in America"*, (Publisher Victor, N.Y.1953?), p 441., (2) "Sweet Gift of Freedom " Volume 2 Shirley Cox Husted (Monroe County Historian booklet), p 46.)

More About Gideon Ramsdell and Hannah Smith:

Marriage: Bet. 02 - 22 Feb 1802 (Source: (1) Bertha Bortle Beal Aldrich (b 1888), *"Laphams in America"*, (Publisher Victor, N.Y.1953?), p 441, this should read Feb 2, 1802 (recheck this - if different than Feb 2, 1802 - change to that date)., (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, - this reads Feb 22, 1802.)

Children of Hannah Smith and Gideon Ramsdell are:

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 - i. **Rachel S.³ Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 11 Aug 1804 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton Historian Red Binder(s) files.). **She married Dr. David Gregory** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.) **22 Feb 1822** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.).

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 - ii. **Lydia C. Ramsdell** (Source: *"Hathaways of America" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 578.*), **born 23 Apr 1806 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton Historian Red Binder(s) files, Note that I recognise when I entered that the birth year overlaps for Haanah & Lydia Ramsdell - per the source = Compiler CGLenhardt 7/23/2007.); **died Bef. 1841** (Source: *"Hathaways of America" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 578.*). **She married Lorenzo Hathaway** (Source: *"Hathaways of America" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 421.*) **30 Sep 1830** (Source: (1) *"Hathaways of America" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 578,* this is the source for Sep 30, 1830., (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, This is the source for 1837., (3) Swarthmore College Records - Hazard Index., (4) See the husband's more about notes, for records from Hazard Index from Swarthmore College website.); **born 23 Dec** (Source: *"Hathaways of America" Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970, p 421.*); **died 03 Feb 1885 in *** (Source: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyontari/FRIEND1.HTM> Ellison Farmington Cemetery.).

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Burial: North Farmington Quaker Cemetery, Farmington, Ontario County, New York (Source: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyontari/FRIEND1.HTM> Ellison Farmington Cemetery.)

More About Lorenzo Hathaway and Lydia Ramsdell:

Marriage: 30 Sep 1830 (Source: (1) "*Hathaways of America*" *Compiled and Edited by Elizabeth Starr Versailles, Printed by Garrett Printing, Northampton, Mass. 1970*, p 578, this is the source for Sep 30, 1830., (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, This is the source for 1837., (3) Swarthmore College Records - Hazard Index., (4) See the Hazard Index from Swarthmore College website.)

- 6 iii. **Hannah G. Ramsdell** (Source: (1) See this person's Father's more about notes., (2) Perrinton Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 11 Oct 1806 in Perinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, Note that I recognize when I entered that the birth year overlaps for Hannah & Lydia Ramsdell - per the source = Compiler CGLenhardt 7/23/2007.); **died 05 May 1881** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.). **She married Amos R. Cole** (Source: (1) See the spouse's Father's more about notes., (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (3) 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census, is the source for the middle initial.); **born 1806** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.); **died 29 Jan 1881** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.).
- 7 iv. **Mary Dyer Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 14 Jan 1810 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See this person's father's "scrapbook" section of their file, for picture of source.); **died 08 Feb 1844 in <*> Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, indicates before 1859., (2) See this person's Father's more about notes, indicates before 1859., (3) See this person's spouse's "more about notes", for the given date of her death.). **She married Otis Clapp** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, for picture of source.) **28 Feb 1833 in <*> Farmington, Ontario County, New York** (Source: See this person's more about notes, For the Wayne County Historian's records.); **born Bet. 1800 - 1810** (Source: *See this person's "Scrapbook" section of their file, "fig," for the 1840 census.*); **died 10 Nov 1847 in Boston, (Massachusetts)** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, - see the wife's father scrapbook section for picture of source - see the RAMSDELL genealogy from the Perrinton Town Historian in the "C" designated image.).

More About Mary Dyer Ramsdell:

Cause of Death: Giving birth - she died in Feb 8, 1844 and Mary D Clapp was born in 1844.

More About Otis Clapp and Mary Ramsdell:

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Marriage: 28 Feb 1833, <*> Farmington, Ontario County, New York (Source: See this person's more about notes, For the Wayne County Historian's records.)

