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Faces of America

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MARIE ROSALIE FINANCE (1871–1952)
LUCY SALOME LUTZ (1900–1993)

Rosalie kept many secrets. She hoped to leave them in Alsace when she risked everything to come to the United States in 1906. The youngest child of Jean Baptiste and Salome (Kuntz) Finance, a weaver and a tailor, Rosalie lost her father at nine, and her mother at fifteen. Selling cloth at the Thannenkirch market, she caught the eye of Alphonse Lutz, three years her senior. Mandatory military service soon swept him up. In 1893 he returned home on leave to claim paternity of Rosalie's newborn son. When his service ended, Alphonse came back and the two married. Two more sons and, in 1900, a daughter, Lucy, completed their family.

More than thirty years earlier, Alphonse's father had returned from military service to claim paternity of his son and marry Alphonse's mother. Two generations of this family despised their country's military. The view from Thannenkirch, across the Alsace plain, was clear as gathering clouds of the Great War, rumbled. Its excruciatingly slow build-up gave Alsations time to plan to depart. Rosalie was in charge of saving for the move, but Alphonse's younger brother Victor, landless and single because of it, was the first to go.

In America, Victor sent back disturbing news. To leave Alsace men had to have already completed military service; minor sons had to promise to return to serve, their family putting up security in the form of land. Alphonse kept one of his fields and recalculated his departure. Victor's other news was worse, however. Alsatian obstacles notwithstanding, the American requirements were more daunting.

At Ellis Island every newcomer received a thorough physical. Beneath her lifetime of high-necked collars Rosalie hid a goiter; what if they reached America just to have Rosalie refused entry? Victor held out hope; Boston was famous for little or no attention to physicals, he said. Try the port of Boston.

Boston welcomed them. Lawrence, Massachusetts, provided mill work for skilled weavers, and the family flourished. Secrets remained hidden until 1943, when more than forty family members celebrated the eldest son's fiftieth birthday. The next year the same family celebrated Rosalie and Alphonse's golden wedding anniversary. Those old enough to count also knew better than to speak about this with ardent Catholic Rosalie.

Rosalie had no regrets. Her three sons escaped a devastating war where neighbors were gassed. Her only grandson of age to fight in the next war came home safely from the Pacific theater. Her daughter and granddaughters learned exquisite tailoring and handwork techniques brought from the old country. Only Lucy ever returned to Thannenkirch where the field was long gone.

Credits: Documentation of Rosalie's life is in the care of the photograph's owner, Melinde Lutz Byrne, FASG; melinde@melinde.com, who grew up hearing stories of how Alphonse smelled of snuff and Rosalie cooked fdumfties and roladin, and bequeathed to her sons hair that never turned grey. This brief description is the result of decades of research assisted by Linda MacDonald in Colmar records and George Freeman Sanborn Jr., with French translations.

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Ride the Right Horse to the Rodeo

"Always remember the asymptote."

— Hunt Baldwin and John Coveny, *The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of*
(*Longmire*, season 5, episode 10: *Nexflix*, air date 23 September 2016), minute 53.

Best friends since grade school, fictional characters Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear are on asymptotes—paths that approach but never meet. Each man brings a unique background to his view of facts. Neither can reconcile without changing the equation. Walt is Anglo and Henry is Cheyenne. They live in the same place but see it differently.

Researchers start with embedded social, cultural, and educational assumptions that can prevent them from reaching a genealogical answer. Sometimes the revelation of cultural context or historical events illuminates the correct conclusion. In this issue author Joan Hunter demonstrates the identity of a pensioner and explains his pattern of marriages and land sales in the light of changing requirements for military pensions.

Author William Litchman follows a man who strives to be lost, to be a suitably aged suitor to two much younger wives, and to qualify as a pilot when the military said he was too old. The rationales and a timeline that never overlaps prove the identity. Author Jan Joyce shows that women who lived more than a thousand miles distant were one and the same, in part by predicting where she should be and finding her gone.

Author George Findlen takes sounds and cultures, illness and distance, and follows an otherwise untraceable man

to his single identity. Author Pamela Eagleson makes sense of four different surnames belonging to one woman by uncovering the rules that gave her the last names of her biological father, her biological mother, her maternal grandfather, and her adoptive father.

Events out of context lose meaning and can be unrecognizable. Every genealogical case has context. This issue's authors understand it, not as it pertains to themselves, but as it looked and felt to the participants. How did the world look to a pensioner losing his monthly check in his old age? How did a man who lived to fly react to knowing he would never get a chance if people knew his age? What cultural clues did a woman's four surnames trigger in her contemporaries?

Walt and Henry see an owl. To Walt, the owl's blinking at him in full daylight is either the sign of a sick animal or an admonition to be thoughtful or wise. To Henry it means impending death. Each case's context makes the difference. The owl can be a helpful spirit (Middle Eastern), a symbol of wealth and wisdom (Greek), a bearer of secrets (Aboriginal Australian), or a shapeshifter (medieval Europe). Knowing what context meant to someone can highlight the answer to a research question.

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Charlotte ([—?—]) Fasse Graue of the Principality of Lippe, and the States of Iowa and Missouri

By Pamela Stone Eagleson, CG

Confusion arises when Anglo-American naming practices differ from an immigrant's native customs. American record keepers misinterpret what they hear; immigrants accidentally misinform. Sources in Charlotte's case suggest several maiden names for her. Resolving apparent conflicts requires thorough genealogical research, including customs in the immigrant's homeland.

Records and descendants suggest three maiden names for twice-married Mrs. Charlotte Fasse Graue. She was born in German-speaking Europe reportedly on 30 October 1837. Her death certificate gives her father's surname as Brakamayer but names no mother. Her obituary says she came to America in 1850 but identifies no parents.¹ Her marriage record to her first husband, Anton Fasse, gives her name as Miss Charlotte Ringe.² Charlotte's daughter reportedly said, "What would Grandpa Winters say," implying Charlotte was a Winters.³ Was her father a Brakamayer, Ringe, Winters, or someone else?

BACKGROUND

In 1860 Anton and Charlotte Fasse lived in Elkhorn Township, Warren County, Missouri. Anton, a farmer, thirty-two, was born in the European principality of Lippe. Charlotte, twenty-two, also was born there.⁴

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1. Cass Co., Iowa, Certificate of Death, no. 15-01091 (1910), Charlotte Graue; County Recorder, Atlantic, Iowa. Also, Cass Co., Transcript of Deaths 2A:6, no. 69, Charlotte Graue; County Court, Atlantic; microfilm 1,035,240, Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City. Also, obituary of Mrs. Charlotte Graue, *Atlantic Weekly Telegraph* (Atlantic, Iowa), 30 December 1910, page 6, col. 3.

2. Warren Co., Mo., Marriage Record Book A-B:246, Fasse-Ringe, 9 June 1855; Recorder of Deeds, Warrenton, Mo. Also, Lippstadt Evangelical and Reformed Church (Warren Co.), Records, 1825–1871, chronologically arranged, no. 27, Fasse-Ringe, marriage, 8 June 1855; Warren County Historical Society, Warrenton; FHL microfilm 1,547,660, item 7.

3. Mrs. Lillian Kuhl (Springfield, Ore.) to author, letter, 17 October 1981; author's files. Lillian was the wife of Millard Kuhl, grandson of Mary Fasse Kuhl.

4. 1860 U.S. census, Warren Co., Mo., population schedule, Elkhorn Twp., p. 20, dwelling/family 136, Anton Fasse household; microfilm M653, roll 659, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C.

Like many post-1848 German-speaking immigrants to Missouri, Anton, caught up in Civil War fervor, enlisted in the Enrolled Missouri Militia.⁵ He died in fall 1865 and was buried at the Truxton Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lincoln County, Missouri.⁶ Charlotte administered Anton's estate while left to raise four young children—Mary, Louisa, Anna, and John.⁷

On 4 August 1866 Charlotte married her second husband, Gerhard Graue.⁸ They lived near Wright City in Warren County and then moved to Cass County, Iowa, settling in Atlantic.⁹ Charlotte died there in 1910 and Gerhard in 1911.¹⁰

“GRANDPA WINTERS”

Charlotte and Anton had Winter neighbors. Heinrich Winter was security for Charlotte's administratrix bond, Charlotte sold their real estate to Frederick Winter, and William and Henry Winter made purchases at the sale of Anton's estate.¹¹ In 1860 Henry, Wilhelmine, and Henry Winter, all born in Lippe, were enumerated two households after Anton and Charlotte.¹²

In 1855, when Charlotte and Anton married at the Lippstadt Deutsche Evangelische Kirche, in Warren County, Ernest Winter was a witness.¹³ A wedding in the same church three years earlier, on 5 December 1852, brought together two of Charlotte's possible maiden names: Heinrich Winter married Wilhelmine

5. Enrollments of Anton Fasse, Eighth District, no. 197 in Co. E (1862) and no. 198 in Co. H (1864) of the 59th Regt., Enrolled Missouri Militia; Record Group 133: Office of the Missouri Adjutant General, Civil War, 1861–1865, Union Military Records (undated); arranged by unit designations and numbers; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City. The 59th was organized in Warren County, under Col. Frederick Morsey.

6. Anton was alive in September. See Anton Fasse, promissory note, 8 September 1865, in Warren Co., probate packet no. 489, Anton Fasse; Probate Court, Warrenton. He was dead by 20 November, when Christian Brinkman filed a claim against his estate. See *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007631280>), digital film 007631280, image 530, Warren Co., Probate Record D:296, Brinkman v. Fasse estate, 20 November 1865. For the burial, see Uncle Eddie Graue (now deceased), interview by R. Kenneth Stone, March 1982; typescript in author's files.

7. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007631280, images 540 and 552, Warren Co., Probate Record D:317 (administratrix's bond approved, 25 November 1865) and D:337 (order to sell real estate, 10 February 1866), both for Anton Fasse's estate.

8. Warren Co., Marriage Record Book A-B:423, Graue-Fasse, 4 August 1866.

9. Warren Co., Deeds T:152, Graue to Riewomand, 16 February 1875; Recorder of Deeds; FHL microfilm 873,676. Also, Cass Co., Deed Book 70:264, Newell to Graue, 10 May 1884; County Recorder; FHL microfilm 1,547,765.

10. Cass Co., Certificate of Death, no. 15-01091 (1910), Charlotte Graue. Also, Cass Co., Will Book 4:39–41, Gerhard Graue, 6 October 1911; District Court, Atlantic; FHL microfilm 1,548,290.

11. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007631280, image 540, Warren Co., Probate Record D:317, bond approved, 25 November 1865. Also, Warren Co., Deeds 1:4, Fasse to Winter, 2 March 1866; FHL microfilm 967,944. Also, Estate Sale Bill, filed on 24 November 1865, in Warren Co., probate packet no. 489, Anton Fasse.

12. 1860 U.S. census, Warren Co., Mo., pop. sch., Elkhorn Township, pp. 20–21, dwell./fam. 738, Henry Winter household.

13. Lippstadt Evangelical and Reformed Church, Records, 1825–1871, chronologically arranged, no. 27, Fasse-Ringe, marriage, 8 June 1855.

Christine Brakemier.¹⁴ If Wilhelmine was Charlotte's mother, Charlotte's children could have called Wilhelmine's husband "Grandpa Winter." Also, Wilhelmine Brakemier's surname would explain Charlotte's father's surname, "Brakamayer," on her death certificate.

In 1851 Charlotte's future husband, Anton Fasse, and Wilhelmine's future husband, Heinrich Winter, arrived together in New Orleans with Heinrich's four children.¹⁵ The next year Wilhelmine Charlotte Brockmeier, forty, and Charlotte Brockmeier, fourteen, arrived together in New Orleans. Both were "serving maids" from the Principality of Lippe, bound for the state of Missouri.¹⁶

HENRY WINTER

Henry and Wilhelmine "Menie" Winter lived for years in Prairie Township, Lincoln County, Missouri.¹⁷ Henry wrote his will on 10 December 1885. Among his five children he named "Charlotte, Graue, adoptive, wife of Gerhard Graue."¹⁸ Henry's obituary refers to his marriage, in 1852, to Wilhelmine "Bratemeyer."¹⁹ "Heinr" Winter (28 October 1809–4 January 1886) and wife Wilhelmine (19 July 1811–22 April 1896) are buried in Lincoln County at the Truxton Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery.²⁰ Charlotte's first husband, Anton Fasse, was buried there in 1865.²¹

14. Ibid., no. 17, Winter-Brakemier marriage, 5 December 1852.

15. "New Orleans, Passenger lists, 1813–1963," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7484>) > M259 - New Orleans, 1820–1902 > 34 > image 469, arrival on 10 November 1851, Bremen Ship *John Smidt*, manifest nos. 57, Heinrich Winter, and 69, Anton Fasse; from NARA microfilm M259, roll 34.

16. Ibid. > 36 > image 612, arrival on 23 October 1852, ship *Bremen*, manifest, lines 191–92, Wilhelmine Charlotte Brockmeier and Charlotte Brockmeier.

17. Lincoln Co., Mo., Deed Records R:676, Allen to Winter, 15 February 1865; Recorder of Deeds, Troy, Mo. Also, 1870 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Mo., pop. sch., Prairie, p. 27, dwell. 186, fam. 176, Henry Winter household; NARA microfilm M593, roll 788. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Mo., pop. sch., Prairie Twp., enumeration district 94, p. 6, dwell./fam. 57, Henry Winter household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 699.

18. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007631304>), digital folder 007631304, images 635–36, Lincoln Co., Will Record 4:126–29, Heinrich Winter, 10 December 1885.

19. Merle Werhman (now deceased) to author, 1982, copies of Heinr Winter obituary, undated and unsourced from a German-language newspaper; author's files. Ms. Wehrman descended from Henry Winter and his first wife. Winter's obituary has not been found by searches in June 2017 by Kevin George, Librarian at the Columbia Research Center, State Historical Society of Missouri, of extant German-language papers closest to Truxton, Missouri for the time period—three St. Louis papers and one from St. Charles. The author unsuccessfully searched resources of the Warren County Branch of the Scenic Regional Library and the Warren County Historical Society, both in Warrenton, and The USGenWeb/MOGenWeb Project, *Welcome to Lincoln County* (<http://lincoln.mogenweb.org/molincn.htm>).

20. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>), memorial 104052929, digital image, 2 April 2012, by Deborah M Hunn Collins of gravestone of Heinr Winter (Truxton Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, Truxton, Mo.). Also, *ibid.*, memorial 104052884, digital image, 23 January 2013, of gravestone of Wilhelmine Winter.

21. Graue (now deceased), interview by Stone, March 1982.

A biography of Henry's son Frederick Anton Winter gives the family origin:

He [Frederick Anton Winter] was born across the seas, in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, March 10, 1843, and is the son of Henry and Elizabeth Winter. The mother died when Frederick was a child, and Henry Winter was a second time married, the lady on this occasion being Wilhelmina Schneider. She is still living, and makes her home with her son-in law.²²

"Grandpa Winters" is identified. If Charlotte was illegitimate, Schneider would be a fourth possibility, after Brakemier, Ringe, and Winters, for Charlotte's maiden name.

RECORDS AND CUSTOMS IN LIPPE

Charlotte and Wilhelmine had emigrated from Krubberg, Lippe, in 1852.²³ Krubberg residents attended church at Hillentrup, Lippe.²⁴ There Wilhelmine Luise Charlotte was baptized on 11 November 1838. Born on 30 October 1838 (not 1837 as Charlotte's American records say), she was the illegitimate daughter of Heinrich Ringe, who lived at Hehlen, and of Wilhelmine Schneidermeyer, of Krubberg. Charlotte was Wilhelmine's second illegitimate child.²⁵

In the late 1700s German states, hoping to limit growth among the lower classes, instituted restrictive marriage laws. This resulted in increased illegitimacy and emigration.²⁶ Wilhelmine, the mother of two illegitimate children and with little hope of marriage, joined many single women crossing the Atlantic.

Charlotte's baptismal record gives her father's last name as *Ringe* and her mother's as *Schneidermeyer*. It explains Charlotte's giving *Ringe* as her maiden name and the claim that her mother was a *Schneider*. But what about *Brakemier*?

22. *Portrait and Biographical Record of St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren Counties, Missouri* (Chicago: Chapman, 1895), 546–47.

23. Fritz Verdenhalven, *Die Auswanderer aus dem Fürstentum Lippe (bis 1877): Nach ungedruckten und gedruckten Quellen* [Emigrants from the Principality of Lippe (until 1877): from unprinted and printed sources] (Detmold, Germany: Naturwissenschaftlicher und Historischer Verein für das Land Lippe, 1980), 277. Responding to the author's query, the director of the Nordrhein-Westfälisches State Archives found that source. See Günther Engelbert (Director, Landesarchiv [state archive] Nordrhein-Westfälisches, Westfalen-Lippe; Detmold, Germany) to author, report, 21 August 1981; author's files. Much of the book's content now appears in an online database, *Auswanderer Lippe-USA* [Emigrants from Lippe to USA] (<http://www.lippe-auswanderer.de/AuswandererLippe-USA/html/frames.htm>).

24. Engelbert to author, report, 21 August 1981.

25. Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirche [Evangelical-reformed church] (Hillentrup, Lippe), Taufen [baptisms], 1838, no. 47, Wilhelmine Luise Charlotte Schneidermeier, 30 October 1838; Evangelischen Landeskirchenamt [Evangelical Church archive], Bielefeld, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany; FHL microfilm 810,325.

26. John Knodel, "Law, Marriage and Illegitimacy in Nineteenth-Century Germany," *Population Studies* 20 (March 1967): 279–94.

Charlotte's mother, Wilhelmine Christine, was the daughter of Johan Simon "Schneidermeier geboren [born as] Buschmeier" and Anna Maria Ilsebein Tappe.²⁷ Wilhelmine's father, Johan Simon, married twice. Those marriages and local naming customs required him to change his last name twice, giving him three different last names during his lifetime:

1. Wilhelmine's father, Johann Simon Buschmeier, was born on 1 July 1759. Buschmeier was his father's last name.²⁸
2. Johann Simon Buschmeier married, first, on 24 October 1788, Anna Margarethe Ilsabe Brakemeyer.²⁹ Because they lived on her land, her last name—based on the farm name—became his last name. Anna died on 29 September 1807.³⁰
3. In 1808 Johann Simon married, second, Anna Maria Luise Tappe.³¹ Their last name became the name of the original owner of her family's property, Schneidermeyer.³²

The contracts for Johann Simon's two marriages note the land transactions and other details:

1. "Johann Simon, legitimate son of the deceased Franz Hermann Buschmeier, small farmer farm no. 22 in Krubberge, wishes to marry, once he has completed his military service, Anna Margarethe Ilsabein, legitimate daughter of the deceased Hans Hermann Brakemeier, small farmer on farm no. 26. The groom will be taking over the Brakemeier farm no. 26 in Krubberge, as is outlined in more detail in a land deed dated the 8th of this month, and approved on the 16th of this month. The groom will contribute 70 Reichstaler in dowry from farm no. 22 to the farm into which he will be marrying. He was unable to agree on this payment with his brother, the current owner of the Buschmeier farm, who found the operation to be burdened with high debts when he took ownership. Therefore, [the brother] will pay, after two free years, 2 Reichstaler and 18 Gulden in yearly contributions until the debt is paid. This contract was taken to protocol in the presence of the bride and her stepfather, as well as her guardian Johann Hermann Homberg from farm no. 20 in Krubberge, and also the groom and his brother, currently farmer at Buschmeier no. 22. The

27. Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirche (Hillentrup), Taufen, p. 525, Wilhelmine Christine, daughter of Johann Simon Schneidermeyer geboren [born as] Buschmeyer, 9 July 1811; FHL microfilm 810,324.

28. Ibid., p. 123, Johann Simon Buschmeyer, 1 July 1759.

29. Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirche (Hillentrup), Copuliert [marriages], p. 26, Buschmeyer-Brakemeyer 24 October 1788; FHL microfilm 1,049,468.

30. Ibid., Gestorben [deaths], no. 3, Anna Margarethe Ilsabein Brakemeyer vulgo [known as] Schneideman, buried 2 October 1807; FHL microfilm 582,521.

31. Ibid., Heiraten [marriages], chronologically arranged, "Brakemeier vulgo Schneidermeyer"—Tappe marriage, 6 June 1808; FHL microfilm 1,049,469.

32. Salbüchen [tax registers] show that Wilhelmine's parents' farm was originally named Schneidermeier. Her parents' tax listing was "Brakemeier vulgo Schneidr." See Günther Engelbert to author, report, 11 November 1982; author's files.

groom was born free, but will be entering serfdom now with the marriage to his bride.”³³

2. “Johann Simon Brakemeier, widower and small farmer at no. 26 in Krubberge, after the period of mourning wishes to marry Anna Maria Louise Ilsabein, legitimate daughter of the deceased large farmer Johann Henrich Tappe from no. 9 in Lütte. The bride will receive from the parental Tappe farm in Lütte, as her dowry, 60 Reichsthaler in cash, one horse [worth?] 20 Reichsthaler, two cows, two cattle, two large and two small pigs, half a cartload of grain, and the customary bridal wagon. Her brother, the current owner of the Tappe farm, promises to contribute, as part of this prescribed dowry, 50 Reichsthaler in cash, one pig, and eight bushels of rye, as well as the bridal wagon, immediately at the wedding, and the remainder over time, as his financial conditions allow. The bride promises to improve the groom’s farm operations and to manage the household well. She has been assured that, should the groom precede her with an early death, she can continue to operate the farm business, until the heir has reached his 30th year, at which time she will enjoy the customary retirement.”³⁴

CONCLUSION

In its own way, each of the four maiden surnames that American record keepers and informants attributed to Charlotte was logical:

1. *Ringe* was the last name of Charlotte’s biological father.
2. *Schneider* was a shortened or misremembered form of *Schneidermeyer*, the maternal last name in Charlotte’s baptismal record. Children born out of wedlock in Europe or America customarily have their mother’s last name.
3. “*Brakamayer*” (*Brakemeyer* and variants) was one of three last names used by Charlotte’s maternal grandfather. The baptismal record of Charlotte’s mother, Wilhelmine, shows Brackemeier and Schneiderman. When Wilhelmine married, she used the Brackemeier surname.
4. *Winter* was the surname of Charlotte’s “adoptive” father, who had married Charlotte’s mother when Charlotte was fourteen.

