

1840 census, Seneca, Ontario Co., p 108 - a Thomas Stone, free colored person, heads household containing 1 male under 10; 1 male 24-36, 3 females under 10 and 1 female 24-36.

Children from this marriage were:

- 6 **Theodore Stone** was born about 1833 in New York.
- 7 **Emeline Stone** was born about 1834 in New York.
- 8 **Cornelia Stone** was born about 1837 in New York.
- + 9 **Mary Louise Stone** was born on October 4, 1839 in Phelps, Ontario County, New York, and died on January 24, 1888 in Newark, New York, and was buried in North Main Street. Cemetery, Newark, New York.

Mary married **Noah Ennels** in 1863 in Geneva, New York. Noah Ennels was born Y about 1841 in Cambridge, Maryland and died in Newark, New York on July 13, 1909.

- 10 **William Stone** was born about 1841 in Seneca County, New York.

Diana next may have married **Edward A. Wells** between 1845 and 1850. Edward was born about 1824 in Massachusetts.

Marriage is conjecture at this point, yet circumstantial evidence seems to support this theory. 1850 census, Hornellsville, Steuben Co., NY – a Diana Wells, age 30, b. NJ with Edmond Wells, 27, barber, b. MA. Will of father gives her names as Diana Stone of Binghamton, NY, but other documents in file give her name as Wells. 1870 census of Arcadia there is a Anna Wells, age 55, b. NJ, in household headed by Edward A. Wells, 46, Barber, b. NY. 1883 Diana Wells is of Cuylerville, Livingston Co., NY (brother's probate file).

1850 census, Hornellsville, Steuben Co., NY, p. 364 (M42-599) - 81/83 - Edmond Wells, 27, mulatto, barber, b. MA; Diana Wells, 30, mulatto, b. NJ; Josephene, 5, b. NY; Amarilla, 1, b. NY.

1860 census, Binghamton, Ward 5, Broome Co., NY, p. 414 - Edward Wells head of household, 37, black, barber, b. Mass. With him - Diana, age 40, b. NJ; Josephine, 14, Albertine, 8 and Arabelle, age 3.

1870 census - Arcadia, Wayne Co., NY, 521/563 (Wayne Co. Historian Documents) - Edward A. Wells, 46, black, barber, b. Mass. With him Anna, 55; Arabella, 14; Ann Wells, 75, b. NY; Mary Swan, 49 b. NY and William W. Swan, age 15, b. Mass.

An E.A. Wells witness to wedding of Charles Duffin and Laura Briley - Lyons Grace Episcopal Church records, 1870, Newark, New York.

Children from this marriage were:

- 11 **Josephine Wells** was born about 1846 in New York.

May not be child of Diana.

- 12 **Amarilla Wells** was born about 1849 in New York and died between 1850 and 1860.

Listed with family in 1850 - not with family in 1860 census.

- 13 **Albertine Wells** was born about 1852 in New York. Albertine married Lovejoy Jones about 1882.⁶⁹⁶

- 14 **Arabelle Wells** was born about 1856 in New York .

3. **Martha Ann Stout** (*Philip*¹) was born about 1820 in New Jersey and died between 1860 and 1865.

1862 - Probate file of father Philip Stout - signed her name to document that she was in receipt of citation as heir and next of kin.

Martha married **Charles B. Duffin**, who may have been the son of **John Duffin** and **Susanna** of Geneva, New York. Charles was born about 1818 in Geneva, Ontario County, New York and died on August 17, 1885 in Geneva, New York.⁶⁹⁷

Charles B. Duffin joined the Grace Episcopal Church of Lyons from St. Peter's in Auburn, New York on August 5, 1849. He transferred his membership to St. Mark's in Newark, New York.⁶⁹⁸

1860 Census family was living in Geneva, New York. In 1862 the family was in Clifton Springs, New York..

In the 1865 New York State census, Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, Charles was listed as widowed, married 1 time, a barber, b. Ontario Co.

Phone conversation with Bob Hoeltzel, 12/20/1983 - newspaper account of Newark in 1850s (a reminiscence) - included reference to Charles Duffin's barber shop on W. Union St. (Arcadia Weekly Gazette).

Children from this marriage were:

- 15 **Charles J. Duffin** was born about 1842 in Ontario County, New York, died in 1914 in Buffalo, New York, and was buried in Forest Lawn, Buffalo, Erie County, New York.⁶⁹⁹

National Archives, Pension File, Certificate No. 612.887: Charles J. Duffin's application for Invalid Pension filed 1891, while resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan. At time of application had been a resident of Ann Arbor for 10 years; suffered with heart disease, pleurisy and rheumatism.

⁶⁹⁶ Civil War Pension Records, NARA, Henry Dixon, Certificate #557.457

⁶⁹⁷ Ontario Co., NY GenWeb Site, 1885 Necrology, Geneva, NY.

⁶⁹⁸ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Membership. Microfilm

⁶⁹⁹ *Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier*, Vol. 25, No. 2, Oct. 2001

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He served in Co. M, 11th USCHA, enlisted on 6 Jan 1864 in Providence, RI; discharged 2 Oct 1865. Description - 5' 2", colored complexion, eyes and hair dark, b. 3 Aug 1839, occupation was cooking. [Date of birth is in question - may be 1842]. Material in file indicated that he had been baptized in Geneva at the age of 2 years by Rev. Henry Garnett, a "colored minister of the church which his parents attended, and that the said baptism occurred in the year 1841."

Records filed in 1909 indicated that Duffin had lost his pension certificate - at time he was living in Buffalo, New York. Since war he had lived in Geneva, New York, Newark, New York, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Buffalo, New York.

1900 census, Buffalo, Ward 7, Erie Co., NY, p. 172B - listed as head of household, 61 years old, b. Aug 1839, single, b. NY, father b. NY, mother b. NJ, cook. Alone in household.

1910 census, 15th Ward, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY, p. 191B - living at 33 E. Terry St., listed as age 71, boarder, single, b. NY, parents b. NY, chef, government ship. Boarding in household of Della Buleh [?], black, 60, widow, b. NY. There is also a Sophia Hill, sister of Della and Joseph M. Hill, nephew, age 40, widowed. Charles Duffin had a sister Isabella, born about 1853 and a sister named Derea or Dure, born about 1856. In 1883 Dure Duffin was listed as heir in law of Philomon Stout. Any possible connection?

- 16 **George Duffin** was born on June 4, 1845 in Yates County, New York and was christened on August 24, 1849 in Grace Episcopal Church, Lyons, New York.⁷⁰⁰

Not mentioned in probate file of Philoman Stout - 1883.

- 17 **Martha Louise Duffin** was born on October 30, 1848 in Cayuga County, New York and was christened on August 24, 1849 in Grace Episcopal Church, Lyons.⁷⁰¹

Not mentioned in probate file of uncle Phillomon Stout - 1883

- 18 **Mary Theresa Duffin** was born in 1850 in Wayne County, New York and was buried on October 8, 1867 in Newark, New York.⁷⁰²

- 19 **Isabella Duffin** was born in 1853 in Wayne County, New York.

With father in Canandaigua 1865 census; No mentioned in probate file of uncle Philemon Stout, 1883. See notes for brother Charles.

- 20 **Derea Brown Duffin** was born about 1856 in Wayne Co, New York.

1865 census - listed as Dree Brown Duffin, age 7, child of Charles, b. Wayne Co.

⁷⁰⁰ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Baptisms.

⁷⁰¹ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Baptisms.

⁷⁰² Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Burials.

1883 - probate file for Philomen Stout gave name of heir as Dure Duffin of Buffalo, New York.

4. **Mary Stout** (*Philip*¹) was born about 1821 in New Jersey and died between 1852 and 1855.

Mary may have died between 1852 and 1855; in 1855 three Boley children were in household of Philip Stout; another Boley child with Duffin family in Arcadia. Her two step daughters are in Geneva, New York working as domestic servants.

1850 census, Seneca, Ontario Co., NY, p. 445 - listed in household headed by George Bowley, age 29, black, b. MD - Think she is really born in NJ -

Mary married **George Bowley** between 1840 and 1843. George was born about 1801 in Maryland and died between 1850 and 1855.

George Bowley of Geneva, New York had an active correspondence with The Liberator newspaper between 1833 and 1834 - the Liberator acknowledged receipt of his letters in the following issues: 19 Jan 1833; 2 Mar 1833; 16 Mar 1833; 11 May 1833; 22 Jun 1833; 4 Jan 1834; 22 Feb 1834; 28 June 1834; 20 Sep 1834. (Accessible Archives website)

Liberator, March 8, 1834 (Accessible Archives, Item #7637) - Anti-Colonization Society formed in Geneva, New York to meet 1st Monday of every month. George Bowley was listed as Vice President..

Could he (and wife) have died by 1855 and that is why his children are "farmed" out to family in Wolcott and Arcadia in 1855 and 1860? Two older children (probably from his earlier marriage) are listed as servants in 1855 census in Geneva, New York.

Do not know relationship of George to David Bowley, but likely there is a connection. David lived next door to George's father and mother-in-law in Huron.

Children from this marriage were:

21 **Benjamin Bowley** was born about 1843 in New York.

Not mentioned in will of grandfather in 1862. Could be because he was not a minor?

22 **Georgiana Bowley** was born about 1846 in and was christened on April 29, 1866 in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lyons, New York.⁷⁰³

Listed as minor in grandfather's probate (1862); Stephen Pound of Lyons appointed special guardian.

