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- how-to articles
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- using technology

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The Hidden Treasures: Utilizing Newspapers in Genealogical Research

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. PT | Eric Vaughn

Leave No Stone Unturned: Finding Elusive Ancestors in *FamilySearch*

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Debbie Gurtler, AG®

Sunday, March 12

United States Laws and How They Relate to Immigration

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. PT | Emily Bakly

Three Free Websites for Scandinavian Research

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Savannah Larson

British Special Interest Group

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Duane Funk

Monday, March 13: Slavic Day

Germans from Russia: Tools, Tips, and Tricks

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1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | McKenna Cooper, MSc, AG®

Polish Geneteka: Online Indexes and Images

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Tuesday, March 14

Great Lakes Special Interest Group

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. PT | Kim Thurman

Logs, Sources, and Documents: Oh My!

11:30 p.m.–1 p.m. PT | Heidi Gailey

Maximizing Your Research Time

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Julie A. Anderson, MA, AG®

Genealogical Resources at the Oregon State Archives

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. | Kim Gorman, Archivist

Wednesday, March 15

Learn & Chat Special Interest Group

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Getting Started with AncestryDNA

1 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Lisa McCullough

Compare DNA Companies

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Tim Janzen

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Websites to Access German Documents

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1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Charlotte Noelle Champenois, AG®

German Gazetteers and Parish Register Inventories

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Baerbel Johnson

Friday, March 17

The British Columbia Genealogical Society, Canada – Resources for Family Historians

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What's in a Name? Immigrant Name Changes

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. PT | Alyssa Gamble

National Archives: What Can You Find in NARA at Seattle?

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Crystal Shurley & Brita Merkel

Discover the City of Portland Archives

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Madeline Moya

Saturday, March 18

Genealogy Problem Solvers Special Interest Group

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PT | Brick Wall Team

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12 p.m.–2 p.m. PT | Janice Sellers

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Letter from an Editor

“What is more important, your time or money?”

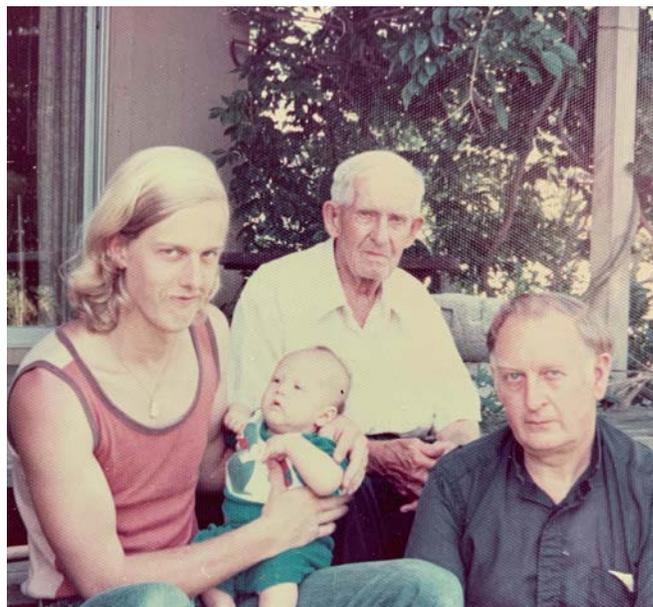
The above question came from Stephen Covey, author of *Seven Habits of Highly Successful People*. He had a seminar to discuss his 1989 book, and my father asked me if I wanted to go with him. Sure, I rarely did things with my dad because he was always busy with his work. We walked into a large convention hall out by the airport and sat near the stage. No one answered Covey’s question and he continued to speak into his microphone, “Can anyone think of something more important?”

My dad was an Episcopal minister. When he first started preaching in southwest Portland the congregation was in the little American Legion Hall in Multnomah. By Christmas of 1951, they were in what became the parish hall at St. Barnabas Church in Hillsdale. During one of those early services when my dad was preaching, some old guy in the back yelled, “Speak up, I can’t hear you!” My father never forgot that, he did not need a microphone in a large church or a convention hall. What is more important than time or money? No one but my father raised his hand.

“Relationships.” Everyone heard it, Covey paused. GAME OVER! I was ready to go home. I remember nothing else from the seminar.

I read Covey’s book before giving it to my father, who was an avid reader. There were always books in my parents living room. Some had religious or educational topics, and there were always magazines on current events, nature, and science. Maybe those were foundations of my relationship with my father. “Relationships” certainly emphasized his job’s focus on the living. He often: visited parishioners in the hospital, donated blood, answered calls to the suicide hotline, and worked with other faiths. He never “winged” a sermon, he always had notes. I liked my father’s sermons on church history; I hated those that mentioned me. I wonder how my grandfather lectured my dad.

My father did not talk about his parents; no, I did not ask him the right questions. This made it challenging to write about my paternal grandfather, Paul Frederick Grafe, who I did not often visit. Regrettably, a genealogist would have been more attentive to the above father-son relationships. Nevertheless, I organized facts from census records, city directories, family, newspapers, photographs, etc., and my writing style was predictably boring. So, I put myself in Grandpa Paul’s shoes and imagined a relationship with



Four Generations. Left to right: Mark Grafe holding his son, Paul Frederick Grafe, and Rev. Robert F. Grafe, 1974.

him; I hope that worked. I hope you write about what was important to your ancestors.

Other chapters in this issue include Duane Funk’s well-cited article, which unquestionably emphasizes the importance of seeing original records, and Katerina Schmidt’s enlightening article, which explains how to search for records of our Polish ancestors. Katerina will also teach during the Genealogical Forum of Oregon’s Open House and the GFO’s Spring Seminar. Anne Sharp shares a book review and stories relating to her hard-working great-grandma. And Sue LeBlanc contributed genealogy inherited from her father’s cousin, Mariruth, with whom she traveled to Europe. Mariruth’s collection included several German books donated to the GFO. Even after reading the title pages from those old books, I needed a proofreader from Germany. THANK YOU, Tia Cobb, for sending those pages to Nancy Myers. Thank You, Nanci Remington, for another Bible article. The book review from Harold Hinds covers one of many topics with which he is familiar; Harold would love to help with your research on Monday afternoons in the GFO’s library. If you skipped page ii, note that we have several excellent copy editors and proofreaders ready to help with your story, book review, or Bible write-up.

Mark Grafe
Layout Editor

Letters to the Editor

Mark,

Thank you for your story in *The Bulletin* about the Digital Vertical File. Your Brawand article is much like the timelines-with-images I am doing with my extensive research, which I won't live long enough to properly write up. The Digital Vertical File might be a place my info would be useful to others.

Where can I find out more about it?

Is it available to the public or only Genealogical Forum of Oregon members?

Are there similar projects at other sites? Family Search? Allen County Library?

Thanks!

Judy Whipple

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Mark,

I was thrilled with how my article looks in the *Bulletin*. Thank you so much for your expertise and patience.

I wanted to find your story with images on the online library catalog for "Brawand," but I'm having trouble finding it.

Can you help?

Lola Weber

* * *

We received several questions about the Digital Vertical Files!

GFO's "Vertical Files" were a collection of miscellaneous material in the back of the library, organized by surname. They included all sorts of paper records such as

newspaper clippings, manuscripts, marriage announcements, death certificates, family newsletters, and all manner of ephemera.

Much of this material has been digitized and made available through the GFO catalog. Items from the Vertical Files show up in any search of the catalog—just enter the surname as the search term.

From <https://gfo.org/> > Resources > Research Library > The Library Catalog > Search Catalog Here. Then under "Search Terms" enter "Brawand" without the quotation marks. Then click the magnifying glass icon (or just hit "return").

Actually, mentioning the Vertical Files in the past tense is not strictly correct. There are several file cabinets that have not been digitized yet, and these are in the very back of the library. Just ask a Research Assistant the next time you are in the library.

* * *

Dear *Bulletin* staff,

I loved reading the stories about grandparents. What a wide variety of information, writing approaches and individual lives. Thanks to all who shared.

I am attaching a story of my great-grandmother realizing that you recently included an account of another of my grandmothers in the *Bulletin*. I understand that this may not be the time for another grandmother submission. But what fun it was to review her life and my memories of our time together.

Thanks for the articles and the inspiration.

Anne Sharp

Reading Between the Lines

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April 15, 2023 — 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time

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GFO.ORG/GENTALK

A GFO GenTALK featuring Tristan L. Tolman, AG®, genealogist for the award-winning television series, *Relative Race*

Grandpa Paul Frederick Grafe (1890–1978) of Muscatine, Iowa: “All I remember is that he always seemed grumpy.”

Mark Grafe

I talked to my grandpa when I was young but only recall his tone. Grandpa’s ghost thought it would be better to have him tell stories. The following is an imaginary one-sided conversation with the grandpa I barely knew.

IN GRANDPA’S SHOES

“Hi Mark, come on in! I ain’t grumpy all the time! Who said that? Is that my obituary? Well, it’s about time! Let’s see, it’s mostly correct, but I did not die in my sleep. What? My parents?”

Good Spirits

“I was the third child born to William and Mary Grafe. They was not quite ready for me, didn’t know what to call me. I had to go back later and add “Paul Frederick” to get ID.¹ No, I was not born grumpy, I was born in good spirits at the Muscatine Brewery, my mom and grandma’s home.² I lived there for a couple of years.³ I had an older brother, Henry William Grafe. We got baptized at the same time, in 1890, at the “Evangelisch Protestantische Gemeinde.” That Evangelical Protestant Church welcomed my grandparents, Charles and Louise Grafe, as Henry’s godparents, and my grandma Maria [Kirchhofer, Brawand, Eigerman, Lang] and her third husband, Charles Lang, as my godparents. Our certificates are in German.”

Paul Friedrich Graf
geboren 29 Januar 1890 in Muscatine Iowa
[illegible] zu eltern Wilhelm Graf
and Maria geb. Brawand
ist am 23 Marz 1890.
Taufpathen maren
Carl Lang and Maria Louise Lang.
Carl Rumpf a pfr



Paul Frederick Grafe, 88, a longtime resident of 219 Roscoe Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa, died in his sleep on 22 August 1978 at Tigard, Oregon. He was born on 29 January 1890 at Muscatine, the son of William Henry Grafe and Mary A. Brawand. He married Minnie Elizabeth Facks on his birthday in 1919. Paul lived with his son’s family for about three years after his wife passed away. Surviving relatives: sisters Genevieve Henrietta Banhagel and Bernice Pauline Grafe of Albany, Oregon; son Robert and his wife Helen of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a nephew with family.

Related obituary and most images courtesy of the author.



Paul’s baptismal certificate.

1. State of Iowa, County of Muscatine, District Court, Certificate of Birth Registration Book 3, p. 88, Grafe, male, Muscatine, “Jany 29/90, Wm Grafe, Mary Eigerman, Date of filing Jany 31, 1890, filed 21 March 1952. Amended 24 April 1954,” adding “Paul Frederick”; held by the author. William and Mary’s first child died as an infant.

2. “Iowa, U.S. Births (series) 1880-1904, 1921-1944, and Delayed Births (Series) 1856-1940,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61441/images/61441_b1045699-00017?treeid=&personid=&usePUB=true&_phsrc=OaT7522&_phstart=successSource&pId=452654479 : accessed 20 October 2022) Return of Births in the County of Muscatine, No. 1706, Grafe, White, male, 3rd child, 29 January 1890, 700 Mulberry, Muscatine, Mary Eigerman and Wm. Grafe, Brewer.

3. *Muscatine City Directory for the years 1889-1892*, p. 74, Grafe William, foreman, C Lang’s, r700 Mulberry, and p. 107, Lang Charles, propr Muscatine Brewery 700 Mulberry, r same; *Musser Public Library* (<https://musserpubliclibrary.org> : accessed 2013). All Muscatine city directories, originally accessed through the Musser Library, are now available on Ancestry.

Welcome Sisters

“I remember 1897; I was seven. Me and my brother welcomed a baby sister named “Gen,”⁴ my father moved to Colorado,⁵ and Grandma Maria moved in with the family.⁶ Around 1899, grandma adopted a baby, Bernice, who was raised as a sister to me, Henry, and Gen. When I was ten, my mother worked as a gardener; yeah, us kids were in school.”⁷

Grandparents Nearby

“When my uncle [Henry C. Eigerman] turned 21, he inherited the brewery.⁸ We moved out and rented in downtown Muscatine from ‘93 until around ‘97.⁹ We moved several times, but I was never far from my dad’s parents [Charles and Louisa Grafe]. They had a small house at 709 Locust [Street in Muscatine].”¹⁰

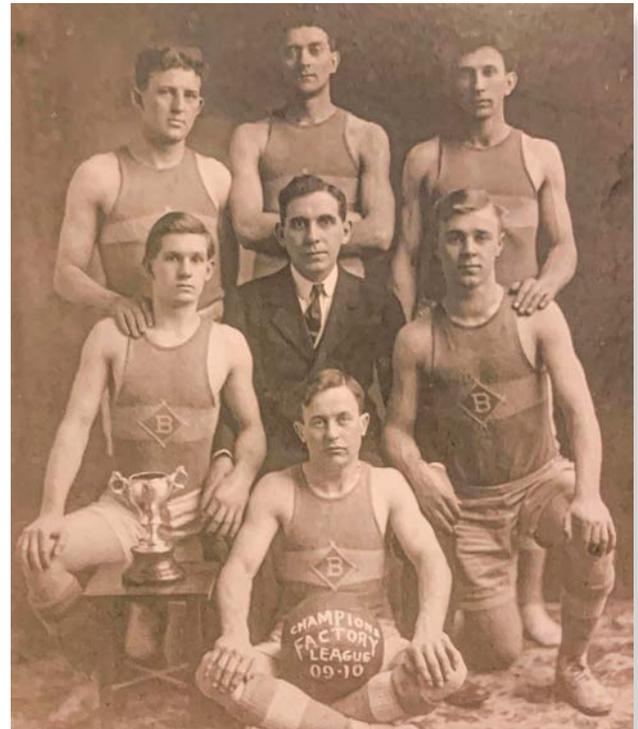
Proud Athlete

“I didn’t take to school like Henry and the girls. I completed 7th grade in 1903, when I was thirteen, then stopped going to school.¹¹ Doggone it, I wanted to work. I got in a newspaper article in 1907! Me, Carl Kautz, and Liscus West ‘tramped’ 30 miles to Davenport from Muscatine, just for the exercise. It took seven hours.¹² Yeah, and I looked like an athlete. You seen those basketball pictures. Fun, and a great way to vent any anger. Fifty years later, The *Muscatine Journal* had me sit with a group that won the state championship in 1911–12.”¹³

Life Insurance

“In 1910, when I was 20, I lived at the YMCA and worked

for the Hahn Brothers, they were fruit and vegetable dealers,¹⁴ then I worked as a machinist foreman for the George A. Hahn Company. My father disappeared after the divorce, and in 1911, I did not know if he was dead or alive, but I asked my grandparents’ how old they were for



1909-1910 Factory League champions, Paul is seated behind the trophy. Other basketball photos show YMCA teams, Paul did not play for school teams.

4. “Muscatine County Iowa Birth Index,” *IAGenWeb, Muscatine County Iowa Genealogy* (<http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/>), database, entry for Genevieve Grafe, 10 August 1897, father William H., mother M. R. Brawand.

5. “Muscatine County, Iowa, Applications for Divorce,” *IAGenWeb* (<http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/divorce/aplsA-J.htm>), database, Muscatine District Court, Muscatine County, Iowa, Mary Grafe vs. William H. Grafe, no. 6570, filed 8 November 1897. Mary did not agree with William’s habitual use of alcohol and kicked the drunk out.

6. “Muscatine County, Iowa, Applications for Divorce,” *IAGenWeb* (<http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/divorce/aplsK-Z.htm>), database, Muscatine District Court, Muscatine County, Iowa, Lang Mary vs Charles (twice), no. 5605, 1893 and no. 5838, 1894. Maria moved in before 1900.

7. 1900 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, population schedule, Bloomington Township, Muscatine, Enumeration District (ED) 95, Sheet 4A, family 81, Mary Graf; *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6S1Q-79C?i=6&cc=1325221&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AM9L9-HN2> : accessed 28 December 2021); NARA T623.

8. “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/13028492?usePUB=true&xpId=773385567> : accessed 25 October 2022); *Chas. I. Barker’s Muscatine City Directory for 1897-8*, Eigermann Henry C. prop Mus Brewery, page 66. Paul’s grandma, Maria, and her third husband ran the brewery, inherited from her second husband.

9. *Charles I. Barker’s Muscatine City Directory for 1893-4*, p. 80. Also, *Charles I. Barker’s Muscatine City Directory for 1895*, p. 80. Also, *Muscatine Directory for 1897*, p. 84.

10. *Ibid.*

11. 1940 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, population schedule, Muscatine, Bloomington Township, enumeration district (ED) 70-11, sheet 19B, 219 Roscoe, Paul F. Grafe; *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/M-T0627-01186-00209?usePUB=true&xpId=124627535> : accessed 5 December 2022); NARA T627.

12. “50 Years Ago Today,” 1957, unidentified newspaper clipping, held by the author. On the back of the article titled “50 Years Ago,” there was a meeting on Monday, April 13th, that would be the year 1957.

13. “Old Time Cagers,” newspaper clipping, *Muscatine Journal* (Iowa), 7 January 1965, page 6.

14. *The Record’s 1910 Muscatine City Directory*, page 152.



Henry Grafe, Paul Grafe, and Minnie Facks visited the Grossheim Studios on consecutive days in 1904 to have their photographs taken. Paul and Minnie knew each other at least fifteen years before getting married.

a life insurance form.¹⁵ No, I don't know if my parents or other family members had insurance."

"Doggone 1912 began with bad news. My 24-year-old brother Henry died on New Year's Day. He was in the



Funeral flowers for Paul's brother Henry, 1912.

hospital for months, had tubercular meningitis. Just 24, with a lot of friends, a ton of flowers at his funeral. He was a barber, like my cousin [Louis Charles Grafe]. For a while, he traveled around selling supplies to other barbers. I liked having him around, but not sick. He came back and was living with mom [Mary Grafe]. He used to read a lot, graduated from school. Doggone him, he never married, never got old."¹⁶

"No, at first, we had a three-year high school, you had to pass a test to just get in.¹⁷ I ain't sure Henry completed high school, Bernice did. No, Henry did not play basketball with us."

"Yeah, we had the funeral at home with the Episcopal church minister. My son, Bob, your dad, became an Episcopal minister. He used to go to various churches without me or Minnie [wife]. Minnie would give him a dime for the plate, but he always spent half of it on ice cream, thought we didn't know. Ha! He settled on Trinity Episcopal because they had the best food. Bernice liked the Catholic church. Doggone Henry."¹⁸

Vocational Training

"I still worked for the Hahn Brothers and roomed at the Y in 1913.¹⁹ But by 1915, I had more schooling. Yeah, that census guy asked, I told him I finished grade 8 and more. It wasn't college, more like a trade school. I got work as a vulcanizer, at Ed Volger's Tire Shop in 1916. And then [at age 26] I lived with my mother again. What's a vulcanizer? Heavens to Betsy, look it up!"