Cultural mores affect the recording of names. Understanding laws, records, and customs in Lippe—where family names often were tied to land tenure—helped settle issues of Charlotte’s parentage and her ancestry.

33. Buschmeier-Brakemeier contract, 27 September 1788, Marriage protocols L108A, no. 64, pp. 109–10; Nordrhein-Westfälisches Staatsarchiv, Detmold. Translation by Ute Brandenburg (Iowa City, Iowa; germanscriptexperts@gmail.com).

34. Buschmeier-Tappe contract, 16 April 1808, Marriage protocols L108A, no. 68, pp. 27–28, Nordrhein-Westfälisches Staatsarchiv. Translation by Ute Brandenburg.

In Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Elsewhere: One Paul Richard Stockton or More?

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The man born in 1873 silently disappeared, and one born in 1880 just as silently took his place.

On 7 January 1910 an Atlanta, Georgia, newspaper announced the impending divorce for one of the city's most darling beauties, Miss Pet Evins (Elsie Holly Evins). She would divorce her husband of only fifteen months, Paul Richard Stockton, who had swept her into marriage. She portrayed him as a villain.¹

Miss Pet claimed the romance had begun shortly before 1 October 1908, when they wed. After the wedding he became cruel and abandoned her.² She also said her husband had "disposed of his business in Atlanta and . . . gone to parts unknown" to "never again return to Georgia." Beyond that information, his name, and a litany of his faults, she said no more about him. Who was he? Where was he from? Where did he go?

PAUL IN ATLANTA

Paul Stockton does not appear in Georgia censuses in 1900 and 1910.³ He arrived in Atlanta probably in late 1907 or early 1908. He was local sales manager first for the National Phonograph Company and then for the Edison Company.⁴ He

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1. "Mrs. 'Pet' Evins Stockton Brings Suit for Divorce," *Atlanta Constitution*, 7 January 1910, page 1, cols. 3–4, and page 4, col. 4. The divorce action began on 4 January 1910. See legal notices, *Atlanta Constitution*, 5 January 1910, page 12, col. 6, and 17 February 1910, page 13, col. 5.

2. Elsie Evins Stockton, Complaint, 4 January 1910, in Fulton Co., Ga., Superior Court case file 20199; Superior Court, Atlanta. One page of the petition is missing, but the remainder compares accurately with the newspaper account. For the marriage date, see *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007579843>), digital film 007579843, image 800, Cobb Co., Ga., Marriage Record White F:198, no. 396, Stockton-Evins, 1 October 1908.

3. "U.S. Federal Census Collection," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen>), search for Paul Stockton in Georgia.

4. For "National Phonograph," see *Atlanta City Directory, 1908* (Atlanta: Foote & Davies and Joseph W. Hill, 1908), 1244. For "Edison," see *The Music Trade Review* 46 (11 April 1908): 38.

subsequently announced a partnership with Clifford R. Skinner.⁵ They advertised their business as Skinner and Stockton, Investment Bankers.⁶

Skinner and Stockton announced plans for a five-story apartment building in Atlanta, at an estimated cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000, with construction beginning on 1 October 1908.⁷ A second, and final, article concerning the investors appeared in early October.⁸

Paul last appeared in Atlanta directories in 1909 and 1910. The 1910 entry says he had “moved to New York, N_Y.”⁹

PHILADELPHIA CONNECTIONS

In 1900 Paul's business partner, Clifford Skinner, born in Connecticut on 15 January 1876, lived in Philadelphia.¹⁰ In 1909 Clifford married in Fulton County, Georgia, saying he was from there.¹¹ In 1910, back in Philadelphia, he worked as a broker.¹² In 1918 he married again and registered for the World War I draft.¹³ He was a broker in Philadelphia through 1940 and died there on 11 March

5. The partners registered the business in New York as “Southern Finance & Securities Corporation,” with \$25,000 capital and directors including Paul R. Stockton, F. S. Wright, and Clifford R. Skinner. See *The Trow (Formerly Wilson's) Copartnership and Corporation Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, City of New York* (New York: Trow, 1909), 730.

6. Four-column advertisement, *Atlanta Constitution*, 29 May 1908, page 3, cols. 4–7. The ad began a series. See *ibid.*, 30 May 1908, page 11, col. 7; 31 May 1908, page 6B, col. 7; 1 June 1908, page 9, col. 7; 2 June 1908, page 15, col. 7; 3 June 1908, page 15, col. 7; 4 June 1908, page 13, col. 7; 5 June 1908, page 13, col. 7; 6 June 1908, page 13, col. 7; and 8 June 1908, page 9, col. 7.

7. “Fifty Apartments in New Building to be Erected Near Ponce de Leon,” *Atlanta Constitution*, 25 August 1908, page 1, cols. 4–6.

8. “Prominent Men Back Building,” *Atlanta Constitution*, 4 October 1908, page 8B, col. 4.

9. *Atlanta City Directory, 1909* (Atlanta: Atlanta City Directory Co., [1909]), 1437 (Skinner) and 1498 (Stockton). Also, *ibid.*, (1910), 1505.

10. 1900 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., population schedule, Philadelphia, ward 7, enumeration district (ED) 119, sheet 12B, dwelling 218, family 269, Mary A. Bare household; microfilm T623, roll 1454, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C. The entry gives Clifford's exact birth date. For the same family, see 1880 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., City of Hartford, ED 16, p. 15, dwell. 105, fam. 196, Frank H. Skinner household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 98.

11. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007718615>), digital film 007718615, image 287, Fulton Co., Marriage Record White P:426, Skinner-Deschamps, 17 April 1909.

12. 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia City, ED 1192, sheet 12B, dwell. 193, fam. 213, Clifford R. Skinner household; NARA microfilm T624, roll 1413.

13. “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669–1999,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2451>) > PA – Philadelphia > Philadelphia > Episcopal > Holy Trinity Episcopal Church > image 463, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Philadelphia), records, 1899–1951, pp. 406–7, Skinner-Steele marriage, 11 May 1918. Also, “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6482>) > Pennsylvania > Philadelphia City > 48 > Draft Card S > image 406, Registration Card, Clifford Robinson Skinner; from NARA microfilm M1509.

1945.¹⁴ Clifford's ongoing presence in Philadelphia and his short partnership with Paul in Atlanta suggest Philadelphia was Paul's hometown.

United States and territorial records for Stocktons born before 1891 and named Paul, Paul R., or Paul Richard show four candidates for Miss Pet's ex-husband.¹⁵ Two are easily eliminated:

1. Paul Stockton was born in California in April 1874.¹⁶ He was a carpenter, orchardist, rancher, and "vineyardist" there in 1900–1913.¹⁷ He married Rose Carson about 1901.¹⁸ His continuous presence in California eliminates him as an Atlanta resident in 1908–9.
2. Paul Richard Joseph Stockton was born in Louisiana in February 1887.¹⁹ He lived in New Orleans in 1900–10, which rules him out as the Atlanta man.²⁰

14. 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Germantown, ED 591, sheet 7B, dwell. 1, fam. 13, Clifford Skinner; NARA microfilm T625, roll 1623. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 22, ED 51-639, sheet 6A, dwell. 117, fam. 142, Clifford R. Skinner; NARA microfilm T626, roll 2105. Also, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 22, ED 51-573, sheet 7A, visitation 195, Clifford Skinner; NARA microfilm T627, roll 3704. Also, "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906–1964," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5164>) > 1945 > 019051-021600 > image 2919, Pa., Certificate of Death 21090 (1945), Clifford Skinner.

15. The author searched federal and state censuses from 1880 to 1940, World War I draft registration cards, vital and burial records, and city directories. Some candidates had died by the Stockton-Evins marriage date (1 October 1908), one was over sixty at the time of the marriage, and others were underage for a 1908 marriage without parental permission. Some candidates had middle names incompatible with Paul R. Stockton.

16. 1880 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Calif., pop. sch., San Jose Twp., ED 262, p. 26, dwell. 217, fam. 219, S. P. Stockton household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 81. Also, 1900 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Calif., pop. sch., San Jose Twp., ED 69, sheet 11B, dwell. 209, fam. 234, Stephenson P. Stockton household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 111. Also, 1920 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Calif., pop. sch., San Jose City, ED 184, sheet 5A, dwell. 104, fam. 115, Paul Stockton household; NARA microfilm T625, roll 148.

17. *San Jose City Directory Including Santa Clara County . . . 1898–99* (San Francisco: F. M. Husted, 1898), 387; and subsequent issues with similar titles: (1901), 421 (rancher); (1902), 416 (rancher); (1903), 403 (no occupation listed); (1904), 432 (carp); (1905), 433 (carp); (1906), 439 (carp); (1907), 649 (carp); (1910), 574 (orchardist); (1911), 638 (orchardist); (1912), 609 (orchardist); and (1913), 414 (orchardist). For "vineyardist," see 1900 U.S. census, Santa Clara Co., Calif., pop. sch., San Jose Twp., ED 69, sheet 11B, dwell. 209, fam. 234, Stephenson P. Stockton household.

18. For Paul's marriage in San Francisco in 1901, see "Personal," *Evening News* (San Jose, Calif.), 27 August 1901, page 8, col. 1. For Rose's maiden name, see "Carson," *San Jose Mercury Herald*, 9 September 1917, page 22, col. 2. In 1930 Paul reported he had first married at age twenty-nine (thus, in 1900–1901), and Rose reported first marrying at age twenty-six (1903–4). See 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, assembly dist. 55, ED 19-67, sheet 18A, dwell. 436, fam. 515, Paul Stockton household; NARA microfilm T626, roll 134.

19. 1900 U.S. census, Parish of Orleans, La., pop. sch., New Orleans, ward 6, ED 59, sheet 15B, dwell. 262, fam. 292, Joseph Stockton household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 572.

20. 1910 U.S. census, Orleans Co., La., pop. sch., New Orleans, ward 6, ED 95, sheet 16A, dwell. 266, fam. 307, Mathilda Stuckton household; NARA microfilm T624, roll 521. Also, *Soards' New Orleans City Directory* (New Orleans: Soards' Directory Co., 1906), 919 (Paul J); and later issues with similar titles: (1907), 935 (Paul G); (1908), 1012 (Paul J); and (1910), 1082 (Paul).

The two others, both born in Pennsylvania, proved to be one:

3. Paul R. Stockton was born in Philadelphia on 3 May 1873.²¹ His parents, Paul and Frances “Fannie” A. (Beck) Stockton, had married there on 21 January 1869.²² Their son Paul was a Philadelphia publisher in 1900.²³
4. Paul R. Stockton, born in Pennsylvania in 1880–81, lived in Los Angeles, California, with his wife Marie and two sons. He was a salesman and magazine publisher in 1920–40.²⁴

PAUL’S MILITARY SERVICE

In 1896 Paul Stockton entered a bicycle race in Norfolk, Virginia.²⁵ He borrowed a bicycle, crashed it, and was scratched from the race.²⁶ Rather than return the damaged machine, he pawned it and left Norfolk without paying his hotel and board bills.²⁷ Detectives detained Paul in Washington, D.C., and returned him to Norfolk, where his case was heard.²⁸ After some delay and help from his friends, on 18 July 1896 the judge gave him the choice between jail time and army service.²⁹

21. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004261691>), restricted digital film 004261691, image 65, Philadelphia, Registration of Births in the City of Philadelphia, fol. 210, Pauline L. Stockton [Paul R. Stockton], 3 May 1873. Paul, not Pauline, appears with the family in 1900 with a May 1873 birth date. See 1900 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 27, ED 655, sheet 15A, dwell. 267, fam. 268, Paul Stockton household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 1469. Paul might have had a twin sister who died at birth, and subsequent confusion resulted in failure to record Paul’s name.

22. “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669–1999,” *Ancestry* > PA-Philadelphia > Philadelphia > Methodist > Boyertown-Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church > image 350, Central Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.), Marriage Record, 1868–78, chronologically arranged, Stockton-Beck, 21 January 1869.

23. 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ED 589, p. 2, dwell. 6, fam. 7, Emily H. Stockton household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1186. The listing of household members is accurate, but the relationships to Emily are incorrect beginning with the older Paul, who is her son, not her son-in-law, and continuing through the list. Also, 1900 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 27, ED 655, sheet 15A, dwell. 267, fam. 268, Paul Stockton household.

24. 1920 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles City, precinct 365, ED 149, sheet 15B, dwell. 146, fam. 167, Paul R. Stockton household; NARA microfilm T625, roll 106. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 19-120, sheet 1A, dwell. 4, fam. 10, Paul R. Stockton household; NARA microfilm T626, roll 137. Also, 1940 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 60-187, sheet 4A, visitation 78, Paul Stockton household; NARA microfilm T627, roll 404.

25. “To-day’s Events,” *Norfolk Virginian*, 13 May 1896, page 6, col. 5.

26. For “scratched,” see “The Races Yesterday,” *Norfolk Virginian*, 14 May 1896, page 6, col. 4. For the crash, see “Continued Ten Days,” *Norfolk Virginian*, 30 June 1896, page 2, col. 2. For “borrowed,” see “Sent Back to Norfolk: Paul Stockton is Wanted There on Several Charges,” *Morning Times* (Washington, D.C.), 27 June 1896, page 1, col. 3.

27. “Sent Back to Norfolk: Paul Stockton is Wanted There on Several Charges,” *Morning Times*, 27 June 1896, page 1, col. 3.

28. “Boarding-house Beat Overtaken,” *Washington Post*, 27 June 1896, page 8.

29. “Will Join the Army,” *Norfolk Virginian*, 18 July 1896, page 1, col. 2. The author attempted to locate the file for this case. Although Norfolk officials made an effort, no record was found.

Two days later he enlisted at Richmond, Virginia, as Paul R. Stockton, son of Paul and Frances, of Philadelphia, and age twenty-three years, three months—thus born in May 1873.³⁰ He had the parents, birthplace, and birth date of candidate three for the ex-husband of Atlanta's Miss Pet Evins in 1910.

Paul, a corporal, provided "excellent service" in Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War.³¹ From 20 July 1896 through 30 May 1898, he was in Company I, 5th Regiment, United States Cavalry. On 30 May 1898 he reenlisted in the signal corps and served through 19 July 1899.³²

Paul also served during World War I, initially in the First Aero Company of the New York National Guard from 22 June 1916 until 2 November 1916.³³ On 16 December 1916 the Adjutant General of the New York National Guard sent First Sergeant Paul Stockton and three others to train at the San Diego Air Training School.³⁴ Ample sources record his flying in France.³⁵ From 21 May through 15 August 1917 he served from the headquarters of the 12th New York Infantry.³⁶

30. "Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army 1798–1914," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/310846620>), "Page [image]" 384, Register of Enlistments: United States Army, 1893–97, p. 143, no. 176, Paul R. Stockton, 20 July 1896; from NARA microfilm M233.

31. "Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army 1798–1914," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/310846620>), image 384, Register of Enlistments: United States Army, 1893–97, p. 143, no. 176, Paul R. Stockton, 20 July 1896.

32. "Pennsylvania, Spanish War Compensation, 1898–1934," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2392>) > Stanton, Henry–Swift, Robeson K. > image 644, Paul Richard Stockton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Veteran's Compensation Application, 6 February 1934.

33. "New York, Mexican Punitive Campaign Muster Rolls for National Guard, 1916–1917," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5361>) > 1st Battalion Signal Corps, 1st Aero Company > image 477, 1st Aero Company Signal Corps, fol. 57, for Paul R. Stockton.

34. "1st Aero Co. N.G.N.Y. is Now in U.S. Army," *New York Times*, 14 July 1916, page 4, col. 8. Also, "To Receive Army Instruction," *Evening Post* (New York, N.Y.), 30 December 1916, page 16, col. 5. Also, Internet Archive, *WayBackMachine* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20120303012034/http://firstaero.org/armyhistory.htm>), "Official History—Army History: The Aero Club of America and the National Guard in 1915–1916," last saved on 3 March 2012. Also, "Guardsmen Enroll at Aviation Camp," *San Diego Union*, 5 April 1917, page 7, col. 5.

35. See, for example, *Gorrell's History of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service, 1917–1919*, microfilm M990 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1975), roll 21, for series E: Squadron Histories, vol. 24, aero squadrons. *Catalogue of Official A.E.F. Photographs taken by The Signal Corps, U.S.A.* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1919), 426 and 436. Also, *Flying* (official publication of the Aero Club of America) 6 (August 1917): 589. Also, *Air Power* 4 (November 1918): 319. Also, *Report of the Chief of the Militia Bureau Relative to The National Guard of the United States* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1917), 53. Also, Henry Woodhouse, *Textbook of Military Aeronautics* (New York: Century, 1918), 210–11.

36. "New York, New York Guard Service Cards, 1906–1918, 1940–1948," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6081>) > Simpson, Howard A.–Strauss, Harry > image 4635, card for Paul R. Stockton.

Paul, a first lieutenant, was discharged at San Diego on 9 April 1919.³⁷ Three weeks later, on 1 May, he married Marie Hayward.³⁸ Marie was the wife of candidate four for the ex-husband of Atlanta's Miss Pet Evins in 1910.

Seventeen years separated Paul's Spanish-American War service from his World War I service. He cited both, however, in 1924, when he applied for—and received—a veteran's pension.³⁹ Significant birth-year discrepancies, however, weaken the hypothesis that one man served in both wars. Explaining the conflicts would strengthen the case for one soldier and would help identify Miss Pet's ex-husband.

PAUL'S BIRTH-YEAR DISCREPANCIES

Paul's birth in Philadelphia was on 3 May 1873.⁴⁰ Enlisting in the army on 20 July 1896, he gave his Philadelphia birthplace and age—twenty years, three months—indicating birth in May 1873.⁴¹

On 22 June 1916, when Paul joined the New York National Guard, he said he was thirty-six, implying birth in 1880. Posing as seven years younger apparently allowed him to join the First Aero Company and train as a pilot. His compatriots, including his captain, Raynal Bolling, were significantly younger than Paul, who was forty-three.⁴²

Paul carried the fictitious birth year forward into civilian life. On 1 May 1919, when he married Marie, Paul said he had turned thirty-eight on his previous birthday.⁴³ If he was born on 3 May, that birthday would have been on 3 May 1918,

37. "77th Division Ordered Home," *Los Angeles Times*, 9 April 1919, page 17, cols. 1–2. Also, "California Boys Here from Overseas; Will Soon Be Granted Discharges," *San Diego Union*, 10 April 1919, page 4, col. 2. Also, *ibid.*, "Air Service Men Arrive at Kearny," page 8, col. 3.

38. San Diego Co., Calif., marriage certificate 19-024228, Stockton-Hayward, 1 May 1919; California State Board of Public Health, Sacramento. Also, "Marriage Licenses," *San Diego Evening Tribune*, 2 May 1919, page 6, col. 1.

39. "U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4654>) > Stickle, Wm. H.–Stoddard, Hez. > image 4471, card for Paul R. Stockton, application 1,500,089 filed 25 April 1924, certificate 1,254,451, remarks C2399904. The file, if it exists, is inaccessible. The National Archives directed the author to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and the Department of Veterans Affairs, which did not retrieve the file.

40. *FamilySearch*, restricted digital film 004261691, image 65, Philadelphia, Registration of Births, fol. 210, Pauline L. Stockton [Paul R. Stockton], 3 May 1873.

41. "Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army 1798–1914," *Fold3*, image 384, Register of Enlistments: United States Army, 1893–97, p. 143, no. 176, Paul R. Stockton, 20 July 1896.

42. For Paul's captain, see 1900 U.S. census, Middlesex Co., Mass., pop. sch., Cambridge, ward 1, ED 678, sheet 2A, line 6, Raynal C. Bolling, born in September 1877; NARA microfilm T623, roll 656. For a comrade, see *ibid.*, Philadelphia Co., Pa., pop. sch., Philadelphia, ward 8, ED 155, sheet 11B, dwell. 193, fam. 194, Fairman R. Dick, born in January 1885; roll 1455. For another, see *ibid.*, Worcester Co., Mass., pop. sch., Southboro[ugh], ED 1676, sheet 19A, line 29, Frederick H. Cruger, born in May 1886; roll 694.

43. San Diego Co., Calif., marriage certificate 19-024228, Stockton-Hayward, 1 May 1919.

indicating birth in 1880. Resolving identity questions, he named his parents as Paul Stockton, born in Pennsylvania, and Frances Beck, born in Alabama.⁴⁴

Federal censuses of California for 1920, 1930, and 1940, respectively, give Paul's age as thirty-nine, forty-nine, and fifty-nine.⁴⁵ Those ages agree with birth in 1880.

During those decades Paul reverted only once to his actual birth date, or nearly so. In 1934, when he applied to Pennsylvania for compensation for his Spanish-American War service, he gave his birth date as 3 May 1872, a year before his birth. He likely intended to provide the date given at enlistment in the Spanish-American War but had forgotten it. Removing any question of identity, the application also gives his service units, names his wife as Marie Hayward Stockton, specifies his Los Angeles address, and identifies his deceased parents as Paul and Frances Ann (Beck) Stockton.⁴⁶

Paul's changing his birth year from 1873 to 1880 required him to register for the "Old Man's Draft" of 1942.⁴⁷ The card gives his birth date as 3 May 1880, his Hollywood residence, and his wife Marie.⁴⁸

Paul died on 21 February 1962. He literally carried his falsified 1880 birth year to his grave. It appears on his death certificate and gravestone.⁴⁹ His obituary says he was eighty-three—implying birth in 1879. It also says he was born in Philadelphia, lived in Los Angeles for forty-three years (thus, from 1919), worked in advertising, and served in the Spanish-American War and World War I.⁵⁰ He also was a member of the Early Birds of Aviation.⁵¹

A reasonably complete picture has emerged of Paul Richard Stockton who was born in Philadelphia and died in California. But was he Miss Pet's ex-husband?