⁷⁰³ Methodist Episcopal Church Records. Lyons, New York. Baptisms. Microfilm.
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A Georgiana Bowley, female, age 23, b. US, from Lyons entered Poor House October 20, 1866; gave birth to child on October 20, 1866; absconded November 15, 1866; believe she may have left child; a George Boley was discharged to Noah Ennels of Newark 3/20/1867. [NOTE: Noah Ennels married Mary Louisa Stone, a cousin of Georgianna.]

- 23 **James Bowley** was born about 1849 in New York and may have died between 1855 and 1862.

With Philip Stout in 1855 census. Not mentioned is probate file of grandfather Philip Stout in 1862, which may mean he has died.

- 24 **Charles Bowley** was born in March 1852 in New York.⁷⁰⁴

1855 and 1860 with Philip Stout; 1883 living in Springport, Cayuga County, town of Ledyard (Philemon Stout's Probate Record). In Grandfather's probate record listed as minor. Stephen Pound of Lyons appointed special guardian.

Charles married **Sarah** about 1898. Sarah was born about 1859 in New York.⁷⁰⁵

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

9. **Mary Louise Stone** (*Diana Stout*², *Philip*¹) was born on October 4, 1839 in Phelps, Ontario County, New York, died on January 24, 1888 in Newark, New York, and was buried in North Main Street Cemetery, Newark, New York.⁷⁰⁶

Arcadia Weekly Gazette, 1888-1888 - 0230.pdf (fultonhistory.com) - Jan. 1888 - "The friends of Mrs. Noah Ennels were surprised this morning to hear of her quite sudden death at her home in this village last evening. The funeral will be held at the Methodist church, of which she was a member at 2 o'clock tomorrow. Mrs. Ennels was 48 years, 3 months, 20 days old and was married nearly 23 years ago. The family have lived in Newark 22 years."

Mary Louise married **Noah Ennels**, son of **Samuel Ennels** and **Unknown**, in 1863 in Geneva, New York. Noah was born in March 1841 in Cambridge, Maryland, died on July 13, 1909 in Newark, New York, and was buried in North Main Street Cemetery, Newark, New York.⁷⁰⁷

The *Union Gazette*, 17 July 1909, 1:4: "The sudden death of Noah Ennels occurred at his home on Seigrist street Tuesday evening, death being caused by heart failure. Noah had been about his work as usual all day and returned home at six o'clock..."

Noah Ennels was born a slave in Virginia, coming later to Maryland, where he was owned by 'Blackhead Bill Lecount' of Cambridge, Md. We have a brief account of Noah's escape from slavery which was published in a book called 'The Underground Railroad', which was published in 1871 and was a record of the slaves who made their escape to the north by means of the so-called underground railroad. In this

⁷⁰⁴ 1900 Federal Census, Springport, Cayuga County, New York ED #42, p. 348.

⁷⁰⁵ 1900 Federal Census, Springport, Cayuga County, New York ED #42, p. 348..

⁷⁰⁶ *Arcadia Weekly Gazette*, www.fultonhistory.com, 1888.

⁷⁰⁷ Register of Deaths, Newark, NY, 1903-1910, Book #42, #348; *Newark Union Gazette*, 17 July 1909, 1:4..

book Noah is described as 19 years of age, quite dark and well proportioned, at the time of his escape. Noah's owner, Lecount, was described as being a drinking man and his wife as being rough with slaves, although she belonged to the Methodist Church of Cambridge. Lecount was largely in debt and Noah left because he expected every day to be sold. The story of his escape is a thrilling one and was several times narrated to the writer by Noah, himself. He told of how he left his mother and of the narrow escapes that he had from recapture and death and the hardships he endured... He never saw or heard direct from his mother after his escape. He was taken to Canada not from from Niagara Falls where he remained for about a year. He then came to Clifton Springs and thence to Lyons, where he was employed in the old Graham Hotel. In 1863 he was married in Geneva to Miss Mary L. Stone of Phelps. She died in 1885. To them one son, George was born. He is also dead.

In 1865 Noah came to Newark to work for Miller & Cronise in their hardware store. He also served Mr. Miller personally as coachman and servant with the utmost faithfulness. During Mr. Miller's long and severe illness preceding his death, the personal attention given him by the faithful colored man was greatly appreciated...

Following Mr. Miller's death Noah remained with the Cronise family for many years... Following the breaking up of the Miller & Cronise Hardware store which was then owned by Frank Garlock and later went to work for Charles Leggett, a nephew of Mr. Cronise. He remained with that store for many years, in fact up to the time of his death being still in the employ of Proseus & Fisk, successors to Mr. Leggett...

Noah himself did not know his exact age, but believed himself to be 19 years of age, as is stated in the book, when he made his escape from slavery in 1855... Noah was a member in early life of the Methodist church and later joined the Baptist church of which church he was a member at the time of his decease. He was also a member of the Deluge Hose Company of this village and of the Masonic Lodge of Rochester organized by colored men, which is a separate institution from the regular Masons, but is similar to it.

The deceased was married at Brockport on December 25, 1889, taking for his second wife, Miss Susan Elizabeth Jackson, who died of consumption in 1901. To this union were born four children, one of whom is dead. The surviving children are Mrs. Nellie Hackett, of Barnard, N.Y. an adopted daughter and three sons, Robert of Rochester, and Murray and Edward of this village. He is also survived by one sister Mrs. Maria Hughs of Cambridge, Md. "

Death Record, Register of Deaths, Village of Newark, New York, 1903-1910, Book #42, no. 348: Noah Ennels, widower, d. 13 July 1909, age 69; 46 years in town; occupation - stores & hardware, b. MD, father name Samuel Ennels, b. Md; mother's name - unknown, b. Md.; organic heart disease; buried Newark.

Children from this marriage were:

- 25 **George Bowley Ennels** was born on October 20, 1866 in Poor House, Lyons, New York and died in October 1896 in Pennsylvania.⁷⁰⁸

Believe George was son of Georgiana Bowley, daughter of George and Mary (Stout) Bowley and adopted by Noah and Mary Louise (Stone) Ennels of Newark, New York. In 1888 listed as telephone operator, living with adoptive father on Seigrist St., Newark. NOTE: See notes on Georgiana Bowley.

Arcadia Weekly Gazette, 28 Oct 1896, 4:2: "News was received by Noah Ennels this noon, of the death of Geo. Ennels, in Pennsylvania. Geo. was well known and well thought of in Newark, where he lived when a boy."

- 26 **Nellie Bowley** was born in June 1869 in New York.⁷⁰⁹ Adopted Child.

Nellie married **A. Edward Hackett** about 1900.

1910 census, Greece, Monroe Co., New York, ED #12, p. 181B (T624-988): Maiden Lane, 20/21 Edward Hackett, head, mulatto, 52, married 9 years, b. NY, parents b. NY, laborer, road work. With him wife Nellie and adopted child Beatrice.

- 27 **Bellatu Ennels** was born in October 1887 and died before 1909.

⁷⁰⁸ Wayne County Poor House Records, 1860-1881, p. 141; Arcadia Weekly Gazette, October 28, 1896, 4:3.

⁷⁰⁹ 1900 Federal Census, Greece, Monroe County, New York Y, ED #9, p. 15B

Descendants of John and Patty (Gregor) Taylor

Marjory Allen Perez

The Taylor and Newport families interconnect over and over again throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries making the telling of their stories complicated and at times confusing. John Taylor first appeared in the area when he was enumerated as head of household in the 1820 census for the town of Ontario, Ontario County, New York as a free person of color, aged 26 to 45 years old.⁷¹⁰

I believe that John Taylor's first wife was Patty Gregor, daughter of Cato and Almira (Eaton) Gregor, but have only circumstantial evidence to support this theory. It has been established through the Revolutionary War Pension file of Cato Gregor (also spelled Griger) that he and his wife Almira had a child named Patty, who was born about 1808.⁷¹¹ When Almira Gregor applied for a widow's pension, a John and Patty Taylor provided a deposition. The Gregor family was living in the town of Ontario in the 1820s according to information in the pension file.

It is possible that Patty (Gregor) Taylor died between 1845 (date of deposition) and 1850, when there is no apparent wife in the household headed by John Taylor.⁷¹² In the 1855 census, the wife of John Taylor is listed as Mary A., age 47 years old, born in Albany County, New York.⁷¹³ Of course it is also possible that Mary A. and Patty are the same person, although Patty is not usually a nickname for Mary.

The list of possible children has been assembled from a variety of sources and may not be entirely accurate.

First Generation

1. **John Taylor** was born about 1795 in Pennsylvania, died between 1860 and 1865, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁷¹⁴

John may first marry Patty Gregor, daughter of Cato and Almira (Eaton) Gregor about 1820. Patty was born about 1808 in New York State.

John may next marry **Mary A. ?**. Mary was born about 1808 in Albany County, New York.⁷¹⁵

Children from first (?) marriage were:

- + 2 F i. **Sylvia Taylor** was born in March 1828 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York and died on 29 November 1915 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁷¹⁶

Sylvia married **Hiram Newport** (b. Abt 1817, d. 11 Feb 1886) about 1844.

⁷¹⁰ 1820 Federal Census, Ontario, Ontario County, New York.

⁷¹¹ Revolutionary War Pension Record, Cato Griger, NARA Film M805, File W2731

⁷¹² 1850 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York, #315

⁷¹³ 1855 New York State Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York, #120

⁷¹⁴ Death Date estimated from census information; Lewis H. Clark Cemetery Records, 1882

⁷¹⁵ 1855 New York State Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York, #120

⁷¹⁶ 1900 Federal Census, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, ED 125, p. 16A; Surrogate Court Records, Wayne County, New York, File B20212

- + 3 M ii. **Dexter Taylor** was born about 1831 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York and died in January 1890 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.⁷¹⁷ Also called Samuel Dexter.