March 2, 1916 was the opening day of the first auto show to be held in Muscatine. Thirty of the latest model autos were on display at the armory ... Also exhibiting was Ed Volger, the vulcanizer, with a line of tires and accessories.²⁰

"My grandma [Maria Lang] died on January 2nd, 1916 [in Muscatine].²¹ 1916 was also the year my sister Gen married Henry Sylvester.²² Their son, William Frederick Sylvester, was Bob's only [first] cousin. He was Bob's best man."

15. Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company (Muscatine, Iowa), Insurance Application for Paul Grafe, 28 November 1911, \$2,000; Paul's copy held by the author. Father—"Don't know if alive or dead."

16. "Henry Grafe Dies on New Year's Day," newspaper clipping, *The Muscatine Journal*, 2 January 1912, page 4.

17. Irving B. Richman, editor, *History of Muscatine County, Iowa: From the Earliest Settlements to the Present Time*, vol. 1 (Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing, 1911), page 345; *Google Books* (https://www.google.com/books/edition/History_of_Muscatine_County_Iowa/cHkUAAAAYAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&bsq=YMCA : accessed 23 October 2022).

18. "Grafe Funeral to be Held on Friday," *The Muscatine Journal*, 3 January 1912, page 4.

19. *The Record's 1913 Muscatine City Directory*, page 152.

20. Marilyn A Bekker, "Heritage Vignettes," Muscatine Area Heritage Association, Inc., 1979; IAGenWeb (<http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/vignettes/bus&industry.htm> : accessed 27 September 2019).

21. "Mrs. Mary Grafe, Lifelong County Resident Dies," newspaper clipping, *Muscatine Journal*, 1940.

22. *The Record's 1916 Muscatine City Directory*, page 163. Also, *FamilySearch*, "Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992," (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 7 October 2019), Henry J. Sylvester and Genevieve Henrietta Grafe, 16 August 1916.

Mother's Sole Support

"In 1917, war demanded that I [27-year-old "stout" Paul Frederick Grafe, with dark brown hair and brown eyes] register for the military. I was [temporarily] exempt from service due to my mother being dependent on my support and never drafted. Yeah, Gen also worked. Stout? They wrote that?"²³

"After my grandpa [Charles Grafe Sr.] died in 1917,²⁴ my father [William H. Grafe] attended the funeral in Muscatine.²⁵ That was the only time since '97 that I saw him. Nope, don't want to talk about it, but that's why I don't drink. My dad's mother [Louise (Kessler) Grafe] died in 1918. Doggone it, no pictures of my dad's parents."²⁶

Marriage & Children

"We [Paul and Minnie] had marriage on hold until our late 20s when things got better. After newspapers said the war was over [November 1918], I married Minnie Elizabeth Facks, daughter of Henry Facks and Anna [Richter], on 29 January 1919.²⁷ Minnie was happy to move in with me, mom, and Bernice.²⁸ Me and Minnie had two children. Nope, don't want to talk about Sherwood."

The children of Paul and Minnie were:

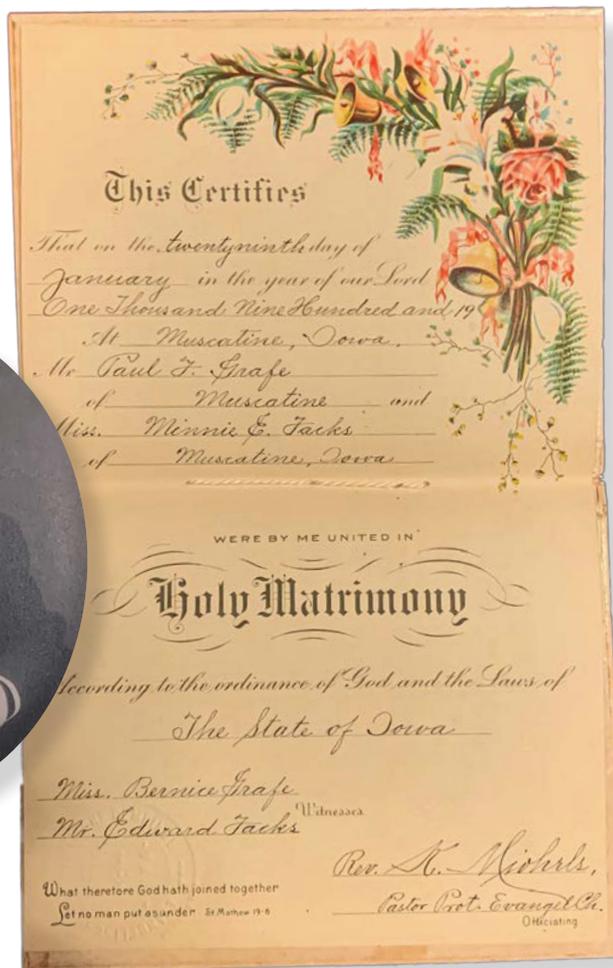
- i. Paul Sherwood Grafe, born 3 October 1919, died 17 October 1919.²⁹
- ii. Robert Frederick Grafe, born 1 April 1922, died 4 July 2012.³⁰

Home Ownership

"The entry for my mother in the 1921 city directory describes her as a widow living with Bernice and



William H. Grafe



Paul and Minnie's marriage certificate, 1919.

Genevieve?³¹ That's correct, mom knew when my dad died. Were you surprised to see that she owned the house at 111 Madison? I told you Gen worked."³²

"I left Volger's Tire Shop for Carpenter Rubber Company and was then at Pitchforth's Garage. The good news was

23. United States World War I Draft Registration Card, Paul Frederick Grafe, 5 June 1917; digital image *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 September 2019).

24. "Aged Citizen Passes Away," Charles Grafe obituary, *Muscatine Journal and News Tribune* (Muscatine, Iowa), 26 June 1917, p. 6. "three children survive ... William Grafe of Colorado.

25. Funeral card, Charles Grafe, 26 June 1917; found in Colorado, held by the author. Not sure this was his only visit.

26. "Pioneer Local Resident Dies," Louise Grafe obituary, newspaper clipping, *The Muscatine Journal and News* (Muscatine, Iowa), 19 October 1918.

27. Marriage Certificate, District Court, Muscatine, Iowa, printed 18 April 1919, Paul Frederick Grafe and Minnie Elizabeth Facks (1919), held by the Grafe family. Correctly shows parents' names.

28. *The Record's 1919 Muscatine City Directory*, page 151.

29. *Muscatine County Iowa Genealogy*, Greenwood Cemetery Records, (http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/cemetery/greenwd_gr-gu.htm : accessed 7 October 2019), Paul Sherwood Grafe.

30. Robert Frederick Grafe obituary, newspaper clipping, *The Oregonian* (Portland, Oregon), 14 July 2012.

31. *The Record, Muscatine City Directory 1921*, p. 114.

32. 1940 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, Muscatine, ED 70-15, sheet 15A, 111 Madison St., household 327, Mary Grafe; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/M-T0627-01186-00418?usePUB=true&xpId=124646869> : accessed 20 October 2022).



Paul and Minnie's house in Muscatine. Image by the author.

that we lived at 1015 Roscoe Avenue and owned the property in '21.³³ Our \$2,500 home had a \$700 mortgage in 1925.³⁴ Did my father leave mom and me money? Ha, ain't telling.”

Great Depression Challenges

“The Great Depression hit Iowa farmers before the stock market crashed in '29. Banks started to close. Our home decreased in value to \$2,000 by 1930, but I had a job at a tire shop and we had a radio.³⁵ Did you know Bob wanted to be a radio announcer? In '36, the city changed house numbers and I worked as a repairman for Home Oil Company.³⁶ For a while, Me, Minnie, and [16-year-old son] Bob lived with Minnie's parents.”³⁷

“The plumber at 219 Roscoe has different addresses in the years before and after we lived with in-laws, he was just

renting our house, we lived there again. I took a pay cut in '38 when Home Oil employed me as a station attendant, but Minnie also worked cutting buttons.”³⁸

“Minnie's father died after being sick for about five months in March of '38.³⁹ We helped to care for Minnie's dad [Henry Facks]. Bob had attended church with Minnie's parents. Did you know he learned German from them? Henry [Facks] loaned us money, \$700, doggone it, I never paid him back.”⁴⁰

“In 1940, I was employed for most [40 weeks] of the last year but always looking for work. Minnie worked at the button factory, Bob helped at a newspaper. You know [mumbling] Bob went to college.”⁴¹

“My mom [Mary (Brawand) Grafe] died on July 10th, 1940.⁴² My sister never moved out, Bernice cared for her mother, and never married.

Bernice worked as a cook, then entered a Catholic convent and worked in hospitals until moving to Oregon. Bob called her 'Aunt B.' Then she worked as a bookkeeper until retiring in '61.”⁴³



Mary (Brawand) Grafe

33. *The Record, Muscatine City Directory 1921*, p. 114.

34. 1925 Iowa state census, Muscatine County, Muscatine, 1015 Roscoe Avenue, Paul Grafe family; *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9XG-8ZRX?i=104&cc=2224537&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQKQQ-HKY7> : accessed 26 September 2019); Iowa State Historical Department, Des Moines.

35. 1930 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, population schedule, Muscatine, ED 70-11, Sheet 13A, 1015 Roscoe Ave., dwelling 341, family 346, Paul Grafe; digital image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4584426_00851?usePUB=true&pid=29563137 : accessed 30 December 2021); citing NARA 626.

36. *R. L. Polk's Muscatine City Directory, 1936-1937* (Iowa), Grafe, Paul (Minnie) 219 Roscoe, p. 68.

37. *R. L. Polk's Muscatine City Directory, 1938-1939* (Iowa), 502 Grover, Henry Facks, p. 72 & Paul Grafe, p. 97.

38. *Ibid.*

39. Henry Facks Obit, “Henry Facks, 79, dies Following Extended Illness,” *Muscatine Journal and News Tribune*, Muscatine, Iowa, 14 March 1938, page 1.

40. District Court of the State of Iowa, Muscatine County, Estate of Henry Facks, Inventory of Personal Property, “Note and mortgage given by Paul and Minnie Grafe, dated May 27, 1920, now long past due, of questionable and doubtful value, \$700.”; held by the author.

41. 1940 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, Muscatine Ward 1, ED 70-11, sheet 19B, line 64, 219 Roscoe, Paul Grafe family; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/M-T0627-01186-00209?usePUB=true&pid=124627535> : accessed 26 September 2019).

42. “Mrs. Mary Grafe, Lifelong County Resident Dies,” *Muscatine Journal*, 10 July 1940,

43. 1940 U.S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, Muscatine, ED 70-15, sheet 15A, 111 Madison St., household 327, Mary Grafe; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/M-T0627-01186-00418?usePUB=true&pid=124646869> : accessed 20 October 2022). Also, St. Mary's Catholic Church, funeral service bulletin, 1984; held by the author.



Paul, Robert, and Minnie Grafe, Muscatine, Iowa, 1946. Bob had military training in Corvallis, Oregon, then moved to Oregon after being discharged.

World War II

“My “old man” draft card for World War II describes me as a “ruddy,” gray-haired, five foot six and a half inch tall, 195 pound, 52-year-old?⁴⁴ That ain’t too fat! I was employed as a defense worker in ‘43 and then as a painter by ‘46.⁴⁵ Bob was in the military, then married Helen Radcliffe in ‘47.”⁴⁶



Paul and Minnie, 1951. They missed the wedding but made it to Bob’s graduation in Berkeley, California.

Family Photos

“Helen owned a camera! Some of her photographs show visits to Muscatine, and some show me and Minnie visiting the west coast. ‘Rev. Grafe’ drove his family back to Iowa in ‘53. Bob’s kid could make us laugh!”



Paul, Minnie, and grandson, Iowa, 1953.

“H. J. Heinz Company built a plant in Muscatine before 1900, and I started working there around ‘51.⁴⁷ By ‘56, I was 66 years old, I no longer worked for the Heinz Company.⁴⁸ Yeah, I wrote the combination to my safe on the back of a Heinz business card. That card did come with a Christmas bonus.”

“We visited Oregon every few years. No, we got no camera. Nope, no pictures of us with cars. Bob [or Helen] took care of any travel arrangements, always took the train.”

“Bob drove his family back to Muscatine again in ‘62. Remember the fireflies, the cicadas? And you went swimming at Weed Park, then took a long walk looking for that place again.”

44. Muscatine County Local Board, “(Military draft) Registration Card,” Paul Frederick Grafe, 27 April 1942; digital image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/44468_03_00011-00990?usePUB=true&pId=18243862 : accessed 26 October 2022).

45. *R. L. Polk’s Muscatine City Directory 1943*, p. 97. Also, *R. L. Polk’s Muscatine City Directory 1946*, p. 110.

46. State of Oregon, Lane County, marriage certificate, Robert Frederick Grafe and Ruth Helen Radcliffe, 22 December 1947 registration, 28 December 1947 marriage, St. Paul’s Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon, by Rev. F. C. Wissenbach.

47. *R. L. Polk’s Muscatine City Directory 1952*, page 113. Also, *R. L. Polk’s City Directory 1954*, p. 105.

48. *R. L. Polk’s Muscatine City Directory 1956*, p. 89.

NO LONGER IN GRANDPA'S SHOES

Around 1965, my teacher had several critters in the classroom. I ended up with a pet rat named Chiquita; she got a friend. I called the second rat "Paul." I can still see my grandpa laughing.

I visited my paternal grandparents in 1972. I had the weekend off from military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, got a ride to St. Louis, then took the bus north. I walked to their small house and knocked on the old screen door. Grandma came to the door, and after I said hello, she turned around and left to tell Paul. I could hear, "Mark's here!" And Paul's response, "Well, let him in!" Furniture was sparse; we probably talked at the kitchen table. I might as well have been sleep-walking. I do not remember what we talked about, where I slept, or how I returned to the military base.

Paul and Minnie came to Portland, Oregon, for the baptism of their great-grandson in 1974. The only comment my mother remembered was Paul wondered why my hair had to be so long. The little guy could make him laugh!

Minnie died on 6 March 1975.¹ After Paul sold his house, he gave me money for a down payment on my house. Paul then lived with my parents for less than three years. He could go to sleep sitting in a chair. He was at the parish hall for Thanksgiving dinner in 1975 when my wife's cousin noticed Paul using his false teeth to stir his coffee. It was surprising to see him outside my parent's house smoking a cigarette. Who bought cigarettes for him? It was difficult for my mother to take care of Paul. So, he died at an assisted living facility.²

I saw Paul's death certificate; he died of a common condition called arteriosclerosis and had gangrene on his left leg. That can happen when there is poor circulation. He may or may not have been in pain. Paul certainly missed his wife and those people he used to joke with after moving far from home.

I think Paul needed a better relationship with his son. He did not have a funeral, a gravestone, or an obituary



Paul Grafe and his sisters, Bernice and Gen, 23 June 1974.



Paul & his great-grandson

directly after his death. The funeral book at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, where his son was pastor, does not include his name. No one recorded his burial in the cemetery records until I visited Muscatine in 2015. While there, I purchased a bench as my grandparents' cemetery memorial; some grump-a-lump smashed it.

Those living now have a few memories of my paternal grandpa. I do not know if Paul missed his father after his parent's divorce. I am sure he had fun with his brother and sisters; he had a loving wife for 56 years, and Paul smiled for his grandson and great-grandson. He was not always grumpy.



The smashed memorial bench for Paul and Minnie Grafe, Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa. Image courtesy of WalkerStalker, [Find a Grave](#), 2020.

1. State of Iowa, Department of Health, Muscatine, death certificate, 114-75-006589, Minnie Grafe, 8 March 1975; held by the Grafe family.

2. Oregon State Health Division, King City, death certificate, local file 890, state file 78-013954, Paul Frederick Grafe, 22 August 1978, held by the Grafe family.

William Russell (1771–): DNA Simultaneously Answers and Raises Questions

Duane Funk

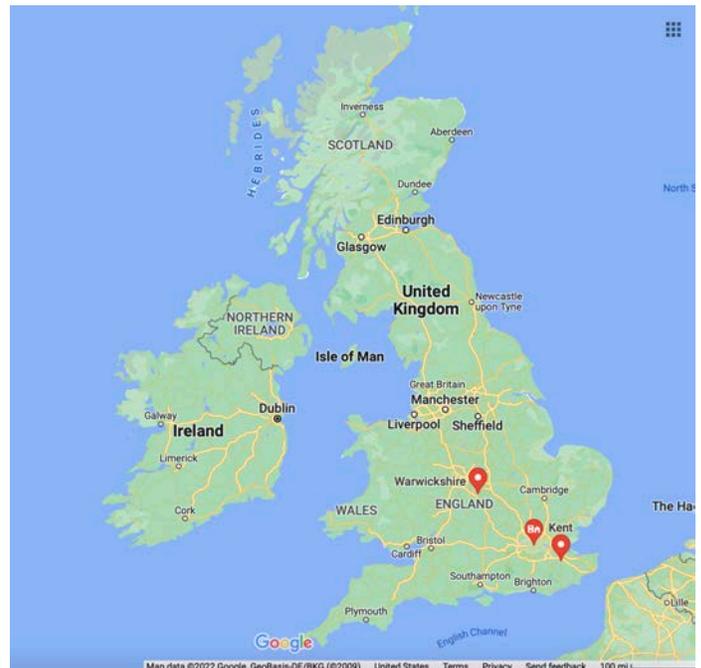
My first genealogy source was *The Smith-Russell Family History* manuscript. It was written by my mother's cousin during World War II, updated by another cousin, and later still by my mother. It tells the story of my third great grandfather, William Russell, referred to here as William¹, from early 19th century London, and later Davenport, Iowa, and his descendants down to the 1960s.

William¹ was a first-generation American. When the family history came to me, I made it my task to extend the family line back in time, and find the ancestors of William¹. The family history held little information on the parents of William¹, said to be William Russell (hereafter William^A), a bricklayer of Hammersmith, London, and Ann Maylen of Coventry. William^A was further identified as possibly the son of yet another William Russell—William^B Russell.¹

Ann's surname of Maylen (spelled various ways) appears several times in the Russell family records. One of the daughters of William¹, Rebecca Elizabeth (Russell) Burham, named her daughter Mary Maylen Burnham. A grandson was named Arthur Maylen Russell. About 1890, Rebecca Elizabeth (Russell) Burham was asked to name a street in Pasadena, California; she called it Maylin.²



City of London, UK. Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>).



Warwickshire, London, and Kent, UK. Google (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

The family history stated William¹ was born 4 November 1804,³ but it did not mention a birthplace. He was in the 1841 England census in London, Middlesex. The “Born in this County” box was marked N, indicating he was not born in Middlesex, England.⁴

Research in the British parish records available on FamilySearch for William¹ produced the baptism of a William Russell, the son of William and Ann, on 7 December 1804 at Saint John the Baptist parish in Coventry.⁵ This was a close fit for the reported birthdate of



Maylin Street, Pasadena, California. Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

Sources accessed in September 2022.