44. Ibid.

45. 1920 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles City, precinct 365, ED 149, sheet 15B, dwell. 146, fam. 167, Paul R. Stockton. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 19-120, sheet 1A, dwell. 4, fam. 10, Paul R. Stockton. Also, 1940 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 60-187, sheet 4A, visitation 78, Paul Stockton.

46. "Pennsylvania, Spanish War Compensation, 1898-1934," *Ancestry* > Stanton, Henry-Swift, Robeson K. > image 644, Paul Richard Stockton, 6 February 1934.

47. This registration was conducted on 27 April 1942, for all men not already in the military, born on or after 28 April 1877 and on or before 16 February 1897. See "National Archives Catalog," *National Archives* (<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/603155>), for "Fourth Registration Draft Cards for California, 4/27/1942-4/27/1942."

48. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1002>) > California > Adams, William Theodore-Zwillinger, Armin > images 689-90, card for Paul Richard Stockton, 25 April 1942.

49. Calif., Death Certificate 4394 (1962), District 7097, Paul R. Stockton; Registrar-Recorder, Los Angeles. The informant was his widow, Marie. Also, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>), memorial 3433705, digital image, 25 October 2016, by Linda Claxton of gravestone of Paul R. Stockton (Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego).

50. "Obituaries," *Los Angeles Times*, 1 March 1962, page B16, col. 1.

51. "Early Birds of Aviation," *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_Birds_of_Aviation#S). The organization, formed in 1928, focuses on the history of early pilots. Members "piloted a glider, gas balloon, or airplane" before 17 December 1916.

No Georgia record gives Paul Richard Stockton's age or birth date. Georgia law required him to be at least seventeen to marry without parental permission in 1908.⁵² He was probably at least as old as Miss Pet, born in September 1883.⁵³ The interval between Paul's service in two wars includes the years that Paul Richard Stockton lived in Atlanta, married, invested, and was divorced.

Are the same name, compatible ages, and corresponding timelines sufficient for merging the double veteran's identity into the Atlantan's? More evidence strengthens the case.

PAUL IN INDIANAPOLIS

Miss Pet's ex-husband went from Atlanta "to parts unknown" before early January 1910, a census year. That enumeration identifies no Paul R. Stockton, born in Pennsylvania, in either 1873 or 1880, or close in age. He is there, however.

Richard Stockton, thirty-six (thus born in 1873–74) boarded in Indianapolis.⁵⁴ A Pennsylvania native, like his parents, and single, he was an automobile salesman. He appears in no other census before or after 1910.⁵⁵ Richard was Paul R. Stockton:

- The American Gas Appliance Company was formed in Indianapolis in 1910. Paul R. Stockton was a partner.⁵⁶
- In December 1909 Paul R. Stockton and E. C. Wemple built snow sculptures at the corner of Illinois and Eighteenth streets in Indianapolis.⁵⁷ In 1910 Richard Stockton, boarding at 1801 West Illinois Street, lived at that corner.⁵⁸

INDIRECT CONNECTIONS

Evidence of Paul's Prior Marriage

Living in Los Angeles in 1930 Paul, reportedly forty-nine, said he first married at twenty-four—thus, in 1904–5. His wife, Marie, reportedly thirty-eight, said she first

52. *The Code of the State of Georgia Adopted December 15th 1895*, 4 vols. (Atlanta: The State, 1896), 2:222, sect. 2412, "Who is able to contract."

53. 1900 U.S. census, Fulton Co., Ga., pop. sch., Atlanta, ward 5, ED 67, sheet 1B, dwell. 9, fam. 11, Mary M. Evans household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 199.

54. 1910 U.S. census, Marion Co., Ind., pop. sch., Indianapolis, ward 3, ED 64, sheet 8A, dwell. 164, fam. 173, H. C. Graybill household; NARA microfilm T624, roll 367.

55. "U.S. Federal Census Collection," *Ancestry*, author's searches for Richard Stockton in censuses from 1880 through 1940.

56. "Incorporations," *Indianapolis Star*, 30 September 1910, page 5, col. 2. Also, "New Industrial Companies," *Electrical World* 56 (6 October 1910): 839, col. 2. Also, "Charters to New Corporations," *Industrial World* 44 (17 October 1910): 1259, col. 2.

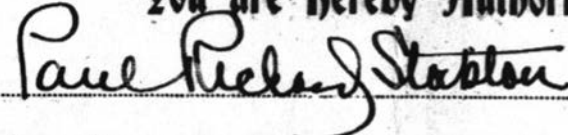
57. "Men Create Group 'Comrades' in Snow," *Indianapolis Star*, 26 December 1909, page 3, cols. 3–5.

58. 1910 U.S. census, Marion Co., Ind., pop. sch., Indianapolis, ward 3, ED 64, sheet 8A, dwell. 164, fam. 173, H. C. Graybill household.


59. 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 19-120, sheet 1A, dwell. 4, fam. 10, Paul R. Stockton household.

Figure 1

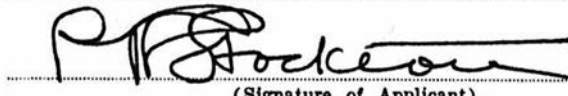
Signatures of Paul R. Stockton Spanning 1908 to 1942

You are Hereby Authorized

 According to the Rites of your Church

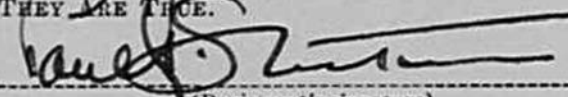
1908^a

Maiden Name of Bride, If She Was Previously Married
 We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, here-
 by certify that

 HEREBY CERTIFY that

1919^b


 (Signature of Applicant)

1934^c

Address
 (Town) (County) (State)
 THEY ARE TRUE.

 (Registrant's signature)

1942^d

a. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007579843>), digital film 007579843, image 800, Cobb Co., Ga., Marriage Record White F:198, no. 396, Stockton-Evins, 1 October 1908.

b. San Diego Co., Calif., marriage certificate 19-024228, Stockton-Hayward, 1 May 1919; California State Board of Public Health, Sacramento.

c. "Pennsylvania, Spanish War Compensation, 1898-1934," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2392>) > Stanton, Henry-Swift, Robeson K. > image 644, Paul Richard Stockton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Veteran's Compensation Application, 6 February 1934.

d. "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1002>) > California > Adams, William Theodore-Zwillinger, Armin > images 689-90, card for Paul Richard Stockton, 25 April 1942; from NARA microfilm M1509.

married at twenty-seven—thus, in 1918–19.⁵⁹ Although 1904–5 does not exactly match the 1908 marriage to Miss Pet, Marie’s husband clearly had at least one prior marriage. Time or confusion from his falsified birth year could have affected his marriage age in the census.

Paul and Marie married in 1919. He said it was his second marriage and that the first had ended in divorce.⁶⁰

Signature Evidence

Paul Richard Stockton’s signature appears on four records spanning 1908 in Atlanta to 1942 in California. See figure 1. They show normal variations over thirty-four years. They also show significant commonalities:

- The vertical slant of the lowercase letters in *Paul*
- The shortness of the *l* in that name relative to the other characters
- A slightly larger *a* than the *u* in his first name
- The shape and flourish of the capitals in the signature, especially the *P*
- The long crossing bar for the *t*’s in *Stockton*
- The specific form of the capital “S” in *Stockton* in the first two signatures, accentuated by his dragging his pen from the bottom of the *S* to the up-stroke of the *t*, an effect that increases through the years
- A similar progressive change in the shape and stroking of the *R* in *Richard*

CONCLUSION

Paul’s changing his birth date complicated exploring his life. A man born in 1873 silently disappeared and one “born” in 1880 just as silently took his place. Interconnected points support the hypothesis of one life spanning Philadelphia to Los Angeles, with interludes in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and elsewhere:

- Paul’s Atlanta business partner, Philadelphia broker Clifford Skinner, lived in Philadelphia when Paul did.
- Paul Richard Stockton born in Philadelphia on 3 May 1873 is the only viable candidate for Miss Pet’s ex-husband.
- He served in the Spanish-American War to avoid incarceration in Virginia.
- He subtracted seven years off his age but kept his birth month and day when he joined the New York National Guard.
- When Paul married Marie Hayward in San Diego in 1919, he was a divorcee.
- One man penned the signatures of the Atlanta groom, San Diego groom, Spanish-American War veteran, and World War II draft registrant in California.

Paul Richard Stockton, short-term husband of Elsie Holly “Miss Pet” Evins in Atlanta, was born on 3 May 1873 in Philadelphia. After misdeeds involving a bicycle, he served in the Spanish-American War, changed his age, served as a World War I pilot, and remarried. He lived in California for most of his life and died there.

60. San Diego Co., Calif., marriage certificate 19-024228, Stockton-Hayward, 1 May 1919.

Susan Gliddon of Bridgerule, Devon, England; and Summit County, Ohio: One Person or Two?

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Appearances in widely separated locations over a short period, absent direct connections, suggest multiple individuals. Nevertheless, sufficient evidence can exist to help distinguish, or merge, the identities.

Susan Gliddon, two of her siblings, and their parents left England in 1871. Passing through the port of Quebec, Canada, the family settled in the province of Ontario. No further information shows Susan in Ontario. About eighteen months after the family's arrival in Quebec, a bride with Susan's name married in Ohio. Had Susan moved to Ohio while her family remained in Ontario? Or was the bride someone else?

THE GLIDDON FAMILY IN DEVON

Susan's parents, Samuel Gliddon and Eliza Sargent Eliston, married on 22 March 1841 in Stoke Damerel, Devon.¹ They had nine children born in Bridgerule, a village in Devon of fewer than five hundred people:²

- i. Elizabeth Ann Gliddon, born on 24 December 1841³
- ii. Charles Gliddon, born on 25 May 1843⁴
- iii. Thomas Gliddon, born on 25 February 1845; died on 2 March 1845⁵
- iv. Samuel Gliddon, born on 22 September 1846⁶

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1. Marriage certificate, Gliddon-Eliston, March quarter 1841, Stoke Damerel Registration District; reference 9/463/25, General Register Office, Southport (GROS), U.K.

2. "The growing population of Bridgerule," *Bridgerule Village Website* (<http://www.bridgerule.co.uk/population.html>).

3. Birth certificate for Betsy Ann Gliddon, 24 December 1841, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist; ref. 9/371/280, GROS.

4. *Ibid.*, Charles Glidden, 25 May 1843; ref. 9/350/384.

5. *Ibid.*, John Gliddon, 25 February 1845; ref. 9/390/188. *John* on the certificate is incorrect. Subsequent baptismal and burial records identify this child as *Thomas*. See "Devon Baptisms," *Findmypast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/devon-baptisms>), digital image of Bridgerule Parish (Devon), baptismal register, p. 60, no. 478, Thomas Gliddon, 25 February 1845. Also, "Devon Burials," *Findmypast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/devon-burials>), digital image of Bridgerule Parish, burial register, p. 33, no. 260, Thomas Gliddon.

6. Birth certificate for Samuel Gliddon, 22 September 1846, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/351/78, GROS.

- v. Thomas Gliddon, born on 23 March 1848⁷
- vi. Susanna [Susan] Gliddon, born on 1 April 1850⁸
- vii. William Eliston Gliddon, born on 12 October 1852⁹
- viii. Damarus Ann Gliddon, born on 1 September 1854¹⁰
- ix. John Gliddon, born on 25 October 1857¹¹

The family lived in Bridgerule in 1851, 1861, and 1871.¹² In April 1871 Susan, twenty-one, was a servant about five miles from her parents' home.¹³

THE GLIDDONS' IMMIGRATION TO ONTARIO

In July 1871 Susan Gliddon sailed on the SS *Austrian* with her parents and siblings Damarus and John. They arrived at Quebec on 31 July 1871.¹⁴ Susan's brother William followed the family and died in 1875 in Bowmanville, Ontario.¹⁵ In 1881 Susan's parents and their family—minus Susan—lived in Bowmanville.¹⁶ Susan left no known record there.¹⁷

7. Birth certificate for Thomas Gliddon, 23 March 1848, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/351/168, GROS.

8. Ibid., Susanna Gliddon, 1 April 1850; ref. 9/373/291.

9. Ibid., William Eliston Gliddon, 12 October 1852; ref. 5b/529[or 539]/442.

10. Ibid., Damarus Ann Gliddon, 1 September 1854; ref. 5/500/57.

11. Ibid., John Gliddon, 25 October 1857; ref. 5/501/243.

12. "1851 England Census," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8860>) > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 10, Devon, West Bridgerule, enumeration district (ED) 4b, p. 9, schedule 27, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. HO 107/1896, The National Archives (TNA), Kew, Surrey, U.K. Also, "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8767>) > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 10, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 11, sch. 64, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. RG 9/1511, TNA. Also, "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7619>) > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. RG 10/2213, TNA.

13. Enumerators of the 1871 census distributed forms for each household to fill with information for the night of 2 April 1871. See "England and Wales Census, 1871 (FamilySearch Historical Records)," wiki article, *FamilySearch* ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_and_Wales_Census_1871_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_and_Wales_Census_1871_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))). For Susan, see "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Cornwall > Stratton > District 3 > image 3, Cornwall, Stratton, ED 3, p. 2, sch. 12, Susan Gliddon; ref. 10/2215, TNA.

14. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1263>) > Quebec, Quebec > 1871 > July > image 14, arrival on 31 July 1871, SS *Austrian* manifest, p. 9, no. 187, Saml, Eliza, Susan, Dam[a]rus, Jno, and Rob^t Gliddon; from Library and Archives Canada (LAC) microfilm.

15. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8946>) > Northumberland and Durham > 1875 > image 20, Northumberland and Durham, Schedule C—Deaths, p. 57, no. 3, William Gliddon, 30 January 1875; from Archives of Ontario microfilm series MS935.

16. "1881 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1577>) > Ontario > Durham West > Bowmanville > image 56, Ont., dist. 128, E. Bowmanville Town sub-dist., division 2, p. 29, fam. 150, John (Samuel) Gleddon household; from LAC microfilm C-13242. The census names the household head as "John," but the household composition—including Eliza, Damaris, John, and Rupert—shows he was Samuel.

17. See appendix for Ontario sources searched, unproductively, for Susan in 1871 and later.

SUSAN GLIDDON IN OHIO

On 24 December 1872 Susan Gliddon married James Cleave in Summit County, Ohio.¹⁸ Was she the young woman who had arrived in Quebec on 31 July 1871?

Nineteenth-century Ohio law required a bridal couple to obtain their marriage license in the bride's county of residence but did not specify a residency period.¹⁹ New residents could obtain licenses. If Susan traveled from Ontario to Summit County, about 361 miles, she could get a marriage license upon arrival.²⁰ Canada–United States border-crossing records began in 1895.²¹ No record shows Susan traveling from Canada to Ohio in 1871–72.

THE CLEAVES IN DEVON, ENGLAND

Like Susan and her family, James Cleave came from the small village of Bridgerule. His parents, John and Grace (Bottrell) Cleave, married there on 1 May 1845.²² They had nine children born in Bridgerule:

- i. William Cleave, born on 8 March 1846²³
- ii. John Cleave, born on 7 January 1848²⁴
- iii. James Cleave, born on 12 November 1849²⁵
- iv. Mary Ann Cleave, born on 21 December 1852²⁶
- v. Susan Cleave, born on 11 April 1855²⁷
- vi. Elizabeth Cleave, born on 7 May 1857²⁸
- vii. Thomas Cleave, born on 15 August 1859²⁹
- viii. Samuel Cleave, born on 20 February 1862³⁰
- ix. Mary Ann “Polly” Cleave, born on 6 September 1864³¹

18. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004732953>), digital film 004732953, image 162, Summit Co., Ohio, Marriage Record 2:241, Cleave-Gliddon, 24 December 1872.

19. The act, passed in 1824, was still in effect in 1910. See *Revised Statutes of the State of Ohio, of a General Nature in Force August 1, 1860*, vol. 1 (Cincinnati: Robert Clarke, 1870), 855, “An Act regulating marriages,” sect. 6. Also, *The General Code of the State of Ohio*, vol. 3 (Columbus: Commissioners of Public Printing, 1910), 2408, section 11186.

20. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>), for Bowmanville to Akron, Ohio.

21. “Prologue: Selected Articles,” *National Archives* (<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2000/fall/us-canada-immigration-records1.html>), for Marian L. Smith, “By Way of Canada: U.S. Records of Immigration Across the U.S.–Canadian Border, 1895–1954 (St. Albans Lists).”

22. Marriage certificate, Cleave-Bottrel, 1 May 1845, June quarter 1845, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Bridgerule Sub-dist.; ref. 9/375/19, GROS.

23. Birth certificate for William Cleave, 8 March 1846, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/387/42, GROS.

24. *Ibid.*, John Cleave, registered 7 January 1848; ref. 9/365/155.

25. *Ibid.*, James Cleave, registered 12 November 1849; ref. 9/340/272.

26. *Ibid.*, Mary Ann Cleave, registered 21 December 1852; ref. 5/523/454].

27. *Ibid.*, Susan Cleave, 11 April 1855; ref. 5b/497/96.

28. *Ibid.*, Elizabeth Cleave, 7 May 1857; ref. 5b/516/225.

29. *Ibid.*, Thomas Cleave, 15 August 1859; ref. 5b/485/344.

30. *Ibid.*, Samuel Cleave, 20 February 1862; ref. 5b/571/2.

31. *Ibid.*, Mary Ann Cleave, 6 September 1864; ref. 5b/541/141.

The family lived in Bridgerule in 1851, 1861, and 1871.³² In 1861 James was a servant in another household.³³ He was not enumerated in Devon in 1871.³⁴

James emigrated between 1861, when he was a servant in Devon, and 1872, when he married in Ohio. Two candidates for James arrived in New York:

- On 14 June 1867 James Cleave, nineteen, came on the SS *United Kingdom*.³⁵ His age is appropriate for James from Bridgerule, but he does not appear in the 1870 United States census or the 1871 Canadian census.³⁶
- On 28 June 1871 James Cleave, twenty-six, arrived on the steamer *China*. James from Bridgerule would have been twenty-one.³⁷

Two Akron, Ohio, censuses give James's immigration year as 1870, supporting neither candidate.³⁸

Three of James's siblings—William, John, and Susan—immigrated and lived in the Durham, Ontario, area in 1871.³⁹ No record of James in Ontario is known.⁴⁰

32. "1851 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 16, Devon, Bridgerule West, ED 4b, p. 15, sch. 55, John Cleave household. Also, "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 9, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 2, sch. 12, John Cleave. Also, "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household.

33. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 6, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 5, sch. 34, James Cleave.

34. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry*, search for James Cleave.

35. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7488>) > Roll > M237, 1820–1897 > Roll 281 > image 239, arrival on 14 June 1867, SS *United Kingdom*, manifest 585, Jas Cleave; from microfilm publication M237, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C.

36. "1870 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7163>), search for James Cleave. Also, "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1578>), search for James Cleave.

37. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957," *Ancestry* > Roll 344 > image 609, arrival on 28 June 1871, Str. *China*, manifest 595, passenger 76, Jas Cleave.

38. 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, population schedule, Akron, ward 2, ED 67, sheet 4B, dwelling 367, family 404, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T623, roll 1323. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 129, sheet 1B, dwell. 23, fam. 25, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T624, roll 1233.

39. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1870 > June > image 180, arrival on 22 June 1870, S.S. *Germany*, list 49, p. 8, Wm Cleave, and p. 9, Susan Cleave. Susan and William appear at the bottom of their respective pages, as if added late. William's age of twenty-four is accurate, but Susan's is twenty-four, when she was about fifteen. A fifteen-year-old Susan Cleave arrived in Quebec later that year. See *ibid.* > November > image 20, arrival on 13 November 1870, S.S. *Moravian*, no. 2340. The author found no arrival record for John, who reportedly immigrated in 1870. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 4, ED 45, sheet 4B, dwell. 83, fam. 105, John Cleave. For their settlement, see "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 78, Ont., dist. 51, sub-dist. Hope, division 4, p. 1, dwell./fam. 3, William Cleave. Also, *ibid.* > Ontario > Durham West > Darlington > image 6, Ontario, dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 11, dwell./fam. 41, John Cleave; and image 19, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

40. See appendix for Ontario sources searched, unproductively, for James Cleave.

THE CLEAVES IN OHIO

In 1871 James's widowed mother, Grace, and siblings Elizabeth, Thomas, Samuel, and Mary Ann lived in Devon.⁴¹ Nine years later, in 1880, James's mother and his surviving siblings were in Summit County, Ohio.⁴² James and Susan were married, settled, and had four young children.⁴³

Perhaps Akron's growing economy drew the Cleaves from Ontario and England. Benjamin Franklin Goodrich moved his rubber factory to Akron in 1871.⁴⁴ Consequently, in the 1870s Summit County's population grew 26.3 percent—from 34,674 to 43,788.⁴⁵ Other large manufacturers, like the Barber Match Company and Buckeye Mower and Reaper, also helped Akron grow.⁴⁶ James Cleave, a machinist at the Buckeye Reaper Company for many years, later worked for the Kelly Springfield Tire Company.⁴⁷

NO DIRECT TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Records of Susan in Akron do not specify her origin:

- Susan and her family attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron. Its surviving records show her membership and three of her children's baptisms. They do not mention her birthplace.⁴⁸

41. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household.

42. 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 4, ED 163, p. 20, dwell. 183, fam. 202, William Cleave household, and dwell. 184, fam. 203, John Cleave household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1068. Their sister, Susan, not found in 1880, was a servant in an Akron household in 1900 with an 1880 immigration year. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 60, sheet 13B, dwell. 243, fam. 292, Susan Cleave.

43. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004732953, image 162, Summit Co., Marriage Record 2:241, Cleave-Gliddon, 24 December 1872. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Township, ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1069. For Susan and James in 1899, see *Akron Official City Directory* (Akron: Burch Directory Co., 1899), 255.

44. "1850–1899," *City of Akron* (<http://www.akronohio.gov/cms/1850-1899/index.html>).

45. Richard L. Forstall, comp. and ed., *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790–1990* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Population Division, 1996), 127.

46. "Ohio History Connection," *Ohio History Central* (http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Akron,_Ohio), "Akron, Ohio."

47. For James's employment as "work in Reaper work," see 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, James Cleave. For employment at the "Buckeye R. Co.," see *Akron Official City Directory* (Akron: Burch Directory Co., 1899), 255; and subsequent years with similar titles: (1904), 290 (listed only as "machinist"); (1907), 316; (1908), 322; (1909), 352; and (1910), 380. For Kelly Springfield Tire Company as James's employer, see Akron city directories: (1914), 485; (1915), 496; and (1918), 487. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 129, sheet 1B, dwell. 23, fam. 25, James Cleave.

48. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Akron, Ohio), Trinity Communion Records, 1870–1896, p. 123, no. 12, Susan Cleave; church office, Akron. Also, *ibid.*, Trinity Membership Records, 1870–1896, Births and Baptisms, unpaginated for 1888–89, 6 June 1888, no. 1, Ella Peters [Cleve] baptism; no. 2, Maud Susan [Cleve] baptism; and no. 3, Frank Roy [Cleve] baptism.

- Susan's civil death record confirms her age, forty-seven in 1898, but does not mention her parents or an English county, parish, or town.⁴⁹
- Susan's obituary notes only that she was a "native of England."⁵⁰
- Summit County history books do not mention Susan (Gliddon) Cleave.⁵¹

Canadian records of Samuel and Eliza Gliddon's family do not mention Susan:

- Samuel Gliddon died in Ontario on 6 August 1884.⁵² His brief death notice mentions no relative.⁵³
- Eliza (Eliston) Gliddon died in Ontario on 24 August 1881.⁵⁴ No obituary is known.⁵⁵
- Two of Samuel and Eliza's sons predeceased Susan—Thomas as a baby in 1845 and William in 1875.⁵⁶ The other Gliddon offspring died years after Susan. None of their known obituaries mention her.⁵⁷

Susan and James Cleave had six children born in Akron in 1873–87:

49. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017055>), digital film 004017055, image 369, Akron, Ohio, Death Records 2:104, no. 291, Susan Cleave, 24 March 1898.

50. "Death of Mrs. Susan Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 25 March 1898, page 1, col. 4.

51. The author searched for "Susan Gliddon Cleave" in L. V. Bierce, *Historical Reminiscences of Summit County* (Akron: T. & H. G. Canfield, 1854). Also, William B. Doyle, *Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens* (Chicago: Biographical Publishing, 1908). Also, William Henry Perrin, *History of Summit County: With an Outline Sketch of Ohio*, (Chicago: Baskin & Battey, 1881).

52. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Durham > 1884 > image 4, Schedule C.—Deaths, Durham Co., Bowmanville, p. 83, no. 3, Samuel Gliddon, 6 August 1884. Also, *Bowmanville Burial Records* (Whitby, Ont.: Ontario Genealogical Society, 1990), vol. 1, fol. 65, no. 1875, Samuel Glidden.

53. "Died: Gliddon," *Canadian Statesman* (Bowmanville), 8 August 1884, page 5, col. 5.

54. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Durham > 1881 > image 33, Schedule C.—Deaths, Durham Co., Bowmanville, p. 302, no. 7, Eliza Glidden, 24 August 1881. Also, The Ontario Genealogical Society, *Bowmanville Burial Records*, vol. 1, fol. 56, Eliza Glidden.

55. *Canadian Statesman*, digitized collection, Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville, Ont.; search for Eliza Gliddon in 1875–90.

56. "Devon Burials," *Findmypast*, digital image of Bridgerule Parish, burial register, p. 33, no. 260, Thomas Gliddon. Also, "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Northumberland and Durham > 1875 > image 20, Northumberland and Durham, Schedule C—Deaths, p. 57, no. 3, William Gliddon, 30 January 1875.

57. Elizabeth Davis obituary, *Berlin News Record* (Waterloo, Ont.), 5 June 1916, page 7, col. 3. Also, unproductive search for Charles Gliddon obituary during the four-week period after his April 1924 death, *Cornish Post* and *Devon Post*, Bude Library, Cornwall, England. Also, Samuel Glidden obituary, *Canadian Statesman*, 5 June 1924, page 3, col. 3. Also, Thomas Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, 8 May 1926, page 7, col. 8. Also, William Elliston Gliddon obituary, *Merchant and General Advertiser* (Bowmanville), 19 February 1875, page 2, col. 8. Also, unproductive searches for the obituary for Ann Damaras in *Merchant and General Advertiser*, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, *Whitby Chronicle* (Whitby, Ont.), *Berlin Daily Telegraph* (Waterloo, Ont.), and *Berlin Journal* (Waterloo, Ont.). Also, John Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal* (Union, Ont.), 13 January 1937, page 9, col. 8.

- i. John J. Cleave, born on 19 May 1873; died on 14 February 1888⁵⁸
- ii. Ida M. Cleave, born on 16 April 1876; died on 16 February 1906⁵⁹
- iii. William Eliston Cleave, born on 8 December 1877; died on 25 January 1963⁶⁰
- iv. Ella Buttress Cleave, born on 29 October 1881; died on 26 February 1939⁶¹
- v. Maude Susan Cleave, born on 7 February 1885; died on 27 October 1957⁶²
- vi. Frank Roy Cleave, born on 27 August 1887; died on 5 August 1973⁶³

None of those children's birth or death records or obituaries pinpoints Susan's birthplace more specifically than "England," nor does the 1880 census.⁶⁴

INDIRECT TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Figure 1 summarizes chronologically Susan's appearances in England, Canada, and the United States. Shaded areas show when and where Susan of Bridgerule was sought and not found:

58. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017055>), digital film 004017055, image 199, Summit Co., Probate Court Death Record 1:298–99, no. 317, John J. Clea[ve], 14 February 1888. Also, "Born [sic]," *Summit County Beacon* (Akron), 22 February 1888, page 3, col. 8. The item reports six births and two deaths, including John's at age fifteen. The preceding article, "Mortuary Report for the Week," gives his age as fourteen years, nine months.

59. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017055, image 426, Summit Co., Probate Court Death Record 1:43, no. 313, Ida M. Cleave, 16 February 1906. Also, "March to Church in Driving Rain," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 11 June 1906, page 3, col. 1, reports on the Maccabees memorial service and gives a "list of deceased who passed away in the order in Akron the last year." Also, obituary for Ida Cleave, *Akron Beacon Journal*, 17 February 1906, page 3, col. 1.

60. Ohio, Certificate of Death 05476 (1963), William Elleston Cleave; Division of Vital Statistics, Columbus. Also, "Pharmacist Cleave Dies," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 25 January 1963, page 24, col. 4.

61. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017041>), digital film 004017041, image 303, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:40–41, no. 80, Ella Butress Cle[a]ve, 29 October 1881. Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004122485>), digital folder 004122485, image 995, Ohio, Certificate of Death 12876 (1939), Ella B. Cleave. Also, "Miss Ella Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 27 February 1939, page 9, col. 5. Nellie B. Cleave, enumerated in the household as born in December 1878, does not appear in the family's 1880 enumeration. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., Akron, ward 2, ED 61, sheet 19A, dwell. 367, fam. 403, Nellie B. Cleave. This could be a second enumeration of Ella.

62. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017041, image 378, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:178–79, no. 621, Maude S. Cleave, 7 February 1885. Also, Ohio, Certificate of Death 73210 (1957), Maude Susan Spikerman. Also, "Mrs. Maude Spikerman," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 28 October 1957, page 38, col. 1.

63. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017041, image 445, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:308–9, no. 514, Frank R. Cleave, 27 August 1887. Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017075>), digital folder 004017075, image 193, Summit Co., Marriage Record 23:241, Cleave-Frase, 18 June 1913. Also, "Frank Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 6 August 1973, page 14, col. 1. Also, Ohio certificate of death 064168 (1973), Frank R. Cleave.

64. 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, Susan Cleave.

- Devon after 1871, when Susan and her family left the vicinity (area A)⁶⁵
- Ontario before and after the family's arrival in Canada (areas B and C)⁶⁶
- Ohio before Susan's marriage in Summit County (area D)⁶⁷

Areas in the figure containing data support the theory that Susan Gliddon in Devon before 1871 was Susan (Gliddon) Cleave in Ohio after 1871. The timeline, read from upper left to lower right, is sequential. It shows no overlapping, duplicate, or improbable appearances.

Dark areas in the figure also support the hypothesis:

- Had Susan remained in Devon after 1871, she likely would appear in Devon records, thorough research should reveal that source, and it would go in area A. Its existence could show that Susan of Devon and Susan of Ohio were two people. Its absence from where it might be expected—negative evidence—does not support the hypothesis of two Susan Gliddons, one in Devon and another in Ohio.⁶⁸ The absence does support the alternative hypothesis that Susan from Devon married James Cleave in Ohio.
- Had Susan remained in Ontario with her family, area B likely would contain at least one source, indicating that Susan of Ontario and Susan of Ohio were two people. Again, the absence of such evidence after thorough research suggests she indeed settled in Ohio.
- Had Susan lived in Summit County before her marriage, at least one evidentiary source should appear in area C, showing that Susan of Devon and Susan of Ohio were two people. Its absence after thorough research, however, helps support the hypothesis of one person.

65. For no post-1871 appearance of Susan Gliddon in Devon, the author searched "Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers)," *FindMyPast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-birth-marriage-and-death-parish-registers>). Also, "England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538–1975," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9841>). Also, "England and Wales Marriage Registration Index, 1837–2005," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2285732>). Also, "England and Wales Death Registration Index, 1837–2007," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2285341>). Also, "U.K. Census Collection, 1841–191," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/ukicen>).

66. See appendix for resources searched, unproductively, for Susan Gliddon in Ontario in 1871 and later.

67. The following resources were searched, unproductively, for Susan Gliddon in Ohio before 1871. Records held by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, both in Akron, Ohio. Also, databases at *Ancestry*: "Summit Co., Marriage Records, 1840–1980" (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2145>); "Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998" (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8801>); "Summit County, Ohio, Birth Records, 1866–1908" (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2144>); "Summit County, Ohio, Death Records, 1866–1908" (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1596>); and "U.S. Federal Census Collection." Also, "Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1680845>). Also, "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2013," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804>).

68. For negative evidence defined as "arising from an absence of a situation or information in extant records where that information might be expected," see Board for Certification of Genealogists, "Glossary," in *Genealogy Standards* (Nashville, Tenn: Ancestry, 2014), 71.

Figure 1

**Chronologically and Geographically Arranged Summary of Sources
Giving Information and Evidence of Susan Gliddon's Identity**

	1850– 1860	1861– 1870	1871, 1st half	1871, 2nd half	1872– 1879	1880– 1889	1890– 1898
BRIDGERULE, DEVON, ENGLAND	Birth					A	
	Census	Census	Census				
PORT OF QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, CANADA	B			Arrival		C	
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, UNITED STATES	D				Marriage	Census	Death
					Four children's births	Three children's births	Obituary City directory

For sources, see text.

OTHER TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Further information indirectly supports the evidence shown in figure 1.

Gliddons and Cleave families in Close Proximity

Gliddon and Cleave families lived near each other in Bridgerule:

- 1851. James's parents appear on census page 15; Susan's appear on page 9.⁶⁹
- 1861. James's parents appear on census page 11; Susan's appear on page 2.⁷⁰
- 1871. James's widowed mother and Susan's parents appear on the same page.⁷¹
- 1861. James's brother John and Susan's brother Samuel were servants in the same household.⁷²

69. "1851 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 16, Devon, Bridgerule West, ED 4b, p. 15, sch. 55, John Cleave household.; and image 10, p. 9, sch. 27, Samuel Gliddon household.

70. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 10, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 11, sch. 64, Samuel Gliddon household; and image 9, p. 2, sch. 12, John Cleave.

71. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household, and sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household.

72. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 6 > image 2, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 6, p. 1, sch. 1, John Woodley household, for Samuel Glidon and John Cleave.

The connections continued in Canada:

- Susan's sister Elizabeth and James's mother and siblings Thomas, Samuel, and Mary arrived in Canada from the same ship.⁷³
- Three of James's siblings briefly lived in Ontario near Durham, where the Gliddons had settled.⁷⁴
- James's sister Susan and Susan's brother Thomas worked in the same Ontario household.⁷⁵

Society Column Announcements

Local newspaper announcements between 1875 and 1937 show connections between the Akron-based Cleaves and folks in the Bowmanville, Ontario, area where the Gliddons had settled:

- *Bowmanville, 1875*. "Married. Cleave-Hambly. On the 14th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Mr. W. Jolliffe, Mr. John Cleave, of Akron, Ohio, U.S., to Miss Mary Grace Hambly, of Bowmanville [*sic*], Ont."⁷⁶
- *Akron, 1883*. "Personals. Samuel Cleave and his sister Susie [James's siblings] have returned from a month's visit with friends at Bowmanville, Canada."⁷⁷
- *West Durham, 1887*. "Died. Cleave. – At 114 Brown street, Akton [*sic*] Ohio, at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, 1887, of cancer, Mary Grace, wife of John Cleave."⁷⁸
- *Bowmanville, 1898*. "Mr. W. Cleave, Miss Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Hine [James's siblings,] Master Fay and Miss Addie Hine, Akron, Ohio have been guests of Mr. J. Grigg, Ontario street."⁷⁹
- *Bowmanville, 1904*. "Mr. James Cleave, and daughter Miss Ida Cleave [the widowed husband and daughter of Susan (Gliddon) Cleave], Akron, Ohio are visiting their cousin Mrs. John Grigg [a relative of James Cleave's mother Grace Bottrell]."⁸⁰
- *Bowmanville, 1904*. "Mr. James Cleave and daughter, Akron, Ohio, were guests of his cousin, Mrs. Roger Fishleigh."⁸¹
- *Bowmanville, 1920*. "Mr. and Mrs. John Cleave, Helen and Vernon motored from Akron, Ohio, and are visiting their cousin, Mrs. John Grigg [a relative of James Cleave's mother Grace Bottrell]."⁸²

73. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1872 > July > image 203, arrival on 2 July 1872, S.S. *Niger*, list 466, Elizabeth Gliddon and Grace, Thomas, Samuel, and Mary Cleave.

74. "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 78, Ont., dist. 51, sub-dist. Hope, division 4, p. 1, dwell./fam. 3, William Cleave. Also, *ibid.* > Durham West > Darlington > image 6, Ont., dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 11, dwell./fam. 41, John Cleave; and image 19, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

75. "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 19, Ont., dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

76. "Married," *Merchant and General Advertiser*, 16 July 1875, page 2, col. 8.

77. "Personals," *Summit County Beacon*, 12 September 1883, page 5, col. 1.

78. "Death Notice," *West Durham News* (West Durham, Ont.), 11 March 1887, page 2, col. 5.

79. "Bowmanville, Sept. 7, 1898," *Canadian Statesman*, 7 September 1898, page 3, col. 4.

80. "Bowmanville, Aug. 10, 1904," *Canadian Statesman*, 10 August 1904, page 5, col. 2.

81. "Bowmanville-On-The-Lake," *Canadian Statesman*, 17 August 1904, page 4, col. 2.

82. "Local and Otherwise," *Canadian Statesman*, 5 August 1920, page 5, col. 4.

- *Union, Ontario, 1937*. “Relatives and friends in Akron, Ohio . . . In attendance from a distance were . . . Wul Cleve, Okron, Ohio [*sic*]” at the funeral of John Gliddon (Susan’s brother).⁸³

Onomastic Evidence

Susan’s parents, Samuel and Eliza Gliddon, named one of their Devon-born sons William Eliston Gliddon.⁸⁴ Eliston was Eliza’s maiden name.⁸⁵ Susan Gliddon and James Cleave named one of their Ohio-born sons William Eliston Cleave.⁸⁶ Eliston, an unusual given name, connects Susan in Devon with Susan in Ohio.

Rupert Gliddon

In 1871 five-year-old “Robt” (Rupert) Gliddon traveled from England to Canada with Samuel, Eliza, Susan, John, and Damarus Gliddon.⁸⁷ Rupert, born on 5 May 1866 and baptized on 27 May 1866 in the registration district where the Gliddons lived, was Susan’s illegitimate son.⁸⁸

In 1871 Rupert, identified as “Grandson,” lived in Samuel and Eliza Gliddon’s Devon household.⁸⁹ In 1881, he is in their household with no relationship specified.⁹⁰ By 1891 at age twenty-three, he lived independently in Ontario.⁹¹

In 1896 Rupert Gliddon, twenty-eight, married Therese Friederika Otto in Toronto, Ontario.⁹² Rupert named his grandparents as his parents. Subsequent censuses document Rupert’s birth in England.⁹³ His obituary mentions no parents

83. John Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, 13 January 1937, page 9, col. 8.

84. Birth certificate for William Eliston Gliddon, 12 October 1852.

85. Marriage certificate, Gliddon-Eliston, March quarter 1841, Stoke Damerel Reg. Dist.

86. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6482>) > Ohio > Akron City > 1 > Draft Card C > image 422, Akron Draft Board 1, card for William Ellston Cleave, no. 3417, 12 September 1918; from NARA microfilm M1509.

87. “Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935,” *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1871 > July > image 14, arrival on 31 July 1871, SS *Austrian* manifest, p. 9, no. 187, Gliddon party.

88. Birth certificate for Rupert Gliddon, registered 13 June 1866, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 5b/554/231, GROS. Also, “Devon Baptisms,” *Findmypast*, digital image of Bridgerule Parish, baptismal register, p. 90, no. 716, Rupert Gliddon, 27 May 1866. The records name the mother and no father.

89. “1871 England Census,” *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household, for Rupert Gliddon.

90. 1881 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham West > Bowmanville > image 56, Ont., dist. 128, E. Bowmanville Town sub-dist., division 2, p. 29, fam. 150, John (Samuel) Gliddon household.

91. “1891 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1274>) > Ontario > Toronto City > St Thomas Ward > image 51, Toronto, Ont., dist. 119, sub-dist. 2, p. 15, fam. 72, Rupert Gliddon.

92. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004529264>), digital film 004529264, image 1009, Toronto, Ont., Marriage Registrations, 1896, p. 158, no. 014808, Gliddon-Otto, 22 April 1896.

93. “1901 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8826>) > Ontario > Peterborough (West/Ouest) > Peterborough (Town/Ville) > image 141, Ont., dist. 107, sub-dist. D-7, p. 10, fam. 108, Rupert Gliddon. Also, “1911 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8947>) > Ontario > Peterborough West > Sub-District 24 – Peterborough > image 28, Ont., dist. 113 sub-dist. 24, p. 28, fam. 307, Rupert Gliddon. Also, “1921 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8991>) > Ontario > Peterborough West > Sub-District 26 – Peterboro (City) > image 6, Ont., dist. 119, sub-dist. 26, p. 5, fam. 56, Rupert Gliddon.

or grandparents.⁹⁴ An article about Rupert and his family, saying he was Samuel and Eliza Gliddon's grandson, does not mention his parents.⁹⁵

CONCLUSION

Susan Gliddon was born in Bridgerule, Devon, in 1850. She immigrated through Quebec with her family and moved to Summit County, Ohio. Her illegitimate son, Rupert, stayed in Canada with his grandparents, enabling him and Susan to avoid the stigma of illegitimacy.

Susan married James Cleave in 1872, bore seven more children, and died in 1898. Her timeline demonstrates, with indirect and negative evidence, that only one Susan Gliddon was present in three geographic locations during the relevant respective periods. Additionally, close ties between Gliddon and Cleave families in Devon, Ontario, and Ohio support the connection.

APPENDIX

Ontario Sources Searched, Unproductively, for Susan Gliddon and James Cleave after 1870

- *Orono News* (Orono, Ontario), 1901–1926, and *Merchant* (Bowmanville, Ontario), 1869–1876; digital and microfilm collections searched using indexes at the Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville, Ontario.
- “Microfiche Surname Index for Newspapers,” 1868–1926, newspapers on microfilm, and cemetery index/transcriptions; Clarington Public Library.
- Nineteenth-century account books, photographs, land deeds, Clarington business and citizens’ records, census reports, and ledgers; Clarington Museum and Archives, Bowmanville.
- Durham Co., Ont., official private property records; Ontario Land Registry, Whitby.
- Oshawa, Ont., city directories, newspaper index, and microfilm; Oshawa Public Libraries.
- *FamilySearch* databases: “Ontario Deaths, 1869–1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939–1947” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1307826>); “Ontario, Births and Baptisms, 1779–1899” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1805649>); and “Ontario, Marriages, 1800–1910” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1810408>).
- *Ancestry* databases: “Canadian Census Collection” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/canadiancensus>); “Summit County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840–1980” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2145>); “Summit County, Ohio, Birth Records, 1866–1908” (search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2144); “Summit County, Ohio, Death Records, 1866–1908” (search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1596); and “U.S. Federal Census Collection” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen>), restricted to Summit County, Ohio, 1850–1920.

94. “Obituaries,” *Canadian Statesman*, 3 February 1944, page 7, col. 7.

95. *Peterborough Examiner* (Peterborough, Ont.) (<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2009/10/31/let-there-be-music-and-theatre>), digital transcription of article by Linda Hope, “Let There Be Music and Theatre,” 31 October 2009.