Dexter married **Charlotte A. ?** (b. Oct 1835, d. After 1919) about 1851.

- + 4 M iii. **Thomas Taylor** was born about 1836 in Wayne County, New York and may have died on 1 April 1899 in County Home, Lyons, Wayne County, New York.⁷¹⁸

Thomas married **Carrie ?** (b. Mar 1870).

- + 5 F iv. **Mary Taylor** was born about 1836 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York, died on 20 September 1906 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.⁷¹⁹

Mary married **S. Andrew Peters** (b. 1818, d. 11 Dec 1902) between 1850 and 1852.

- 6 M v. **Orlando Taylor** was born about 1838 in Wayne County, New York.

- + 7 F vi. **Almyra Taylor** was born about 1840 in Huron, Wayne County, New York and died after 1925.

Almyra married first **Bradley Gregor** (b. Abt 1838, d. 20 February 1864) in December 1859 in Savannah, Wayne County, New York.⁷²⁰

Almyra next married **Elijah Allen** (b. Dec 1816, d. 23 Oct 1906) between 1865 and 1870.

- 8 F vii. **Caroline Taylor** was born in 1846 in Wayne County, New York.

Caroline married **William J. Washington** about 1865.⁷²¹ William was born on 31 Dec 1845 in Alabama, died on 9 Apr 1906 in Sodus Point, NY, and was buried on 12 Apr 1906 in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷²²

Marriage Notes: This marriage is conjecture - 1865 - William Washington is in Huron with wife named Caroline, b. about 1844 in Wayne County.

Second Generation (Children)

2. **Sylvia Taylor** (*John*¹) was born in March 1828 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York and died on 29 November 1915 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.

⁷¹⁷ *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, January 22, 1890 (www.fultonhistory.com)

⁷¹⁸ Wayne County Home Records, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York.

⁷¹⁹ Deaths, Ontario, Canada, 1869-1932, Mary Wealthy Peters (online database); Hamilton, Ontario, Canada Cemetery Records.

⁷²⁰ Civil War Pension Records, Almyra Gregor, NARA, Application #886.863

⁷²¹ 1865 New York State Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York.

⁷²² Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, William J. Washington, #1739.

Sylvia married **Hiram Newport**, son of **William Newport** and **Sarah J. Plumber**, about 1844. Hiram was born about 1817 in Sodus, Wayne County NY, died on 11 February 1886 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus, NY.⁷²³

Children from this marriage were:

- + 9 F i. **Priscilla Ann Newport** was born on 25 September 1845 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, died on 29 July 1896 in Sodus Point, NY, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷²⁴

Priscilla married **William J. Washington** (b. 31 Dec 1845, d. 9 Apr 1906) about 1870.

- + 10 M ii. **James Henry Newport** was born about 1847 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, died on 10 December 1896 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷²⁵

James married **Euphemia Peters** (b. 17 Apr 1858, d. 18 Jan 1920) on 29 August 1881 in Hamilton, Canada.⁷²⁶

- + 11 M iii. **Charles Benjamin Newport** was born about 1850 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died on 12 November 1918 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁷²⁷

Charles married **Frances (Peters?)** (b. Abt 1856, d. After 1930) about 1874.

- 12 F iv. **Harriet Newport** was born about 1852 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died between 1855 and 1860.

- 13 F v. **Martha J. Newport** was born in 1855 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died between 1855 and 1860.

- + 14 F vi. **Lillie Maria Newport** was born in February 1858 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, died on 12 May 1904 in Sodus Point, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus.⁷²⁸

Lillie married **James Edgar Allen** (b. January 1858, d. 5 March 1905) about 1875.

- + 15 F vii. **Nancy Edith Newport** was born about 1860 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died before 1901.

Nancy married **Frederick Provost** (b. 1859) on 21 October 1888 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁷²⁹

⁷²³ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882 – 1891, Hiram Newport, #330.

⁷²⁴ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, Priscilla Washington, #1003

⁷²⁵ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, James Henry Newport, #1034.

⁷²⁶ Marriages, Ontario, Canada

⁷²⁷ Wayne County, New York Surrogate Court Records, Charles B. Newport, File C744

⁷²⁸ 1900 Federal Census, Sodus, Wayne County, New York; Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, Lillian M. Allen, #1568.

- + 16 F viii. **Caroline E. Newport** was born about 1862 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died on 23 September 1901 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York.⁷³⁰

Caroline married **William A. Newport** (b. Abt 1855, d. Abt 1935) about 1880.

- 17 F ix. **Adel Newport** was born in 1865 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York, died on 8 November 1888 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York,²² and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷³¹

- 18 M x. **John T. Newport** was born on 3 February 1869 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York and died on 6 July 1936 in Wayne County Home, Lyons, Wayne County, New York.⁷³²

3. **Dexter Taylor** (*John*¹) was born about 1831 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York and died in January 1890 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.

Dexter married **Charlotte A. ?** about 1851. Charlotte was born in October 1835 in either Columbia County, New York (1865 census) or Wayne County (1875 census) and died after 1919.

Children from this marriage were:

- 19 M i. **William Henry Taylor** was born in 1851 in Wayne County, New York and may have died on 19 January 1882 in Wayne County Home, Lyons, New York.⁷³³
- + 20 F ii. **Caroline Taylor** was born about 1853 and died on 30 March 1906 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.⁷³⁴

Caroline married **Frederick Wilkinson** (b. May 1847, d. 27 March 1927) between 1870 and 1875.

- 21 F iii. **Charlotte Taylor** was born in 1855 and died in October 1869 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.⁷³⁵
- 22 M iv. **John H. Taylor** was born about 1857 in Wayne County, New York and died on 26 October 1926 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York.⁷³⁶
- + 23 M v. **Dexter Frederick Taylor** was born in December 1858 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.

⁷²⁹ Register of Marriages, Sodus, Wayne County, New York,, 1882-1891, #248.

⁷³⁰ Wayne County, New York Surrogate Court Records, Caroline Newport, A571

⁷³¹ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, #456.

⁷³² Report of Death, Wayne County Home, Lyons, New York.

⁷³³ Wayne County Home Records, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York.

⁷³⁴ *Clyde Times*, 5 April 1926, 2:2

⁷³⁵ Death Schedule, 1870 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York.

⁷³⁶ *Rochester Herald*, 27 October 1926, (www.fultonhsitory.com)

Dexter married **Julia Williams**³⁰ (d. Between 1888 and 1892) about 1880.⁷³⁷

Dexter next married **Sarah Elizabeth Smith** about 1884.

Dexter next married **Useba R. ?** (b. Abt 1880) on 30 July 1904 in Rose, Wayne County, New York.

24 M vi. **Egbert Taylor** was born in 1862 in Wayne County, New York and died about 1892.

4. **Thomas Taylor** (*John*¹) was born about 1836 in Wayne County and died on 1 April 1899 in Wayne County Home, Lyons.

Thomas married **Carrie ?**. Carrie was born in Mar 1870 in Canada.

The child from this marriage was:

25 F i. **Grace Taylor** was born in 1891.

5. **Mary A. Taylor**⁷ (*John*¹) was born about 1836 in Ontario, Wayne County, New York, died on 20 September 1906 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Mary married **S. Andrew Peters** between 1850 and 1852. Andrew was born in 1818 in Ontario Co., New York died on 11 December 1902 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.⁷³⁸

Children from this marriage were:

26 F i. **Caroline M. Peters** was born about 1852 in Canada.

27 F ii. **Harriet L. Peters** was born about 1853 in Canada.

28 F iii. **Frances Peters** was born about 1856 in Canada. NOTE: It may be possible that this person married Charles B. Newport, brother of James Henry Newport.

+ 29 F iv. **Euphemia Peters** was born on 17 April 1858 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and died on 18 January 1920 in Sodus Point, Wayne County, New York.⁷³⁹

Euphemia married **James Henry Newport** (b. Abt 1847, d. 10 Dec 1896) on 29 Aug 1881 in Hamilton, Canada.⁷⁴⁰

(Duplicate Line. See Person 10)

Euphemia next married **Elliot Newport** (b. 23 Oct 1860, d. 8 September 1938) on 25 December 1900.⁷⁴¹

⁷³⁷ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, Lottie E. Taylor, #80.

⁷³⁸ E-Mail, Donna Evans, 24 January 2004.

⁷³⁹ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York.

⁷⁴⁰ Marriages, Ontario, Canada (on-line database)

- 30 M v. **Millard Alfred Peters** was born about 1862 in United States, S, died on 23 November 1938 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton.⁷⁴²
- 31 F vi. **Isabella Peters** was born on 1 Oct 1866, died on 6 Dec 1876 in Hamilton, Canada, and was buried in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁴³
- 32 F vii. **Jane Peters** was born about 1868 in Ontario, Canada.⁷⁴⁴
- 33 F viii. **Mary Peters** was born about 1869 in Ontario, Canada.⁷⁴⁵
- 34 F ix. **Bertha Peters** was born about 1871 in Ontario, Canada.
- 35 F x. **Gertrude Peters** was born about 1874 in Ontario, Canada.
- 36 F xi. **Margaret Peters** was born on 10 Mar 1877 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

7. **Almyra Taylor** (*John*¹) was born about 1840 in Huron, NY and died after 1925.