- 8 v. **Margaret F. Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 21 May 1811 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.); **died Bef. 1859 in Unmarried** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, for picture of source.).
- 9 vi. **Lucy Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 02 Jun 1813 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.); **died 18 Apr 1893** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, for picture of source.). **She married (1) Otis Clapp (his second time, First time to her sister)** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, for picture of source.) **06 Aug 1846 in** <*> Combined Internet (full date) & Hard copy (the year only) sources. (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., - see the wife's father scrapbook section for picture of source, this only gives the year of the marriage - 1846.); **born Bet. 1800 - 1810** (Source: *See this person's "Scrapbook" section of their file, "fig,"* for the 1840 census.); **died 10 Nov 1847 in Boston, (Massachusetts)** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2) See the spouse's Father's scrapbook section of his file, - see the wife's father scrapbook section for picture of source - see the RAMSDELL genealogy from the Perrinton Town Historian in the "C" designated image.). **She married (2) Roswell Hewes** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (1858 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., ; **died 1868** Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.

More About Lucy Ramsdell:

Residence: 1850, Perinton, Monroe County, New York (Source: 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census.)

More About Otis Clapp and Lucy Ramsdell:

Marriage: 06 Aug 1846, <*> Combined Internet (full date) & Hard copy (the year only) sources. (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., -

More About Roswell Hewes and Lucy Ramsdell:

Marriage: 1858 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2)

- 10 vii. **Leah Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 27 Apr 1815 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.); **died 1896** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., **She married George L. Crane** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., source.) **01 Oct 1835** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of

Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., **born in Adrian, (Lenawee County,) Michigan** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.,; **died 1896** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.,

More About George Crane and Leah Ramsdell:

Marriage: 01 Oct 1835 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (

- 11 viii. **Edna Ramsdell** (Source: See this person's Father's more about notes.), **born 13 Apr 1819 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: (1) 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census. (3) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.). **She married Benedict Robinson** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., **1854** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., **born Abt 1822 in <* Union Spring, (Cayuga County, New York)** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, -, (2) 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census., (May be son of Daniel & Isabella Robinson of Farmington).

More About Benedict Robinson and Edna Ramsdell:

Marriage: 1854 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., (2)

- 12 ix. **Jeremiah Smith Ramsdell** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files., is the source for the middle name., , **born 01 Aug 1822 in #/Comstock) Perrinton, Monroe County, New York** (Source: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=57229496> - Ancestry.com) **died 04 Mar 1894 in Fairport, Monroe County, New York** (2) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, is the source for the date & location- **He married Huldah Ann Comstock** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.) **12 Oct 1854 in Farmington, Ontario County, New York** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.); **born 11 Dec 1829 in** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.,); **died 12 Feb 1914 in Chicago, Illinois** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files, is the source of the date., (2 (3) see the North Farmington Cemetery listing.).

More About Jeremiah Smith Ramsdell:

Date born 2: 01 Aug 1822, Perrinton, Monroe County, New York (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.)

Note: Father is Gideon Ramsdell & uncle is Asa B Smith, 1st cousin of William R. Smith

More About Jeremiah Ramsdell and Huldah Comstock:

Marriage: 12 Oct 1854, Farmington, Ontario County, New York (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.)

- 13 x. **Jonathan H. Ramsdell** (Source: Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.), **born 05 Oct 1824 in Perrinton, Monroe County, New York**

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(Source: (1) 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census., (2)) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.). **He married Eliza A. Ramsdell** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.1851 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.; **born in South Haven, Michigan** (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files

More About Jonathan Ramsdell and Eliza Ramsdell:

Marriage: 1851 (Source: (1) Perrinton (Town of Perrinton, NY) Historian Red Binder(s) files.,