Tracking a French Canadian through Francophone and Anglophone Communities: A Case Study in Language Interference

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Tracking a family across a linguistic boundary presents problems. French Canadians often changed names, for example, when moving from a francophone to an anglophone environment. That fact, and an ailing priest's apparent recording error, confused and concealed an identity.

Researchers tracing Henry Dubay, husband of Susan King, in nineteenth-century Maine quickly encounter an obstacle. Descendants' ample documentation suggests that the task should be straightforward. It is not.

HENRY DUBAY'S CHILDREN AND GRANDDAUGHTER

Sadie Celia, sixth child of Mike and Melvina (Thériault) Dubay, was born in Ashland, Aroostook County, Maine, in 1914.¹ In 1920 and 1930 her parents were

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1. "Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1960>) > Aroostook > 1914 > D > image 293, Maine, birth record cards, alphabetically arranged, [unnamed female] Dubay, 23 March 1914.

reportedly Mike and Melvina Dubay.² In 1932 Sadie, an eighteen-year-old domestic, married Warren Eastman, a twenty-four-year-old laborer, in Corinna, Maine.³ Sadie died on 29 July 1984 and was buried in Morse's Corner Cemetery in Corinna. Her civil death record and obituary name her parents as Michael and Melvina (Thériault) Deabay.⁴

Sadie's paternal grandparents should be easy to document. Although Mike has no known birth record, his civil marriage and death records name his parents as Henry Dubay and "Suzan" King.⁵ Mike's sister, Annie, is three times recorded as daughter of Henry Deabay and "Mary" King or Susan King.⁶ Mike's 1905 civil marriage record states he was born in Caribou, Maine. Two of his children's records, however, claim he was born in neighboring Fort Fairfield.⁷ He left home by

2. 1920 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, population schedule, Ashland, enumeration district (ED) 3, sheets 21A–21B, dwelling 370, family 379, Mike Dubay household; microfilm T625, roll 638, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Ashland, ED 2-3, sheet 19A, dwell. 251, fam. 352, Mike Dubay household; NARA microfilm T626, roll 828.

3. Corinna, Maine, Marriages, photocopy of original, chronologically arranged entry, Eastman-Deabay, 17 September 1932; Maine Office of Vital Records, Augusta. Research done over a decade ago can no longer be replicated due to access restrictions. Imaging of these records fails to capture pagination.

4. Maine, death certificate 84-06383 (1984), Sadie Celia Eastman; Maine Office of Vital Records. Also "Obituaries and Funerals: Sadie C. Eastman," *Bangor Daily News* (Bangor, Maine), Aroostook edition, 30 July 1984, page 23, col. 4.

5. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007595548>), digital film 007595548, Fort Fairfield, Maine, vital records. A thorough search covering 1849–92 produced negative results. Not all pre-1892 births were recorded. See Allen J. Voisine (county genealogist), to author, e-mail, 10 June 2016; author's files. Also, Linda J. Zapatka, comp., *Vital Records of Caribou, Maine* (Rockland, Maine: Picton Press, 2007), 31–92. Also, Ashland, Maine, Marriages, photocopy of original, chronologically arranged, Debay-Therriault, 7 February 1905; Maine Office of Vital Records. Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007595539>), digital film 007595539, image 280, Aroostook Co., Maine, Deaths 1:92, Mike Dubay, 9 March 1947; Maine Office of Vital Records.

6. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004543983, image 02805, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Buber-Deabay marriage, 17 June 1903. Also, *FamilySearch*, digital film 005011589, image 03807, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Doyle-Bubar marriage, 28 February 1921. Also, Houlton, Maine, Record of a Death, Annie Doyle, 30 June 1945; photocopy, Maine Office of Vital Records. The tradition among French-Canadian families of including the name Mary at baptism explains Annie's mother's first name. See Geneviève Ribordy, *Les prénoms de nos ancêtres: Étude d'histoire sociale* [Given names of our ancestors: A study in social history] (Sillery, Quebec: Septentrion, 1995), 63. That practice now is uncommon. See Bertrand Desjardins (Programme de recherche en démographie historique [Historical Demography Research Program], Université de Montréal) to author, e-mail, 25 February 2017; author's files.

7. *FamilySearch*, digital film 00454444, image 03715, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Debay-Therriault marriage, 7 February 1905. Also, *Ancestry*, "Maine Birth Records, 1715–1922," database with images, for [unnamed female] Dubey, 21 October 1911. Also, *FamilySearch*, digital film 005011586, image 00393, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Deabay birth, 8 January 1922. "File Dube" is stamped at the top of the first record and "Dube" is inscribed at the top of Annie's, indicating records filed together for surname regardless of spelling.

February 1905, when he married Melvina Thériault in Ashland. He returned to Fort Fairfield, planning to move to Ashland, some forty miles upriver, to work at “the largest [saw] mill east of the Mississippi.”⁸ Born about 1878, Mike lived in Ashland until he died in 1947.⁹ He is buried there at Saint Mark Cemetery.¹⁰

Death-certificate-informant Freeman Dubay, Mike’s son, called his father “Maxime.” Only that record and his headstone give that first name. All other records call him “Mike” or “Michael.”¹¹ His civil death and marriage records name the same parents, Henry Dubay and Susan King, tying Mike to Maxime.¹² French Canadian town clerk Zoé Gagnon might have “corrected” what appeared to be an

8. “Dorsey Road,” *Fort Fairfield Review* (Fort Fairfield, Maine), 5 April 1911, page 5, col. 2. Mike might have been a seasonal worker in his early years. Also, Deno Lynn Winslow York, *History of the Greater Ashland, Maine Area* (Presque Isle, Maine: privately published, 1983), 69–70.

9. 1910 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Ashland, ED 3, sheet 9A, dwell. 113, fam. 125, Mike Dubay household; NARA microfilm T624, roll 537. Also, 1920 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Ashland, ED 3, sheets 21A–21B, dwell. 370, fam. 379, Mike Dubay household. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Ashland, ED 2-3, sheet 19A, dwell. 251, fam. 352, Mike Dubay household. Also, 1940 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Ashland, ED 2-3, sheet 17A, visitation 262, Mike Dubay household; NARA microfilm T627, roll 1471.

10. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>), memorial 117041246, digital image, 10 August 2017, by Gail Kelly of gravestone of Maxime Deabay (Saint Mark Catholic Cemetery, Ashland, Maine).

11. Joan Lozier, digital image, undated, of Maxime Deabay and Melvina (Therriault) headstone (Saint Mark Cemetery), *Genealogy Website for: Levesque, Lozier, Mascola, Messina* (<http://www.joanshome.com/genealogy1/showmedia.php?mediaID=7506&medialinkID=10596>). Accompanying Lozier’s photo is this note: “Spoke to his son Omer Deabay & he told me that any Catholic records used Maxime for his dad & other records used Michael.” Saint Mark church is now part of the Parish of the Precious Blood which grants researchers no access to sacramental records; thus, the claim cannot be confirmed. The standard francophone spelling for Mike’s son’s name is “Firmin.” See “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6482>) > Maine > Aroostook County > 1 > Draft Card D > image 360, Registration Card 499, Mike Dubay, 12 September 1918; from NARA microfilm M1509. His children’s birth records give his name as “Mike.” See *Ancestry*, “Maine Birth Records, 1715–1922,” image 301, Clarence Debay, 23 May 1905; image 253, [unnamed female] Dubé, 5 October 1906; image 318, [unnamed female] Dubey, 7 September 1907; image 269, [unnamed female] Dubey, 18 September 1909; image 307, [unnamed female] Dubey, 21 October 1911; image 293, [unnamed female] Dubay, 23 March 1914; image 335, Henry Joseph Deabay, 16 January 1916; image 349, Sophie Malvina Deabay, 13 December 1917; image 303, Aurthier Dubey, 11 December 1919; and image 353, Annie Deabay, 8 January 1922. Also, Ashland, Maine, Record of a Birth, Freeman Dubay, 16 February 1924; photocopy, Maine Office of Vital Records, Augusta, Maine. Also, *ibid.*, Mike Dubey, 14 May 1926. Also, *ibid.*, Marie G. Dubay, 24 March 1928.

12. The marriage record spells the parents’ names *Henry Debay* and *Susan King*, while the death record spells them *Henry Dubay* and *Suzan King*. See *FamilySearch*, digital film 00454444, image 03715, “Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921,” Debay-Therriault marriage, 7 February 1905. Also, Eagle Lake, Maine, Record of a Death, Maxime Dubay, 9 March 1947; photocopy, Maine Office of Vital Records.

English nickname. Also, Gagnon might have confused him with Maxime Dubay who lived in town in 1935.¹³

HENRY DUBAY OF FORT FAIRFIELD

No civil vital record reveals Henry's marriage to Susan, births of their children, Susan's death, or Henry's second marriage.¹⁴

Religious records are unhelpful. Priests from Saint Bruno, in Van Buren, served the Catholic church in Fort Fairfield through about 1871, followed by priests from Saint Mary of the Visitation, in Houlton. Saint Denis became a canonical parish with its own registers in 1894.¹⁵ No marriage for Henry Dubé and Susan King appears in Saint Bruno or any Catholic parish in neighboring Madawaska and Victoria counties, New Brunswick, on the Canadian side of the Upper Saint John Valley. A fire in 1905 destroyed Saint Mary's early registers.¹⁶

13. Maxime Dubay of Eagle Lake was five years older than Mike. The town clerk may have thought *Maxime* was Mike's given name. See 1900 U.S. census Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Township 16, Range 7 [Eagle Lake], ED 16, sheets 17B–18A, dwell. 175, fam. 187, Maxime Dubay; NARA microfilm T623, roll 636. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Eagle Lake Plantation, ED 20, sheet 3B, dwell. 42, fam. 46, Maxime Dubay. Also, 1920 U.S. census Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Eagle Lake, ED 17, sheet 14A, dwell. 177, fam. 219, Maxime Dubé. The 1920 enumerator Zoé Gagnon was town clerk in 1947, when Mike died. He should not have erred, because Maxime died in 1924 and his namesake son had moved to Bristol, Conn., by 1940. Son Maxime lived in Eagle Lake in 1935. See *Find a Grave*, memorial 135267264, digital image, 1 September 2014, by "Dirigo 04736" of Maxime Dube headstone (Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery, Eagle Lake). Also, 1940 U.S. census, Hartford Co., Conn., pop. sch., Bristol, ED 2-28, sheet 10B, visitation 212, Maxime Dubay; NARA microfilm T627, roll 502.

14. Fort Fairfield recorded births 1854–83, intentions of marriage and marriages 1849–92, and deaths 1872–90. See *FamilySearch*, digital collection 007595548. Also, Maine State Archives, *Public Record Repositories in Maine* (Augusta, Maine: Maine State Archives, 1983), 35, incorrectly gives the start of the town's vital records as 1847.

15. For Saint Bruno as the parish serving families along the Aroostook River, see *St. Bruno Parish, Van Buren, Maine: Sesquicentennial, 1838–1988* (Van Buren, Maine: Saint Bruno Parish, 1988), 15. For Saint Mary of the Visitation, in Houlton, as the parish serving Saint Denis, in Fort Fairfield, between 1872 and 1894, see T. F. Manter, comp., *The Fort Fairfield Register and Town History, 1904* (Madison, Maine: Bulletin Publishing, 1904), 49. Also, Jean Deschesne, "History of Saint Denis Church," in *A History of St. Denis Catholic Church, Fort Fairfield, Maine* (Fort Fairfield, Maine: St. Denis Parish, 1994), unpag., history section.

16. For *King* as a variant of *Roy*, see Picard, *Dictionary of Americanized French-Canadian Names*, 143–44. Also, Gary R. Levesque, *St. Bruno Parish, Van Buren, Maine, 1838–1900: Marriage, Baptismal, and Death Records; Includes Priests' Notes* (Van Buren, Maine: privately published, 2015), 19–20. Also, Jean-Guy Poitras, *Répertoire des mariages, Nord-Ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick, 1792–2012, Saint-Bruno, Van Buren, Maine, 1838–1870, Sainte-Luce, Frenchville, Maine, 1843–1860 = Marriage Records, Northwestern New Brunswick, 1792–2012, St. Bruno, Van Buren, Maine, 1838–1870, St. Luce, Frenchville, Maine, 1843–1860* (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 2013), 335, King entries, and 341, Roy entries. This collection contains many corrections to Jean-Guy Poitras, *Répertoire des mariages au Nord-Ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada, pour les comtés de Madawaska, Restigouche (partiellement), et Victoria, 1792–2001 = Marriages of Northwestern New Brunswick, Canada, for Madawaska, Restigouche (partially), and Victoria Counties* (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 2002). For the loss of Saint Mary's records, see Patti Sloat, administrative assistant, Saint Mary of the Visitation (Houlton), Saint Agnes (Island Falls), and Saint Paul (Patton), phone call to author, 22 August 2016; notes, author's files.

Mike's children remembered visiting their grandfather and step-grandmother in Fort Fairfield.¹⁷ In 1910 the only Henry Dubay of age to be Mike's father was in Fort Fairfield. His second wife, Elinor, could be the step-grandmother they remembered.¹⁸

In 1900 Henry and Elinor had been married for seventeen years. They had five children: Archie, born in May 1884; Louis, in July 1886; Sadie, in May 1889; Leona, in August 1891; and Joseph, in January 1895.¹⁹

Henry's children's birth records give his birthplace as Maine or Madawaska.²⁰ His death record gives "Canada" but annotated by the town clerk: "His own relatives do not know any more concerning his parents. Have been personally to his wife & daughters. His parentage was unknown to them."²¹ Henry's local death notice gives no additional information beyond his age.²² He left no probate, suggesting a small estate.²³ Henry neither bought nor sold land.²⁴

17. Richard Eastman (Northborough, Mass.) to author, e-mail, 25 May 2016; author's files.

18. 1910 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Fort Fairfield, ED 23, sheet 23A, dwell. 377, fam. 447, Henry Deabay. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Caribou, ED 10, sheet 11B, no dwell./fam. num., Frank Dubay household. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Eagle Lake, ED 20, sheet 8B, dwell. 120, fam. 132, Henry Dubay.

19. 1900 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Fort Fairfield, ED 18, sheet 22A, dwell. 385, fam. 416, Henry Dubey household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 588.

20. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004543983, image 02805, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Buber-Deabay marriage, 17 June 1903. Also, *Ancestry*, "Maine Birth Records, 1715–1922," image 21, for Justine Sadie Deabay birth, 20 October 1889. (The information was taken from the baptismal entry in the parish register at Saint Denis Catholic Church and received by the Fort Fairfield town clerk on 27 November 1950.) Also, *ibid.*, image 261, [unnamed stillborn male] Dubay, 9 April 1902. Also, Eagle Lake, Record of a Death, Maxime Dubay, 9 March 1947; photocopy, Maine Office of Vital Records.

21. *Ancestry*, "Maine, Death Records, 1761–1922," image 103, for Henry Dubay death, 4 February 1913. Given that family members in 1913 did not know Henry's parents' names, the town clerk might have written "Canada" because Henry spoke more French than English. His headstone, giving his death as 1912, does not agree with the official record. For a photo and transcription of the headstone, see Linda J. Zapatka, *St. Denis Catholic Cemetery* (Fort Fairfield, Maine: privately published, 2008), 120.

22. "Died," *Fort Fairfield Review*, 5 February 1913, page 12, col. 3.

23. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/4201511>), digital film 4201511, images 205–6, Aroostook Co., Probate Index 4, 1910–1925, C–F, pp. 433–34 and 449–51, search for Andrew or Henry in Dubay, Dube, Dubey, and Duby entries. There are no Doubay entries. Also, *The Revised Statutes of the State of Maine* (Portland, Maine: Loring, Short, and Harmon, 1904), 587–656, Title Six: Powers and Duties of Courts of Probate, chaps. 65–74.

24. For the deeds registry to search for southern Aroostook County land records, see "Southern Registry of Deeds," *Aroostook County Government* (<https://www.arostook.me.us/southern-registry-of-deeds.html>). The author searched for Henry Deabay, Deaby, Debay, Doubay, Dubay, Dube, Dubey, and Duby in grantee and grantor indexes, 1880–1920; Registry of Deeds, Houlton, Maine. For the absence of purchases by Henry, see Southern Registry of Deeds, Aroostook Co., Maine, Index of Deeds: Grantee, A–K, 1880–1891. Also, *ibid.*, Grantee, A–K, 1892–1900. Also, *ibid.*, Grantee, A–F, 1901–1910. Also, *ibid.*, Grantee, A–C, 1911–1920. For the absence of sales by Henry, see *ibid.*, Grantor, A–K, 1880–1891. Also, *ibid.*, Grantor, A–K, 1892–1900. Also, *ibid.*, Grantor, A–F, 1901–1910. Also, *ibid.*, Grantor, A–C, 1911–1920, Aroostook Co.

The town of Fort Fairfield and Saint Bruno parish have no record of Henry's first marriage and no death record for his first wife or his second wife's first husband.²⁵

No document suggests Henry came to Aroostook County from a distance. If family members were correct, Henry Dubay, or Deabay, and his first wife should appear in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 United States censuses, likely in Aroostook County, or 1861, 1871, and 1881 Canadian censuses for Victoria or Madawaska counties of New Brunswick. They do not.²⁶

ANDRÉ DUBÉ A.K.A. ANDREW DUBAY OF HAMLIN AND FORT FAIRFIELD

In 1880 a man named Andrew De Beay lived in Fort Fairfield with wife Suzanne. They and their parents were born in New Brunswick.²⁷ Could Andrew be Henry?

25. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007595548, Fort Fairfield, vital records, 1849–1892. An Aroostook County genealogist searched intentions and marriages for 1875–85. See Allen J. Voisine, e-mail to author, 10 June 2016; author's files. The oldest surviving marriage register for Saint Denis Catholic church in Fort Fairfield starts on 22 August 1894, after Henry's second family began. See Allen J. Voisine, e-mail to author, 7 June 2016; author's files. Saint Denis's mother parish, Saint Bruno, in Van Buren, was searched in Levesque, *St. Bruno Parish, Van Buren, Maine, 1838–1900: Marriage, Baptismal, and Death Records*, 19–20, for marriages; and for burials, 237–238 (Dubé), 242 (King), and 257–58 (Roy). The death record search was augmented by the database search function of the "Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757–1946," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1110>) and "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1111>). Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004529831>), digital film 004529831, image 18, Parish of Andover (Victoria Co., N.B.), death certificate 084003 (1934), Mrs. Lena Burbee. Her oldest son Archie Dubay, was informant. Because a Fort Fairfield doctor certified the death, a Maine death certificate was attached to the New Brunswick certificate, with a typed message referring to a 3 November 1934 letter verifying that the death took place in Andover Parish, New Brunswick. This happened when individuals lived closer to an American doctor than a Canadian one.

26. "U.S. Federal Census Collection," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen>), search of population schedules 1860–1910 for "Henry" with no surname, and spouse Susan King in Aroostook, Maine. The author also searched the indexes of Jean-Guy Poitras, *Recensement 1861, comté de Victoria (incluant l'actuel comté de Madawaska), Province du Nouveau-Brunswick* [1861 census (of) Victoria County [including today's Madawaska County], New Brunswick Province] (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 1998), 129. Also, *Recensement 1871, comtés de Madawaska et de Victoria, Province du Nouveau-Brunswick* [1871 census (of) Madawaska and Victoria counties, New Brunswick Province] (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 1997), 187. Also, *Recensement 1881, comtés de Madawaska et de Victoria, Province du Nouveau-Brunswick* [1881 census (of) Madawaska and Victoria counties, New Brunswick Province] (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 1997), 396. Also, *Recensement 1891, comtés de Madawaska et de Victoria, Province du Nouveau-Brunswick* [1891 census (of) Madawaska and Victoria counties, New Brunswick Province] (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 1996), 462. Also, *Recensement 1911, comtés de Madawaska et de Victoria, Province du Nouveau-Brunswick* [1911 census (of) Madawaska and Victoria counties, New Brunswick Province] (Edmundston, N.B.: privately published, 2007), 650.

27. 1880 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Fort Fairfield, ED 205, p. 21, dwell. 159, fam. 177, Andrew De Beay household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 476.

Andrew married Délima (Adélaïde) Lebel on 28 July 1851.²⁸ In 1860 Andrew lived with her and Léandre (called Andrew), apparently their only child.²⁹ Andrew has no baptismal record.³⁰ Perhaps he was born in the Perth-Andover area of Victoria County, where his father lived after marrying Délima.

Andrew's parents were in Victoria County on 6 April 1854, when his father purchased land.³¹ In 1860 they and Andrew lived in Township G, Range 1 (today's Hamlin), the northeastern most township in the continental United States. Victoria County, New Brunswick, adjoins Aroostook County, Maine. Eight-year-old Andrew lived with Andrew and Délima Dubay, Augustus and Augustine Bell, four younger children, and a possible cousin.³² Seventeen years later A. Dubay and three Bells

28. "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 235, for Saint Bruno parish, Van Buren, Maine, parish registers, 1841–1882, Dubé-Lebel marriage, 28 July 1851. The entry says Hélie was "de la mission de Tobique" [from the Tobique mission], thus the wedding likely occurred there because the Saint Bruno priest tended that chapel in 1851. See George L. Findlen, *Genealogist's Handbook for Upper Saint John Research* (Baltimore, Md.: Clearfield, 2003), 17. Also, "St. Ann-Parish History," *Roman Catholic Church: Trust in Divine Mercy* (www.divinemercy-N.B.ca/stannhistory.php). His name is "Hélie Dubé" in his marriage record, "Andrew Debay" in 1851, and "Andrew Dubay" in 1860. See 1851 Canada census, Perth, Victoria Co., N.B., p. 15, dwell. 88, Andrew Debay household; microfilm C-996, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ont. Also, "U.S., French Catholic Church Records," *Ancestry*, image 538, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, Dubé-Roy marriage, 14 April 1874. The number in the margin was for a baptism; it was erased and no number put in for a marriage.