1. Vida M. Reese, Rowena Bowman, and Lila Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*, “Brief History of William Russell Sr.,” page 1.
2. Ibid. Rebecca named the street after an ancestor.
3. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*, page 7.
4. 1841 England census, Middlesex County, Westminster, St. Margaret, Broadway, line 12, William Russell (coffee house keeper); *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 2.
5. “England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), entry from Coventry, St. Johns Church, baptism, image 18, William Russell, 7 December 1804; citing Warwick County Record Office, England.

William¹. Furthermore, the same register held a baptism that matched his only known sister, Elizabeth, on 13 August 1800;⁶ and that of a brother, not listed in the family history, Thomas Russell, on 15 April 1803.⁷ He is likely the Thomas Russell that witnessed the marriage of sister Elizabeth and Thomas Vale in 1821.⁸ The family history does mention, based on the memory of a son of William¹, that there was a son John, who was older than William¹ and who died of lung trouble exacerbated by the London smoke and fog.⁹ This death was said to be a motivator for William¹ to later apprentice as a waterman.¹⁰ No record has yet been found for this John Russell.

The apprenticeship records of Coventry record that William Russell, “master bricklayer and mason,” took a William Cheatley as his apprentice on 6 May 1803.¹¹ Apprenticeship documents list a William Russell as a bricklayer in Coventry when his children were born and baptized in Coventry—corroborating family history.

The baptism of William¹ was the last appearance of this Russell family in Coventry records; the next entry tied to this family is the entry by William¹ as an apprentice into the Guild of Watermen in London, signed on 5 April 1821 in London.¹² This entry was followed a month later by the marriage of his sister Elizabeth to Thomas Vale on 1 May 1821 at the parish church of Saint George Hanover Square.¹³ William¹ would marry his first wife, Elizabeth Mary Clarke, seven years later at the same parish on 21 May 1828;¹⁴ this date closely matched the seven-year apprenticeship term, during which apprentices were not allowed to marry.¹⁵

Finding the origin of William^A Russell proved to be difficult since Russell was a fairly common name, as well as being the family name of the Dukes of Bedford.¹⁶ It was necessary to sift through many false leads to find the right man. The first solid lead came with the discovery of the marriage of William Russell of



St. John the Baptist Church, Coventry, UK, to Winwick, Northampton, UK. Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

6. “England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), entry from Coventry, St. Johns Church, baptism, image 9, Elizabeth Russell, 13 August 1800; citing Warwick County Record Office, England.

7. “England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), entry from Coventry, St. Johns Church, baptism, image 14, Thomas Russell, 15 April 1803; citing Warwick County Record Office, England.

8. “London, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1938,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 211, St. George Hanover Square, marriage entry for Thomas Vale/Elizabeth Russell, 1 May 1821.

9. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*, page a.

10. *Ibid.*

11. Joan Lane M.A. Ph.D., Editor, *Coventry Apprentices and Their Masters 1781-1806* (Stratford-upon-Avon, UK: The Dugdale Society, 1983), page 22, item 857.

12. Waterman and Lightermen’s Company (London), *Thames Watermen & Lightermen Apprentice Bindings* vol. 15, 1815-1828, page 152; Family History Library (FHL) film 1,067,039 item 2.

13. “London, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1938,” *Ancestry*, St. George Hanover Square, marriage entry for Thomas Vale/Elizabeth Russell, 1 May 1821.

14. “London, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1938,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), St. George Hanover Square, Westminster, image 63, marriage entry for William Russell and Elizabeth Mary Clarke; citing Bishop’s transcript, page 177.

15. “Apprenticeship in England,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki>).

16. “Duke of Bedford,” *Wikipedia* (<https://en.wikipedia.org>).

Winwick, Northamptonshire, to Ann Malin in Frankton, Warwickshire, on 26 December 1797.¹⁷

Frankton is approximately ten miles from the parish of St. John the Baptist in Coventry. Winwick, just over the border in Northamptonshire, is fourteen miles from Frankton.¹⁸ The proximity of Frankton to Coventry and its small size could explain the description of Ann's origin as Coventry in *The Smith-Russell Family History*.

A search for children of this couple in the Frankton area found the baptism of another daughter, Mary Ann Russell, on 24 March 1799, in the neighboring parish of Burton on Dunsmore.¹⁹

Both the family history and available records are silent on the deaths of William^A and Ann. After the baptism of their son William^I they disappear. Looking for more information about William^A and Ann, a search was conducted in parish baptism records within ten miles of Frankton going back 20 years from their marriage. This turned up Ann Malin, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Malin,

baptized on 16 April 1769 in Frankton.²⁰ The same parish indexes record the baptisms of four other children of Mary and Thomas:

- John on 5 April 1767.²¹
- Mary on 20 May 1771.²²
- Richard on 16 January 1774.²³
- William on 24 June 1776.²⁴

Both the marriage date of William^A and Ann and Ann's baptism date, presented a problem concerning the estimated birth date of William^A, about 1780 that I had in my database. He would have been eleven years junior to his bride, and only seventeen when he married. A careful review of the *Smith-Russell Family History*, the cited source for that date, found there was no mention of a birth date other than "in the 1700s," showing why it is important not to read into a source something that is not there.

Finding the parents of William^A was not as straight forward. The parish records in Warwickshire had no shortage of William Russells. Narrowing the search to baptisms within ten years of Ann's birthdate of 1769, and twenty miles from Burton on Dunsmore turned up nine possibilities. Adding a father's name for William to the search criteria reduced the possibilities to two. One was baptized in 1766 in Corley, Warwickshire, about fifteen miles to the northwest of Frankton on the other side of Coventry,²⁵ and the other in 1771 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, four miles to the east.²⁶ The shorter distance, and the fact that Dunchurch is between Frankton and Winwick, the residence of William^A at the time of his marriage, made it the first choice for further research.

Another William Russell, hereafter called William (III) son of William, hereafter called William (IV) and Elizabeth, was baptized 2 January 1771 in the parish



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Churchyard, St. John the Baptist, Baginton. <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/482329>.

17. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), image 13 of 18, Frankton, Warwickshire, marriage banns for William Russell and Ann Malin; citing Warwick County Record Office, England.

18. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

19. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Frankton, baptism, image 16, Mary Ann Russell, 24 March 1799.

20. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, image 18, Ann Malin, 16 April 1769; citing Warwick County Record Office.

21. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, image 17, John Malin, 5 April 1767; citing Warwick County Record Office.

22. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/>), Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, image 18, Mary Malin, 20 May 1771; citing Warwick County Record Office.

23. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, image 19, Richard Malin, 16 January 1774; citing Warwick County Record Office.

24. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, image 19, William Malin, 24 June 1776; citing Warwick County Record Office.

25. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

26. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

church of Dunchurch, Warwickshire.²⁷ These parish records show the baptism of eight children to William (IV) and Elizabeth:

- Thomas Russell was baptized on 9 August 1767.²⁸
- Mary Russell was baptized on 21 May 1769.²⁹
- Benjamin Russell, no baptism found and buried 29 March 1778.³⁰
- William Russell (III) as above.
- Joseph Russell, baptized on 25 February 1774,³¹ was buried 29 March 1778.³²
- Ann Russell was baptized on 14 July 1775.³³
- Martha Russell, baptized on 23 November 1776,³⁴ was buried 29 March 1778.³⁵
- Ann Russell was baptized on 30 January 1778.³⁶

In addition, the records show the burial of the Martha above accompanied that of an Elizabeth Russell.³⁷ The entry immediately above Elizabeth on the same page was the burial of “Joseph & Benjamin, the sons of William & Elizabeth.” No further reference to Elizabeth, the wife of William, could be found in the Dunchurch parish records. Furthermore,

in the St. Peter’s church yard of Dunchurch, William (IV) and “Elizabeth d. 1778,” are buried in the same plot.³⁸ It seems likely that Elizabeth, who was buried the same day as Martha, was the wife of William (IV) and the mother of his children.

William (IV) Russell married Mary Beckett on 11 September 1781, at Dunchurch,³⁹ where they



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St. Peter’s church, Dunchurch. <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/2520650>.

27. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 48, entry for William Russell, 2 January 1771; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

28. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 43, entry for Thomas Russell, 9 August 1767; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

29. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 45, entry for Mary Russell, 21 May 1769; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

30. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 5, entry for Benjamin Russell, 29 March 1778; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

31. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 52, entry for Joseph Russell, 25 February 1774; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

32. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 5, entry for Joseph Russell, 29 March 1778; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

33. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 2, entry for Ann Russell, 14 July 1775; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

34. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 2, entry for Martha Russell, 23 November 1776; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

35. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 5, entry for Martha Russell, 29 March 1778; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

36. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 2, entry for Ann Russell, 30 January 1778; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

37. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 5, entry for Elizabeth Russell, 29 March 1778; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

38. Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter’s Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 21; “Dunchurch, Warwickshire, St. Peter’s Church, Monumental Inscriptions,” *Midlands Ancestors* (<https://midland-ancestors.shop/index.php?route=product/search&search=I114D>).

39. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, marriage banns, image 8, William Russell and Mary Beckett, 11 September 1781; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

identified him as a widower in the banns.⁴⁰ William (IV) and Mary, his second wife, had the following children baptized in the parish church of Dunchurch:

- Martha Russell was baptized on 12 January 1784.⁴¹
- Maria Russell was baptized on 16 July 1787.⁴²

Going back further, a search for the marriage of Elizabeth and William (IV) produced the marriage of William Russel and Elizabeth Hopkins on 16 October 1766, a suitable fit for the birth of their first child in 1767, in Burton on Dunsmore. William was from that parish, and Elizabeth was from Norton parish in Northamptonshire,⁴³ a village about fifteen miles east of Burton on Dunsmore.⁴⁴

William (IV) was a mason, died of smallpox on 4 January 1791, and was buried in Dunchurch.⁴⁵ According to *Smith-Russell Family History*, the father of William^A “was in the building trades,”⁴⁶ which could describe a mason.

In the same trade, on 8 November 1794 Thomas Russell of Dunchurch, likely the son of William (IV), a master bricklayer, took William Blundell as his apprentice.⁴⁷



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Church and deserted farm, Long Itchington. <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/1111755>.

William (IV) died intestate. His wife Mary was appointed the administrator of his estate by the Lichfield Episcopal Consistory Court on 15 February 1791 and no mention was made of any other relations.⁴⁸

On 30 July 1790, shortly before his death, William Russell of Dunchurch, master mason, took on an apprentice, William Malin. Ann Maylen, the wife of William^A Russell, had a brother William as noted above. In 1790 he would have just turned fourteen, a prime age to begin an apprenticeship.⁴⁹ As William Maylen was also from the neighboring village of Burton on Dunsmore, he is a likely candidate to be the apprentice in question. If so, there was a connection between the Russell and Malin families seven years before the marriage of William^A and Ann Maylen.

FIRST CONCLUSION

The weight of evidence, including locations, occupations, and family surnames, point to William^A, from the family history, being the same person as William (III) from the Dunchurch records.

THE DNA

Everything was looking good. Then testing at AncestryDNA provided an autosomal match of nine centimorgans (9cM) on one segment to a family described as descended from another William Russell, born 1780, died 1840, son of Francis Russell of Kent, England.⁵⁰ This William Russell had nothing in common with William^A or William (III) other than being about the right age and from England. Reconciling this DNA match with the paper trail was a significant challenge.

40. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, marriage banns, image 30, William Russell and Mary Beckett, 19 August 1781; citing Warwickshire County Record Office.

41. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England, baptism, image15, Martha Russell, 12 January 1784.

42. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 22, Maria Russell, 16 July 1787.

43. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Bourton on Dunsmore and Frankton, marriage banns, image 9, William Russell and Elizabeth Hopkins, 16 October 1766.

44. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

45. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 28, William Russell, 4 January 1791.

46. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*, page 1.

47. “UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices’ Indentures, 1710-1811,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 457, entry 50, Thomas Russell, Dunchurch, 8 November 1794.

48. “Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield And Coventry Wills And Probate 1521-1860,” digital image, *Findmypast* (<https://www.findmypast.com>); citing Diocese of Lichfield, Episcopal Consistory Court, Probate Case Files, William Russell, Letter of Administration of Estate.

49. “Apprenticeship in England,” *FamilySearch*.

50. “ThruLines,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>).

As presented by Ancestry “ThruLines[®]” the match and I were 6th cousins. William^A and the ancestor of the DNA match were brothers, both named William.⁵¹

Ancestry included three trees, all with William Russell, son of Francis of Kent. Only two were public trees, and none had sources other than “Ancestry Tree.” Table 1 summarizes my tree and the three from Ancestry.

was his marriage on 7 December 1809 to Mary Bourne, no place stated, again without a source.⁵³ Other online trees add Canterbury, Kent, as the marriage place, again without a source citation. An Ancestry search turned up a marriage license from 7 December 1809, in Upper Hardres, Kent, England,⁵⁴ and a Society of Genealogists search found a corresponding marriage ceremony on 9 December 1809,

Table 1.
Trees Compared

Tree	D. H. Funk (My tree)	Watkins (DNA Match) ^a	Angela's ^b	Griffiths ^c
Husband	William ^A (1771–)	William (V) (1780–1840)	William (1783–)	William (1780–)
Wife	Ann Maylin	Mary Bourne	Mary Pierce 1783	Clementia 1785
Child 1	Mary Ann (1799–)	Thomas (1812–1871)	George William (1801–1880)	Eliza (1803–1857)
Child 2	Elizabeth (1800–1859)		Sarah (1814–)	
Child 3	Thomas (1803–)			
Child 4	William ¹ (1804–1890)			

Sources:

a. Hayley Watkins, “Watkins Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/177064806/person/%20242301021428/facts>).

b. acrawley40, “Angela’s Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6263542/person/6908223601/facts>).

c. Carole Griffiths, “griffiths (carole2512),” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/46441373/person/352113104355/facts>).

As the trees did not agree, further work was limited to the Watkins tree, the one with the DNA match. Two brothers with the same name, while not impossible, was unlikely. This presented questions: (1) were they the same person, and (2) if so, was their ancestry correct?

The first step was to see if the two men could be combined into one. As noted above, William^A and his wife Ann vanish from the records after the christening of son William¹ in 1804. The other William hereafter called William (V) has a birth given as 1780 in Upper Hardres in Kent, with no sources provided.⁵² His next reported event

again in Upper Hardres.⁵⁵ Upper Hardres is 5.5 miles from Canterbury.⁵⁶ It is now part of the city of Canterbury.⁵⁷

The Watkins Tree had a death date for their William Russell of July 1840 in Romney Marsh, Kent, England. That was consistent with a FreeBMD (<https://www.freebmd.org.uk>) entry for a William Russell in the September Quarter in the Romney Marsh Registration District. A copy of the death registration, obtained from the UK Government Record Office, revealed the actual death was on 25 July 1840 in Lydd, Kent, England, and was for another William

51. Ibid.

52. Hayley Watkins, “Watkins Family Tree,” *Ancestry*.

53. Ibid.

54. “Kent, England, Extracted Parish Records, 1539-1876,” database, *Ancestry*; citing A. Willis, *Canterbury Marriage Licenses, 1781-1809*, vol. 2 (Canterbury, Kent, England: 1969), Wm. Russell and Mary.

55. Michael Gandy transcriber, “East Kent Marriages 1754-1813,” index, *Society of Genealogists* (<https://sogdata.org.uk/bin/index.php>), entry for William Russell/Mary Bourn, 9 December 1809.

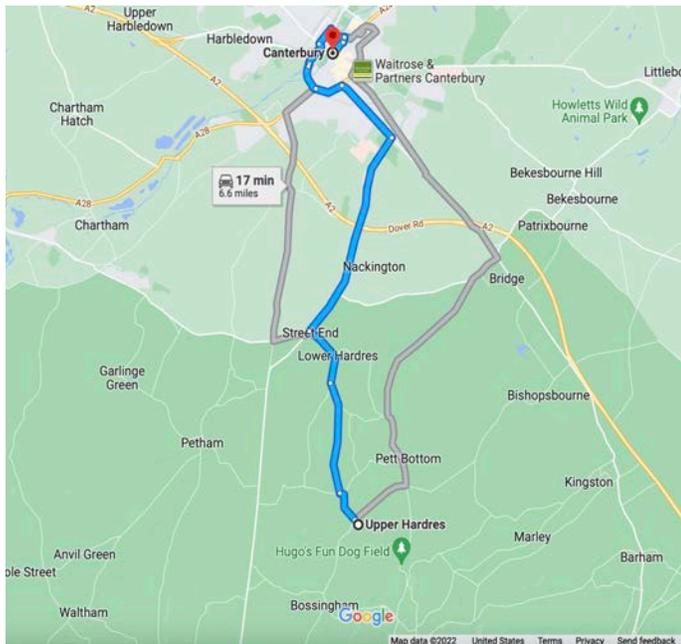
56. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

57. “Upper Hardres,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Hardres).

Russell, son of John Russell, aged six years,⁵⁸ not a person relevant to the current question.

The Watkins Family Tree cited 1780 in Upper Hardres, Kent, England, as the birth of its William Russell (V), without a source.⁵⁹ The birthplace may have come via extrapolation from the marriage place. A search of the available records found no William Russell born or christened anywhere near Upper Hardres in 1780. There are several Ancestry trees with a William Russell, son of Francis and Mary, born 7 January 1780 and christened 20 March 1780 in St. James Church, Westminster, London, England.⁶⁰ While not cited, that event could have been the source of the parents Watkins indicated.

The death presented in the Watkins tree was clearly in error, the birth appeared to be a guess, and the marriage, while correct as to spouse and date, could have included place and residence data with more digging.



Upper Hardres, UK, to Canterbury, UK. Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>).

The earliest event in the life of William (V) that could be verified was his marriage in 1809. The latest event in the life of William^A was the christening of his son William in 1804. Furthermore, there is no trace of Ann Malin after 1804. Chronologically, nothing is preventing them from being the same person.

Was it plausible that William^A could have moved from Hammersmith to Kent? His known residences were Dunchurch, Winwick, Bourton on Dunsmore, Coventry, and Hammersmith. He clearly did not stay put. Further, he was a bricklayer by profession, and that was an itinerate profession.⁶¹ He went where the work was.

REVISED CONCLUSION

The dates, the known tendency of William^A to move around, and the DNA match make it possible that William^A and William (V) were the same person. If correct, he either left his wife Ann, or she died, and he married Mary and had at least one more son, establishing the line that led to the DNA match.

This hypothesis hinged on the William Russell, who married Ann Maylen in 1797, being the same William Russell who married Mary Bourne in 1809. Having seen the original record of the 1797 marriage, and the online transcripts of the marriage between William Russell and Mary Bourne in 1809 there appeared no bar to the two Williams being the same person. A look at the actual 1809 record destroyed that hypothesis. The William who signed the marriage document in 1797 signed his full name.⁶² The William of the 1809 marriage signed with an X, meaning he was illiterate.⁶³ Thus they could not be the same person. This was a classic example why seeing the original record whenever possible is so important.