Almyra married **Bradley Gregor**, son of **James Gregor** and **Almira Smith**, in Dec 1859 in Savannah, New York. Bradley was born about 1838 in Jordon, NY and died on 20 Feb 1864 in Jacksonville, Florida.⁷⁴⁶

Children from this marriage were:

- 37 F i. **Jane Gregor** was born on 8 Apr 1858 in Sodus, New York, died on 29 Dec 1933 in Rose, New York.⁷⁴⁷

NOTE: May not be child of Bradley Gregor. When mother filled out widow pension application, gives only name of Phoebe Gregor as child under 16 at time of Bradley's death. Death certificate gave name of Jane's father as Bradley Gregor and mother as Elmira Taylor.

Jane married **John H. Gibbs**, son of **Prince Albert Gibbs** and **Lavina Porter**, about 1874.⁷⁴⁸ John was born in May 1842 in Dover, Delaware, died on 2 September 1923 in Rose, New York.⁷⁴⁹

⁷⁴¹ Register of Marriages, Lyons, Wayne County, New York, 1896-1904, #210.

⁷⁴² 1881 Census, Ontario, Canada, Hamilton, Ward 3, Wentworth Co., p. 77; Dodsworth and Brown Funeral Home Records,

⁷⁴³ Donna Evans, E-Mail, 24 January 2004

⁷⁴⁴ 1881 Census, Ontario, Canada, Hamilton, Ward 3, Wentworth Co., p. 77

⁷⁴⁵ 1881 Census, Ontario, Canada, Hamilton, Ward 3, Wentworth Co., p. 77

⁷⁴⁶ Civil War Pension Files, NARA, Bradley Gregor, File #886.863

⁷⁴⁷ Register of Deaths, Rose, Wayne County, New York.

⁷⁴⁸ 1900 Federal Census, Rose, Wayne County, New York, ED 153, p. 7A

⁷⁴⁹ Register of Deaths, Rose, Wayne County, New York

- + 38 F ii. **Phoebe Gregor** was born on 12 April 1861 in Sodus Point, New York., NY, died in February 1941 in Huron, Wayne County, New York, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Huron.

Phoebe married **George H. Newport** (b. Sep 1853, d. Jun 1914).

Almyra next married **Elijah Allen** between 1865 and 1870. Elijah was born in December 1816 in Stockbridge, New York and died on 23 October 1906 in Wayne County Home, Lyons, New York.⁷⁵⁰

Marriage Notes: According to Civil War pension application of Almyra in 1980 - Almyra never remarried after death of her first husband Bradley, yet she is listed as "wife" of Elijah Allen in 1880 census..

Children from this marriage were:

- 39 F i. **Sophia Allen** was born about 1869 in Wayne County, NY.
- 40 M ii. **Male Allen** was born in 1873 and died on 1 April 1874 in Ontario, New York.⁷⁵¹⁴⁸
- 41 F iii. **Emma R.E. Allen** was born in 1875.

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

9. **Priscilla Ann Newport** (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born on 25 September 1845 in Sodus, NY, died on 29 July 1896 in Sodus Point, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷⁵²

Priscilla married **William J. Washington** about 1870. William was born on 31 December 1845 in Alabama, died on 9 April 1906 in Sodus Point, New York,¹² and was buried on 12 April 1906 in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷⁵³

Children from this marriage were:

- 42 F i. **Mary Matilda Washington** was born about 1862 in Wayne Co..

NOTE: May not be child of William Washington.

Mary married **James Holland**, son of **James Holland** and **Mary**, on 8 May 1890 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. James was born about 1852 in New York City.⁷⁵⁴

- 43 F ii. **Sylvia Washington** was born about 1870 in Wayne Co..

⁷⁵⁰ Allen Surname File, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York; Record from Wayne County Home.

⁷⁵¹ *Ontario Sun*, April 16, 1874, 3

⁷⁵² Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #1003

⁷⁵³ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #1739.

⁷⁵⁴ City of Rochester Historic Marriage Records, Marriages 1878-1899, p. 363,
www.cityofrochester.gov/Finance/RecordsManagement/MarriageRecords

Sylvia married **Charles H. Cortright** (b. Abt 1868, d. bef 1910?) on 8 April 1889 in Clyde, New York.⁷⁵⁵

- 44 M iii. **Charles Washington** was born about 1873 in Wayne County, New York
- 45 M iv. **George M. Washington** was born in 1877 in Sodus Point, New York and died on 2 May 1887 in Sodus Point, New York.⁷⁵⁶
- 46 M v. **James Henry Washington** was born in April 1880 in Sodus Point, New York and died on 16 October 1892 in Sodus Point, New York⁷⁵⁷
- 47 M vi. **Frank H. Washington** was born in March 1882 and died in August 1908 in Sodus Point, New York.⁷⁵⁸
- 48 M vii. **Willie Washington** was born on 25 July 1885 in Sodus Point, New York⁵ and died on 2 May 1887 in Sodus Point, New York.⁷⁵⁹

General Notes: Birth Record, Town of Sodus, 1882-1891, #299.

10. James Henry Newport (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born about 1847 in Sodus, NY, died on 10 Dec 1896 in Sodus, NY, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus, NY.⁷⁶⁰

James married **Euphemia Peters**, daughter of **S. Andrew Peters** and **Mary A. Taylor**, on 29 August 1881 in Hamilton, Canada. Euphemia was born on 17 April 1858 in Hamilton, Canada and died on 18 January 1920 in Sodus Point, New York.⁷⁶¹

Children from this marriage were:

- 49 M i. **Herbert Winfield Newport**⁸ was born on 16 January 1882 in Canada and died on 4 April 1965 in Lyons, New York.⁷⁶²

Herbert married **Flora A. Taylor** (b. 2 Sep 1888, d. 5 May 1968) on 6 November 1906 in Sodus Point, New York.⁷⁶³

Herbert next married **Frances** (b. 1 Aug 1896, d. Dec 1973).

⁷⁵⁵ *Clyde Times*, April 11, 1889

⁷⁵⁶ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York 1882-1891, #355.

⁷⁵⁷ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #737

⁷⁵⁸ *Sodus Record*, August 14, 1908, 8:3

⁷⁵⁹ Register of Births, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, #299; Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, #356

⁷⁶⁰ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #1034

⁷⁶¹ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York.

⁷⁶² World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918; Register of Deaths, Lyons, Wayne County, New York.

⁷⁶³ *Sodus Record*, November 16, 1906, 4:2

- 50 M ii. **Wilfred Lionel Newport** was born on 30 July 1885 in Wentworth, Ontario, Canada and died on 26 February 1886 in Ancaster Twp., Wentworth, Ontario, Canada.⁷⁶⁴

11. Charles Benjamin Newport (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born about 1850 in Sodus, New York and died on 12 November 1918 in Sodus, New York.⁷⁶⁵

Charles married **Frances** (maybe Frances Peters, daughter of **S. Andrew Peters** and **Mary A. Taylor**), about 1874. Frances was born about 1856 in Canada and died after 1930. Another name for Frances was Fanny.

Children from this marriage were:

- 51 M i. **John Harry Newport** was born on 29 December 1873 in Sodus, New York, died on 22 November 1892 in Sodus, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus.⁷⁶⁶
- 52 F ii. **Jennie Newport** was born about 1875 in Sodus, New York and died before 1918.
- 53 M iii. **Elisha G. Newport** was born about 1876 and died after 1930.

Elisha married **Phoebe A. Cortright** (b. Abt 1873) before 1900.

Elisha next married **Emma G.** (b. Abt 1873).

14. Lillie Maria Newport (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born in February 1858 in Sodus, New York,¹⁸ died on 12 May 1904 in Sodus Point, New York,¹⁹ and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus.⁷⁶⁷

Lillie married **James Edgar Allen**, son of **Elijah Allen** and **Caroline Taylor** [?], about 1875. James was born in January 1858 in Savannah, New York, died on 5 March 1905 in Sodus Point, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus, New York.⁷⁶⁸

Children from this marriage were:

- 54 F i. **Jennie Allen** was born in 1875 in Sodus, NY, died on 18 January 1888 in Sodus, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷⁶⁹
- 55 M ii. **Elijah Allen** was born on 23 June 1876 in Sodus, Wayne Co., New York.⁷⁷⁰

⁷⁶⁴ Ontario, Canada Births, 1869-1932 (on-line database; Ontario, Canada Deaths, 1869-1932 (on-line database)

⁷⁶⁵ Surrogate Court Records, Wayne County, New York, Probate File C744

⁷⁶⁶ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908.

⁷⁶⁷ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #1003

⁷⁶⁸ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #1649

⁷⁶⁹ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1891-1908, #402

⁷⁷⁰ World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Elijah married **Charlotte A. Taylor** (b. Nov 1886, d. 1959) on 29 June 1909 in Rose, New York.⁷⁷¹

- 56 M iii. **Vincent Charles Allen** was born on 27 December 1879, died on 15 Oct 1931 in Gaines, Orleans Co., New York, and was buried in Mt. Albion Cemetery, Albion, Orleans Co., NY.⁷⁷²

Vincent married **Florence May Newport** (b. Abt 1882) about 1901.

- 57 M iv. **James Henry Allen** was born on 18 August 1883 in Sodus Point, New York,, died on 23 May 1888 in Sodus, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery, Sodus, New York.⁷⁷³

15. **Nancy Edith Newport** (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born about 1860 in Sodus, New York and died before 1901.

Nancy married **Frederick Provost**, adopted son of **Robert Provost** and **Margaret Bradington**, on 21 October 1888 in Sodus, New York.⁷⁷⁴ Frederick was born in 1859 in Sodus, New York.