29. 1860 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Twp. G, Range 1 (Hamlin), p. 18, dwell./fam. 106, Andrew Dubay; NARA microfilm M653, roll 434.

30. Victorie D. Dufour, Index of the Birth Records, 1838–1893, copied from the authentic Registers of St. Bruno's Parish, Van Buren, Maine, pp. 90–95; manuscript MC-00201, 90-91; Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine, Fort Kent. If Andrew was born in Victoria Co., N.B., infrequent visits to Tobique could have caused the record's absence. For the couple's other children, see "U.S., French Catholic Church Records," *Ancestry*, for Saint Bruno parish (Van Buren, Maine), register, 1841–1882, fol. 119v, Xavier Dubé baptism, 3 September 1854; fol. 132v, Mie Dubé baptism, 29 October 1855; fol. 147r, Marie Dubé baptism, 22 October 1856; fol. 165v, François Dubé baptism, 24 March 1858; fol. 188r, Léandre Dubé baptism, 14 May 1860; fol. 205v, Félix Dubé baptism, 13 April 1862; fol. 219v, Victoria ("Lebel" crossed out) Dubé baptism, 12 March 1864; p. 74, Léonie Dubé baptism, 3 September 1866; pp. 138–39, Napoléon Dubé baptism, 3 March 1868; and p. 187, Sophie Dubé baptism, 17 August 1869.

31. Northern Registry of Deeds, Aroostook Co., Maine, Record of Deeds 3:369, Gauvin to Dubae, warranty deed, 6 April 1854; and 3:370, Bell to Dube, warranty deed, 3 April 1856; Registry, Fort Kent.

32. 1860 U.S. census Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Twp. G, Range 1, p. 18, dwell./fam. 6, Andrew Dubay. "Augustine" likely means "Augustin's wife." Young Andrew's maternal grandmother's name is given as "Marie Théotiste" in her marriage record. See "Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621–1968," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1091>), for Saint-Louis parish (Kamouraska, Quebec), parish register, 1823, fol. 32v, Lebel-Lebel marriage, 24 November 1823.

held land on lot 117 at Township G's western end.³³ At forty-four, the elder Andrew died in June 1869, leaving ten children ages seventeen to one.³⁴ Délima bore an eleventh child two months after her husband died.³⁵ Eight months later, in April 1870, Délima died of typhoid fever.³⁶ A parish census shows the orphans scattered throughout the parish, the six youngest in whatever homes would take them.³⁷ In June 1870 Andrew, eighteen, headed a household, working as a "farmer," probably on his father's farm. Living with him were a young couple and their young child.³⁸

Given that rural couples generally courted within walking distance in the 1870s, André likely left Hamlin Plantation and relocated to Lyndon, Aroostook County, around 1871–72.³⁹ André Dubé, son of the late couple Léandre Dubé and Adélaïde Lebel, married Dosithée Roy, daughter of Achille Roy and Susanne Devau, on 14 April 1874 at Sacred Heart Chapel on the northern edge of Lyndon (now Caribou

33. Frederick B. Roe and N. George Colby, *Atlas of Aroostook Co., Maine* (Philadelphia; Roe and Colby, 1877), 101. A. Dubay, E. Bell, X. Bell, and F. Bell had houses on lot 117, just east of Hammond Brook. Bell was the common shortening of Lebel. See Picard, *Dictionary of Americanized French-Canadian Names*, 101. Given that André (Andrew) was their only child whose first name started with *A* and that other occupants of lot 117 were Bells, Dubay likely was André. Because André sold his father's farm to Xavier Bell in 1875, the atlas makers made the notes before 1875. They made adjustments for a lot renumbering.

34. "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 487, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, burial of Léandre Dubé, 11 June 1869.

35. *Ibid.*, image 490, p. 85, Sophie Dubé baptism, 17 August 1869.

36. *Ibid.*, image 498, p. 212, burial of Adélaïde LeBel, 22 April 1870. Also, 1870 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, mortality schedule, Hamlin Plantation, p. 1, fam. 64, Lizzie Dubay; accessed via "U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1880," database with images, *Ancestry*; citing Non-population Schedules for Maine, 1850–1880, microfilm, 4 rolls, Maine State Archives, Augusta.

37. "U.S., French Catholic Church Records," *Ancestry*, for Saint Bruno parish, registers, 1871–1873, "1872 Recensement fait par le Rev. P. S. Vallée Ptre Curé de St Bruno comprenant toutes les familles de St Bruno de Madawaska, Van Buren, State of Maine" [1872 parish census made by Rev. P. S. Vallée, pastor of Saint Bruno, including all families residing in the parish of Saint Bruno of Madawaska, Van Buren, Maine], p. 535, fam. 173, Léandre, twelve, placed with Jean Parent and Angélique Thibodeau; p. 543, fam. 215, Victoria, eight, with Eugène Beaulieu and Sophie Parent; p. 518, fam. 92, Léonie, five, with Raphaël Morin and Julie Cormier; and p. 492, fam. 23, Sophie, two, with Israël Michaud and Judith Cyr. Two children were placed in Canada. See 1871 Canada census, St. Leonard Div., Victoria Dist., N.B., p. 2, maison [dwell.] 7, famille [fam.] 7, Felix Debay, eight, with Dominique and Marie [Powers] Michaud; and St. Leonard Div., Victoria Dist., N.B., p. 46, maison 128, famille 151, Napoleon Cormia, three, with Firmin and Selus [*sic*] Cormia (Cormier); "1871 Census (Canada)," *Library and Archives Canada* (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1871). The author thanks local historian Guy Dubay for finding Napoléon.

38. 1870 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Hamlin Plantation, p. 9, dwell. 58, fam. 64, Andrew Dubay; NARA microfilm M593, roll 539.

39. *Ibid.*, Lyndon, p. 12, dwell. 75, fam. 71, Osway Kien family; NARA microfilm M593, roll 538. André does not appear in Chip Gagnon, "1872 census of St. Bruno Parish, Van Buren," census transcriptions, *The Upper St. John River Valley* (www.upperstjohn.com/#census).

Township).⁴⁰ Their witnesses were the Saint Bruno sexton and a next-door neighbor, who traveled with the priest to distant missions.⁴¹ Dosithée gave birth to her first child four days later.⁴² A very ill priest recorded the marriage and the baptism, calling Andre's wife Dosithée. Their son, Guillaume, left no other record.

On 3 March 1875, hardly a year later, Andrew sold his share of his father's farm. "Suzanne" released her dower.⁴³ Andrew lived in Letter K Plantation, Aroostook County, today's Connor, immediately north of Lyndon, about twelve miles south of the farm.⁴⁴

Six years later Andrew De Beay, twenty-eight, was in Fort Fairfield, three townships south of Hamlin working as a farm laborer. With him were his wife, Susan, twenty-four, and three children: Mike, four; Annie, three; and Samuel, four months. Andrew, Susan, and their parents were born in New Brunswick, and the children were born in Maine.⁴⁵

Andrew Dubay bought or sold no land after 1875.⁴⁶ His last record is a 20 February 1882 marriage at Fort Fairfield to Elenore Le Vecque.⁴⁷ Susan's death

40. "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 538, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, Dubé-Roy marriage, 14 April 1874.

41. The Sacré Coeur mission chapel, built in 1870, was served by Saint Bruno, in Van Buren, until 1881, when Sacré Coeur became a canonical parish. See Marcella Belanger-Violette, "Le fait français au Madawaska Américain" [The French character of American Madawaska] (PhD thesis, l'Université Saint-Louis d'Edmundston, N.B., 1953), 162. For Sacré-Coeur (today's Sacred Heart) register entries recorded in Saint Bruno's register, see George L. Findlen, "Introduction to Victorie Dufour's Index of Births in Saint Bruno Parish, 1838 through 1893" [2003], p. 6; typescript, FHL; PDF, *ExLibrisRosetta* https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1988117). For the first witness, see 1870 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Hamlin Plantation, p. 23, dwell. 128, fam. 137, Odile Violette, sexton, listed immediately after P. H. Beaudet, R.C. Clergyman. For the second witness, see "U.S., French Catholic Church Records," *Ancestry*, for Saint Bruno parish, 1872 Recensement fait par le Rev. P. S. Vallée Ptre Curé de St Bruno, p. 494, dwell. 29, Jos. Bergeron. Bergeron, given as *vien garçon* [bachelor], lived next to Theodule Violette, bedeau [sexton].

42. "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 539, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, Guillaume Dubé baptism, 20 April 1874.

43. Northern Registry of Deeds, Aroostook County, Record of Deeds 13:132, Dube to Bell, quitclaim deed, 3 March 1875. This land is the same acreage of the northwest part of lot 317 that the buyer sold Andrew Dubé (Andrew's father) on 6 April 1854. See *ibid.*, 3:370–71.

44. See "Search for Maine Places," *Maine Genealogy: Resources for Genealogists and Family Historians* (www.maine-genealogy.net), for Connor Township.

45. 1880 U.S. census, Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Fort Fairfield, ED 205, page 21A, dwell. 159, fam. 177, Andrew De Beay household.

46. Northern Aroostook Dist., Aroostook Co., Grantor and Grantee Index 1, 1846–83, and 2, 1883–95. Guy Dubay, local historian, searched those indexes, finding only the 3 March 1875 quitclaim initiated by Andrew Dubé.

47. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007595548, image 277, Fort Fairfield, Intentions of Marriage 3:23, Dubey–Le Veque, entered on 13 February 1882, issued 20 February 1882. Also, *ibid.*, image 336, Marriages, 1876–1892, p. 20, Dubey–Le Vecque, 20 February 1882.

record has not been found. Of the four Andrews in Fort Fairfield in 1880, only one was a Dubai, making it likely the groom had been Susan's husband.⁴⁸ Thereafter, as with Henry Deabay, records naming Andrew Dubai cease.

A town register, created almost two decades later, suggests a connection between Andrew and Henry.

THE TOWN REGISTER

In 1904 Fort Fairfield published the equivalent of a city directory. Its spring census includes Henry's household in the Rural District section:

Dubay, Henry, lab[orer]	R[ural] F[ree] D[elivery] No 1
Dorsey r[oad]	3 ½ mi out
Mike	lab[orer]
Annie	
Mary (Levesque[])	ho[usework]
Archie	
Louis	
Sadie	
Lione	
Joe	
Ralph ⁴⁹	

In such censuses, wives appear after the household head and then the children. Two children listed before Henry's wife implies they are from Henry's first marriage. Their names match two children in Andrew De Beay's 1880 household.

Andrew apparently was Henry. Was Dosithée Roy also Susan King, and was Andrew De Beay also Henry Dubai?

WAS DOSITHÉE ROY SUSAN KING?⁵⁰

Does a two-person scenario stand up? Ozithé and Zité (and sometimes Dorothé) are short for Dosithée; Suzanne (and Susan) are not. Andrew's wife could have died after childbirth, and Andrew could have married Dosithée's sister Susan who lived in nearby Lyndon Township with her parents in 1870.⁵¹ With no record to support it, that scenario raises further questions:

48. "1880 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6742>), search for Andrew with no surname in Fort Fairfield.

49. T. F. Manter, comp., *The Fort Fairfield Register and Town History, 1904* (Madison, Maine: Bulletin Publishing, 1904), 137.

50. "Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records," *Ancestry*, image 381, for Saint Basile parish, Saint-Basile, N.B., parish registers, 1792–1910, baptism of Zité [Roy dit] Voisine, 8 March 1852. Also, "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 14, for Sainte Luce parish, parish registers, 1853–1863, baptism of Susanne Roy, 13 September 1853.

51. 1870 U.S. census Aroostook Co., Maine, pop. sch., Lyndon, p. 12, dwell. 75, fam. 71, Osway Kien household.

- Did the priest fail to record the blessing of the grave and the subsequent marriage, while making records for others?⁵² Dosithée and their son, Guillaume, have no such records.
- Did Andrew marry sooner than the customary year after Dosithée's death?⁵³ No marriage record shows Andrew or Henry marrying Susan.
- Did Andrew incestuously marry Susan Roy, his first wife's sister?⁵⁴

Did one wife somehow have two names? Although not all documents naming André Dubé's wife agree, the majority seem reliable:

- Marriage records of two surviving children identify their mother as Susan King.⁵⁵
- Andrew's 1875 deed and 1880 enumeration identify his wife as Susan.
- "Roy" is French for "King."
- Bad feelings toward French Canadians in Caribou and Fort Fairfield resulted in name changes.⁵⁶

52. For instance, see "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 538, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, burial of unnamed Cyr infant, 11 April 1874: "Le 11 Avril 1874 je certifie qu'un enfant de Maxime Cyr et de Angèle Anna Lajoie a été inhumé dans le cimetière de Sacré Coeur" [On 11 April 1874 I certify that a child of Maxime Cyr and Angèle Anna Lajoie was buried in the cemetery of Sacred Heart]. The absence of a death date or reference to the priest officiating at the burial indicates the entry was made after the fact, likely during a visit to the mission.

53. A typical example is Marie-Geneviève Bourgoïn who remarried six days less than a year after her husband's death. For the death, see "Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records, *Ancestry*, image 61, for Saint André parish, Saint-André, Kamouraska Co., Quebec, parish registers, 1791–1799, burial of Simon Martin, 29 February 1796. For the remarriage, see "Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records," *Ancestry*, image 38, for Saint Basile parish, Saint-Basile, N.B., parish registers, 1792–1837, Dubé-[Bourgoïn dit] Bourguignon, 21 February 1797.

54. For a child born "du commerce incestueux" [incestuous relations] of a widower with his deceased wife's sister, see "Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records," *Ancestry*, for Saint-Léonard[-de-Port-Maurice] (Saint-Léonard-Parent, N.B.) parish registers, 1854–1910, B. [baptism] 33, George-Alfred Martin, 19 May 1892.

55. *FamilySearch*, digital film 00454444, image 03715, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Debay-Therriault marriage, 7 February 1905. Also, *FamilySearch*, digital film 004543983, image 02805, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Buber-Deabay marriage, 17 June 1903. Also *FamilySearch*, digital film 005011589, image 03807, "Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921," Doyle-Bubar marriage, 28 February 1921.

56. Madison Grant, *The Passing of the Great Race or the Racial Basis of European History*, 4th ed. rev. (New York: Charles Scribner, 1936), 11–12 and 81. For New England's "hostility toward ethnicity," see p. 170; for how French Canadians were perceived by anglophone New Englanders, see 165. For a sociolinguistic treatment of the pressures on French Canadians to assimilate into an anglophone society and their resistance in larger French American communities (mostly cities with large cotton mills), see Hervé-B. Lemaire, "Franco-American Efforts on behalf of the French Language in New England," in Joshua A. Fishman, ed., *Language Loyalty in the United States: The Maintenance and Perpetuation of Non-English Mother Tongues by American Ethnic and Religious Groups* (The Hague: Mouton, 1966), 253–79.

Close examination of the two disagreeing records—the Saint Bruno marriage and baptismal entries—suggests errors:

- The marriage and baptism at Sacred Heart chapel in Lyndon were recorded eighteen miles away on the priest's return to Van Buren.⁵⁷ The delay could have caused recording errors.
- Dosithée's age in the Saint Bruno register is incorrect. Although called "fille mineur de Achille Roy et de def Susanne Devau" (minor daughter of Achille Roy and of the deceased Susanne Devau), Dosithée was not a minor.⁵⁸ Suzanne, born in 1853, was twenty-one in 1874.⁵⁹ Both were adults. Erring with the age, the priest could also have erred in the name.
- Fr. Vallée was unwell, leaving the parish a month later to go to the hospital at Saint Basile, New Brunswick. He died a year later at his brother's home.⁶⁰
- In 1870, four years before the marriage, Susan but not Zithé (Dosithée) was in her father's household. Zithé might have died by then.⁶¹

The 1874 entries naming Dosithée as André's wife and Guillaume's mother are Fr. Vallée's consistent errors. All subsequent records say André Dubé married Suzanne Roy (Susan King).

SUMMARY

Facts support the theory that the two names belong to the same person:

- Mike and Annie Deabay claimed Henry Deabay and Susan King as their parents. Only one Suzanne Roy or Susan King close in age to Henry and Andrew lived in Aroostook County.
- In 1880 Andrew De Beay and Susan lived in Fort Fairfield with son Mike, four. His age is consistent with the 1877 birth that Melvina Thériault's husband supplied.⁶² Thus, Mike's father was Andrew Dubay.

57. Two of four entries preceding André and Dosithée's marriage, recorded within four days before the marriage entry, say the events (a baptism and a burial) occurred at Sacré Coeur, making it likely that the marriage occurred there also. See "U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695–1954," *Ancestry*, image 538, for Saint Bruno parish, parish registers, 1841–1882, burial of unnamed Cyr infant, 11 April 1874, and baptism of Leda Therriault, 12 April 1874.

58. *Ibid.*, marriage, Dubé-Roy, 14 April 1874.

59. For adult status, see *The Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, Passed March 24 1870, Effective February 1, 1871* (Augusta: the State, 1870), 484, sect. 5 of "Marriage and its Solemnization."

60. Thomas Albert, *The History of Madawaska*, 2nd ed. (Madawaska, Maine: Madawaska Historical Society, 1989), 194. Fr. Vallée might have suffered from a respiratory illness in 1874. For details, see *St. Bruno Parish, Van Buren, Maine: Sesquicentennial, 1838–1988*, 20–21. Also, A. C. Clegg, "The Passing of Father Stanislas Vallee," *Discover Maine: Aroostook and Northern Penobscot Edition* 10 (November 2013): 57–58.

61. Parishes did not always record infant deaths. An exhaustive search has found no marriage or a death record for Zité (Dosithée/Ozithé). See Allen J. Voisine to author, e-mail, 17, 18, and 19 October 2016; author's files.

62. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," *Ancestry*, for Mike Dubay, Registration Card 499, 12 September 1918.

- In 1882 Andrew married Delenor of Fort Fairfield, and in 1900 at Fort Fairfield Henry had been married to Elinore for seventeen years, roughly matching the 1910 census when Henry had been married to Lena for twenty-six years. Those dates' consistency suggests Andrew and Henry are one person.
- The 1904 Fort Fairfield directory has Henry Dubay married to Mary Levesque. French-Canadian parents commonly gave daughters "Mary" as a first or middle name. That Mary was Elinore in 1900 and Lena in 1910, both married to Henry.⁶³
- The 1904 Fort Fairfield residents list suggests Mike and Annie were children from Henry's prior marriage.
- In 1910 Henry was in a second marriage, suggesting Mike and Annie born before 1880 were Mike and Annie in the 1904 Fort Fairfield directory. Grandchildren remembered their grandfather Henry and step-grandmother.
- No other André/Andrew or Henri/Henry has a pre-1871 birth recorded at Saint Bruno, the parish serving upper Aroostook County from Grand Isle down to Woodstock on the Saint John River.
- No appearance of Henry overlaps with Andrew.

No document says André Dubé of Hamlin Plantation in 1870 was Andrew Dubay of Letter K Plantation in 1875, or that Andrew De Beay of Fort Fairfield in 1880 was Henry Dubay of Fort Fairfield in 1904. They are consistent with one person, son of Léandre Dubé and Adélaïde Lebel.

HOW ANDRÉ DUBÉ BECAME HENRY DEABAY: A HYPOTHESIS

English speakers, including many Irish immigrants, in the area around Fort Fairfield, would have applied principles of their native language to the French pronunciation of *André*. Principles of language interference explain how André became Henry:

1. Phonological interference—
 - a. English speakers shift the stress in names from the second syllable to the first. Thus, the French [ãdré] with the accent on the second syllable becomes the English [éndri] with accent on first syllable.
 - b. The nasalized [ã] is interpreted by English speakers as [an].
 - c. The French back vowel [a] in *André* becomes a front vowel [æ] in English, which resembles [e] in English *Henry*.
 - d. English speakers replace the trilled alveolar [r] in both *André* and *Henri* with the English alveolar approximant [ɹ].
 - e. The English ear does not hear the [d] when placed next to a trilled [r].
2. Orthographic translation interference—
 - a. An English-speaking writer might change the *i* ending of *Henri* to a more familiar English spelling of *Henry* with a *y*.

63. The French *Délina* is often shortened to *Lina*, spelled *Lena* in English.

- b. An English-speaking writer (or a French-speaking member of an English-speaking community) might know that *André* in French is *Andrew* in English and that *Henri* in French is *Henry* in English and simply make the change.
3. Language dominance and socio-cultural considerations—

A speaker from a community's minority population might find it easier to assimilate into the majority population's community by consciously replacing his French name with an English one.

Any of those factors could make the anglicized form of the French *André* [ãdré] sound like the English *Henry* [henɹɪ] in Fort Fairfield in the late 1800s. Combined with documentation, those considerations lead to the conclusion that Henry Dubay of Fort Fairfield was André Dubé of Hamlin, the son of Léandre Dubé and Adélaïde Lebel.

CONCLUSION

Tracking a family across a linguistic boundary presents problems. French Canadians, for example, often changed names when moving from a francophone to an anglophone environment. That fact, and an ailing priest's error, concealed an identity made to look like several.

Three Wives for Andrew Parsons (1761–1849) of Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut

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Generations after Andrew Parsons died, his statements in Revolutionary War pension documents seem contradictory and misleading as they pertained to his wife, or was it wives?

Andrew Parson's Revolutionary War pension applications name no wife but suggest he had at least two.¹ Identifying those women is possible. Andrew was born in Newbury, Massachusetts, on 30 November 1761.² Abandoning seafaring for farming, his father, Amos Parsons, moved the family to Sutton, Oxford, and Ward, Massachusetts. At Ward, Andrew, age fifteen years and eight months, enlisted as a Revolutionary War soldier.³ By the time he was discharged at West Point, New York, on 6 December 1780, his total service was two years and two weeks.⁴

Revolutionary War pensions were soon available to survivors of those killed and to soldiers who were gravely wounded.⁵ In 1818 politicians enacted rules for

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1. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327897>), Andrew Parsons (Pvt., various infantry cos., Mass.), Revolutionary War pension application file S41047, for Jonathan Fuller, supporting affidavit, 7 November 1818, and others. Also, Helen Holton, "Barton, Family of Your Grandmother, Rebecca [sic] Barton," typescript, about 1950; author's files. Genealogist Lucy Jane (Cutler) Kellogg assisted Holton.