Can the fact that there is a contradiction between the two traced lines be reconciled? With the current available evidence, no. The paper trail to William^A is solid, as is the paper trail from the DNA match to William (V). How the two really relate is unknown. Only more research will hopefully unite the two lines.

58. *FreeBMD* (<https://www.freebmd.org.uk>); citing General Register Office, Romney Marsh Registration District, UK, vol. 5 page 279, entry for William Russell.

59. Hayley Watkins, "Watkins Family Tree," *Ancestry*.

60. "Westminster, London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1558-1812," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), St. James Church, Piccadilly, London, England, image 301, entry for William Russell, 20 March 1780.

61. "England Earthenware Occupations, Bricks, Cement, Clay Pipes," *FamilySearch* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Earthenware_Occupations,_Bricks,_Cement,_Clay_Pipes_\(National_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Earthenware_Occupations,_Bricks,_Cement,_Clay_Pipes_(National_Institute))).

62. "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), image 13 of 18, Frankton, Warwickshire, marriage banns for William Russell and Ann Malin, 1797; citing Warwick County Record Office, England.

63. Church of England, Parish Church of Upper Hardres (Kent), "Marriages, 1754-1812," Russell/Bourne, 9 December 1809; Family History Library, microfilm 2,354,510 item 14.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation B

I. WILLIAM^B RUSSELL, born 17 October 1730 in Leamington Priors, Warwickshire, England, was christened on 26 October 1730 in All Saints parish, Leamington Priors, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁴ He died of smallpox before 4 January 1791 at the age of 60 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England, and was buried on 4 January 1791 in St. Peter's churchyard, section C, plot 46, in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁵ His estate was probated on 15 February 1791 at the Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry in Staffordshire, England.⁶⁶ William^B Russell married (1) **ELIZABETH HOPKINS** on 16 October 1766 in Bourton-On-Dunsmore, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁷

Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of Philip Hopkins and Elizabeth Woodfield, was christened on 13 August 1732 in Long Itchington, Warwickshire, England. She was buried on 29 March 1778 in St. Peter's churchyard, section C, plot 46, in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁸

William^B Russell and Elizabeth Hopkins had the following children:

- i. **BENJAMIN^A RUSSELL**, buried on 29 March 1778 in St. Peter's Churchyard, section A, plot 60 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁹
2. ii. **THOMAS^A RUSSELL** married Hannah Beesley on 19 February 1792, at Rugby, Warwickshire, England, UK. He died on 8 February 1846.
- iii. **MARY RUSSELL**, christened on 21 May 1769 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England,⁷⁰ was buried on 25 December 1799 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷¹
3. iv. **WILLIAM^A RUSSELL** married (1) Ann Maylen on 26 December 1797, at Bourton on Dunsmore and Frankton, Warwickshire, England, UK. Editors note. William^A did not wed Mary Bourne.



*St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London.
Courtesy of the author.*

64. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Leamington Priors, All Saints Church, baptism, image 25, William Russell, 26 October 1730.

65. Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 21.

66. "Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry wills and probate 1521-1860," database, *Findmypast* (<https://search.findmypast.com>), page 283.

67. "Warwickshire Marriages," database, *Findmypast* (<https://www.findmypast.com>), marriage of Wm. Russell and Elizabeth Hopkins, 16 October 1766. Also, "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910," marriage banns for William Russell and Elizabeth Hopkins, 16 October 1766.

68. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," burial entry for Elizabeth Russell, 29 March 1778. Also, Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 21.

69. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," burial entry for Benjamin Russell, 29 March 1778. Also, Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 12.

70. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," baptismal entry for Mary Russell, 21 May 1769.

71. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database and images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 41, Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, Mary Russell, 25 December 1799.

- v. JOSEPH RUSSELL, christened on 25 February 1774 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England,⁷² was buried on 29 March 1778 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷³
- vi. ANN RUSSELL was christened on 14 July 1775 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷⁴
- vii. MARTHA RUSSELL, christened on 23 November 1776 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England,⁷⁵ was buried on 29 March 1778 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷⁶
- viii. ANN RUSSELL was christened on 30 January 1778 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷⁷

William^B Russell and MARY BECKETT had their marriage banns published on 5 August 1781, 12 August 1781, and 19 August 1781 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷⁸ William^B married (2) Mary Beckett on 11 September 1781 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁷⁹

Mary Beckett, christened on 5 November 1749 at Long Itchington, Warwickshire, England,⁸⁰ was buried on 25 December 1799 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸¹ She was named in the probation of William's estate on 15 February 1791 in Staffordshire, England, UK.⁸²

William^B Russell and Mary Beckett had the following children:

- i. MARTHA RUSSELL was christened on 12 January 1784 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸³
- ii. MARIA RUSSELL was christened on 16 July 1787 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸⁴



St. Nicholas Church, Warwick.
<https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/5751321>.

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72. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," baptismal entry for Joseph Russell, 25 February 1774.
73. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," burial entry for Joseph Russell, 29 March 1778.
74. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," baptismal entry for Ann Russell, 14 July 1775.
75. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," baptismal entry for Martha Russell, 23 November 1776.
76. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," burial entry for Martha Russell, 29 March 1778.
77. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," baptismal entry for Ann Russell, 30 January 1778.
78. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910," marriage banns for William Russell and Mary Beckett.
79. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910," marriage banns for William Russell and Mary Beckett, 11 September 1781.
80. "England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), entry for Mary Beckett, 5 November 1749; citing FHL film 557,262.
81. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, Mary Russell, 25 December 1799.
82. "Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry wills and probate 1521-1860," page 283.
83. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 15, Martha Russell, 12 January 1784.
84. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 22, Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, Maria Russell, 16 July 1787.

Generation A

2. **THOMAS^A RUSSELL** (William^B) was christened on 9 August 1767 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸⁵ He died on 8 February 1846, and was buried on 10 February 1846 in St. Peter's churchyard, in section A, plot 63, at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸⁶ Thomas Russell and **HANNAH BEESLEY** married on 19 February 1792 at Rugby, Warwickshire, England, UK.⁸⁷

Hannah Beesley was christened on 29 March 1767 in St. Nicholas parish in Warwick, Warwickshire, England. She died on 21 January 1846, and was buried on 28 January 1846 in St. Peter's churchyard, section A, plot 63 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸⁸

Thomas^A Russell and Hannah Beesley had the following children:

- i. **ELIZABETH RUSSELL** was christened on 14 July 1794 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁸⁹
- ii. **SARAH RUSSELL** was christened on 18 July 1796 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁹⁰
- iii. **ANN RUSSELL** was christened on 8 August 1798 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁹¹
- iv. **THOMAS RUSSELL** was christened on 23 May 1801 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁹²
- v. **JOHN RUSSELL** was christened on 18 July 1803 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁹³



Frankton Church.

<https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/37576>.

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85. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptismal entry for Thomas Russell, 9 August 1767.

86. Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 12. Also, "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1910," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 32, Thomas Russell, 10 February 1846.

87. Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, *Monumental Inscriptions St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwickshire*, page 12. Also, "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Rugby, Warwickshire, marriage, image 55, Thomas Russell and Hannah Beesley, 21 February 1792.

88. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1910," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, burial, image 32, Hannah Russell, 28 January 1846.

89. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 32, Elizabeth Russell, 14 July 1794.

90. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 36, Sarah Russell, 18 July 1796.

91. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 39, Ann Russell, 8 August 1798.

92. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 43, Thos. Russell, 23 May 1801.

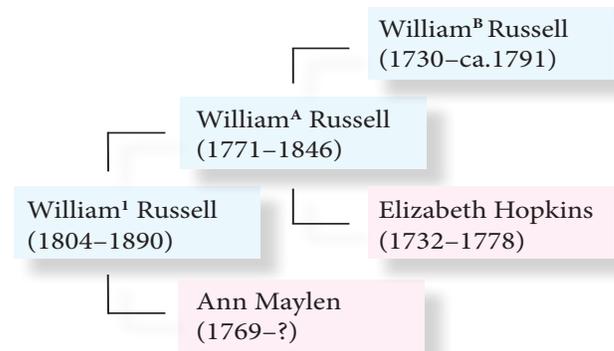
93. "Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Dunchurch, Warwickshire, baptism, image 46, John Russell, 18 July 1803.

3. **WILLIAM^A RUSSELL** (William^B) was christened on 2 January 1771 at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, England.⁹⁴ He witnessed the marriage of Thomas Russell and Hannah Beesley on 19 February 1792 in Rugby, Warwickshire, England, UK.⁹⁵ A descendant of this William has a DNA match of nine cM on one segment to Duane Funk.⁹⁶ William^A Russell and **ANNE MAYLEN** were married on 26 December 1797, at Bourton On Dunsmore and Frankton, Warwickshire, England, UK.⁹⁷

Anne Maylen, daughter of Thomas Malin and Mary Man, was christened on 16 April 1769 at Frankton, Warwickshire, England, UK.⁹⁸

William^A Russell and Ann Maylen had the following children:

- i. **MARY ANN RUSSELL** was christened on 24 March 1799 at Bourton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire, England, UK.⁹⁹
- ii. **ELIZABETH RUSSELL**, born 1800, England, UK; married Thomas Vale, 1 May 1821, Middlesex, England, UK; died 29 October 1859.
- iii. **THOMAS RUSSELL** was christened on 15 April 1803 in Saint John the Baptist Church at Coventry, Warwickshire, England, UK.¹⁰⁰
- iv. **WILLIAM^I RUSSELL** was born 4 November 1804. He married (1) Elizabeth Mary Clarke on 21 May 1828, at Middlesex, England, UK; and (2) Rebecca Fleming on 5 June 1839, at Middlesex, England, UK, and died 17 May 1890, at Davenport, Scott County, Iowa.



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William (V) Russell and Mary Bourn obtained a marriage license on 7 December 1809 at Upper Hardres, Kent, England, UK,¹⁰¹ and were married on 9 December 1809 at Upper Hardres, Kent, England, UK.¹⁰²

94. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*. Also, “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), baptismal entry for William Russell, 2 January 1771.

95. “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910,” Rugby, Warwickshire, marriage, Thomas Russell and Hannah Beesley, 21 February 1792.

96. “ThruLines,” *Ancestry*, “Relationship to Hayley Watkins,” prepared for Hayley Watkins.

97. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*, page 1. Also, “Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Bourton on Dunsmore and Frankton, Warwickshire, marriage banns, image 27, William Russell and Ann Malin, 26 December 1797.

98. Reese, Bowman, and Funk, *Smith-Russell Family History*. Also, “England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1963,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>); citing FHL film 548,391 item 1, Frankton, baptism, entry for Ann Malin, 16 April 1769.

99. “Warwickshire, England, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 16, Frankton, Warwickshire, baptism, Mary Ann Russell, 24 March 1799.

100. “London, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1921,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 81, St. John the Baptist, Coventry, Warwickshire, baptism, Thomas Russell, 15 April 1803. Also, “International Genealogy Index,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi>), British Isles, C043672.

101. “East Kent Marriages 1754-1813,” entry for William Russell/Mary Bourn, 9 December 1809. Also, “Kent, England, Extracted Parish Records, 1539-1876,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), entry for Wm. Russell and Mary, 7 December 1809; citing A. Willis, *Canterbury Marriage Licenses, 1781-1809*, vol. 2 (Canterbury, Kent, England: 1969).

102. “East Kent Marriages 1754-1813,” entry for William Russell/Mary Bourn, 9 December 1809.

Mary Bourn was also known as Mary Ann Bourne. She was christened on 26 June 1785 at Hythe, Kent, England, UK.¹⁰³ Mary lived in Newington, Kent, England, UK, on 9 December 1809.¹⁰⁴

William (V) Russell and Mary Bourn had the following child:

- i. THOMAS RUSSELL, born circa 1815, at Lenham, Kent, England, UK, married Sarah Waters, in the December Quarter of 1839, in the Hollingbourn Registration District, Kent, England, UK. He died during the September Quarter of 1871 in the Hollingbourn Registration District, Kent, England, UK. His descendant is a DNA match to the author.

Editors' notes. This article uses the Register System formatting from Curran, Crane, and Wray's *Numbering Your Genealogy*. Duane Funk's third great-grandfather, a first-generation American, was William¹ Russell. The son of William¹ would be William², and Duane would be a sixth-generation American.

A nine cM DNA match is small. Duane indirectly pointed out that we should preferably match more than one descendant and see their well-sourced pedigree charts. The first relationship suggestion for nine cM on "The DNA Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4" at [DNA Painter](#) was sixth cousin, consistent with the Ancestry "Thru Lines" proposed relationship.

103. "England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), baptism, entry for Mary Ann Bourne, 26 June 1785; citing FHL film 1,736,837.

104. "East Kent Marriages 1754-1813," entry for William Russell/Mary Bourn, 9 December 1809.

GFO SPRING SEMINAR

Researching in Poland

- Prussian
- Austrian
- Russian

Using Partition-Specific Resources
with Katerina Schmidt

29 April 2023

10 am-1 pm PT

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Cześć Grandma!

How to Find your Polish Ancestors

Katerina Schmidt

If you have ever come across a record indicating that your ancestors were of Polish ethnicity, but from Russia, Prussia, or the Austro-Hungarian Empire, there is a good chance your ancestry is from Poland. While knowing that your ancestors hail from Poland is a great first step, it is far from where your research must begin. The first phase of research starts with gathering relevant information from family sources, documents, and records. The main goal of this phase is to identify where in Poland your ancestors came from. Some important details to look for include names, dates, and locations of birth, marriage, and death for all research subjects, their parents, and their spouses. It is also helpful to take note of your ancestors' religion, as well as any mention of which Polish Partition they lived in and what language they spoke.

This first phase of research can be broken into two steps, the first being an assessment of family sources. These can include family photos, family Bibles, old letters, etc. It can be helpful to use a research log to document your findings.

The second step calls for research in common United States resources for all of your ancestors' children that lived in the U.S. All of these sources will contain clues which could potentially name their parents and provide their birthplace.

- Vital Records
 - Birth
 - Marriage – Make note of their religion if provided
 - Death
- Immigration Records
 - Ships' passenger lists
 - Naturalization papers
 - Citizenship papers

Do not overlook other possible resources such as the U.S. census, state censuses, draft registrations, and newspapers.

POLISH PARTITIONS

During your first phase of research, you may come across evidence of your ancestors being of Polish nationality, while also being from Germany/Prussia, Austria, or Russia. Do not dismiss these clues! Knowing which



This map can be found on the FamilySearch Research Wiki Poland Genealogy page (http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Poland_Genealogy).

partition of Poland your ancestors lived in will help narrow down where in Poland you should search.

Between 1815 and 1918, the area of modern-day Poland was separated into three partitions—the area controlled by Prussia (German/Prussian), the area controlled by Russia, and the area controlled by Austria (Austrian/Galician). If your ancestors emigrated from Poland between the years of 1815 and 1918, your research will likely mention one of these partitions.

GAZETTEERS AND OTHER RESOURCES

After gathering the names of your ancestors, approximate birth years, indications of partitions, and towns of origin, you can start researching in Polish records. The first place to look is in a gazetteer, which is a geographical address book that will help you identify the location of the parish your ancestors probably attended. There are many resources available for each partition of Poland, including area-specific gazetteers. To identify gazetteers for your research, visit the FamilySearch Wiki article titled “[Poland Gazetteers](#).” Here, you will also find in-depth instructions on how to use each gazetteer.

Once you have identified the correct gazetteer, you can search for the name of your ancestors' town to identify the associated parish. Most gazetteers are organized alphabetically by town name and will contain geographical information for that town, such as the township (*gmina*) and the province (*województwo*). In each town entry, you will also find the name of the parish (*parafialny*).

Once you have identified your ancestors' parish, your research path can branch off in a variety of directions. Regardless of which partition your ancestors lived in, you can always search for records using the FamilySearch Catalog.

To access specific record sets, visit www.familysearch.org/search/catalog and search for the location of the parish.

Search by:
[Place](#) | [Surnames](#) | [Titles](#) | [Author](#) | [Subjects](#) | [Keywords](#)

Place

Search for:
[Call Number](#) | [Film/Fiche/Image Group Number \(DGS\)](#)

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 Online
 FamilySearch center

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Screenshot courtesy FamilySearch.org.

Here you will find Church records and civil registration records; both of which you will want to view.

Another resource to consult is the Polish State Archives website, Szukaj w Archiwach. This website contains records for a variety of locations across the three partitions of Poland and requires that you search using the location of the parish.

Refine your search ▼

Search by:
 Place

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Use for:
 Poland, Warszawa, Mielau

Part of [Poland, Warszawa, Mława](#)

- ▶ Poland, Warszawa, Mława, Mława - Church records (9)
- ▶ Poland, Warszawa, Mława, Mława - Civil registration (1)
- ▶ Poland, Warszawa, Mława, Mława - Jewish records (2)
- ▶ Poland, Warszawa, Mława, Mława - Maps (1)
- ▶ Poland, Warszawa, Mława, Mława - Public records (1)

Screenshot courtesy FamilySearch.org.

In addition, the [Polish Vital Records Database](#) provides resources for each specific region of Poland, and Mapa.Szukacz.pl, a Polish map website that can be used to determine the current administrative district (*gmina*) may be valuable.

There are many additional online resources for each partition.

Prussian/German Partition Resources:

• [Meyer's 1871 Gazetteer](#)

- Searchable by German name
- The Standesamt (StdA) indicates the location of the Civil Registration Office
- The "Ecclesiastical" tab displays the location of various parishes for the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish religions

• [Kartenmeister Gazetteer \(1905\)](#)

- Searchable by German and Polish names
- Provides location of the Civil Registration Office
- Provides location of Catholic and Lutheran parishes

• [Archion](#)

- Primarily for Lutheran records

• [Matricula](#)

- Primarily for Catholic records

• [Silesia Findbuch](#)

- Resources for research in the Silesian region
- Use "Kirchenbücher finden" to identify where church records are available

Austrian/Galician Partition Resources:

- Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia / Galician Town Locator
 - Use Ctrl+F (Windows) / Cmd+F (Mac) to search for town name
 - Provides locations of Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic parishes and Jewish centers
- 1930s Skorowidz Gazetteer
 - Covers most of the Russian and Austrian partitions of Poland
 - Non-searchable index—scroll through pages alphabetically

- Provides administrative jurisdiction information (*gmina, powiat, województwo / gubernia*) and parish locations for each town
- Click “Show Content” to access the gazetteer
- AGAD
 - Website with a collection of church records for the Galicia region
- Geneteka
 - Online searchable database of indexed (and sometimes scanned) birth, marriage, and death records



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Russian partition Resources:

- 1930s Skorowidz Gazetteer
 - Covers most of the Russian partition of Poland
 - Refer to the details in the Austrian/Galician partition resources
- 1877 Kingdom of Poland Gazetteer
 - Town names beginning with A-N
 - Town names beginning with O-Ż
 - Includes the Kingdom of Poland, which was within the Russian partition of Poland, but does not cover all the Russian partition
 - Non-searchable index—scroll through pages alphabetically
 - Provides administrative jurisdiction information (*gmina, powiat, województwo / gubernia*) and locations of parishes for each town
- Spis Gazetteer 1968
 - Provides locations of civil registration offices
 - Does not provide parish information
 - FamilySearch catalog is organized using these jurisdictions

ARCHIVAL JURISDICTION

Sometimes when conducting research, you will not be able to locate digital copies of records, but you may find an indication that physical copies of records of interest are in an archive. To obtain copies of these records, you must identify the correct archive and contact them. Modern day Poland is separated into several Archival Jurisdictions, with each archive containing the records for a specific geographical region. For example, the records for a town located within the bright green boundaries of Wrocław would be held in the Wrocław archives. When trying to determine the correct archival jurisdiction, try locating your ancestors' town or parish on a map, such as [Mapa Szukacz.pl](#), and then compare it with the Polish Archival Jurisdictions map shown. Knowing the correct archival jurisdiction can be helpful in confirming that you have found the correct records, as many towns exist throughout Poland sharing the same name.