The child from this marriage was:

- 58 M i. **Wade/Harrie Provost** was born in 1878 in Sodus Point, New York, died on 23 May 1887 in Sodus Point, New York, and was buried in Bushnell Cemetery.⁷⁷⁵

16. **Caroline E. Newport** (*Sylvia Taylor*², *John*¹) was born about 1862 in Sodus, New York and died on 23 September 1901 in Sodus, New York.^{776,21}

Caroline married **William A. Newport**, son of **William Newport** and **Margaret**, about 1880. William was born about 1855 in Wayne County, NY and died about 1935 in Huron, New York.^{777,75}

The child from this marriage was:

- 59 M i. **Charles Augustus Newport** was born on 14 June 1881 in Sodus Point, New York, died on 24 November 1928 in Sodus Point, New York, and was buried in Sodus Rural Cemetery.⁷⁷⁸

⁷⁷¹ *Clyde Democratic Herald*, June 30, 2909, 5:4

⁷⁷² Orleans County GenWeb Site, Mr. Albion Cemetery Records.

⁷⁷³ Register of Births, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, #142; Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, #430.

⁷⁷⁴ Register of Marriages, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891, #248

⁷⁷⁵ Register of Deaths, Sodus, Wayne County, New York, 1882-1891

⁷⁷⁶ Surrogate Court Records, Wayne County, New York, Probate File, Caroline Newport, # A571

⁷⁷⁷ Martha Newport Swan, Letter, April 25, 1993

⁷⁷⁸ Martha Newport Swan, Letter, April 25, 1993

Charles married **Eva Ophelia Richardson** (b. 2 Oct 1900, d. 5 Apr 1976) between 1925 and 1928.

20. Caroline Taylor (*Dexter*², *John*¹) was born about 1853 and died on 30 March 1906 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.⁷⁷⁹ Another name for Caroline was Carrie.

Caroline married **Frederick Wilkinson**, son of **Ed Wilkinson** and **Unknown**, between 1870 and 1875. Frederick was born in May 1847 in Mississippi, died on 27 March 1927, and was buried in Wayne County Home Cemetery, Lyons, New York.⁷⁸⁰

The child from this marriage was:

60 M i. **Theodore W. Wilkinson** was born in 1878 and died before 1900.

23. Dexter Frederick Taylor²⁸ (*Dexter*², *John*¹) was born in December 1858 in Huron, Wayne County, New York.⁷⁸¹

Dexter married **Julia Williams** about 1880. Julia was born in Brockport, New York, and died between 1888 and 1892.⁷⁸²

The child from this marriage was:

61 F i. **Charlotte E. Taylor** was born on 10 September 1879 in Wolcott, New York and died on 6 April 1882 in Sodus, New York.⁷⁸³

Dexter next married **Sarah Elizabeth Smith** about 1884. Sarah was born in Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

62 F i. **Charlotte A. Taylor** was born in November 1886 and died in 1959 in Rochester, New York.⁷⁸⁴

Charlotte married **Elijah Allen** (b. 23 Jun 1876) on 29 Jun 1909 in Rose, New York
(Duplicate Line. See Person 55)

63 F ii. **Flora A. Taylor** was born on 2 September 1888 and died on 5 May 1968 in Rochester, New York.⁷⁸⁵

Flora married **Herbert Winfield Newport** (b. 16 Jan 1882, d. 4 Apr 1965) on 6 Nov 1906 in Sodus Point, NY.

(Duplicate Line. See Person 49)

⁷⁷⁹ *Clyde Times*, April 5, 1906, 2:2

⁷⁸⁰ Surname File, Wilkinson, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York.

⁷⁸¹ 1900 Federal Census, Huron, Wayne County, New York

⁷⁸² Register of Deaths, 1882-1891, Lottie E. Taylor, #80.

⁷⁸³ Register of Deaths, 1882-1891, Lottie E. Taylor, #80.

⁷⁸⁴ Bertha Newport

⁷⁸⁵ Monroe County, New York Vital Records Office, Death Certificate, Flora A. Ware, #1879

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Flora next married **Clarence James Harris** (b. Aug 1892, d. 6 Aug 1937) in 1929 in Rochester, NY.⁸¹

Flora next married **Ware**.

Dexter next married **Useba R. ?** on 30 July 1904 in Rose, New York.⁷⁸⁶ Useba was born about 1880.

28. Frances Peters (*Mary A. Taylor*², *John*¹) was born about 1856 in Canada and died after 1930. Another name for Frances was Fanny.

Frances may have married **Charles Benjamin Newport**, son of **Hiram Newport** and **Sylvia Taylor**, about 1874. If so see **Duplicate Line. See Person 11**

29. Euphemia Peters (*Mary A. Taylor*², *John*¹) was born on 17 April 1858 in Hamilton, Canada and died on 18 January 1920 in Sodus Point, New York.

Euphemia married **James Henry Newport**, son of **Hiram Newport** and **Sylvia Taylor**, on 29 August 1881 in Hamilton, Canada.

(Duplicate Line. See Person 10)

Euphemia next married **Elliot Newport**, son of **Philip Newport** and **Nancy**, on 25 December 1900.⁷⁸⁷ Elliot was born on 23 October 1860 in Wayne County, New York, died on 8 September 1938, and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Watkins Glen, New York.⁷⁸⁸

38. Phoebe Gregor (*Almyra Taylor*², *John*¹) was born on 12 April 1861 in Sodus Point, New York, Y, died in 26 February 1941 in Huron, Wayne County, New York and was buried in Huron Evergreen Cemetery.

Phoebe married **George H. Newport**, son of **William Newport** and **Margaret**. George was born in September 1853 in Wayne County, New York, died in June 1914 in Rose, New York, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Huron.⁷⁸⁹

Children from this marriage were:

- 64 F i. **Florence May Newport** was born about 1882. NOTE: May have been adopted child.

Florence married **Vincent Charles Allen** (b. 27 Dec 1879, d. 15 Oct 1931) about 1901.
(Duplicate Line. See Person 56)

Florence next married **Van Horn** between 1931 and 1941.⁷⁹⁰

⁷⁸⁶ Surname File, Taylor, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York, Newspaper Clipping.

⁷⁸⁷ Register of Marriages, Lyons, Wayne County, New York, 1896-1904, #210

⁷⁸⁸ Schuyler County (NY) GenWeb site, Glenwood Cemetery Listing

⁷⁸⁹ *Clyde Times*, June 25, 1914, 8:3

⁷⁹⁰ *Oswego Palladium Times*, March 3, 1941, Obit of Phoebe Newport.

- 65 M ii. **Dewey Sampson Newport** was born on 20 Nov 1899 in Huron, New York,⁸⁵ died on 24 October 1934 in Wolcott, New York, and was buried in Glenside Cemetery, Wolcott.⁷⁹¹ NOTE: He is really son of Florence May Newport, but was raised as son by George and Phoebe Newport.

Dewey married **Sarah M. Newport**, daughter of **Theodore J. Newport** and **Arlula Harden**, on 19 June 1929 in Rose, New York.⁷⁹² Sarah was born in 1909 in Rose, died in December 1966, and was buried in Huron Evergreen Cemetery.⁷⁹³

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⁷⁹¹ World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918; Oswego Palladium Times, October 26, 1934.

⁷⁹² Rose Methodist Church Records

⁷⁹³ Oswego Palladium Times, December 1966

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Descendants of John and Clarissa (Jacobs) Wooby

Marjory Allen Perez

The exact origins of John and Clarissa (Jacobs) Wooby (also spelled Woobey, Woba, Wobe, and Woby) probably will never be known, although there are some interesting clues which tell a portion of their story.

- The death notice for John Wooby stated that John Wooby died in Lyons on May 20, 1874 and that he “was formerly a slave at the South, but had lived in this section since about 1816.”⁷⁹⁴
- In 1906 after the death of a grandson it was reported that John Wooby and his wife had been purchased as slaves by Gideon Granger and brought to Canandaigua where they continued to work for the Grangers after receiving their freedom.⁷⁹⁵
- An obituary for his son John, Jr. (1914) stated that his father “... a slave came to Lyons later [after 1800], when a boy from Canandaigua”.⁷⁹⁶ The obituary of John Jr. went on to say that “when John Wooby, the pioneer, began to receive money for his labor he saved and bought freedom for his brother and sisters still in slavery in the South.”
- The birthplace of John Wooby varies from census to census – Maryland in 1850; New Jersey in 1855; Virginia in 1865. The death schedule of the 1875 New York State census places his birthplace as Virginia.
- His birth date is also in question. Although the census records place his birth about 1795, accounts after his death place his birth much earlier. In the 1875 NYS Census Death Schedule his age is given as 89 years; his death notice in the Lyons Republican put his age at 98 years; his son John’s obituary put the age at death of John Wooby, Sr. “at least 100 years.” The latter ages may be exaggerations which are often found regarding African Americans in local newspapers of this era.

No public document has been located that would confirm that John Wooby had once been enslaved by Gideon Granger, but it is possible. Mr. Granger, who had served as Postmaster General from 1801 through March 1814 under the Jefferson and Madison administrations, did move to Canandaigua about 1816 – about the same time that Mr. Wooby is said to have arrived in the area. The Wooby family did have ties to Canandaigua as their four oldest children were born there between 1828 and 1835. A son Charles married a girl from Canandaigua and lived in the community between 1850 and 1865.