3. Asa B.² Smith (Jeremiah¹) (Source: (1) "*A History and Genealogy of the Comstock Family in America*" by John Adams Comstock, printed by the Commonwealth Press, Los Angeles, California, 1949, p 69., (2) "Phelps and Gorham Purchase" - from Internet reading - from Cornell University, p 223.) **was born Abt 1788 in *** Berkshire, Adams County, Massachusetts (Source: (1) 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census, does not list location., (2) ['http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright'](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright) 'ASA B SMITH LINEG, Source for location of birth.), and died 1863 in - "Probable" date for this/an Asa B. Smith) -likely Minnesota (Source: See this person's more about notes.). **He married Hannah Comstock** (Source: (1) "*A History and Genealogy of the Comstock Family in America*" by John Adams Comstock, printed by the Commonwealth Press, Los Angeles, California, 1949, p 69., (2) "Phelps and Gorham Purchase" - from Internet reading - from Cornell University, p 223.) **03 Nov 1808 in *** (Source: See this person's more about notes, see Asa Smith's More About notes - Farmington records from Swarthmore College's James E. Hazard Index to The Records of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends .), daughter of Darius Comstock and Phebe Smith. She was born 04 Feb 1792 in #/AsaBSmith) Farmington, Ontario County, New York (Source: "*A History and Genealogy of the Comstock Family in America*" by John Adams Comstock, printed by the Commonwealth Press, Los Angeles, California, 1949, p 69.), **and died Aft. 1863 in (family moved west)** (Source: See this person's more about notes.).

More About Asa B. Smith:

Attended 1: 12 May 1835, New York City Anti-Slavery Society Convention

Attended 2: Bet. 21 - 22 Oct 1835, Utica, New York Anti-Slavery Convention

Attended 3: 24 Jun 1853, dated "Frederick Douglass's Paper" that the New York State Temperance Society held its annual meeting in Rochester, New York "last Week." Asa B. Smith was noted as attending. as was Daniel Anthony Jr. (Source: Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass' Paper/"The North Star", Rochester, New York, dated Jun 24, 1853.)

Note: Asa B Smith was/is first cousin one removed to pioneer Henry Wilbor of Macedon

Note 1:: 19 Oct 1833, President of the "Farmington Temperance Society" with J.C. Hathaway as Sec'y.

Religion: 23 Aug 1832, Orthodox Quaker (Source: See this person's more about notes.)

Significance: Abt 1850, Credited as having with given Myrtilla Miner the suggestion of starting a school for blacks in Washington, D.C. (Source: Mary Kay Ricks, "*Escape on the Pearl*", (An Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2007).)

More About Hannah Comstock:

Religion: 23 Aug 1832, Orthodox Quaker (Source: See this person's more about notes.)

Significance 1: Hannah was said to be the 'first white girl born in the town.' (likely means Farmington) - Welcome Herendeen was 1st white child (& male) in Farmington. (Source:

"Pioneers of Macedon" compiled by Mary Louise Eldredge, 1912, Mail Printing House, Fairport, NY, p. 15.) Note that this was before Wayne County split off from Ontario County = one town area before split.

More About Asa Smith and Hannah Comstock:

Marriage: 03 Nov 1808, * (Source: See this person's more about notes, see Asa Smith's More About notes - Farmington records from Swarthmore College's James E. Hazard Index to The Records of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends .)

Child of Asa Smith and Hannah Comstock is:

- 14 i. **William R.³ Smith** (Source: "*A History and Genealogy of the Comstock Family in America*" by John Adams Comstock, printed by the Commonwealth Press, Los Angeles, California, 1949, p 69.), **born Abt 1810 in New York State** (as stated in the 1850 census) - **most likely in the town of Macedon, Wayne County** (Source: 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census, p 31 Macedon, Wayne County, NY.); **died 27 Dec 1880 in Newcastle, Placer County, California** (NE of Sacramento) (Source: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright'> ASA B SMITH LINEG.). **He married Eliza Wright** (Source: 1850 U S Federal - NYS Census, p 31 Macedon, Wayne County, NY.) **07 Sep 1832; born 21 Dec 1808 in <*> Ireland** (as stated in the 1850 census) (Source: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright'> ASA B SMITH LINEG.); **died 11 Sep 1879 in <*> Oakland, Alameda County, California** (Source: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/e/n/David-H-Hendren-Randolph/PDFGENE2.pdf#search='William%20R%20Smith%20Eliza%20Wright'> ASA B SMITH LINEG,).