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE ARCHIVE

When the records you need are not available online, you may benefit from contacting an archive or a parish and requesting help with your search. Following is a sample letter to the Wrocław Archive written using instructions from the FamilySearch Research Wiki article "[Poland Letter Writing Guide](#)."

28 Marca 2022

Archiwum Państwowe we Wrocławiu
Ul. Pomorska 2

50-215 Wrocław

Szanowni Państwo,

Nazywam się Katerina Schmidt i mieszkam w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Moi przodkowie są polskiego pochodzenia. Chcę dowiedzieć się więcej o moich przodkach. Następująca osoba jest moim przodkiem, który urodził się w Polsce. Podaję wszystkie dane jakie mam o niej.

Imię i nazwisko: Jan Smaga

Data urodzenia (w przybliżeniu): 15 Maja 1890

Miejsce urodzenia: Książnica, Wrocław

Chcę prosić o znalezienie świadectwa urodzenia tej osoby w przedziale od (1889) do (1891)? Proszę o przesłanie mi pełnego odpisu lub kserokopii świadectwa urodzenia albo chrztu tej osoby. Jeśli otrzymanie powyższych informacji jest niemożliwe, czy mógłby Pan (Ksiądz if addressing a priest; Pastor if addressing a pastor) podać mi adres kogoś z tamtej okolicy, kto - za wynagrodzeniem - zechciałby mi pomóc i jeśli to możliwe, zna trochę język angielski.

Czy można otrzymać kserokopie dokumentów i za jaką opłatą. Z góry dziękuję za pomoc.

Z szacunkiem,

Katerina Schmidt

While researching your Polish ancestors can at times seem daunting, there are so many resources available to help facilitate your search. The resources listed above are great tools to utilize throughout your research and constitute your main toolbelt while researching your Polish ancestors.

Good luck on your Polish research, and as they say in Poland, *Do widzenia!*

Precious Memories: Margaret Craig (Steven) Williams (1880–1965)

Anne Sharp

The big black woodstove has a central place in my memories of my great-grandmother Margaret Williams, after whom I am named. It is where we baked bread, where we heated our irons to iron clothes, where she cooked our breakfast oatmeal that I eagerly ate to reach the picture on the bottom of my Blue Willow bowl, and where she warmed the soft rainwater to form ringlets in my naturally curly hair. During these activities, she told me stories of her youth, fostering in me a love of family history.

Margaret Craig Steven was born in 1880 in the community of Boardman, St. Croix, Wisconsin, which was named after her maternal family. Her father had immigrated from Scotland as a teenager only 12 years earlier. At the time of Margaret's birth, her parents were living with her mother's family, but they soon moved to their own farm nearby and added eight more children. Margaret remembered the traditional seating pattern in which their father sat at the head of the table, with the hired farmhands to his right, followed by the sons from oldest to youngest. Next, the girls were seated from youngest to oldest up to their mother who sat to the left of their father. Food was passed in this same order often leaving little to none for their mother. Margaret helped her hard-working mother care for the younger children and was rewarded with their life-long devotion.

Margaret never mentioned her own hard work but felt so sad for her best friend who had lost her mother at a young age. The friend had to take over her mother's duties without any help. One day Margaret's young friend built a fire in the oven and when she opened the door to place the bread inside, she found that her beloved kitten had earlier crawled into the oven without her knowledge. She had mistakenly baked her kitten.

Margaret completed two years of high school and began work. According to the 1905 state census, she worked as a telephone operator. But soon after, she became a practical nurse to a wealthy woman who loved to travel. During the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, they were just outside the city, close enough to see the fires burning. By



*Margaret Craig (Steven) Williams, circa 1908.
Courtesy of the author.*

1908, they were in Spokane, Washington, where Margaret met and married a handsome young farmer, Clarence A Williams. Her occupation on the marriage record was nurse, a line of work that she would continue at times throughout her marriage.

In 1910, Margaret and Clarence rented a house next to his family's farm. He worked as a laborer for the city while she cared for their baby daughter, Ellen. One of Margaret's brothers was a live-in farmer's helper next door. When WWI began, they moved to Charleston, Washington, which was next to, and is now part of, the city of Bremerton, where Clarence worked the night shift as a rigger at the Navy yard. At first, they lived in a tent in the community teeming with newly arrived workers. It was an uneasy neighborhood. One night, they heard someone walking around their tent. Margaret called out to little Ellen to "get the gun" and then stuck the broom handle against the side of the tent. There was no gun.

After a few years, Margaret and Clarence decided to move to California. However, when the train stopped for the night in Medford, Oregon, they decided this location would be their new home. City directories, motor vehicle registrations, and census records show the family living in several different little communities in the Rogue Valley where Clarence worked at various occupations: a carpenter,

a concrete laborer, an orchard hand. The orchard went under during the depression. There were periods of unemployment and odd jobs. Throughout these years, Margaret continued to take private nursing jobs. They rented houses of various types. Margaret remembered one place with cockroaches so bad that they placed the legs of the bed in cans of kerosene to keep them out. They just crawled on the ceiling and dropped down.

In the early 1940s, Margaret and Clarence bought a large piece of property in the city of Medford, where they planned to build a house. Clarence started by building the garage with steps outside to a bedroom on the second floor. One day in 1951, he had just finished chasing the chickens into their pen with a broom when he sat down in a chair, calm and quiet, and Margaret saw the color drain from his face. Margaret was 70 when he died. The garage became Margaret's home for the next few years. In the 1953 city directory, she is listed as a bakery worker, but I only knew her as a stay-at-home grandma.

My parents bought part of Margaret's property where my dad built a couple of houses. So, my brothers and I spent a lot of time at her garage-turned-house. This is where she did her best to teach me to be a young lady. I walked the long crack in her concrete floor, taking small steps with one foot directly in front of the other while balancing a book on my head. I washed my eyes with warm water in a ceramic eyewash cup. She taught me the proper way to wring out a washcloth, so that my knuckles would not get large and unfeminine. And she taught me the questionable wisdom that "Giggling girls and cackling hens—both are an abomination to men."

My family moved to a farm, and Margaret moved in with her daughter. The last day I saw her, she asked me to play the piano for her. I was eleven and growing out of easy compliance. I wanted to tell her no, but I didn't. How many times have I been thankful for that decision? She left me with precious memories without regrets.



Four Generations, left to right: Ellen Rae (Williams) Doran, Margaret Craig (Steven) Williams, Ellen Josephine (Boardman) Steven, and Margaret Ann (Spence) Boardman, Wisconsin, 1915. Courtesy of the author.

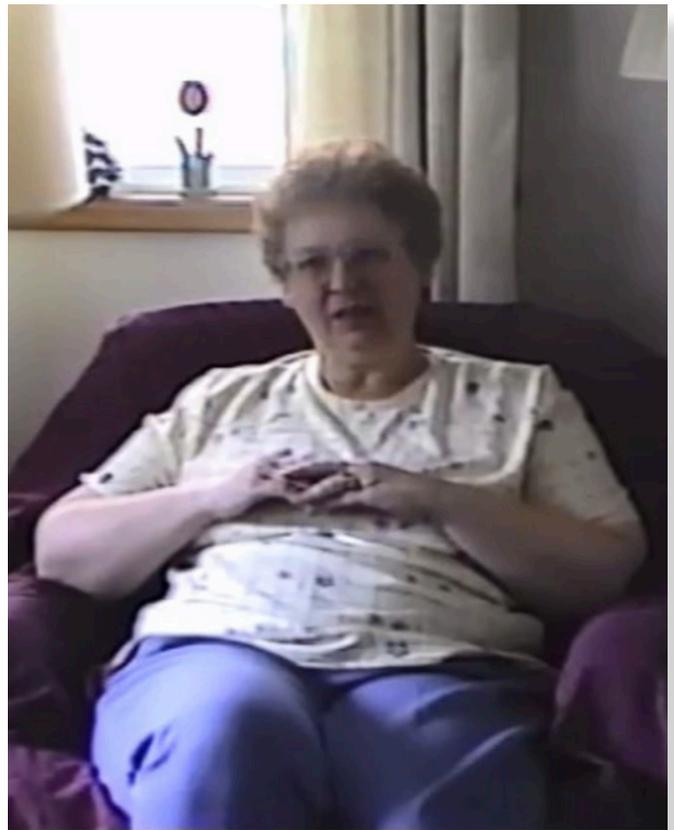
Mariruth Helen (Olsen) Hanna (1935–2021) of Sherwood, Oregon

Susan Olsen LeBlanc, AG

Mariruth Hanna, born 27 June 1935, in Sherwood, Oregon, died there 18 May 2021. She was my father's cousin and he, Roger Olsen, was born 24 November 1934 in Portland, Oregon. They together shared eleven cousins, all living in Multnomah and/or Washington Counties. They came from a unique background of Norwegian heritage and were proud of their lineage.

Every year, for over fifty years, they would gather at a park for a family picnic. As a youth I remember fondly the many years we met at Oaks Park in southeast Portland. My interest in the common family history was shared at these gatherings. They richly rewarded my interest by giving me many family artifacts and letters. Mariruth's paternal grandparents, John Philip Olsen and Julia Brown, had a farm in Orenco, Oregon, where most of their seven children were born. One person who had great interest in us as great nieces and nephews was their youngest child, Great Aunt Anne. She and her husband, Ben Davis, would host many family dinners of the Olsen cousins. They had no children of their own and so we became their focus.

In 1996 Anne and Ben had to move from their four-bedroom house. This move entailed going through the collections of family memorabilia from Anne's parents and each of her siblings. It took twenty trips to their house and working feverishly to sort through the collections before the appraisers could arrange for the sale of Anne and Ben's excess household goods. When we got to the family



Mariruth Hanna. Courtesy of the author.

china and other keepsakes, my dad's cousin Mariruth joined me in the sorting and sharing of these items. A niece of Uncle Ben, Karen Davis, joined us in the final packing and distributing of the treasures. Many bags came to my home so I could process the family items of historical value. The three of us became fast friends, kindred spirits for over twenty years. Mariruth always commented what an unusual group we were—a Catholic, a Quaker and a Mormon. We met regularly for lunch and enjoyed a camaraderie that was unique. When Karen settled Anne and Ben's estates, Karen very generously provided us with a nice inheritance. With those funds Mariruth and I made a trip to Norway and England. We had John Philip Olsen's journal of his trip there in 1914 and were able to follow his route and met with many cousins.

So, when Mariruth passed away on 18 May 2021 we felt so deeply the change and remain grateful for the time we had together. Out of concern for her family history and pictures, I asked her family to please be careful to gather it for their own collection. Then one day they called to let me know that there was a collection waiting for me. It took me a year before I finally sorted through everything and started a couple of notebooks and an inventory of what I had to work with. For our common ancestral lines most of it was duplications, but they did give me some things I felt were important for the family to retain.



Mariruth and Sue, trip to Norway, 1997. Courtesy of the author.

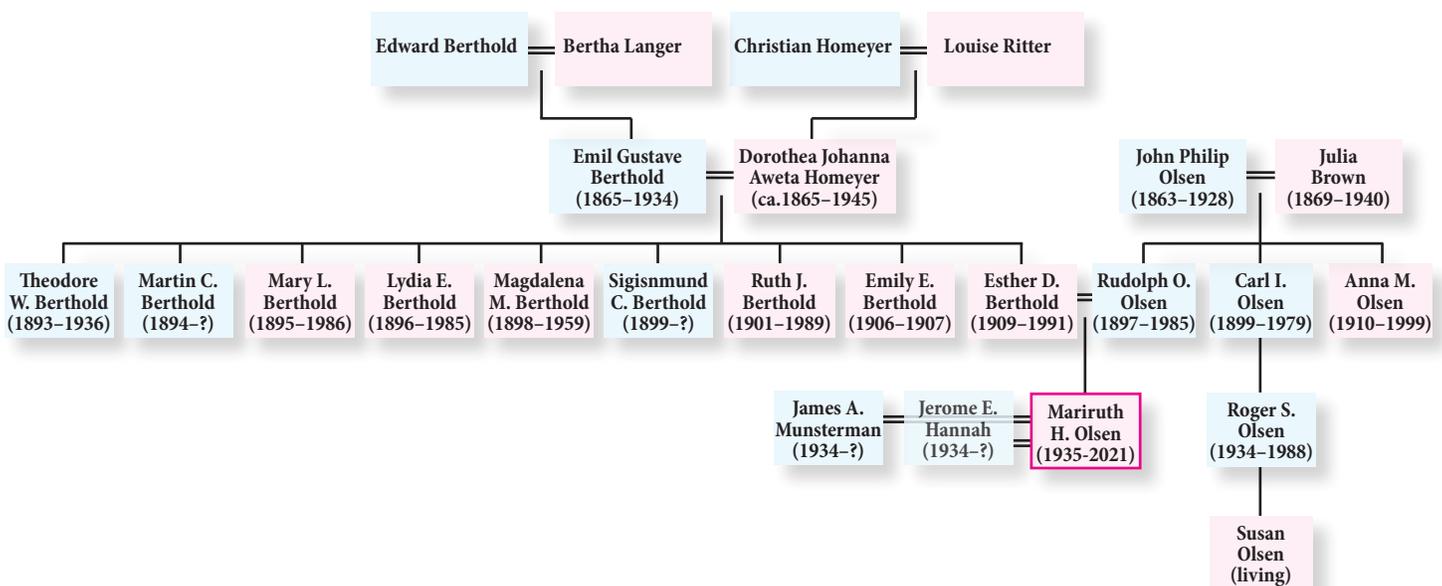


Mariruth and Susan, family history in Norway, 1997.
Courtesy of the author.

Mariruth's parents, Rudolph Olsen and Esther Dorothea Berthold, were an interesting couple. Rudolph lived most of his life in Sherwood, Oregon. Esther was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and her ancestors were Germans from Russia. Esther's father, Emil Gustav Berthold, was born in Buchholz, Saxony, Germany, and was a pastor for the Lutheran Church. Her mother, Dorothea Johanna Aweta Homeyer, was born in Badeborn, Saxony, Germany.

The documented family history for Mariruth's ancestors contain the beginning of another genealogy project. A key part of this collection were the DNA tests that we both took. I am grateful that she made me an editor for her records at ancestry.com. It is sad that her family has no interest in retaining this collection. I tried to contact facilities that I thought might be interested. Finally, I contacted the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. With their volunteers we hope to scan and preserve the unique records. GFO members can access similar online resources at <https://gfo-ind.narvi.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>. There are several books, letters and records that are in German. It will be nice to translate them so others can gain information that might be relevant to their own research. The records include a journal of Mariruth's trip to England and Germany with her mother in 1963. It will be interesting to gain more information on her maternal ancestral line.

SELECTED FAMILY OF MARIRUTH HELEN (OLSEN) HANNA



INTRODUCTION TO BERTHOLD FAMILY TIMELINE

This is an overview of the family of Emil Gustave Berthold, his wife Dorothea, and their nine children. Researching a family can be challenging. This timeline capsulizes the important dates and places where further work may well provide records that substantiate the logical research that should occur. To honor Mariruth and to share the resources passed to me by the family, to protect and safeguard from incorrect facts, this information is the basis of a wonderful family history.

German Generation

Edward Berthold, born Saxony.

Bertha Langer, born Saxony.

Christian Homeyer, born Saxony.

Louise Ritter, born Saxony.

Mariruth's Immigrant Ancestors

Rev. Emil Gustave Berthold, born 12 September 1865, Buchholz, Saxony, Germany, died 1934, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, FG. He married

Dorothea Johanna Aweta Homeyer, born April 1865, Badeborn, Saxony, Germany, died 1945, Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, FG.

They married 24/31 May 1892, Trinity Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and had nine children:

i. Dr. Theodore William Berthold, born 27 March 1893, Langenberg, Saskatchewan, Canada, died 6 October 1936, Chicago, Illinois, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, FG.

ii. Martin Carl Berthold, born. 28 April 1894, Canada, died 6 May (?) as small child, Canada.

iii. Mary Louise Berthold, born 6 May 1895, Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, Canada, died 21 August 1986, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

iv. Lydia Emile Berthold, born 22 May 1896, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, died 31 May 1985, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, FG.

v. Magdalena Martha Berthold, born 14 January 1898, Gretna, Manitoba, Canada, christened 16 May 1913, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, died 1 February 1959, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

vi. Sigismund Christian Berthold, born 7 October 1899, Gretna, Manitoba, Canada, died unknown, young child, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon, FG.

vii. Ruth Johanna Berthold, born 17 September 1901, Gnadau, Salzlandkreis, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, died 14 January 1989, Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon, buried Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon.

viii. Emile Elisabeth Berthold, born 8 November 1906, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington, died 12 August 1907, Walla Walla, Washington.

ix. Esther Dorothea Berthold, born 7 March 1909, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington, died 3 March 1991, Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon, buried Crescent Grove Cemetery, Tigard, Oregon.



Berthold Family, undated.

*Left to right: Sigismund, Lydia, Mother, Esther, Father, Theodore, Ruth, unknown.
Courtesy of the Susan LeBlanc.*



*"Mother Dorothea."
Courtesy of the author.*

Mariruth Hanna's Genealogical Collection

Susan Olsen LeBlanc, AG

BOX 1

Travel Log

To Mariruth—from your friends in the Mary Thomas Missionary Union Esther Olsen and Mariruth Olsen Munsterman, trip to London, England, at the Eccleston Hotel.

Letter to Mr. Rudolph Olsen at Box 176, Sherwood, Oregon, 11 October 1963 to 30 October 1963; to Berlin Germany.

It includes a newspaper article, "Sherwood Women Visit East Berlin," *Tri-City News*, page 8, Sherwood, Oregon, Thursday, 21 November 1963.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage, framed print.