John Wooby married Clarissa Jacobs about 1827. Clarissa’s heritage is also not fully documented. The death record for Clarissa Wooby provides some clues and as well as additional puzzles. The information provided to the town clerk stated that Mrs. Wooby died on October 1, 1883, age 84 years, 7 months, 3 days; born Maryland Vir [?]; 77 years a resident of Lyons; father - “Mr. Jacobs”⁷⁹⁷ The maiden name of Jacobs is confirmed in the death record for her son, Alfred Wooby.⁷⁹⁸ Her son

⁷⁹⁴ Wooby Surname File, Wayne County Historian’s Office, Lyons, New York. *Clyde Times*, 28 May 1874, 3:6.

⁷⁹⁵ *The Arcadian Weekly Gazette*, February 14, 1906, 2:1

⁷⁹⁶ *Wayne Democratic Press*, December 9, 1914.

⁷⁹⁷ Register of Deaths, Town of Lyons, New York, 1882-1888, p. 26, #151.

⁷⁹⁸ Register of Deaths, Town of Lyons, New York, 1896-1906, p. 50, #323

John's obituary indicated that Clarissa was a young child at the time of her arrival in Lyons and that "on that journey she attended upon one of Judge [Daniel] Dorsey's daughters, her mistress, both on the back of a reliable and trustworthy mule."⁷⁹⁹ Census data put the birth date of Clarissa between 1796 and 1799 and her death certificate placed it as 1799. Since the Dorsey's arrived in Lyons in 1797, it seems that Clarissa's age would have precluded her "attending" anyone on the journey north.

The Wooby name is part of the puzzle of this family in that it is a rare surname in America. There is an African American family with the name of Wooby that has ties to New Jersey dating to the mid 1700s.⁸⁰⁰ This may be of importance in solving the puzzle as New Jersey was given as birth place of John Wooby, Sr. in the 1855 New York State census, suggesting that he may have had some connection to that state.

With Wooby being such an uncommon name, the following reference to an Alfred Wooby in *The Waterman's Song: Slavery and Freedom in Maritime North Carolina*, by David S. Cecelski picqued my interest:

As a further deterrent, white authorities severely punished free black sailors caught aiding runaways as illustrated by three cases from the 1850s. In 1855 the Bertie County Superior Court sentenced Alfred Wooby to hang for concealing a slave on a schooner headed down the Roanoke River. In rejecting the petition for pardon, Governor Thomas Bragg reminded Wooby's former employer that "our lawmakers . . . have deemed such punishment necessary to put a stop if possible to the practice of enticing away slaves to the northern state"⁸⁰¹

Coincidentally John and Clarissa Wooby had a son named Alfred, born about 1829. About 1862 Alfred Wooby married Catherine Coe who was born in New Jersey. Adding to the mystery is that fact that Alfred is not listed with his family or anywhere else that I can determine between the 1850 and 1865 census. The first record that places Alfred in Lyons is the baptism of his son Edward at the Lyons M.E. Church on 16 Feb 1868.⁸⁰² So the question of the hour is this: "Where was Alfred between 1850 and 1868?" Was he with family in New Jersey and that is where he met Catherine? Or is it possible that Alfred Wooby, son of John and Clarissa, is not recorded in the 1850 and 1860 census because he was engaged in the maritime industry? It is implied that the Alfred Wooby involved in the North Carolina case was not pardoned and therefore was hanged, but I have not followed up on the possibility that he was pardoned and may be Alfred, son of John and Clarissa.

John and Clarissa Wooby began their married life in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, where their four oldest children were born between 1828 and 1835. Their next four children were all born in Wayne County, New York between 1840 and 1848. In the 1865 census, Clarissa Wooby indicated that she was the mother of eight children – all of whom have been identified.

John supported his family mainly through working as a farm hand for area farmers. A statement in the obituary for his son John seems a fitting epitaph for this man. "He was a steady worker and did his best as a citizen and in providing for his large family."

⁷⁹⁹ Register of Deaths, Town of Lyons, New York, 1896-1906, 50, #323

⁸⁰⁰ Wooby, William, E-Mail Correspondence, 31 Aug 2000.

⁸⁰¹ Cecelski, David S., *The Waterman's Song: Slavery and Freedom in Maritime North Carolina* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001), 147.

⁸⁰² Lyons M.E. Church Records, 1860-1973, Baptisms. Microfilm.

First Generation

John Wooby was born about 1795 and died on 19 May 1874 in Lyons, New York. His birthplace is given as Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey in the census records.

1830 census, Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, p. 111 - John Woby, free person of color, head of household - 2 males under 14, 1 male 24-36, 1 female 24-36, 1 female 36-55.
1840 census Huron; 1850 and 55 in Galen; 1860, 1856 and 1870 in Lyons.

John married **Clarissa Jacobs**, daughter of **Mr. Jacobs** and **Unknown**, about 1828. Clarissa was born on February 26, 1799 and died on 1 Oct 1883 in Lyons, New York. Her birthplace is given as either Virginia or Maryland in census records.

Children from this marriage were:

1. **Ellen Wooby** was born on November 3, 1828 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, died on March 3, 1901 in Lyons, New York, and was buried on 5 Mar 1901 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁸⁰³

Ellen married first **Isaac Grayson** about 1851. Isaac was born in 1824 and died on March 22, 1868 in Lyons, New York.⁸⁰⁴

Ellen next married **Hanson Waples**, son of **Peter Waples** and **Unknown**, on May 17, 1886 in Lyons, New York. Hanson was born in Apr 1820 in Sussex Co., Delaware and died on September 1, 1903 in Lyons, New York.⁸⁰⁵ Hanson Waples was a freedom seeker whose escape story is recounted in The Underground Railroad, by William Still.

2. **Alfred Wooby** was born in February 1829 in Canandaigua, Ontario Co., New York and died on November 30, 1899 in Lyons, New York.⁸⁰⁶

Alfred married **Catherine J. Coe**, daughter of **James Coe** and **Sarah**, about 1862. Catherine was born about 1838 in Newark, New Jersey, died on March 28, 1916 in Syracuse, New York, and was buried in Rural Cemetery, Lyons.⁸⁰⁷

3. **Charles Wooby** was born about 1830 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York.

Charles married **Caroline Clark**, daughter of **Stephen Clark** and **Susan**, between 1850 and 1855. Caroline was born about 1831 in Ontario County, New York.⁸⁰⁸

4. **Harriet Wooby** was born about 1832 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York.

⁸⁰³ Register of Deaths, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, 1896-1904, #344.

⁸⁰⁴ *Lyons Republican*, March 26, 1868, page 2

⁸⁰⁵ Lyons M.E. Church Records, microfilm, Wayne County Historian; Register of Marriages, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, 1882-1888, p. 47, #239; Wayne County Historian, Sarah Veeder Scrapbook, 23.

⁸⁰⁶ Register of Deaths, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, New York, 1896-1004, #323

⁸⁰⁷ Boheim Funeral Records, Wayne County Historian. Microfilm.

⁸⁰⁸ 1860 Federal Census, Canandaigua, Ontario Co., New York, p. 985; 1865 New York State Census, Ontario Co., New York, Canandaigua, Dist. #2, 23.

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died on August 16, 1897 in Lyons, New York, and was buried on August 17, 1897 in Rural Cemetery, Lyons.⁸⁰⁹

Harriet married **Daniel Robinson** about 1865. Daniel was born in May 1840 in Virginia and died on April 14, 1915 in Wayne County Home, Lyons, New York.⁸¹⁰ Daniel was a freedom seeker who arrived in Lyons in the late 1850s, along with Samuel Cheney via Oswego, New York. His benefactor was most likely Hamilton Littlefield of Oswego, New York, a noted abolitionist and worker on the Underground Railroad.⁸¹¹

5. **John Wooby** was born about 1840 in Wayne County, NY and died on December 2, 1914 in Lyons, New York.⁸¹²

John married first **Mary E. Newport**, daughter of **William Newport** and **Sarah J. Plumber**, about 1864. Mary was born about 1837 in Sodus, New York and died before July 1882.¹⁷ The Newport family was a pioneer family from Sodus Point area.

John next married **Alice Waples McDurfee**, daughter of **Hanson Waples** and **Eliza Marble**, on July 17, 1882 in Lyons, New York.⁸¹³ Alice was born on February 3, 1853 in Delaware, died on February 7, 1916 in Lyons, New York, and was buried on February 9, 1916 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁸¹⁴ It is likely that Alice accompanied her mother who also escaped from slavery in Delaware and moved into Canada just prior to escape of Hanson Waples, her father.

6. **William H. Wooby** was born on December 31, 1842 in Sodus, Wayne County, NY, died on July 1, 1909 in Lyons, NY, and was buried on 3 Jul 1909 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁸¹⁵ William served in the 29th Connecticut Infantry during the Civil War.

William married **Mary Louise Johnson**, daughter of **David Johnson** and **C. Maria Smallwood**, on June 29, 1869 in Lyons, New York.⁸¹⁶ Mary was born about 1854 in Palmyra, NY, died on November 21, 1906 in Lyons, New York, and was buried on November 23, 1906 in Lyons Rural Cemetery.⁸¹⁷ Mary Louise's mother was a granddaughter of Abraham Bradington, pioneer African American from Sodus Point.

7. **Porter A. Wooby** was born in September 18, 1845 in Clyde, Wayne County, New York, died on December 5, 1878 in Lyons, New York, and was buried in Lyons

⁸⁰⁹ Register of Deaths, Lyons Town Clerk, Lyons, NY, 1896-1904, p. 43; Boeheim Funeral Records, Wayne County Historian, Microfilm.

⁸¹⁰ Wayne County Home Records, 1905-1940, p. 28.

⁸¹¹ *Lyons Republican*, September 20, 1912 and October 11, 1912 (fultonhistory.com)

⁸¹² *Wayne Democratic Press*, December 9, 1914, Obituary.