More About William Smith and Eliza Wright:

Marriage: 07 Sep 1832

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Descendants of Philip and Rachel Stout

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The Philip and Rachel Stout family roots stretch to New Jersey where the parents were born about 1788 and 1796 respectively, and at least four of their children were born between 1818 and 1825. Life for African Americans in New Jersey was very complicated. A gradual emancipation law passed in 1804 and subsequent laws regarding slavery in New Jersey did not end slavery and in fact some would say it helped to perpetuate the practice. Children born to slave mothers were considered “free” but were indentured to the owners of their mothers. Persons born before 1804 could expect to remain in slavery for their entire life. The status of Philip and Rachel Stout within this system is not known. If Rachel was a slave at the time of the birth of her children, it is possible that a record exists in the county of their birth. The law required that owners record the birth of children born to the women enslaved by them.

It is likely that the family moved into New York State between 1825 and 1830. There is a Philip Stout recorded in the town of Hector, Tompkins County, New York in the 1830 census as a free person of color and head of household containing 3 males under 10, 1 male 10-24, 1 male 24-36, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-24, and one female 24-36.⁶⁸² The age for the adult male appears to be too young to be Philip Stout of Huron, Wayne County who would have been about 40 years old, but it is a possible error of the census taker. Next to Philip in the census is a household headed by Aaron Stout, also a free person of color and who also was born in New Jersey.⁶⁸³

It is possible that Philip Stout, free person of color, was listed in the 1840 census as head of household in town of Reading, Steuben County, New York containing 2 males 10-24, 1 male 36-55, 2 female under 10 and 1 female 36-55.⁶⁸⁴

The Stout family moved into the town of Huron, Wayne County, New York about 1841 and is enumerated in the 1850 census.⁶⁸⁵ According to the census Philip Stout possessed real estate valued at \$700, yet no recorded deed has been located. The Agricultural Census for the town indicated that Mr. Stout’s farm included 18 acres of improved land and 7 acres of unimproved. His livestock included one horse, 1 milch cow, and 3 swine valued at \$80. During the previous year the farm had produced 20 bushels of Indian corn; and 20 bushels of Irish Potatoes; one ton of hay and 75 pounds of butter. The orchard produce was valued at \$10.⁶⁸⁶

The census listings for 1850, 1855 and 1860 all provide a glimpse into the extended family of Philip and Rachel Stout. In the 1850 census there are four children with the surname of Stone, ages 17 to 9, living in the household. In 1855 the household included three grandchildren named Boley [Bowley], ages 9 to 4. In 1860 the household still included a Charles Bowley, age 10. Living nearby in households headed by white persons were Georgiana Bowley and William Stone.

It is the wills and probate files of Philip Stout (died 1862) and his son Philemon Stout (died 1883) that provide the information allowing us to paint a more complete picture of the Stout family in New York State.⁶⁸⁷ The probate file of Philip Stout identified four children: daughters Dianna Stone,

⁶⁸² 1830 Federal Census, Hector, Tompkins Co., NY, p. 426.

⁶⁸³ *Ibid.*; Schuyler Co., NY Genweb Site.

⁶⁸⁴ 1840 Federal Census, Reading, Steuben Co., NY, p. 402.

⁶⁸⁵ 1855 NYS Census, Huron, Wayne Co., NY, p. 13; 1850 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne Co., NY, p. 402.

⁶⁸⁶ 1850 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne Co., NY, Agricultural Census, pp. 57-58, #26.

⁶⁸⁷ Wayne County, New York Surrogate Court Records. Probate File #0562, Philip Stout; Probate File #01462, Philemon Stout.

widow of Thomas Stone of Binghamton, Broome County; New York; Martha Ann Duffin, wife of Charles B. Duffin of Clifton Springs, New York; Mary Bowley, deceased; and son Phileomon P. Stout of Wolcott, New York. This helps to explain the make-up of the household in 1850 and 1855 census. The probate file of Philemon Stout lists his heirs-at-law as wife Eliza; his sister Dianna Wells of Cuylerville, Livingston County, New York; Charles and Dure [?] Duffin of Buffalo, New York; and Charles Bowley of Springport, Cayuga County. NY.

The story of Philip and Rachel Stout and their descendants is still unfolding as more research fills in gaps. One area of research that may yield interesting results is to look at other African Americans who migrated to New York State and Wayne County from New Jersey about the same time. Prime and Amy Cortright of Huron, New York were both born in New Jersey. Lafayette and Lydia Bogart of Walworth and Palmyra, New York were both born in New Jersey. John Wooby of Lyons may have been born in New Jersey. Are there links among these families that would help to tell their stories?