One letter from Oydis to Mariruth, 12 October 2000.

Four letters from missionary in China, 20 November 1917; 16 November 1926; 3 April 1927; 17 June 1931.

Holy Bible, Pronouncing, Teacher's Edition, National, Mrs. Mariruth Hanna, 190 NW Main St. Sherwood, OR, 97140; Esther Olsen, Sherwood, Oregon, 97140, 625-6944; 1940. English.

The Boyhood of Jesus, Merry Xmas to Fred from Mama, Xmas Dec 1917, David C. Cook Publishing Company, Illinois, 1905, 57 pages. \$6.95

All the Women of the Bible, M. L. del Mastro, Castle Books, New York, 2004, 425 pages. \$4.69

Songs That Never Grow Old, belonged to Esther Berthold, Published by Syndicated Publishing Co., North American Music Publishing Co., 1909, Copyright by F. E. Wright 1913, 256 pages. Patriotic, National, College, Operatic, Love, Home, Sacred. \$12.95 + 4.50

Af Norges frihedssaga ved Jacob B. Bull, To Philip and Julia, from Olaf and Bertha, Kristiania, 6 July 1907, 1899, 59 pages, in Norwegian.

Norsk Natur, by Frantz Boe and Julius Holck, 14 small paintings, art J. Harlsoens, Kunstforlag, 1903, Etsy \$76, in Norwegian.

Framed picture of Cross with Jesus

Pictures taken in Canada of Marit's 50th Birthday Celebration – 68

Pictures taken in Oslo, Norway in 1997 – 33

The Alhambra, by Washington Irving, edited by Alfred M. Hitchcock, M.A.

Life of Irving

Instructor in English in the Hartford Public High School
Macmillan Co. New York, 1851/1899/1913, Pocket America
Ruth Berthold, Sherwood, Oregon

The King's Gold: a Story, by Mrs. Elizabeth Cheney

The Abingdon Press, Eaton & Mains, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1907, 1911, 1918, English, 440 pages. Ruth Berthold



Mariruth Hanna. Courtesy of the author.



Die Psalmen Davids, Rev. E. Berthold, Sherwood, Ore., 128 pages, small. Published Berlin, Der Psalm 1–150, in German.

Konfirmanden-Büchlein: zur Erinnerung, printer Ernest Kaufmann, at Lahr, Baden, in German.

Painah Taylor

Magdalena Martha, Berthold,

Zur bleibenden Kinder an der

Tag deiner Konfirmation May 16, 1913

Von Deinem Wort.

Pastor Emil G. Berthold, Cornelius, Clergyman, U.S.A., pages 1–68.

Kleine Missionsharfe im Kirchen- und Volkston für festliche und außerfestliche Kreise,

Sechsfundfünfzig Auflage, Ein Teil des Ertrages für die Missionen

Gütersloh, 1896, Gedruckt und in Commission bei C. Bertelsmann

(Preis 25 Pf. Im Buchhandel 30 Pf.), 144 pages. Stories, music and verses, in German.

In script in back – John Hanson, Alden, McHenry Co., Ill.

BOX 2

Die Bibel: und ihre Geschichte, von Dr. Albert Ostertag.

Basel, Bahnmaier's Buchhandlung 1857

Vorrathig bei Wilh. Schultze, Berlin, Scharnstr. 11. 259 pages, German.

THE KAINHĒ DIAΘĒKHĒ: AΠANTA,

Novum Testamentum Graece,

Coloniae Agrippinae:

Sumptibus Societatis Bibliophilorum Britannicae & Externae,

MDCCCLXIV.

Das Neue Testament

Unseres

Herrn und Heilandes Jesu Christi

Nach Der Deutschen Übersetzung

D. Martin Luthers

Cöln, 1864

Gedruckt für das Depot der britischen und ausländischen

Bibelgesellschaft.

Waidmarkt Nr. 10.

(New Testament in two languages, Apocalypsis)

E. Berthold, Berlin, German, pages not numbered.

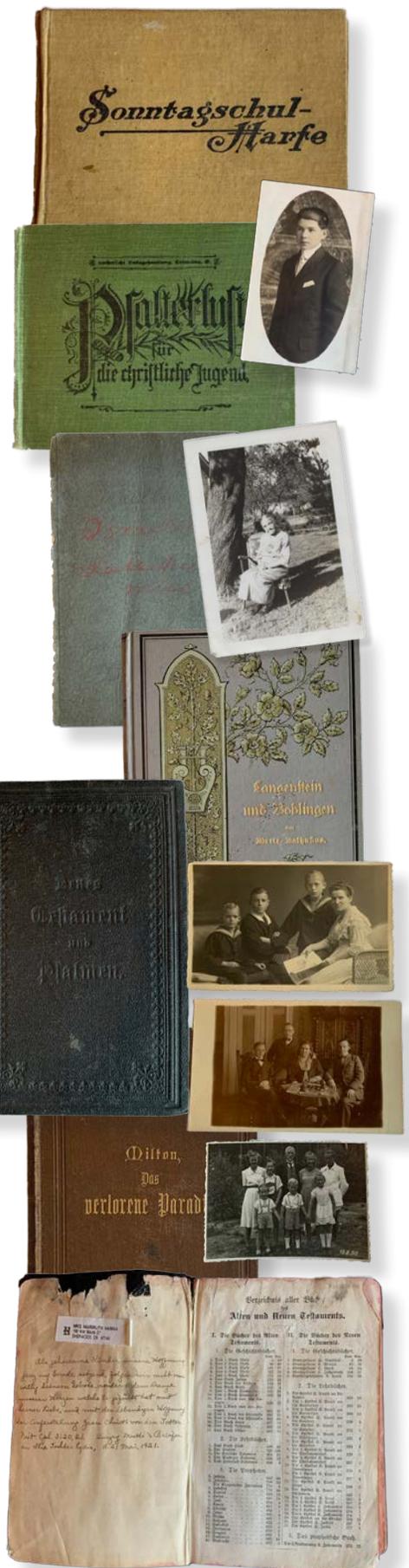
Das Neue Testament,

D. Martin Luthers

Berlin, 1904, 300 pages.

Bible in German, Old Testament and New Testament, of Mrs.

Mariruth Hanna.



Kleiner: Katechismus der Israelitischen Religion,

von Dr. Ludwig Philippson, Rabbiner
Leipzig, Baumgärtners Buchhandlung,
1843, 30 pages, German

Christuslegenden, von Selma Lagerlöf

Hesse & Beder Verlag/Leipzig
Dorothea Zehnel, Berlin – Adlershof, Argonnenweg 132
German, 277 pages

Milton, das Verlorene Paradies,

Das verlorene Paradies,
Eigentum der Ev. Luth. Emanuels Gemeinde
zu Cornelius, Oregon, German, 313 pages

Sonntagschul Harfe,

Sammlung
Der C. Wonnberger
Reading, P.A. 1875/1903, German, 215 pages

Psalterlust für die Christliche Jugend,

Columbus, Ohio, Mai 1890, German, 354 pages

Langenstein und Boblingen,

Von Marie Nathusius
Wohlfeile Original-Ausgabe
Elfte Auflage
Halle a. S., Richard Muhlmann's Verlagshandlung,
(Max Grosse), 1891, 301 pages
Anna Hepper Weihnachten von Paule Helene, 08

Eine Seltsame Schule:

Bärbeles Weihnachten,
Zwei Erzählungen für die Jugend
von Otilie Wildermuth.

Wit vier Illustrationen

Stuttgart

Berlag von Adolph Arabbe

Mrs. Mariruth Hanna, 190 NW Main St., Sherwood, OR 97140,
German, 120 pages

Two notebooks contain family documents, letters, and pictures.



TRANSCRIPTION

Places Served by Pastor Emil Gustave Berthold (1865–1934) of Buchholz, Germany; Canada, Washington, and Oregon; and Grandfather of Mariruth Hanna

Susan Olsen LeBlanc, AG

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE OF REV. EMIL GUSTAV BERTHOLD:

In May of 1983, Mr. Felix G. Kuehn wrote a letter to Mr. L. Berthold at this address - 335 NW 19th, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Kuehn was the Co-ordinator of the Brokenhead Lutheran Historical Society of Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada, Box 1496. The following is the content of his letter.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in the hopes that you may possibly be a relative of a certain Rev. Emil Gustav Berthold, born 12 Sep 1865, (died 2 Sept 1934) in Buchholz, Saxony, Germany, the son of Eduard Berthold and Bertha nee Langer. Here in Manitoba Rev. Berthold was one of the outstanding pioneer pastors of the Lutheran Church, arriving in Winnipeg on 26 May, 1891. He was the 5th minister of the General Council Lutheran Church to serve in Western Canada and later was one of the first ministers of the Ohio Synod Lutheran Church on the prairies. We are hoping to be able to secure some further information concerning him (and perhaps also some pictures of him) in connection with our celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther.

I am an associate of the Task Force organizing a display in our provincial museum and in connection with this project have undertaken to attempt to trace down the descendents of as many of our pioneer Lutheran pastors as possible. I personally have a special interest in Pastor Berthold since he baptized my Grandmother (who is still alive and enjoying good health) in 1898 at Dresden, N.D. during the years that he was serving as a pastor of the St. Pauls Lutheran Church at Gretna, Manitoba.



Hermann Müller, Eisenbahn-Karte von Mittel-Europa [Western Europe], 1896; Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g6031p.ct002426/?r=0.229,0.201,0.74,0.355,0> : accessed 11 December 2022). Pastor Berthold was born in Buchholz, attended school in Berlin, and married Dorothea Homeyer of Badeborn, Germany.



*"Father Emil Gustave."
Courtesy of the author.*

REV. EMIL GUSTAV BERTHOLD'S SERVICE

What follows is the collection of information on the service of Rev. Emil Gustav Berthold in Manitoba from 1891 to 1907, created by Mr. Kuehn. The wealth of history collected for the Berthold family is amazing. It has been guarded and handed down to his descendants and will become a part of the family collection held by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Mr. Kuehn was thrilled to be put in contact with three living descendants.

1891

Berthold, Emil Gustave b. 1865

- Graduate of Berlin Missionary Institute; a friend and fellow student of Pastor Pompeit, /received hon. release from Penn Synod, Ord.

- came to Ontario in 1890, 26 May 1891

- 11 July 1891, assumed the ministry of St. Pauls, Langenberg, which had previously called Pastor Johannes Ramsauer, of Rochester, New York (ord. 29 Apr. 1891

In addition to the congregation at Langerberg,

Pastor Berthold also served Beresina, Landestreu, Hoffenthal, and possibly also Ebenezer.

- July 1892, dedicated the cemetery at Beresina.

- 24 May 1892, married Dorothea Bomeier (Hoymeyer?) in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Pastor Streich officiating. The Wedding Celebration took place in the home of a Mrs. Jordon. According to "Der Nordwesten" of 1905, Pastor and Mrs. Berthold had a family of six children. It also noted that same year the death of Mrs. Berthold's father, Christian Hoymeyer, a landowner in Ballenstedt, Germany.

According to this notice, the oldest son was a missionary in China, the second son is not mentioned (although another notice mentions his intention of coming to Canada.) Mrs. Berthold, it would seem, was the oldest daughter, the second daughter was married to a Mr. Zehnel, a missionary in China, and the third daughter was married to a missionary merchant in German East Africa. (Harnez)

- Oct. 1896, resigned from St. Pauls, Langenburg, in order to accept a call from St. Pauls, Gretna where he was the successor to Pastor Willing.

- June, 1897 mission festivals in Gretna and Frieddensfeld with Mr. Kohlrusch of New York, a foreign missionary, service at Gretna in the Anglican church,

- 10 Oct. 1897, Ded. of St. Pauls, Lutheran Church, Gretna, with the assistance of Pastor Ruccius of Winnipeg and Pastor Herrmann of Wolseley. German weekday school was conducted Monday, Tues. Wed by Lehrer Te ske, who also conducted reading services when Pastor Berthold was absent from the congregation. In the fall of 1898 the church was presented with a beautiful chandelier, a gift of Mr. Wm. Hespler.

- 1 June, 1899, huge mission festival in Gretna attended by Pastor Beer and some 1000 people,

- 9 Nov. 1899, ded. of St. Johns Lutheran church at Dresden. (Pastor Berthold may have been responsible for the building of the first little log church in 1897.)

- 1899 est. of the Hope congregation at Rosenau [Roseau] near Dominion City, a building was put up which served both as a school and a church; the teacher was a Mr. Klingsporn, who, in 1904, became the teacher of the newly established St. Pauls congregation.

There were originally 26 students.

- 9 Sept. 1899, est. of the Zion cong. At Friedenstahl, the church was built the following summer.

- 2 March, 1900, est. of the St. Johns cong. At Rosenfeld, Church ded. 16 April, 1900 with the assistance of Pastor Beer of Winnipeg. Mr. Wm. Hespler in attendance.

- 24 June, 1900, farewell service in the St. Pauls church at Gretna.

In his report for the year 1899, Pastor Berthold gives the following statistics;

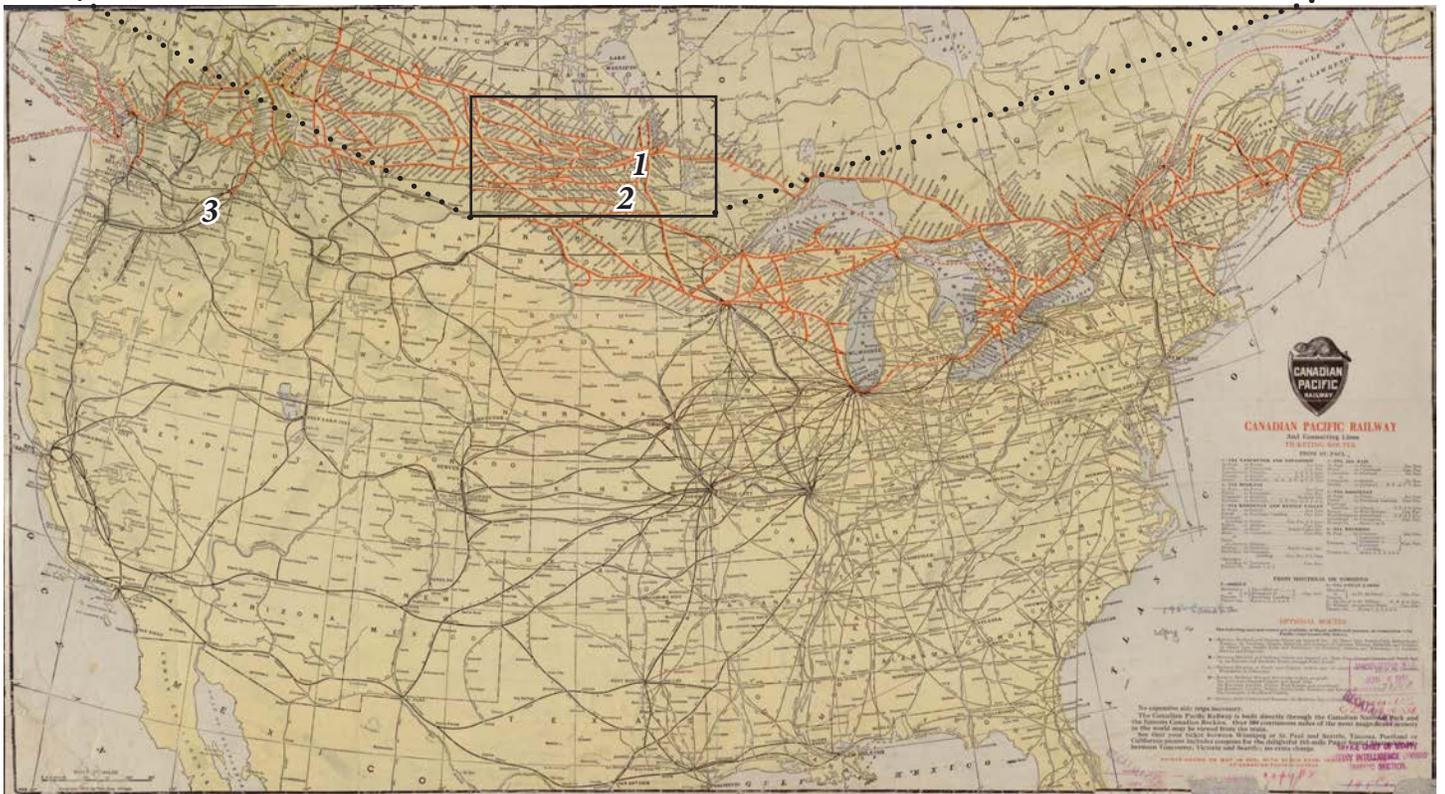
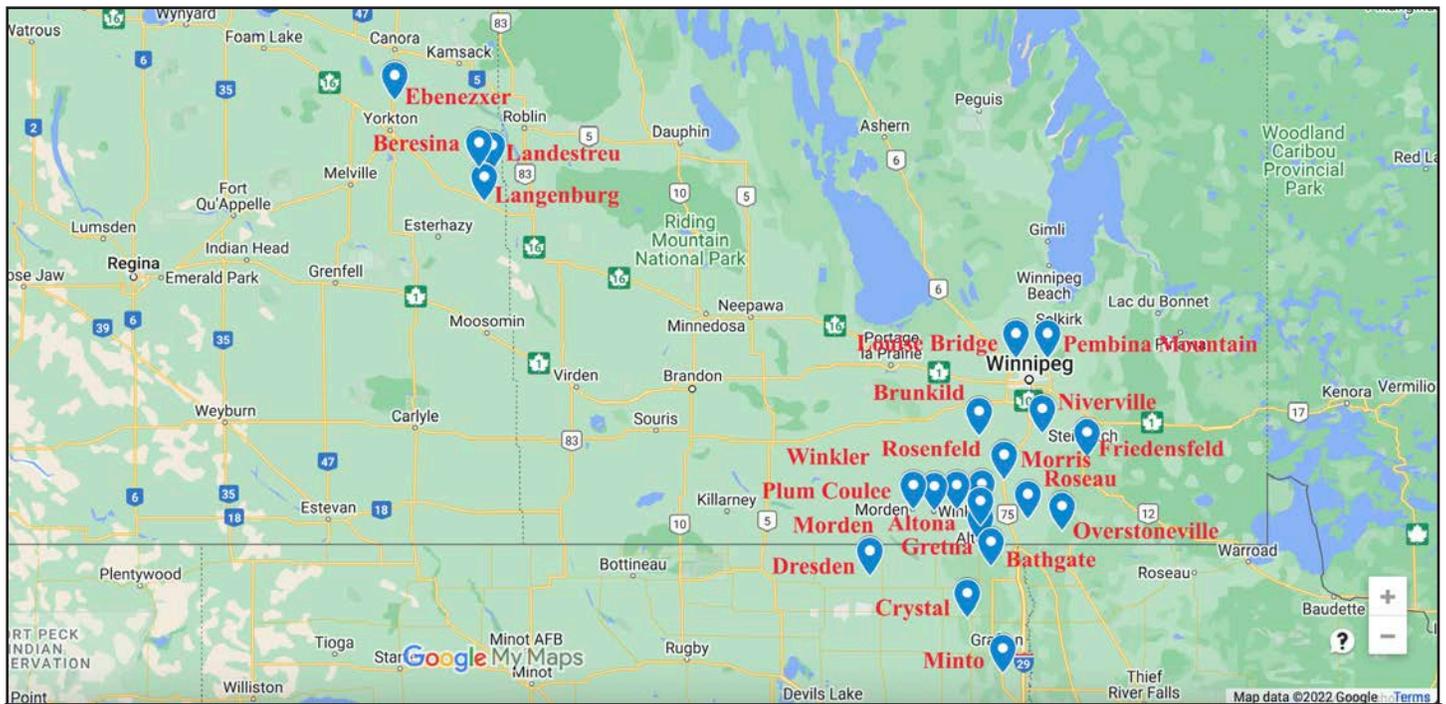
25 baptisms – 23 confirmation of baptisms, 15 marriages, 30 confirmations, 394

persons received communion, 12 burials, 5 sick- communion services were held; he

also held some 150 services in addition to conducting Sunday School, Lentin Services,

and Bibel studies. He also officiated at 1 mission festival in Gretna and the ded.

of the Dresden church. He traveled some 4100 miles and this involved some 200 days of travelling. He concludes that while quite a number of families have moved into this district, quite a number have moved out, and therefore the number of his parishoners has remained about the same, namely from 350 – 400 families. He had served 16 stations and preaching points.