⁸¹³ Lyons M.E. Church Records, 1860-1973, Record of Marriages. Microfilm.

⁸¹⁴ Boeheim Funeral Records; Register of Deaths, Lyons Town Clerk; Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Burials.

⁸¹⁵ Boeheim Funeral Records; Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Burials.

⁸¹⁶ Civil War Pension File, NARA, William Wooby, Certificate #741.677

⁸¹⁷ Grace Episcopal Church Records, Lyons, New York, Burials. Microfilm.

Rural Cemetery.⁸¹⁸ Porter served in the 29th Connecticut Infantry during the Civil War.

Porter married **Hannah E. Johnson**, daughter of **David Johnson** and **C. Maria Smallwood**, on October 1, 1866 in Lyons, NY.⁸¹⁹ Hannah was born about 1846 in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York and died after 1930. Hannah was sister to Mary Louise (Johnson) Wooby, wife of Porter's brother William. Hannah's mother was a granddaughter of Abraham Bradington, pioneer African American from Sodus Point.

8. **Henrietta Wooby** was born on January 17, 1848 in Clyde, Wayne County, New York and died on October 18, 1918.⁸²⁰

Henrietta first married **George H. Brown** on April 10, 1866 in Clyde, Wayne Co., New York. She then married **Henry Simms** about 1874.⁸²¹ Henry Sims served in the 160th New York Infantry as a cook and traveled North with members of his company at the end of the Civil War. Descendants of Henrietta Wooby and Henry Sims continue to live in the area.

⁸¹⁸ Civil War Military Records, Porter Wooby, NARA Film M589-97; Civil War Pension Records, Porter Wooby, Certificate #875538.

⁸¹⁹ Lyons M.E. Church Record, Marriages, p. 5; Civil War Pension File, Porter Wooby, Certificate 875.538.

⁸²⁰ Civil War Pension Records, Henry Simms, Certificate 589.177; Savannah Times, October 25, 1918.

⁸²¹ Civil War Pension Records, Henry Simms, Certificate 589.177

From Macedon, New York, to Canada: The Chase and Williams Families

The community of Macedon, Wayne County, New York was home to forty-eight African Americans at the time the 1850 census was taken. That number would drop to only sixteen when the 1855 New York State Census was completed and only 10 of those persons were present in Macedon in the 1850 census. Some of these persons enumerated in the 1850 census moved to other communities in the area (33%), but at least 15 persons in this group (32%) immigrated to Canada between 1850 and 1853. What was the motivation behind this move? Were some members of the families fearful that their status as “freedom seekers” made them vulnerable to enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Law enacted in 1850? Were there economic issues that factored into the decision to uproot the family?

This essay attempts to follow two families that moved to Canada from Macedon after 1850. The Loyd Chase family included nine persons in two households in 1850 and by 1853 they and some additional family members had resettled in Kent County, Canada. The Robert Williams family included 6 persons in 1850 census, but had added another daughter before they left for Canada about 1852.

The Loyd and Susan Chase Family

The Loyd and Susan Chase, along with six children and a son-in-law, were living in Macedon, New York at the time the 1850 Federal census was compiled.¹ It was just one stop in the odyssey that this family undertook – travels that took its members from Maryland to Pennsylvania to New York to Canada and finally into Michigan.

Loyd and Susan Chase had started out their married life in the early 1820s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Loyd Chase was born in Maryland about 1798, and it is not known when or how he came to move to Philadelphia. It is possible that he was in Philadelphia’s Moyamensing district as early as 1820 and part of the Ritchard Chase household, which included one male age 14 to 26.²

Susan Chase was born about 1805 in Philadelphia and according to the death certificate issued for her son Hannibal in 1916 her maiden name was Armstrong.³ If this is accurate there are several Armstrong families to which she may have belonged. An Elijah Armstrong, free person of color, was enumerated in the 1810 and 1820 census of Bristol, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. His household in 1810 consisted of four persons. In 1820 there were two female children in his household under the age of 14.⁴ In the 1820 census of Moyamensing district a John Armstrong, free person of color, headed a household that included two females under the age of 14 and one female in 14 to 26 years old age bracket.⁵ Susan and Loyd did name a son Elijah, which may incline one to favor Elijah Armstrong as a potential father of Susan, but there is also the fact that John Armstrong of and Ritchard Chase lived in the same area of Philadelphia in 1820.

The Loyd Chase household of 1830 was located in the Cedar Ward of Philadelphia and included one male 10 to 24 years old, one male 24 to 36 years old (Loyd); four females under 10; 1

¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Macedon, Wayne County, New York. Families #114 and 118. NOTE: The census copy located at the Federal level gave name of head of household as David Chase, while copy retained at county level listed name as Loid. The Chase household included: Loid Chase, age 52, laborer, b. MD; Susan, age 44, b. PA; Lydia, age 22, b. PA; Andrew, age 17, b. PA; James, age 11, b. PA; Elijah, age 9, b. PA; Hanibel, age 7, b. NY. The Henry McPherson household included: Henry, age 26, laborer, b. NY; Sarah, age 25, b. PA.

² 1820 U.S. Census, Moyamensing, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, 172A; digital images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm M33-109.

³ Michigan Death Records, 1797-1920, online images, www.seekingmichigan.org. Hanibel S. Chase, Calhoun County, Michigan, 1916, Reg. #77.

⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Bristol, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, p. 62; digital images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm Roll 56. 1820 U.S. Census, Bristol, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, p. 23B; digital images (www.ancestry.com) NARA microfilm M33-109.

⁵ 1820 U.S. Census, Moyamensing, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, 172A.

female 10 to 24; 1 female 24 to 36 (Susan).⁶ In 1840 the family was living in the Third Ward of Philadelphia and included two males under 10; 2 males 24 to 36; one male 36 to 55; one female under 10, three females 10 to 24; and one female 36 to 55.⁷

Sometime between 1841 and 1844 the Loyd family made the first in a series of major decisions that uprooted them from the community in which they had lived for many years. The time frame for this move is based on the birth years of two sons – Elijah born about 1841 in Philadelphia and Hannibal born in Rochester, New York in 1844.⁸ In addition 1844 Rochester (NY) City Directory Colored Persons' section included a listing for a Lloyd Chase, laborer, living at 18 Stillson Street.⁹ It may be that the Chase family stop in Rochester was of short duration. Mr. Chase was not included in the 1845 or 1847 Rochester City Directories.

The next stop on the family journey was Macedon. The move may have taken place as early as 1845, but the family appears to have been established residents of the town by December 1847 when the marriage of daughter Sarah to Henry McPherson was recorded.¹⁰ In 1850 Loyd and Susan have in their household Lydia, age 22; Andrew, age 17; James, age 11; Elijah, age 9 and Hanibel, age 7. Henry McPherson and wife Sarah is living in a separate household. Analysis of the 1850 census listing and the 1853 Gillette Map of Wayne County places the family near the intersection of Wilson and Wilkerson roads in the southwest corner of the town of Macedon, near the northern border with the town of Farmington. The location of the family may be significant because this area of Macedon was also home to many Quakers who have been identified as anti-slavery activists and very likely participants in the famous Underground Railroad.¹¹ Was the proximity of the Chase family to this Quaker community a coincidence or was this the link that moved the family from Philadelphia to Rochester to Macedon and would eventually assist in its move to Canada?

Henry McPherson and his wife Sarah may have been the first to move to Canada. They were enumerated in the 1851 census of Chatham, Kent County, Canada West. Henry was listed as a laborer and Sarah as a seamstress. In the agricultural census, Henry was listed as occupying 51 acres in Range 10, part of lot #16, with 10 acres in cultivation.¹² Loyd and Susan Chase followed the McPherson's to Kent County about 1853, the year of immigration provided by son Elijah Chase in 1901 census.¹³

The Loyd Chase family was enumerated in the 1861 census of Gore, Kent County, Ontario, living in a one story, log house as follows:¹⁴

Loyd Chase, born U.S., age 65, male, married, mulatto
Susan Chase, b. U.S. age 56, female, Indian

⁶ 1830 U.S. Census, Philadelphia Cedar Ward, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, 5; online images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm _____

⁷ 1840 U.S. Census, Spring Garden, Ward 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4; online images (www.ancestry.com), NARA microfilm _____

⁸ Ontario (Canada) Marriage Records, 1858 – 1899, online database, www.ancestry.com. Marriage of Elijah Chase to Adelaide Talbot, 10 July 1864; Michigan Death Records, 1897-1920, online images (www.seekingmichigan.org); Death Record of Hanibel S. Chase, Calhoun County, 1916.

⁹ James L. Elwood and Dellon M. Dewey, *The Directory and Gazetteer of the City of Rochester for 1844*, Rochester, New York, 1844, 298; online images, Monroe County (NY) Library System.

¹⁰ Vital Statistics, Macedon, Wayne County, New York, 1847-1849, Wayne County Historian Office, Lyons, New York.

¹¹ Judith Wellman and Marjory Allen Perez, *Uncovering the Underground Railroad, Abolitionism, and African American Live in Wayne County, New York, 1820-1880*, Wayne County Historian, 2009.

¹² 1851 Canada Census, Chatham, Kent County, Canada West (Ontario), Schedule: A:C-11729, p. 19; Agricultural Census, Schedule: A,B, Roll:C-11729, p. 65; online images (www.ancestry.com); Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

¹³ 1901 Canada Census, South Norwich, South Oxford County, Ontario, family #151, p. 13; online images (www.ancestry.com).