First Generation

1. **Philip Stout** was born about 1788 in New Jersey and died on July 17, 1862 in Huron, New York.⁶⁸⁸

Philip married **Rachel**. Rachel was born about 1796 in New Jersey and died between 1870 and 1875.

It was reported in the 1865 census that Rachel Stout, a widow, age 69, b. NJ was the mother of 10 children, but only four have been identified.⁶⁸⁹

Children from this marriage were:

+ 2 **Diana Stout** was born about 1818 in New Jersey.

Diana married first **Thomas Stone**. Thomas was born between 1804 and 1816 and died before 1850.

Diana next married **Edward A. Wells** between 1845 and 1850. Edward was born about 1824 in Massachusetts and died between 1870 and 1884.⁶⁹⁰

+ 3 **Martha Ann Stout** was born about 1820 in New Jersey and died between 1860 and 1865.

Martha married **Charles B. Duffin**. Charles Duffin was born about 1818 in Geneva, New York and died August 17, 1885 in Geneva, New York.⁶⁹¹

+ 4 **Mary Stout** was born about 1821 in New Jersey and died between 1852 and 1855, probably in Town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York..

⁶⁸⁸ Wayne County, New York Surrogate Court Records. Probate File #0562, Philip Stout; Probate File #01462, Philemon Stout.

⁶⁸⁹ 1865 New York State Census, Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, Family #66.

⁶⁹⁰ Civil War Pension Records, NARA, Henry Dixon, Certificate #557.457

⁶⁹¹ Ontario County GenWeb Site, Necrology, Geneva Times, 1885.

Mary married **George Bowley** between 1840 and 1843. George Bowley was born about 1801 in Maryland and died between 1850 and 1853 in Ontario County, New York.

- 5 **Philemon P. Stout** was born about 1825 in New Jersey and died on May 2, 1883 in Wolcott, New York.

Believe that Philip Stout is enumerated in the 1850 census, Town of Seneca, Ontario Co., NY living in household of George Bennett, white, farmer. Mr. Bennett's wife Sally appears to have been born in NJ.⁶⁹²

Philemon Stout carried on the trade of barber in the town of Wolcott between 1860 and his death in 1883. In 1862 he acted as executor of his father's estate. In January 1868 it was reported that "Among Grand Jurors drawn [to serve at an Oyer and Terminer and Circuit Court] is one Philemon Stout, of Wolcott, a colored gentleman and I think the first ever drawn in this county. His name was returned by the supervisor of that town a Democrat, and he is said to be a man possessed of more than average ability."⁶⁹³

Philemon married **Eliza A. ?** between 1850 and 1860. Eliza was born about 1835 in Columbia County, New York and died on April 10, 1890 in Rose, New York.⁶⁹⁴

There were no children from this marriage.

Second Generation (Children)

2. **Diana Stout** (*Philip*¹) was born about 1818 in New Jersey.

At time of father's death (1862) living in Binghamton, New York - named in will as Diana Stone. When she signed document that she was in receipt of citation regarding her father's estate, she was Dianna Wells. Diana signed the document with her mark.

A Diana Wells was listed in the 1850 census in Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York with Edmund Wells.⁶⁹⁵ Her five children by Thomas Stone were living with relatives in Wayne County - Theodore, Emeline, Mary Louise and William with her parents in Wolcott; and daughter Cornelia with her sister and brother-in-law, Martha Ann and Charles Duffin in the town of Arcadia.

An Anna Wells, 55, b. NJ, wife of Edward A. Wells was listed in Arcadia, Wayne County, New York in the 1870 census. At time of brother's death in 1883, Diana was living in Cuylerville, Livingston Co., NY.

Diana married **Thomas Stone**. Thomas was born between 1804 and 1816 and died before 1850.

⁶⁹² 1850 Federal Census, Seneca, Ontario County, New York, p. 533.

⁶⁹³ *Palmyra Courier*, January 8, 1865.

⁶⁹⁴ *Clyde Times*, 24 April 1890.

⁶⁹⁵ 1850 Federal census, Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York, p. 364.