Canada Pacific Railway and Connecting Lines (Chicago: Poole Bros, 1912; Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3701p.ct001841/?r=0.073,0.107,0.144,0.069,0> : accessed 11 December 2022). Pastor Berthold's served in and south of (1) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in (2) North Dakota, & at (3) Walla Walla, Washington. Above, specific locations on Google My Maps.

- In June of 1900, he gave the following details of his activities during the previous 12 months. Members 1000 – 1500, communicant members, 700 – 800, baptisms, 211, confirmations 36, participants at communion, 1007, weddings 17, Income from Gretna – \$750.00, from Rosenfeld, \$250.00 and from Langdon (Dresden) - \$400.00 a total of \$1400.00, Expenses - \$1400.00. Pastor Berthold had also officiated at 21 funerals. His preaching points are noted as 16, no doubt in addition to Gretna.

- By referring to the columns of the Nordwesten, it is possible to note that these preaching points would have included the following; to the north and west of Gretna – Altona, Rosenfeld, Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden, and Pembina Mountain (1-6 or Brown).

- Farther to the north on the west side of the Red River they would have included Morris and Neu Deutschland (Brunkild.)

On the east side of the Red River, to the south of the province they would have been Friedenthal and Stuartburne (Overstone) and somewhat further to the north Rosenau (Dominion City), Niverville, and Friedensfeld; there is some possibility that Pastor Berthold turned the ministry of the Friedensfeld and Niverville districts over to Pastor Stark of the Missouri Synod for a short time during the winter of 1897–1898.

- in North Dakota among these preaching points there would have been Dresden, Bathgate and possibly Crystal, N.D.

- on one occasion we note that Pastor Berthold went as far as Minto North of Boissevain to conduct a service.

- June, 1900, resigned from his congregation and the synod, he had been treasurer since 1897, in order to return to Germany to establish a school in Anhalt for the children of foreign missionaries of the Lutheran Church. His exact address was “Badeborn bei Bollenstedt an Harz, Herzogthum Anhalt.” Anhalt is the duchy which lies directly to the west of Saxony only a few miles from Wittenberg. It would seem likely that this institution was in the vicinity from which Pastor Berthold’s wife came.

- In May of 1905 Pastor Berthold returned from Germany to become the pastor of the newly established St. Pauls congregation at Louise Bridge (Elmwood.) His wife and family remained in Germany and apparently followed that fall. A brother of Mrs. Berthold was also of the intention of coming, but I could find no definite record of his arrival.

- July, 1905, guest at the synodical conference, requested acceptance into the synod, granted.

- Sun. 5th Nov. 1905, participated in the installation of Pastor Gehrke of the Ohio synod as Pastor of the Church of the Cross. During the same month, Pastor Gehrke preached at St. Pauls and Pastor Berthold and his congregation was received as members of the Ohio Synod. St. Pauls at Brunkild, also served by Pastor Berthold, also came into the Ohio Synod, and we also note that Pastor Berthold visited and conducted services on quite a regular basis at Dominion City, and although the congregation there was of the intention of (also Hardin, 7 day Adventist church.) building a church, by 1909 this was no longer a preaching point.

- 17 dec. preached, with Pastor Mueller, at the dedication of the mission chapel on Pritchard Ave. (Christ congregation) and at their Christmas service,

- June, 1906, called to Walla Walla, Washington, after having served as Missionary pastor for the Ohio Synod for all of western Canada.

- 1907, censured, along with pastor Mueller, for having for the other synods, at the Synodical Conference of the Manitoba Synod.

The records of Pastor Berthold’s marriage in the church books of Trinity Winnipeg supply us with the following data; Pastor Emil Gustav Berthold from Buchholz, Germany, the son of Eduard Bertholf and Bertha Langer, age 27 (born c. 1865) and Dorothea Homeyer from Badeborn, Germany; the daughter of Christian Homeyer and Louise Ritter, of Winnipeg, married 24 May, 1892/

Lutheran pastor at Langenburg, Ass.
witnesses; Katinka Jordon and Margaretha Fischer.



*Lincoln School, Walla Walla, Washington.
Courtesy of the author.*

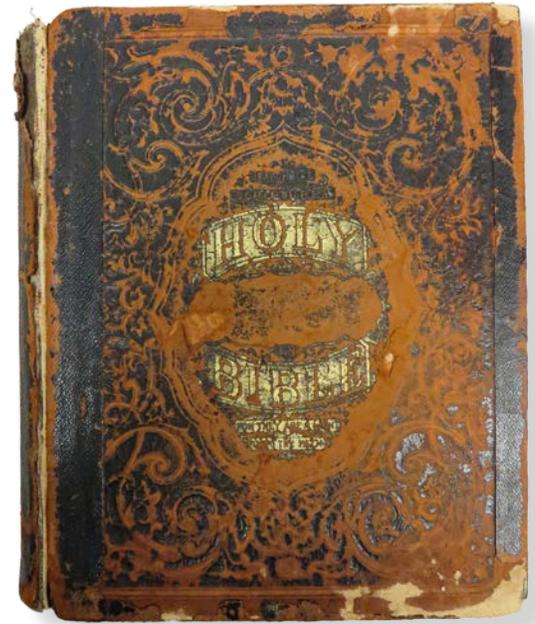
The Bible of William C. Humphrey (1831–1916) and Mercy Cheney (1834–1925)

Nanci Remington

This Bible was loaned to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 2018. It was returned after the family history pages were scanned. There was no publication date in the Bible, but a printed reference to “an Act of Congress, in the year 1873” indicates it was published after that date. The Bible may have been brought to Oregon by William and Mercy’s granddaughter, Florence (Clark) Kirkpatrick, who died in Clackamas County in 1939.

One of the entries in the Bible is the marriage of William C. Humphrey and Mercy Cheney on 21 April 1858. Other records show they married in Kent County, Michigan. The family is found on the 1860 census living in Allegan County, Michigan, with daughter Mary, who was born in 1859. A memo in the Bible states the family left Michigan in April 1861. Son Levi was born on 20 August 1861 in Whiteside County, Illinois. Daughter Mary died there in 1863. In December of that year, they moved to Dallas County, Iowa. They are listed there on the 1870, 1880, and 1900 censuses. Daughters Alice, Lottie, and Florence were born there. After the death of daughter Lottie in 1905, William, Mercy, and daughter Florence moved to Santa Ana, Orange County, California, where son Levi was a minister. However, by 1915 they had returned to Iowa. William died there on 14 January 1916. Mercy died there on 26 June 1925.

The Bible gives the birth, marriage, and death dates for William and Mercy and for both of their parents. It also gives the birth and death dates for all the children, as well as the dates of marriage for Levi, Alice, Lottie, and Florence. The children of Lottie and Florence are listed. The Bible adds one more generation for Lottie’s family, indicating the Bible stayed with that line.



The Memoranda page adds interesting notes including when the family moved, visitors, graduations, and the fact that daughter Alice became a practicing physician in 1895.

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HUMPHREY BIBLE TRANSCRIPT

Marriages

*Henry C. Humphrey and Theeda E. Rogers
were joined in marriage Aug. 11th 1828.*

*Henry S. Humphrey and Hannah Steel
July 9th 1835.*

Levi Cheney and Mary Hart Jan 17th 1825.

*William C. Humphrey and Mercy Cheney,
April 21, 1858.*

*Lottie L Humphrey & Elmer L. Clark
Nov 8 - 1886*

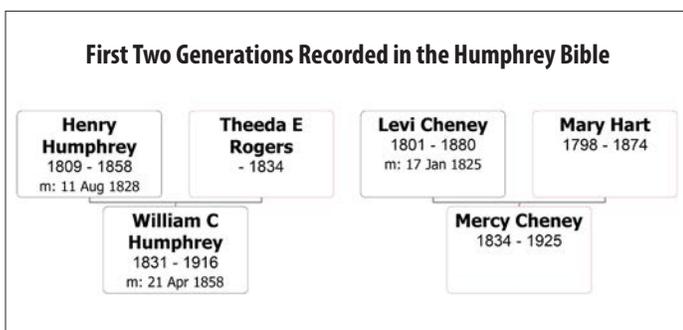
*Levi H Humphrey & Mrs. Belle Raimond
Aug 4 1891*

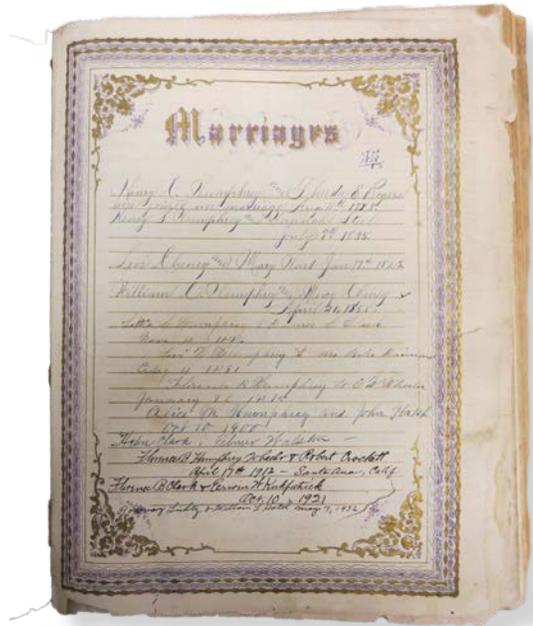
*Florence B Humphrey to E W Wheeler
January 26 1895*

*Alice M Humphrey and John Hatch
Oct 10 1900*

Helen Clark. Elmer Watson -

*Florence B Humphrey Wheeler & Robert Crockett
April 17th 1912 - Santa Ana, Calif.*





Florence B. Clark & Erwin W. Kirkpatrick
Oct. 10 1921

Rosemary Lichty & William L Hatch May 7, 1932

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Births

Henry S. Humphry, June 9, 1809.
Stuben Co. N.Y.

Levi Cheney, Feb. 6th 1801.
Milford Mass.

Mary Cheney, Aug 7th 1798,
Ward, Mass.

John Barlow Hatch, Collinsville Co[?], Sept 11 - 1838

William C. Humphrey, March 5th 1831,
Bradford Co Penn.

Mercy Humphrey May 8. 1834
Dellewar Co N.Y. [Delaware]

Mary E Humphrey March 13th 1859
Whiteside Co Ill. Alegen Co. Mich

Levi H. Humphrey Aug 20 1861
White Side Co. Ill.

Alice M. Humphrey March 30, 1864, Dallas Co Ia.

Lottie L Humphrey April 15, 1867, Dallas Co. Ia.

Florance B. Humphrey, Feb 18, 1873 Dallas Co. Ia.

Florence B. Clark Sept 17 1887 Vermilion Co Ill-

Hellen Clark, Dec 4th 1898 Redfield Ia

William Luther Wheeler April 17th 1910 Santa Ana, Cal

Geo. E Kirkpatrick April 17, 1923

Edward Kirkpatrick Dec 24, 1926

[written in margin on left side]

Darline Walston, Jan 1917 Graduated from Lacy High
School May 23 1935

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Deaths

Henry S. Humphrey Oct 12, 1853.

Theeda E. Humphrey, Nov. 8th 1834

Levi Cheney April 1880. Aged 79 yr. 2 mo.

Mary Cheney Nov. 1, 1874. Aged 76 yr 9 mo. 23 days.

Mary E. Humphrey May 8, 1863,
White Side Co Ill

Lottie L. Clark June 18, 1905 Redfield

E W Wheeler, Jan. 15, 1910, Santa Ana, Calif.

Florence B Crockett Dec 21 1918 Santa Ana Calif

William C. Humphrey Jan. 14 - 1916, Des Moines Iowa.

Helen Clark Walston Dec 25 1918 - Redfield

John B. Hatch March 7, 1923. Des Moines.

Mercy C Humphrey June 26, 1925 Redfield

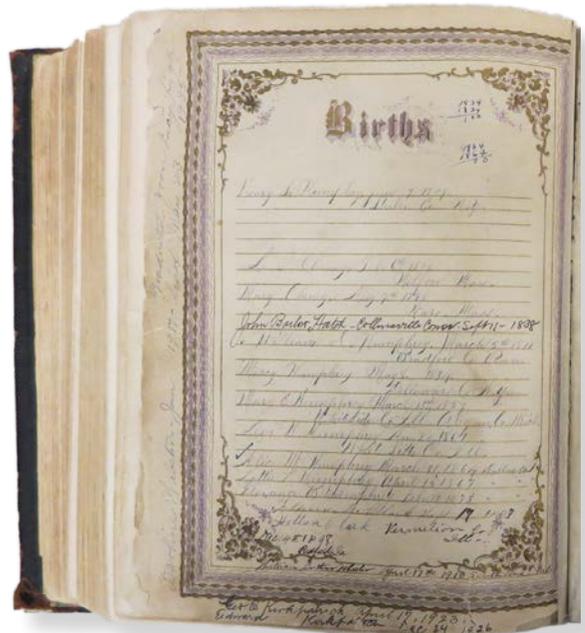
Rev L H Humphrey March 20th 1929 Santa Ana

Florence B Wheeler Crocket Dec 22 1918, Santa Ana.

Belle Humphrey Jan. 30 1937 - Santa Ana Cal

Florence Clark Kirkpatrick Dec 27 1939.

Alice H. Hatch - June 8, 1943.



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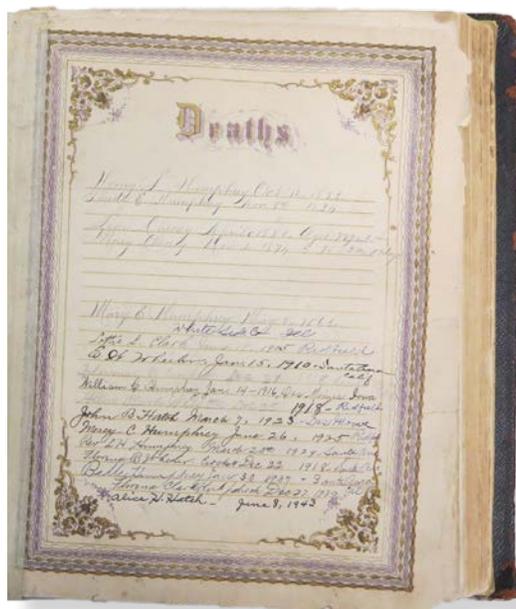
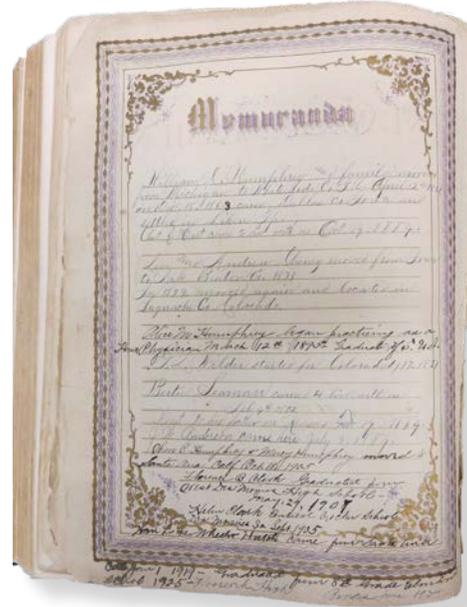
William C. Humphrey and family moved from Michigan to White Side Co., Ill. April 12th 1861. On Dec. 18, 1863 came Dallas Co Iowa and settled in Linn Tp.

Aunt[?] R. Hart came to live with us Oct. 14, 1884.

Levi and Andrew Cheney moved from Iowa to Ark. Benton Co. 1873

In 1879, moved again and located in Saguache Co Colorado.

Alice M Humphrey began practicing as a Home Physician March 12th, 1895. Graduate of S.U.I. [State University of Iowa]



G. L. Wilder started for Colorado 1/17..1881

Bertie Seaman came to live with us Feb 4th 1882.

Went to his father in Kansas Feb. 14, 1884.

J.W. Anderson came here July 3, 1884.

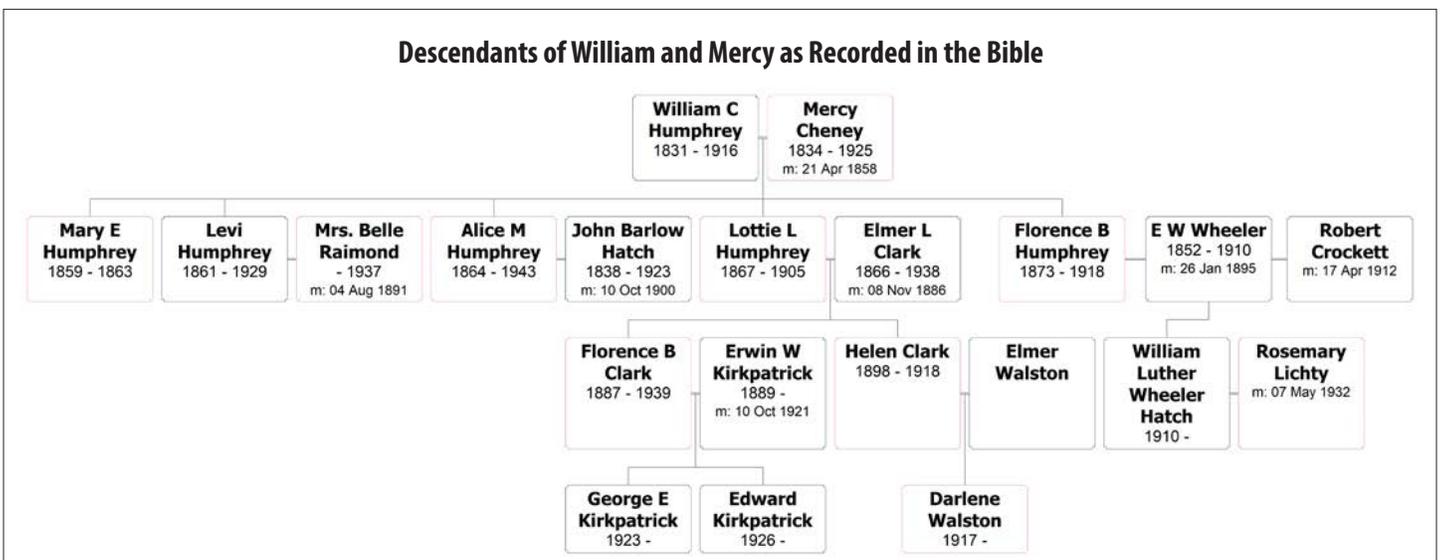
Wm C. Humphrey & Mercy Humphrey moved to Santa Ana Calif Oct. 18, 1905

Florence B. Clark Graduated from West Des Moines High School May 29, 1907[?]