¹⁴ 1861 Canada Census, Gore, Kent County, Ontario, Roll: C-1038-1039; online images (www.ancestry.com)

Sarah McPherson, b. U.S., age 40, mulatto
 Henry, McPherson, b. U.S., age 32, Indian
 Lydia Van Allen, b. U.S. age 28, mulatto, married.
 Elijah Chase, b. U.S., age 19, mulatto, single
 Hannibal Chase, b. U.S., age 18, mulatto, single
 Susan Chase, b. U.S., age 11, mulatto, single
 Joseph Coleman, b. U.S., age 9, mulatto, single
 John Coleman, b. U.S., age 7, mulatto, single

The composition of the family unit in 1861 provides new information about its members. It appears that Lydia Chase who was listed with family in 1850 in Macedon has married a man with surname of Van Allen. There are three young children – Susan Chase, Joseph and John Coleman. They are very likely grandchildren, indicating there is a third daughter not yet identified. The 1850 census of Mentz, Cayuga County, New York may provide the identity of this daughter, with a household headed by a John Coleman, age 28; with female, Susan, age 19, b. PA; and child Susan, age 2, b. NY.¹⁵ It is possible the Susan Chase of the 1861 census could be the child of Loyd and Susan, but it is also possible that she is the same person as Susan Coleman, enumerated in Cayuga County in 1850. The whereabouts of the parents of the Coleman children has not been determined.

Between 1861 and 1870 members of the Chase family appear to take different roads to their next destinations. In July 1864 Elijah Chase, a resident of South Norwich, Oxford County, Ontario married Adelaide Talbot of the same place.¹⁶ Elijah remained in this community until his death in 1908.¹⁷ It is also likely that Elijah's brother James was a resident of South Norwich for a time. The 1871 Canada census for the community included listing for a family of James and Mary Chase, both born in the United States. A few households away is located the family of Elijah and Adalaide Chase. One point of interest in this census is that the two Chase families are living next to Barker families, who are identified as Quakers.¹⁸ This close proximity to a Quaker community may indicate again that the Chase family had ties to members of the religious group that extended from Pennsylvania to Macedon and onto Canada.

Other members of the family left Canada and next show up in Battle Creek, Michigan. In July 1870 Andrew Chase, wife Mary and children Josephine, Ella (may be Etta) and Granville are in Ward 4 of the city. Hanibal Chase, age 24, headed household that included Susan Chase age 60, and was living in Battle Creek's first ward in 1870.¹⁹ This probably means that Loyd Chase had died and his widow was living with her son. Susan was not listed in the 1870 census of Battle Creek or the 1871 census of Oxford, Ontario, Canada, which may indicate she was deceased.

The full story of Andrew Chase in Battle Creek is not known at this point. He was listed in the 1880 census of Battle Creek, with wife Mary A. and daughters Josephine and Etta, ages 25 and 15. Birthplace for two daughters was given as Canada, which differs from information in 1870 census, when birthplace was Michigan. Andrew may have died between 1882 and 1897, but no death record has been located for him the Michigan online records. It appears that his wife Mary remarried about 1897 to a Perry Sanford. Etta and Hellen (born about 1883) Chase are listed as step-daughters in the household of Mr. Sanford in the 1900 census.²⁰

¹⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Mentz, Cayuga County, New York, p. 99; online images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm M432-481.

¹⁶ Ontario Canada Marriage Index, 1858-1899, online database (www.ancestry.com and Genealogical Research Library)

¹⁷ Ontario (Canada) Deaths, 1869-1934, online images (www.ancestry.com)

¹⁸ 1871 Canada Census, Norwich South, Oxford County, Ontario, Roll: C:-9910, Families #104 and #119; online images (www.ancestry.com)

¹⁹ 1870 U.S. Census, Battle Creek, Ward 4, Calhoun Co., Michigan, p. 464; Ward I, p. 422; online images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm M593-666.

²⁰ 1900 U.S. Census, Battle Creek, Ward 5, Calhoun County, Michigan, ED #38, p. 2B; online images (www.ancestry.com); NARA microfilm _____.

In December of that year, Hanibal Chase married Emma Henriette Williams.²¹ Hanibel and Emma Chase remained in Battle Creek and raised a large family that included children Arabell, Ernest, Gertrude, Maxwell, Herbert, Glen, Leona, Beatrice and Mabel. Emma H. Chase died on 20 April 1907 and her husband Hanibel Chase died on 12 February 1912.²²



*Hanibel S. Chase, 1844 – 1916.
Photo from the Martich Archive, Willard Library,
Battle Creek, Michigan. Online
Images at www.willard.lib.mi.us. NOTE: I have
not received permission to use this photo.*

The story of the Chase family is by no means complete, but the fragments are a beginning. It is very likely that descendants of Loyd and Susan Chase could fill in many of the blanks and may have oral history traditions that would provide the clue to why the family took on so many arduous journeys between 1844 and 1870.

²¹ www.rootsweb.com.ancestry.com/~micalhou/

²² Michigan Death Records, 1897-1920, online images (www.seekingmichigan.org); Death Records of Emma H. Chase, 1907 and Hanibel S. Chase, Calhoun County, 1916.

Robert H. and Harriet (Cooley) Williams

The family of Robert and Harriet Williams was living in Macedon at the time the 1850 census was completed and moved to Canada about 1852. It is not entirely clear where in Macedon the family resided, but their immediate neighbor, Jonathan Shourds, lived on Canandaigua Road, south of the village of Macedon.

The exact origin of Robert H. Williams has not been discovered and even his place of birth is in question. The 1850 census and a death record for his daughter Elizabeth Williams indicated he was born in Pennsylvania, while his own death record listed his place of birth as Virginia.²³ His death record did not provide names of his parents. He most likely arrived in Macedon, New York in the late 1830s and married Harriet Cooley, daughter of Charles and Amanda Cooley, about 1840. The Cooley family had moved to Macedon between 1835 and 1836 from Dutchess County, New York.²⁴ Charles Cooley was listed as head of household in the 1840 census of Macedon. The Cooley family moved to neighboring village of Palmyra between 1850 and 1855 and remained members of that community until their deaths.

On 7 August 1840 Robert Williams executed a deed for property located in the town of Macedon, being part of lot number 8. The property was described as being about ½ acre bordered on the north by the saw mill race, which places the property on what today is called Farmington Road, in close proximity to a Elias and Susan Doty, William R. and Eliza Smith, and Asa B. and Hannah Smith, known Quaker anti-slavery activists. On 22 April 1852 Robert and his wife Harriet, both of Macedon, Wayne County, NY sold their property to Robert Jones for \$250 – the same price they had paid twelve years earlier.²⁵

The whereabouts of the Williams family after 1852 was revealed in the obituary of Mary A. (Cooley) Bogart, sister of Harriet, who died in 14 April 1894 in Palmyra, New York. The list of survivors included reference to a sister, Mrs. Harriet Williams, of Norwich, Canada.²⁶ Between 1840 and 1851, at least five children were born to Robert and Harriet Williams--Anna Eliza, Charles A., Robert H. Jr., Mary Jane, and Harriet. After their arrival in South Norwich, Ontario, Canada, four more children were added to the family – Elizabeth, Martha, John and Isaac. The Williams family was enumerated in the 1861 census of South Norwich, Oxford County, Ontario with Robert's occupation listed as "farmer."²⁷

The township of Norwich was first settled about 1810 by a group of Quakers from Dutchess County, New York. The Quaker presence was instrumental in the establishment in the 1830s of an African-American settlement at Otterville, a hamlet in Norwich. In 1851 there were 102 persons of color enumerated by census takers in all of Norwich. In 1855 Norwich was divided into two smaller townships of North and South Norwich and a special census recorded 167 black persons in the newly formed town South Norwich, of which Otterville was included. The passage of the Fugitive Slave Law was largely responsible for this influx of new residents and it has been said that Robert Williams, "a fugitive slave, brought his family to the Otterville area in 1852 after meeting some Norwich Quakers at a Friends Meeting near Rochester, New York."²⁸ It is very likely that this

²³ 1850 U.S. Census, Macedon, Wayne County, New York, Family #295. Ontario, Canada Deaths, 1869-1934; online images (www.ancestry.com)

²⁴ 1855 New York State Census, Palmyra, Wayne County, George Cooley, Family #417. Birthplace of child Mary Cooley, born about 1835 in Dutchess County, New York and birthplace of child George Cooley, born about 1837 in Wayne County. Membership records of the First Baptist Church of Macedon, New York show that Harriet Williams joined on 27 March 1836 and her parents joined the congregation on 3 April 1836.

²⁵ Wayne County, New York Deeds, Book 28/170; Book 57/349.

²⁶ Genealogy Surname Files, Palmyra Kings Daughters Library, Palmyra, New York.

²⁷ 1861 Canada Census, South Norwich, Oxford County, Ontario; Roll C-1060-1061; online images (www.ancestry.com).

²⁸ Ontario Heritage Trust, "Otterville African Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery", 8 July 2006; <http://www.heritagefdn.on.ca>.

meeting took place at the Farmington Friends Meeting, located just a few miles from the Williams' home.

Canada remained "home" for many of the members of the Williams family for the remainder of their lives. Robert H. Williams died on 15 May 1899; Harriet Cooley Williams died on 15 May 1913. Their oldest daughter, Annie E. Williams died at the family home in Otterville, South Norwich, Ontario on 28 January 1929 at the age of 88 years. Her younger sister Martha Williams was listed as the informant on the death certificate.²⁹ The full story of the Williams family is still unfolding.

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²⁹ Ontario County Deaths, 1869-1934, online images (www.ancestry.com)