Helen Clark Entered Crocker School Des Moines, Ia. Sept. 1905

Wm Luther Wheeler Hatch came from Santa Ana Cal Jan 1, 1919 - Graduated from 8th Grade Edwards school 1925 - Roosevelt High Ames, Iowa, 1934

Descendants of William and Mercy as Recorded in the Bible



Book Review

White Slave Children in Colonial America: Supplement to the Trilogy

Reviewed by Anne Sharp

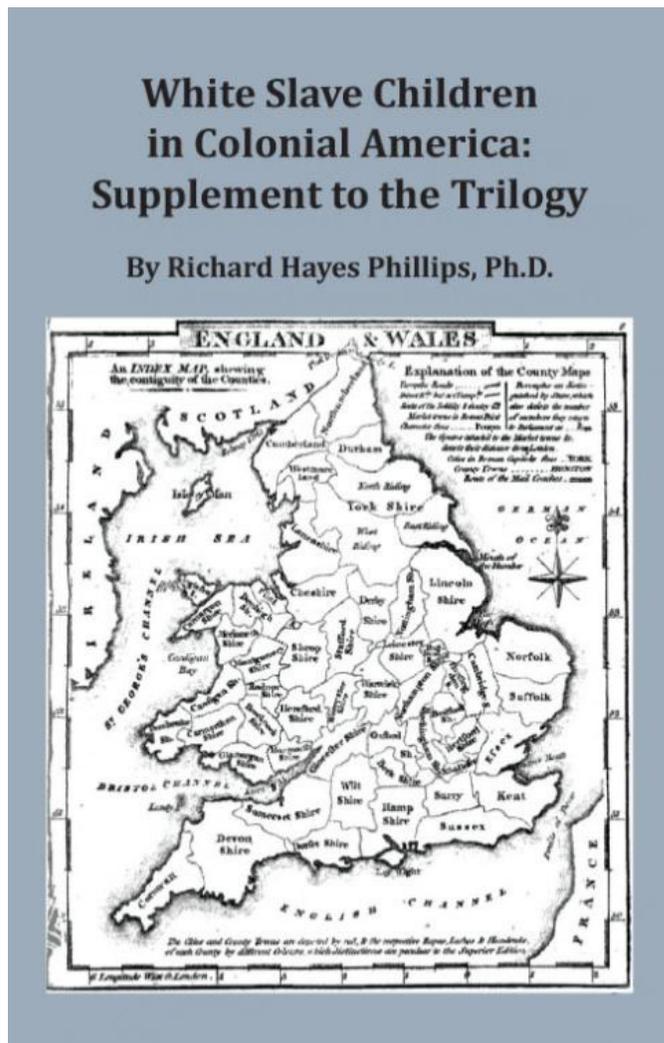
Author: Richard Hayes Phillips, Ph.D.
Publisher: Genealogical Publishing Company
Publication Date: 2021
Pages: 88
Price: \$18.50 + shipping
Order from: Genealogical.com
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From about 1660 to 1720, thousands of children were taken against their will from England, Scotland, and Ireland and legally sold for a period of servitude in the American Colonies. These children were illegally captured during a war, kidnapped from the streets, or sold by employers and even parents.

Richard Hayes Phillips wrote three books listing over 5,000 children identified from court records which list the child's name, adjudged age, length of servitude, and sometimes the names of those who bought their labor. Using both in-person and online record searches, the author matched many children with other existing records such as baptisms and marriages to connect them with their birth families. These books are available in the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library.

In this supplement, Dr. Phillips adds information found in newly discovered or newly shared records for many more. The children's names are listed by location as well as in an index. Additional sections for kidnapping indictments, indexes for ships' captains and ships' arrivals, and court records are included. Dr. Phillips' family story adds a personal touch to this book of lists.

This book provides concise and documented supplemental information on unindentured child labor for hard to trace ancestors. In addition, it is an important reminder for all of us to continue to check for records. Records thought lost may be uncovered. Or, as Dr. Phillips relates, records which previously were denied to organizations because of differing religious beliefs could be released.

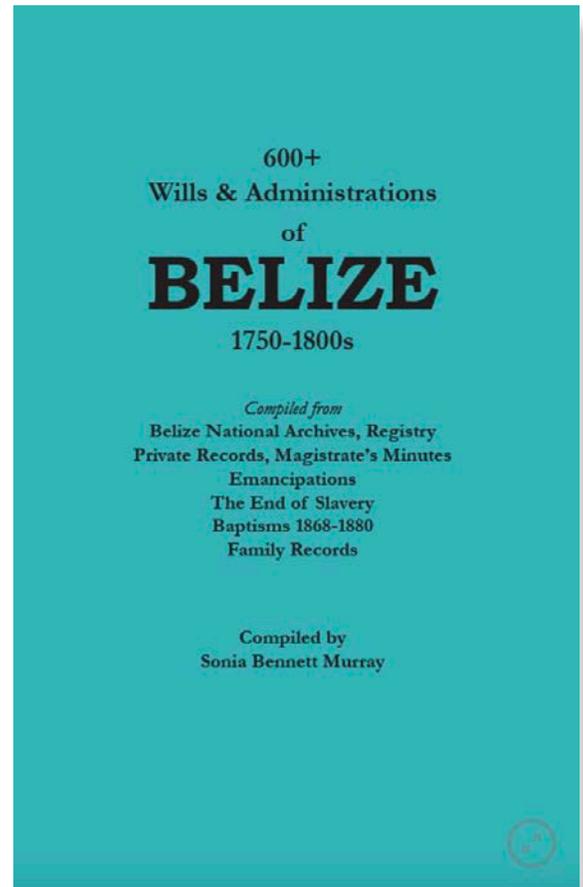


Book Review

600+ Wills & Administrations of Belize 1750–1800s: Compiled from Belize National Archives, Registry, Private Records, Magistrate's Minutes, Emancipations, The End of Slavery, Baptisms 1868–1880, Family Records

Reviewed by Harold E. Hinds, Jr.

Compiled by: Sonia Bennett Murray
 Publisher: Genealogical Publishing Co.
 Publication Date: 2022
 Pages: 680
 Price: \$70.00 + shipping
 Order from: Genealogical.com
 GFO Call No.: 972.82 .Court Est 1750-1880



I have only visited Belize once, as part of preparation to teach a course on Ancient Mayans at the University of Minnesota. Belize is a quite complex country. Originally, it was part of Maya civilization; then part of the Spanish empire; then part of the British Empire; and finally, in 1981, an independent country, although the head of state is King Charles III. Thus, not surprisingly, Belize is very ethnically diverse. Ethnic groups include three Maya groups (Yucatec, Mopan, and Q'eqchi'); Creoles (descendants of enslaved Africans), Garinagu (mix of West/Central African, Arawak, and Island Carib); Mestizos (people of mixed Spanish and Mayan descent); German-speaking Mennonites; and a mix of Indians, Chinese, and Whites from the United Kingdom, the U.S., and Canada. Murray's very impressive volume apparently only significantly captures Creoles, and those of British descent.

Despite the volume's title, it includes far more than abstracts of "wills and administrations." Virtually any archival document of genealogical value and which indicated family relationships was abstracted, e.g., emancipations, sales of land or slaves, magistrate minutes, petitions from slaves of Indian descent, recipients of

poor relief, registries of slaves, compensation awarded to slave owners for manumitted slaves, apprenticeships, census records, church baptisms, and genealogies of "early families."

Also included is an "Index to Registry Wills 1760–1900"; and an "Index" which includes "All surnames, family names used as given names, tribal prefixes, and unusual given names ... but people lacking surnames who share very common given names are not indexed" (p. 648).

Needless to say, this volume contains a wealth of genealogical and historical information. For example:

(1) Henry Jones' will, dated 8 June 1799 at Belize River's Mouth. He has a nephew, Francis Jones, who resided in "this country"; a brother Benjamin Jones, "now in Honduras"; and owned several slaves, Duncan, Cudjoe, Cato, and Peggy, who he had set free providing that "they continue to serve brother Benjamin for six months after my decease" (p. 126). Henry was a woodcutter, most likely of logwood trees, a source of a valuable fixing agent for clothing dyes.

(2) Jennie English, “a free black woman of the settlement,” mentioned “my three children Nancy, Lucy and Friday ... they having been carried off by Colonel English as his property.” Murray added in a note that “Colonel Robert English, an S. C. Loyalist, evacuated from the Mosquito Coast to the Bay, but returned to Black River. In 1790 his heirs in Belize owned slaves including November and Jeany [*sic*], but no Nancy or Friday.” Jeannie owned several plots of land, one a “Plantation up the River Sherbon”; and at least two slaves, November and Venza (p. 76).

(3) Hispanic surnames appear infrequently, but Joseph Samuel was born to Joseph Separio Ortega and Lavinia

Williams 6 October 1877 and baptized 4 January 1878 at St. John’s, Belize (p. 587).

(4) Possible Mayan surnames are rare. Might Anne Maya, whose son was baptized 1 January 1879 at St. John’s, have been a Mayan (p. 593)?

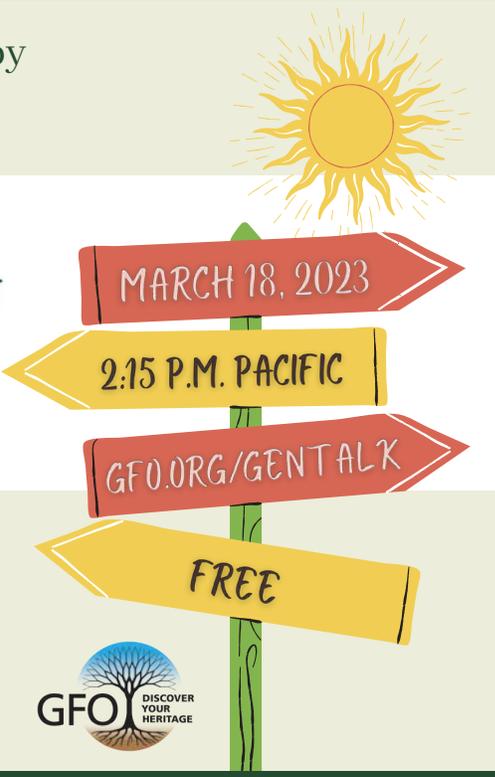
(5) Possible African names are not common. But might Matthias Gales’ 1794 will have included two slaves whose names were African? : “A Negro wench named Memba,” and a Negro man named “Mingo Jem” (p. 120).

If you have Belizean ancestors, or folks who just spent some time in Belize 1750–1800, Murray’s abstracts and annotation could prove very useful.

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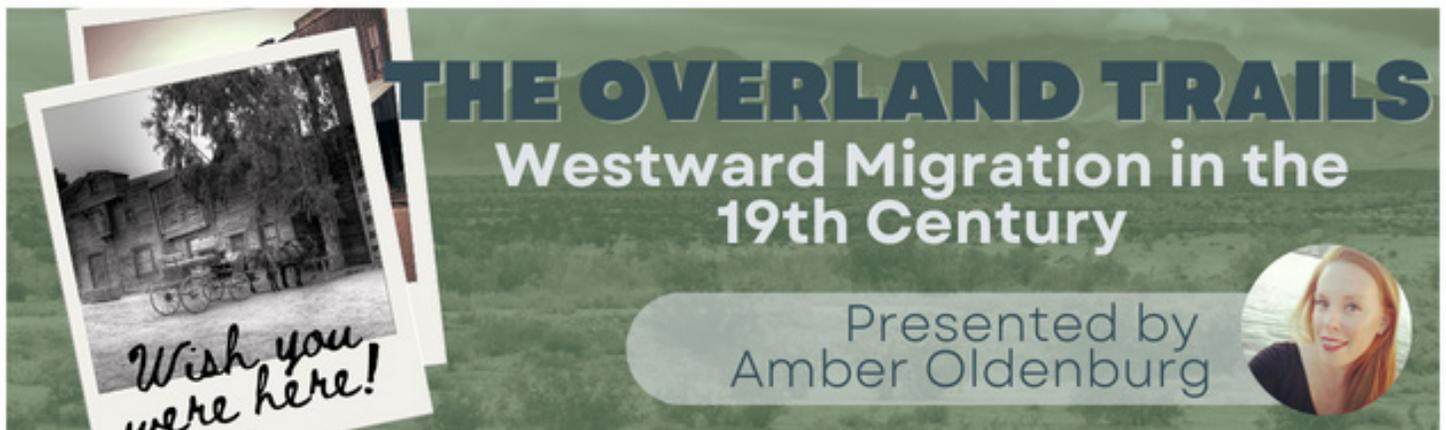
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*In Memoriam***Carol Louise (Anderson) Steele****1937–2022**

Carol Steele died on 22 November 2022 in Gresham, Multnomah County, Oregon, at the age of 84. She was a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon from 1995–2018 with her spouse Harvey Steele (obituary in Volume 71, No. 3, page 37 of *The Bulletin*).

Born on 25 December 1937 to George and Helga (Berg) Anderson of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, she grew up in East County and attended Gresham High School. After graduating from Portland State University, majoring in English and education, she married Harvey Steele on 15 August of that year.

Carol did early work for the IRS and returned to that job after years as a stay-at-home mother of two sons. She retired in 1994 after 15 years of service.

Carol's civic and community work included leadership positions with the League of Women Voters, the Metropolitan Portland Boundary Commission, and the Oregon Archaeological Preservation Committee. The latter reflected her amateur archaeology work with her spouse Harvey, which included a formal dig at Fort Vancouver, Washington, among other sites. They were members of the Oregon Archaeological Society from the 1960s, which gave Carol a Distinguished Service Award in 2001. Carol was part of a lobbying effort to pass two Oregon House bills protecting Native American artifacts and burial sites.

Carol had a strong attachment to her Lutheran faith and was also a longtime journal keeper and diarist. She was an avid hiker and loved the Oregon Coast. Other favorite pastimes included reading, watching 'Masterpiece' on PBS, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.



In retirement, she began researching her Scandinavian ancestors and (in addition to GFO) joined the Scandinavian Genealogical Society, where she became president for several years and volunteered at the East Multnomah County Family History Center. Research on her parents' Anderson and Berg family lines took her to Sweden and Finland, and led her to learn both languages well enough to read documents.

Carol is survived by two sons, a granddaughter, and four step-grandchildren; spouse Harvey predeceased her in January of 2022.



In Memoriam

Patricia Ruth Hargreaves Baars

1935–2022

Patricia Baars died on 5 December 2022 in Canby, Clackamas County, Oregon, at the age of 87.

She joined the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1984 and became a life member in 1996. During the 1990s, she served as GFO's Vice President, chaired the Education Committee, taught classes onsite and contributed to *The Bulletin* newsletter. Her booklet *Near Neighbors: cross-cultural friendships in Dickie Prairie and South Molalla* is in GFO's library and was published in 1982 by Clackamas County Education Service District, Marylhurst, Oregon.

"Pat" was born on 25 November 1935 to Alfred and Claria Hargreaves of Lake Grove, Clackamas County, Oregon, and grew up on Lake Oswego's shoreline, where she loved canoeing and swimming. She later developed a passion for reading, history, the music of Bach, and her family's genealogy. She had a thirty-year career as a high school teacher and, after retiring, taught at Lewis & Clark College and Portland State University, both in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Patricia met Glenn Baars while an undergraduate student at Lewis & Clark College, and they married in 1956, raising two sons in the area.

A fellow volunteer recalled spending time with her at a conference in Rhode Island: "she was lots of fun and the perfect roommate." She noted that Pat and Glenn were helpful and "special people; you could count on Pat to give a history lesson anytime."

Patricia is survived by sons Bill and Barry and three grandchildren; her spouse Glenn predeceased her in 2005.



*In Memoriam***Sally “Vicki” Bean****1949–2022**

Sally “Vicki” Bean died on 13 December 2022 at the age of 73. She joined the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1991 and became a life member in 1996.

She was born 7 December 1949 in the Portland Metro area of Oregon, the only child of “Bill” and Verna (Cone) Bean of Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon, where she grew up and attended high school. This was her home for almost seven decades, with a cousin noting, “I wanted her to write a history of the area, because she knew everyone and everything about Lake Oswego.” An end-of-life illness caused her to move to Albany, Linn County, Oregon, where she died.

Vicki graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, and after returning to her hometown, she remained single and worked as a medical clerk until retirement. She sang in the choir of Portland’s Trinity Episcopal Church for many years and had a great love for the dogs she owned throughout her life, notably Pekingese.

Genealogical interests included her maternal Richards family tree, along with her paternal Bean family tree with (Scandinavian) Cone and Mosier family lines. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Some of her papers and books have been donated to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Survivors include first cousins Sarah Watson and Bobbi Ann Huber, along with “Sammie,” her beloved 15-year-old Pekingese dog, whose care at Albany Pet Hospital after her death was greatly appreciated by the family.



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GFO MARCH 2023 EVENTS

Check the calendar for the URL to participate in online events: gfo.org/calendar.

Wednesday, March 1

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Learn & Chat

Saturday, March 4

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Virginia Roots & Vines

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. German Group

Monday, March 6

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. RootsMagic

Tuesday, March 7

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Q Review

Saturday, March 11 **Virtual Open House**

Sunday, March 12 **Virtual Open House**

Monday, March 13 **Virtual Open House**

Tuesday, March 14

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Wednesday, March 15 **Virtual Open House**

Thursday, March 16 **Virtual Open House**

Friday, March 17 **Virtual Open House**

Saturday, March 18 **Virtual Open House**

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Genealogical Problem Solvers

12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. African American Ancestry

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. GenTalk-
The Family History Guide

Sunday, March 19 **Virtual Open House**

Friday, March 24
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Access to GFO Resources

Saturday, March 25

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. British Group