2. *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/film/007009724>), digital film 007009724, image 715, Newbury, Mass., Records of Births 1731–1832, p. 101, Andrew Parsons, 30 November 1761.

3. Joan A. Hunter, "The Misattributed Military History of Amos Parsons—Mariner, Farmer, and Soldier—of Gloucester, Ipswich, Rowley, Newbury, Sutton, Oxford, and Ward, Massachusetts, *NGS Quarterly* 105 (June 2017): 101–8. Ward became Auburn in 1837. See *Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Passed by the General Court, in the Years 1837 and 1838*, vol. 14 (Boston: printers to the state, 1839), 14, "An Act to change the name of the Town of Ward," 17 February 1837.

4. Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, vol. 11 (Boston: state printer, 1903), 961. Also, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327960>), Andrew Parsons, Revolutionary War pension application file S41047, Andrew Parsons, affidavit, 28 November 1832.

5. The first such law recommended that states provide pensions to officers and soldiers who were wounded or disabled. See Library of Congress, *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774–1789*, vol. 5 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1906), 703–5, resolution, 26 August 1776.

men without war-related disabilities who were poor, elderly, or both.⁶ Under that law Andrew first applied in November 1818. He received eight dollars per month.⁷

On 3 March 1821 Andrew deeded his house and farm to his son Samuel for fifteen hundred dollars. Samuel promptly released the property back to Andrew to “farm, let, and occupy . . . during his natural life.” Andrew reserved for himself “a part of the house . . . and an equal privilege in the kitchen, buttery, cellar and chamber . . . so that he may or his assigns occupy and receive the profits thereof during his life and no longer.”⁸

An Act of Congress prompted this agreement. On 9 December 1824 in the Worcester County, Massachusetts, court Andrew explained that his name was “dropt [from the Vermont pension roll] because he had not prepared a Schedule of his property since the passing of the Act of Congress of the 1st May 1820.”⁹ The act stipulated that no pensioner was eligible if he, since 19 May 1818, “has by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of their property, or any part thereof, with intent . . . to diminish it as to bring themselves within the provisions of an Act of Congress.”¹⁰

An 1823 law gave payments to anyone who had served nine months or to the war’s close and could prove he was indigent.¹¹ The next year Andrew reapplied without mentioning his agreement with Samuel.

Andrew mustered associates willing to support his pension applications. His documentation and support for service was thorough; however, his proof of property and indigence was not. By March 1824 Andrew had sufficient affidavits, including detailed testimony from Cyrus Washburn.

Cyrus, a physician and justice of the peace for Vernon, Vermont, said he had known Andrew, a former pensioner, for over twenty years. He said that Parsons

has had much sickness and many great disappointments in his numerous family, by Death and unavoidable casualties. That Particularly in the summer & Autumn of 1821

6. *Statutes at Large*, vol. 3 (Boston: Little and Brown, 1846), 410–11, “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” 18 March 1818.

7. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25328007>), Andrew Parsons, Revolutionary War pension application file S41047, for Revolutionary Claim certificate, 27 September 1819.

8. Vernon, Vt., Land Records 3:163–64, Parsons to Parsons, 3 March 1821; Town Clerk, Vernon. These records were viewed in person at the clerk’s office, but are also digitally available through *FamilySearch.org*.

9. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327850>), Andrew Parsons, declaration, 9 December 1824.

10. *Statutes at Large*, vol. 3, 569–70, “An Act in addition to an act, entitled ‘An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,’ passed the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen,” 1 May 1820.

11. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327885>), Andrew Parsons, affidavit, 16 November 1818. Also, *Statutes at Large*, vol. 3, 782–83, “An Act supplementary to the acts to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,” 1 March 1823.

his wife lingered and died with Palsy; and he lost an eye (in consequence of a diseased lens) His reputation for industry & morality, stands fair, but he is aged, infirm, apparently poor and in my opinion unable to labour for his support. I, with other physicians, have been often called to visit his afflicted family.¹²

The pension law required a minister's deposition, but Washburn deposed because no minister in the vicinity could serve that purpose.

Andrew attested that since 1 May 1820 he had sold his "small farm" in March 1821 for fifteen hundred dollars and that with that money he

paid debts which I then justly owed, to the amount of fourteen hundred dollars, the residue . . . together with all my personal property, which did not at the time aforesaid exceed in value the sum of one hundred dollars & has been expended in defraying the expenses of sickness in my family & the necessary charges for its support with the exception of the property contained in the accompanying schedules.¹³

The schedules claimed he had no real estate and his only personal property was one horse, an old saddle, and bridle all valued at \$22.33. He explained that within the last four years he had many expenses from

sickness of myself & family, that my health is feeble, that I have no means of support except by daily labour, when my health will permit: that I was obliged to sell my farm in Vermont in consequence of the urgent calls of my creditors: that my wife is seldom well, or able to perform much labour: her age being fifty-four years. At present, I have no other family.¹⁴

In Brattleboro, Vermont, on 5 October 1838, Andrew said he was on Vermont's pension roll, but "from whence he has lately removed—that he now resides in the State of Massachusetts where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future." He moved because "he had buried his wife in Vermont and sold his farm—that he has since married a wife in said Oxford [Massachusetts] who had a small farm there & wished to remain there."¹⁵

On 28 April 1845 Andrew requested his pension payments be transferred from Oxford, where "he had expected to spend the remainder of his days, but Providence seems to make it my duty to remove to West Woodstock in Connecticut, as I have become aged and almost blind, having children in Woodstock who are willing to take care of me."¹⁶

12. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327950>), Cyrus Washburn, affidavit, 5 March 1824. Parentheses and underlining are Washburn's.

13. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/1/25327850>), Andrew Parsons, declaration, 9 December 1824.

14. *Ibid.*

15. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/1/25327971>), Andrew Parsons, deposition, 5 October 1838.

16. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25328012>), Andrew Parsons to Secretary of War, letter, 26 September 1844.

FACT CHECKING THE DEPOSITIONS—ONE WIFE OR MORE?

Assembling the implied or stated wives from the depositions in Andrew's pension file produces five options:

1. A wife who died with palsy in fall 1821
2. A wife who was fifty-four in December 1824
3. A wife he buried in Vermont
4. A wife he married in Oxford
5. No wife who survived him (no application for a widow's pension)

No comprehensive genealogy of this Parsons family has been published.¹⁷ A town history compiled in the nineteenth century and a set of published Oxford, Massachusetts, town records supply additional details:

- Parsons, Andrew of Vernon, Vt., and Phebe Meriam, m. 20 Feb 1785¹⁸
- Merriam, Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer, m. 29 Nov. 1789, Phebe Stockwell of Sutton . . . she m. (2) 20 Feb. 1823, Andrew Parsons of Vernon¹⁹
- Andrew Parsons of Vernon, Vt., and Phebe Meriam, Feb. 20th, 1823²⁰

Before 1802 Vernon, Vermont, was called Hinsdale. Samuel Luke Parsons said, his grandfather, Andrew Parsons . . . was an early settler of Vernon; coming from Connecticut at the close of the war of the Revolution, in which he was a soldier, he purchased a portion of the Howe grant and cleared himself a home.²¹

REBECCA RICH

Andrew moved to Vermont, but probably from Massachusetts, not Connecticut. On 16 February 1790 Andrew Parsons of Hinsdale bought half a lot in Vernon, Vermont.²² "Andrew Persons of Hinsdel, Vt.," and "Rebeca Rich" of Charlton, Massachusetts, published their intention to marry on 22 March 1787. The marriage occurred at Charlton on 19 August 1787.²³ They had nine recorded children:

17. Gerald James Parsons, *The Parsons Family: The English Ancestry and Descendants to the Sixth Generation of Cornet Joseph Parsons (1620–1683)*, vol. 1 (Baltimore.: Gateway, 2002), does not include this family. Also, Mary H. Sibbalds, *Descendants of Jeffery Parsons of Gloucester, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Higginson, 2003), 1:109 and 256–57, briefly addresses Andrew Parsons with information provided by this author. Also, Joan A. Hunter, *Descendants to the Tenth Generation of Jedediah Barton (1707–after 1798) of Oxford and Ward, Worcester County, Massachusetts* (Salem, Mass.: Higginson, 2004), mentions Andrew Parsons and his brother Amos, but only as they connect to the Bartons through marriage.

18. George F. Daniels, *History of the Town of Oxford, Massachusetts, with Genealogies and Notes on Persons and Estates* (Oxford, Mass.: privately published, 1892), 639.

19. *Ibid.*, 611.

20. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007009522>), digital film 007009522, image 178, Oxford, Mass., Records A:365, Parsons-Meriam, 20 February 1823.

21. Abby Maria Hemenway, *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, vol. 5 (Brandon, Vt.: Carrie E. H. Page, 1891), 303.

22. Vernon, Town and Vital Records, 1:106, Howe to Parsons, 16 February 1790.

23. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007011124>), digital film 007011124, image 202, Charlton, Mass., Births, Deaths, Purpose of Marriage 1:166, Persons-Rich, 19 August 1787.

- John Parsons, born in Hinsdale (later Vernon), Vermont, on 2 October 1788
- Andrew Parsons, born in Charlton, Massachusetts, on 6 September 1790
- Rebecca Parsons (twin), born in Hinsdale on 18 February 1793
- Sarah Parsons (twin), born in Hinsdale on 18 February 1793
- David Parsons, born in Hinsdale on 15 February 1796
- Samuel Parsons, born in Hinsdale on 27 March 1798
- Hannah Parsons, born in Hinsdale on 14 September 1800
- Cynthia Parsons, born in Vernon on 14 September 1802
- Betsey Parsons, born in Vernon on 24 May 1806²⁴

The marriage intention places Andrew in Hinsdale by March 1787, which matches his pension statement. Meanwhile, “Phebe Meriam,” who reportedly married Andrew in 1785 in Oxford, was unmarried until 29 November 1789, when Phebe Stockwell married Ebenezer Merriam Jr.²⁵

In Vermont’s first federal census, taken in 1791, Andrew headed his Hinsdale household, living with the expected family composition.²⁶ Between 1791 and 1800, twin daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, and sons David and Samuel were born. In 1800 Andrew, age twenty-six to forty-five, lived with two boys under ten, two boys ten to sixteen, three girls under ten, and a woman twenty-six to forty-five.²⁷ The numbers reflect Andrew’s expected family, including Hannah, born on 14 September 1800.

Vernon’s 1810 census shows Andrew, over forty-five, with two boys ten to fifteen; seven men sixteen to twenty-five (only sons John, twenty-two, and Andrew, twenty, fit); three girls under ten; and a woman twenty-six to forty-five.²⁸ The five unidentified young men were likely indentured apprentices at Andrew and Thomas Chatfield Parsons’s tanning and shoemaking partnership.²⁹ Twin daughters Rebekah and Sarah, then seventeen, were not there.

Andrew’s wife in those censuses was Rebecca, who died in 1811. He buried her in Guilford with a gravestone inscribed, “Mrs Rebekah Persons. Wife of Mr.

24. Vernon, Town and Vital Records, 1:523, children of Andrew Parsons consecutively recorded at various times in a family group on one page. The children were recorded, but not necessarily born, in Vernon.

25. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007009440>), digital film 007009440, image 489, Sutton, Mass., Intention of Marriage, 1743–1877; Marriages, 1722–1844, p. 373, Merriam-Stockwell, 29 November 1789. She was of Sutton, he of Oxford.

26. 1790 U.S. census, Windham Co., Vt., Hinsdale, p. 2, Andrew Parsons household; NARA microfilm M637, roll 12.

27. 1800 U.S. census, Windham Co., Vt., Hinsdale, p. 560, Andrew Parsons household; NARA microfilm M32, roll 52.

28. 1810 U.S. census, Windham Co., Vt., Vernon, p. 382, Andrew Parsons household; NARA microfilm M252, roll 65.

29. “Public Notice,” *World* (Bennington, Vt.), 16 January 1809, page 4, col. 4. The two men advertised their association, and Thomas requested his creditors and debtors to come forward to pay last year’s accounts. See “Public Notice,” *Green-Mountain Farmer* (Bennington, Vt.), 2 April 1810, page 4, col. 2. The partnership dissolved the next year. Also, “Take Notice,” *Reporter* (Brattleboro, Vt.), 15 August 1820, page 4, col. 4. Andrew advertised for the return of Eri Streeter, a seventeen-year-old apprentice, who had run away.

Andrew Persons of Vernon died April 25, 1811 in her 44th year.”³⁰ Thus, Rebecca would have been thirty-three in 1800.

Andrew’s pension application never mentions Rebecca. Therefore, he had at least two further wives.

ESTHER GOULD, WIDOW RICE

Andrew’s grandson Benjamin Rich Parsons said, “In 1811, he [Andrew] married Esther Rice 6 children 4 sons and 2 daughters, names were Asa, Daniel, Joseph, Emery, Catherine, and Esther.”³¹ In neighboring Guilford, Vermont, in 1812 Andrew married Esther Rice.³² Esther was born in Warwick, Massachusetts, on 24 October 1773, to Stephen and Esther Gould.³³

Esther was about twenty in 1793–94, when she married Asa Rice in Guilford.³⁴ Benjamin Rich Parsons named Esther’s children with Asa, not Andrew. Asa’s will, dated 22 March 1805, leaves bequests to his “beloved wife Esther” and their children.³⁵ On 24 August 1808 Thomas Gould, executor of Stephen Gould’s estate, presented the account of payments. “Esther Rice” was to receive \$60.50.³⁶ On 23 December 1819 Esther and Andrew Parsons acknowledged receipt of her \$60.50.³⁷

Andrew and Esther had two children born in Vernon:

- Lydia Parsons on 26 September 1813³⁸
- Mary Parsons on 4 October 1816³⁹

30. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>), memorial 143619185, digital image by “Ray and Paula,” 3 September 2015, Rebekah Parsons gravestone (Blanchard Cemetery, Guilford Center Rd., Guilford, Vt.). Also, Guilford, Vt., to author, letter, circa 2003, “Town of Guilford Cemetery Plot Cemetery Report by Deceased,” for “Rebecca Parsons, wife of Andrew Parsons of Vernon, age 44, bur. Blanchard, lot 97, dod 25 Apr 1811.”

31. “Parsons Bible and Family Records,” *Vermont DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report*, series 1, vol. 25 (1955): 126.

32. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005463965>), digital film 005463965, image 376, Guilford, Vt., Town Records D:195; Parsons-Rice marriage return, 12 [probably January] 1812; Guilford Town Clerk; FHL microfilm 28,291.

33. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007009249>), digital film 007009249, image 11, Warwick, Mass., Births, Deaths, Marriages, Intentions and Strays 1:16, Easter Gould birth, 24 October 1773.

34. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004705251>), digital film 004705251, image 1593, Vt., General Index to Vital Records, index cards, Asa Rice Jr. birth, 2 January 1795.

35. “Vermont, Wills and Probate Records, 1749–1999,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9084>) > Windham > Probate Records Vol 3–4 1803–1810 > image 145, Marlboro Dist., Probate Records 3:247–48, will of Asa Rice, proved on 26 August 1806.

36. *Ibid.*, image 415, Probate Records 4:85, Thomas Gould, account of Stephen Gould estate, 24 August 1808.

37. *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/film/007714776>), digital film 007714776, image 328, Marlboro Dist., Probate Records, 9:611, Esther Parsons and Andrew Parsons to Thomas Gould, executor, 23 December 1819, for “all my part of my Honorable fathers Stephen Goulds Estate.”

38. Vernon, Town and Vital Records, 1:523, birth, Lydia Parsons, 26 September 1813.

39. *Ibid.*, Mary Parsons, 4 October 1816. Mary’s birth record incorrectly names Rebekah as her mother.

In 1820 Andrew's household somewhat matches his blended family: Andrew, over forty-five; one boy ten to fifteen (Emery Rice?); two girls under ten (Lydia Parsons, seven, and Mary Parsons, four); one girl ten to fifteen (Betsey Parsons, fourteen); one woman, sixteen to twenty-five (Catherine Rice or Cynthia Parsons, eighteen, or Hannah Parsons, twenty), and a woman over forty-five (Esther).⁴⁰

Meanwhile, in Oxford on 28 February 1820, Ebenezer Merriam bequeathed everything, including the farm, to his wife Phebe. He named their eleven children, including his son Artemas Merriam.⁴¹ Artemas would become Andrew Parsons's neighbor. Ebenezer died on 29 March 1820.⁴²

On 3 March 1821, Andrew Parsons deeded his house and farm to his son Samuel, and Samuel promptly deeded it back to Andrew. Samuel's return deed would be void if Samuel paid his unmarried sisters Hannah, Cynthia, Betsey, Lyndia, and Polly their legacies when they married, and should Esther outlive Andrew, she had use of the house as long as she lived there and remained his widow. Samuel further promised "to provide for Esther in sickness and in health in the same manner as I provide for my own family during the time she chooses to occupy and live in the aforesaid part of the house and no longer."⁴³

Esther was the wife mentioned in the pension papers who took the palsy in the summer and died in the fall, either 1 or 17 September 1821, at age forty-eight. Her gravestone calls her "wife of Andrew Parsons."⁴⁴

PHEBE STOCKWELL, WIDOW MERRIAM

In Oxford on 20 February 1823, Andrew Parsons of Vernon married widow Phebe Merriam.⁴⁵ Andrew moved to Phebe's farm and, on 24 September 1823, the deed arrangement between Andrew and his son Samuel was "discharged in full."⁴⁶ On 9 December 1824 Andrew described his wife as age fifty-four and seldom well or able to perform much labor. He did not mention that she owned the farm where he lived.

40. 1820 U.S. census, Windham Co., Vt., Vernon, p. 134, Andrew Parson household; NARA microfilm M33, roll 128.

41. "Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635–1991," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9069>) > Worcester > Probate Records, Vol 52–53, 1819–1821 > images 204–5, Worcester Co., Mass., Wills-Partitions 52:352–53, will of Ebenezer Merriam, proved on 2 May 1820.

42. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007009522>), digital film 007009522, image 206, Oxford, Records A:421, death of "Capt. Ebenezer Meriam," 29 March 1820.

43. Vernon, Town and Vital Records 2: 378 and 3:163–64, Parsons to Parsons, both dated 3 March 1821.

44. "Parsons Bible and Family Records," 123, gives date "Sept. 17." Also, *Find A Grave*, memorial 40647655, digital image by "ranfred," 17 July 2011, of Esther Parsons gravestone (Blanchard Cemetery).

45. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004269389>), digital film 004269389, image 229, Oxford, Marriages & Intentions 1779–1839, p. 36, Parsons-Merriam marriage return, 20 February 1823.

46. Vernon, Town and Vital Records 3:164, Parsons to Parsons, 24 September 1823.

In Oxford in 1830 Andrew, in his sixties, lived with a woman in her forties and was enumerated next to Artemas Merriam.⁴⁷ As Phebe was almost sixty, the age was probably an enumerator error. After about seven years of marriage, by 1 November 1830, Andrew and Phebe had “naturally and amiably agreed to live separate and apart.” Andrew Parsons and Artemas Merriman drew an indenture; Artemas, for himself and “Phebe Parsons wife of the said Andrew Parsons.” Andrew paid Artemas one dollar and agreed Phebe would have all that had come with her in their marriage. Phebe would live for the rest of her life as if the “intermarriage had never taken place.” Andrew was free from any future debts incurred by Phebe and from any support for the rest of her life. Andrew acknowledged his signature on 1 December 1830.⁴⁸

Phebe’s staying on the Oxford farm implies Andrew moved by 1830. He likely followed his daughter Betsey, who married Nelson Lee Elmer of Vernon in 1829 and by 1835 had moved to Woodstock, Connecticut, where the Elmer brothers made shoes for William P. Hiscox.⁴⁹ Andrew joined them before 1840, when he was enumerated in Nelson Elmer’s household.⁵⁰

On 2 August 1832 Andrew attested in Guilford, Vermont, to his brother Amos Parsons’s military service. He was close enough and well enough to travel there.⁵¹ On 26 September 1844 he requested his pension be transferred from Massachusetts, where he had expected to remain. He said, “Providence seems to make it my duty to remove to West Woodstock in Connecticut as I have become aged and almost blind having children in Woodstock who are willing to take care of me.”⁵²

Andrew made his will at Woodstock on 11 September 1846.⁵³ He made elaborate provisions for his corpse’s interment, provided nothing for “my present wife Phebe Parsons,” and remembered his children, with special provisions for his daughter

47. 1830 U.S. census, Windham Co., Vt., Vernon, p. 251, Andrew Parsons household; NARA microfilm M19, roll 68.

48. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007465478>), digital film 007465478, images 499–500, Worcester Co., Deeds 340:293–95, Parsons to Merriam, quitclaim, 1 November 1830, recorded 22 March 1839.

49. Vernon, Town and Vital Records 1:523. Also, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, *History of Woodstock, Connecticut* (Norwood, Mass.: Plimpton, 1926), 229. Rufus, Nelson L., and Willard were sons of Rufus and Roxanna Elmer, all born in Vernon. See Vernon, Town and Vital Records 1:502. Also, *ibid.*, 4:523, marriage, Parsons to Elmer, 13 October 1829.

50. 1840 U.S. census, Windham Co., Conn., Woodstock, p. 234, Andrew Parsons; NARA microfilm M704, roll 32.

51. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25327821>), Amos Parson (Pvt., 15th Mass. Regt.) Revolutionary War pension application S21410, for Andrew Parsons, affidavit, 2 August 1832.

52. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/25328012>), Andrew Parsons to Secretary of War, letter, 26 September 1844.

53. “Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635–1991,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9069>) > Hampden > Probate Records, 8664–8738, Roger Parks–Gratia M. Patch > images 142–44, Andrew Parsons, last will and testament, 11 September 1846, in Hampden Co. Probate Court, case no. 8680, Andrew Parsons, 1849.

Betsy Elmer and her family.

Soon after, Andrew and the Elmers moved to Springfield, Massachusetts.⁵⁴ Andrew died of consumption on 20 September 1849 in his daughter Betsey's home.⁵⁵ She and Nelson, honoring his wishes, carried him to Guilford, Vermont, for burial.⁵⁶

Nelson Elmer presented Andrew's will for probate on 3 October 1849. Coincidentally, on the next day Phebe Parsons, seventy-seven, died in Oxford of old age and dysentery.⁵⁷

CONCLUSION

Andrew Parsons left detailed depositions regarding his Revolutionary War service and life thereafter. Supporting his applications for the meager military pensions available after 1818, Andrew's fellow soldiers and neighbors deposed about his life and reversals. The statements help identify Andrew's three wives and eleven children.

Motivated to acquire a pension, Andrew entered into agreements with his son and last wife. Selling his farm and going to live on his last wife's farm, he adapted his circumstances to stay on the rolls. Later, taking his pension with him, Andrew moved into his daughter Betsey's home.

54. Joan A. Hunter, *The Life and Times of Charles Leonard Holton* (Charleston, S.C.: CreateSpace, 2016), 29.

55. "Massachusetts, Deaths, 1841–1915," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2101>) > _up through 1902 > 1849 > image 227, Deaths Registered in the Town of Springfield from May 1st 1848 to Jun 1st 1850, p. 72, no. 236, Andrew Parsons, 20 September 1849.

56. *Find A Grave*, memorial 40796467, digital image by "ranfred," 17 July 2011, of Andrew Parsons gravestone (Blanchard Cemetery).

57. "Massachusetts Town Records, 1620–1988," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2495>) > image 90, "Deaths in Oxford," pp. 21–22, no. 33, Phebe Parsons, 4 October 1849.

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REVIEWS

French Santee: A Huguenot Settlement in Colonial South Carolina. By Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland. Published by Otter Bay Books; 2015. Order from the Huguenot Society of South Carolina; 138 Logan Street; Charleston, SC 29401; <http://www.huguenotsociety.org/shop/>. ISBN 978-0-692-35094-2. ix, 428 pp. Appendix, bibliography, illustrations, index, maps. Hardback. \$50.00.

French Santee is a useful resource on Huguenot immigration to the United States and South Carolina and Low Country history. Touching only briefly on the Huguenot flight from France after the 1685 revocation of the Edict of Nantes, it focuses brilliantly and narrowly on the Huguenot settlement that began in 1687 on the Santee River between present-day Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina.

This book has already received the Scholarly Works Award of the National Huguenot Society. Through contemporary accounts, letters, newspapers, and land records, the first fifty pages offer an overview of French Santee's growth and settlement. Of value is a series of maps based on new research, detailing French Santee plantations, churches, ferries, and other landmarks. Also notable, in print here for the first time, are two early letters from French Huguenot settlers addressed to their families in France.

Through back-breaking work the French settlers carved homes and plantations from the wilderness. Promised the rights of English settlers in the fledgling colony, the French refugees struggled to protect their status. English attempts to limit Huguenot

rights resulted in a naturalization act to resolve the conflict; in 1697 an official list of French settlers to be naturalized, called the *Liste*, appeared.

The main body of the book comprises biographies of French Santee residents on the *Liste*, and other French settlers in the immediate area. The biographies' lengths vary depending on available documentation. They include luminaries like Ravenel, Laurens, Huger, Marion, and Horry. A separate slave index augments the volume's general index.

Residing near French Santee, both authors descend from English and French settlers of that area. Bates has extensively researched proprietary grants; Leland is a historian with the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. Both are equipped to execute this documented history of French Santee, essential for researchers of Low Country South Carolina, or Huguenot history.

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Mastering Genealogical Documentation. By Thomas W. Jones. Published by the National Genealogical Society; 3108 Columbia Pike; Suite 300; Arlington, VA 22204-4304; https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/mastering_genealogical_documentation; 2017. ISBN 978-1-935815-24-2. xvi, 286 pp. Appendixes, figures, glossary, tables. Paperback. \$ 30.95.

With the publication of *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*, Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, has

created the first textbook to teach genealogists the “industry standardized” for genealogical documentation. Drawing on his years as a professional educator, Dr. Jones instructs serious students on the principles, core elements, logic, and best practices of genealogical documentation with his well-laid-out curriculum, clearly presented methodology, and relevant learning activities. His work engages the willing in learning how to thoroughly, correctly, and coherently cite research sources and confidently document family history and genealogy. Authentic genealogical documentation is the hallmark of much needed credible genealogy in today’s Internet-driven environment.

This work does not replace three other essential reference works for family history researchers: *Evidence Explained* (Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, 3rd ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing 2015), *Genealogy Standards* (Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogy Standards*, Nashville, Tenn.: Ancestry.com, 2014), and *The Chicago Manual of Style* (*The Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017). Rather, Jones’s textbook *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* complements those mainstays. It teaches the practitioner purpose, context, elements, reasoning, and structure encompassed in standardized documentation. It focuses on specialized knowledge genealogical researchers need for source citation and research documentation. The work demonstrates that industry standards allow for flexibility and creativity. Each of the seventeen chapters ends with exercises based on skills taught in the chapter. Answers appear at the end of the textbook.

This is an outstanding book for all genealogists, at all proficiency levels.

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The Stranger in My Genes: A Memoir. By Bill Griffeth. Published by New England Historic Genealogical Society; 99–101 Newbury Street; Boston, MA 02116-3007; <http://www.AmericanAncestors.org>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-88082-344-9. viii, 188 pp. Illustrations. Hardback. \$22.95.

“Your father is not your father” (p. 7). *The Stranger in my Genes: A Memoir* recounts one man’s search to resolve an unexpected conflict from DNA testing. Family historian Bill Griffeth had been confident for years about his paternal lineage. That dissolved with the results of his DNA test.

The author describes his emotions following an e-mail notification, echoing Kübler-Ross’s five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Attempting to make sense of what he has learned, Griffeth traveled from New York to Kansas, to California, to Arizona.

An apparently avid genealogist, Griffeth, author of *By Faith Alone: One Family’s Epic Journey Through 400 Years of American Protestantism*, has been studying his family history for nearly fifteen years. He began a career in financial journalism on the Financial News Network in 1981 covering Wall Street. Since 1991 Griffeth has anchored many programs at CNBC, most recently *Closing Bell*. In 2016 CNBC celebrated his twenty-fifth year as anchor.

This slow-paced, easy-to-read narrative allows readers to sympathize. Griffeth’s exploration of his feelings is plain spoken, inviting readers to ride along. His charming sense of humor is his coping mechanism, lending privacy to those he leaves unnamed. The author places less emphasis on physical descriptors, detailing thoughts and feelings more. Avid genealogical researchers will find the story’s progression predictable.

People considering DNA testing themselves or others for genealogy should read this book. They will appreciate DNA test

takers facing unexpected or unwanted outcomes.

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A Guide to Researching African American Ancestors in Laurens County, South Carolina, and Selected Finding Aids. By LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson. Published by Xlibris Book Publishers; 1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 220, Bloomington, IN 47403; <http://www.xlibris.com>; 2016. ISBN 978-1-5245-2354-1. xxi, 423 pp. Appendix, index. Hardback. \$34.99. Softcover. \$23.99. E-book \$3.98.

A Guide to Researching African American Ancestors in Laurens County, South Carolina and Selected Finding Aids. By LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson. Published by the author; order from <http://www.amazon.com>; 2016. ISBN 9787-1-5245-2353-4. xxi, 423 pp. Appendix, figures, index. Softcover. \$23.99 plus shipping and handling. E-book. \$3.99.

Garrett-Nelson's work guides genealogists researching African American ancestors from rural Southern counties. The author highlights numerous sources genealogists should consult when reassembling those African American lives.

Researchers who explore the suggested records will conduct a reasonably exhaustive search of relevant sources. They thus meet the first requirement of the genealogical proof standard, a tool for evaluating the quality of family history research. The author points to many sources created before and after the 1870 United States census, the first federal census after the Civil War and the first to name former slaves.

One significant contribution is Garrett-Nelson's discussion of South Carolina's pre-Civil War laws. Some affected the

documentation of free persons of color. Others dictated processes for manumitting slaves, generating records. Awareness of such changes, and their effective dates, increases the probability that genealogists will find useful sources and information.

Finding aids are an important feature of the book. They will help researchers plan a trip to South Carolina or hire a researcher. The finding aids also should help track descendants of the tens of thousands of African Americans who left the state during the early 1900s. The author cautions researchers to consult original records.

The finding aids include a list of abstracts from will transcripts that mention slaves and from legislative papers naming enslaved and free African Americans. The author created the Laurens County lists from documents on the South Carolina Department of Archives and History website. She also identifies Laurens County African American residents in the 1868 South Carolina auditors' tax duplicates and the 1869 South Carolina census.

The author also includes surname matches between Laurens County slaveholders enumerated on the 1860 United States census slave schedule and African Americans enumerated on the 1870 census population schedule. In some cases, surname matches help genealogists identify African Americans' former owners.

The book's shortcoming is its images. Documents are difficult to read, and photographs are unclear. Neither adds much to the information in the text but they do detract from it.

That notwithstanding, the text, index, and endnotes show Garrett-Nelson relied on a broad range of sources, demonstrating that sources for researching African American ancestors are not as limited as once thought.

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Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace. By Elizabeth Shown Mills. Third edition, revised. Published by Genealogical Publishing Company; 3600 Clipper Mill Road; Suite 260; Baltimore, MD 21211-1953; 2017. ISBN 978-0-8063-2040-3. 892 pp. Appendixes, indexes. Hardcover. \$59.95.

Ten years after its initial publication and now firmly established in the canon of genealogical resources, *Evidence Explained* maintains its currency with its latest revision. Over the past decade the quantity of online source materials exploded, necessitating more information on how to cite digital items. The latest revision expands on citation layers and discusses citing images of original textual (unpublished) records. It covers born-digital data, like DNA test results, and new source types, like social media. For sources formerly—but no longer—online, it provides citation examples for the *Wayback Machine*. The bibliography and the index are revised. A QuickStart Guide inside the front cover, a 2015 addition, helps new readers make the most of this nearly nine-hundred-page reference work.

Content and citation updates aside, the book's structure remains familiar after three editions and two revisions. Discussions of source, information, and evidence analyses follow the evolution of standards promoted by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Fourteen chapters include two on the fundamentals of evidence analysis and citation composition, and a dozen on citing various source types, like national government or church records. Each source-citation chapter begins with gray-tinted pages of "QuickCheck Models" for easy reference. The text of each chapter, "Guidelines and Examples" a.k.a. "the white pages," is where treasure lies.

Those who use this book as a citation dictionary, looking solely for a single correct

citation model for the record at hand, short-change themselves. They miss the motherlode of information in each chapter's introductory "Basic Issues" section, and in subsections with headings like "Background," "Basic Guidelines," and "Basic Elements." *Evidence Explained's* great strength is presenting nuances of each source type: how and why to construct entries for each record type in a source list (a.k.a. bibliography); how much detail to include without turning a citation into a record abstract; when to identify a physical repository; how to handle missing details like page numbers; and more. This is more than a collection of citation models. The book's value lies in educating readers on source analysis and in discriminating between record formats.

Evidence Explained should be within arm's reach of every genealogist's keyboard. It should also periodically be parked in one's current reading pile next to a comfy chair. Close study of individual chapters will be a valuable part of any genealogist's continuing education.

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Hollier Ancestry of Southern Louisiana. By Mark Edwin Hollier. Published by Hollier Family History Publications; Sandy, Utah; 2016; order from <http://holliergenealogy.info/>. ISBN 978-0-9887538-1-5. ix, 696 pp. Appendixes, bibliography, index. Hardback. \$50 plus \$6 shipping.

Mark Edwin Hollier's new study, *Hollier Ancestry*, offers a fresh and exhaustive compilation of genealogical research on a Hollier family of Louisiana. Their immigrant ancestor, Luc Claude Hollier, arrived in French or Spanish Louisiana in the 1760s, ultimately settling at the Poste-des-Opélousas, present-day St. Landry Parish.

This study, useful to genealogists and family historians, contributes to the body of scholarly genealogical literature. Hollier deserves praise for this tome. Its nearly seven hundred pages include a preface, overview, table of contents, body, endnotes, and complete index. The reader-friendly organization of this vast trove of information makes the book a delightful read. Hollier's distinction between pre-Louisiana and Louisiana information is helpful.

Continuity in the typeface (sérif in the body; sans sérif for headnotes) and spellings, besides presentation of the research and generations, contributes to effortless reading. Similarly, Hollier uses current genealogical conventions throughout. The narrative genealogy follows the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly's* numbering system.

Hollier includes digitized primary records, maps, and family portraits that place faces with names.

While Hollier's work has many areas for praise, some areas could be improved. His irregular use of diacritic marks in names occurs—first names, surnames, and place names—throughout the work. The author acknowledges variations in surnames in the overview, but those variations lack diacritics commonly used in original records, leaving readers to guess pronunciations. For instance, the given name Joël is not pronounced as /jole/ in English, but the *tréma* (umlaut) separates two adjacent vowel sounds in French, hence /zho ehl/. A diacritic guide could have benefited here, given the family's French descent.

Hollier should also have included more images, transcriptions, and translations. That would have allowed other researchers to compare the author's translations with their own and to track problematic transcriptions, misspellings, and translation errors. For example, on page 24, Hollier's translation of Jeanne's baptism states "the which" after the godmother's name, instead of

"which." The original likely said "laquelle," the singular female version of the interrogative pronoun "which." Similarly, on page 29, the original record in French likely saying "a été" was improperly translated as "have been" instead of "was." Those examples do not cause misidentification of individuals, but they muddy the contexts in which those individuals lived.

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Descendants of Anthony Smith of Waterbury, Connecticut. By Helen Schatvet Ullmann. Published by Newbury Street Press; 99–101 Newbury Street; Boston, MA 02116-3007; www.AmericanAncestors.org; 2016. ISBN 978-0-88082-348-7. viii, 271 pp. Bibliography, illustrations, index. Hardback. \$44.95.

Ullmann explains that in 1968 she began tracing her Stevens ancestry back to Linus Stevens who married in 1821 Fanny Smith, daughter of Anson Smith of Naugatuck. "But there I stuck for about forty-five years" said Ullmann. "I could not find a document that connected Anson, or his wife Esther, with the man I thought was his obvious father, Anthony Smith, a Revolutionary War pensioner." In fact, Ullmann thought she had eight candidates for Anthony's sons (p. vii).

Although unable to find a single document stating a relationship between Anthony and any of his children, Ullmann based her case for the father-son relationships on numerous land deeds showing these men "constantly bought and sold land to each other." In a few cases Anthony owned land jointly with one or more of them, and "their lots abutted each other, over and over." All of which implied relationships, but proved none (p. viii).

Ullman found only one published source establishing a relationship, a history that

claimed Caroline (Smith) Wheeler, daughter of Anson Smith, was a granddaughter of Anthony Smith, thus indirectly pointing to a father-son relationship between Anthony and Anson (introduction, viii). Eventually deciding that all eight men were Anthony Smith's sons, Ullmann wrote this genealogy identifying the family of Anthony⁵ Smith of West Haven and Waterbury, Connecticut, through his eight sons and two daughters. She concluded with the births, deaths, and marriages for the ninth generation.

This is a well written and attractive publication. Ullmann begins the first chapter with a partial reproduction of Anthony's deposition on 10 December 1832 regarding his service in the Revolutionary War. The remaining chapters begin with postcard scenes of the Naugatuck Valley. Ullmann includes a few gravestone photographs in the early chapters. Those are welcome additions to a compiled genealogy but, regretfully, the gravestone photographs are too dark to be legible; the postcard scenes, reproduced in black and white, are too dark to be attractive; and the photograph of Anthony's deposition is too small to read easily.

Ullmann's sketches are well written and soundly reasoned. As expected from the coeditor of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, they are written in *Register* style. However, in this work Ullmann's footnotes occasionally are too brief. A footnote should contain enough information to guide the reader to the source used to prove an assertion. Experienced genealogists who regularly research New England records could follow Ullman's footnotes to the source, but less experienced researchers, unfamiliar with these records, could have difficulty doing so.

Nonetheless, this book can guide genealogists and family historians frustrated by missing direct evidence to prove relationships. Certainly, descendants of Anthony

and Esther Smith will welcome this new Smith genealogy—a difficult surname to research.

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Memoir Your Way: Tell Your Story through Writing, Recipes, Quilts, Graphic Novels, and More. By The Memoir Roundtable. Published by Skyhorse Publishing; 307 West 36th Street, 11th floor; New York, NY 10018; <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com/>; 2016. ISBN 978-1-5107-0751-1; e-book 978-1-5107-0752-8. iv, 204 pp. Appendixes, bibliography, illustrations. Paperback. \$17.99.

Not your usual genealogy book, this craft manual offers ideas for telling family stories and memoirs. Created by six female members of "The Memoir Roundtable," the book presents creative concepts and working styles that enhance the subject.

The manual covers five ways to share family stories: writing, cooking, scrapbooking, drawing, and quilting. Each offers variations on traditional family history or memoir writing. They could help engage otherwise disinterested family members.

While projects involving little writing consume considerable space, writing underlies all the book's topics. Chapter two provides five steps to "telling a true story" (p. 11), focusing on a specific memory, and shows how to improve writing with a before-and-after approach.

The chapter on cooking utilizes food, and memories tied to food, to stimulate writing ideas. It offers ten questions or writing prompts, besides tips for photography, page layout, video editing, illustrations, and photos. The chapter concludes with ideas for creating food-related memoirs, including recipe books, food blogs, video series, and photo storybooks.

Each section, providing examples from the authors' experiences, suggests ideas for other items within the same theme. For example, in the chapter on scrapbooks, the author discusses traditional scrapbooking styles and offers alternative projects, like digital scrapbooks, memory boxes, and calendars. Likewise, the chapter on quilting discusses ideas beyond quilts, like wearables, wall hangings, and fabric books. Possibly the most unexpected idea is to create a graphic novel telling a family story.

This book displays a variety of creative ideas for telling family stories, but it does not deeply examine family history or genealogical writing, nor does it delve into topics it presents. Printed in full cover on heavy, glossy paper, the book is visually appealing.

Overall, *Memoir Your Way* presents crafty ideas for telling stories. An enjoyable read, reflective of the projects it details, it gives family historians creative outlets for family stories that go beyond standard genealogical writing.

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book's distinctive design and typography add to its quality.

Although the quotations are focused on family history study, anyone who appreciates the magic of good words will enjoy perusing it. The quotations provoke a pleasant chuckle or robust laugh, a nod of hearty agreement, or light-bulb insight. For example: "Can a first cousin, once removed, be returned?" (p. 38); "Reasonably exhaustive research—the most common cause of former ancestors" (p. 90); "The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it" (p. 116); and a personal favorite, "There are two possible outcomes: If the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery" (p. 55).

Writers, speakers, researchers, and readers looking for inspiration or guidance, or just plain pleasure, will find it here.

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Tips & Quips for the Family Historian. By Elizabeth Shown Mills and Ruth Brossette Lennon. Published by Genealogical Publishing Company; 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260; Baltimore, MD 21211; <http://www.genealogical.com/>; 2017. ISBN 978-0-8063-2041-0. 173 pp. Appendixes. Hardback \$14.95.

This small addictive book of wisdom quotes people across a broad spectrum of time, genre, and ethnicity. Contents are thoughtfully arranged for maximum convenience. Categories direct readers to a topic of interest. Each entry is source cited. Appendixes include an index to individuals quoted and cross-referenced keywords. The

Philatelic Genealogy: Old Envelopes, Letters, and Postcards as Genealogical Sources. By James R. Miller. Published by Philatelic Genealogy, Inc.; 112 Irving Pond Road; Caroga Lake, NY 12032; <http://philgen.org/>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-9982958-0-0. xiii, 363 pp. Appendixes, illustrations, index. Paperback. \$37.00. Downloadable PDF file. \$3.95.

Jim Miller brings together the worlds of philately and genealogy. Author of dozens of articles in genealogical society publications promoting his vision, Miller has adopted the slogan: "Postal history helping genealogy, genealogy helping postal history."

How can postal history help genealogy? Some philatelists collect "covers," old

envelopes and postcards, which have genealogical value. Someone who had a passion for collecting postage stamps could have preserved and passed down an envelope in which an ancestor sent or received a letter.

How much can genealogists learn from an old envelope or postcard? Miller demonstrates in a book built around one hundred examples of “covers.” He used genealogical sources like censuses and city directories to identify senders and recipients. For instance, an envelope mailed from the Old Country and safeguarded through decades by philatelists can provide an elusive clue about an immigrant ancestor’s origin. Envelopes and postcards also can reveal information about an ancestor’s pastimes, work, military service, and the like. Some philatelists’ collections include letters.

Genealogists, of course, need to be able to locate relevant envelopes, letters, and postcards. While Miller’s book contains a detailed index of the mentioned items, he recognizes that more is needed. To lend a further hand, he has created a free website, *The Philatelic Genealogy Web Site* (<http://www.philgen.org/>). It contains a search engine for surname and location. Miller intends to expand the website’s database of well-sourced images of envelopes, letters, and postcards, and he asks anyone interested in helping to contact him via his website.

Philatelic Genealogy is an unusual book, intended for two audiences: philatelists and genealogists. For philatelists, one draw of learning genealogical research techniques is being able to share their treasured covers with genealogists. That could open a new market for sale of these items.

The book points out “tricks” to using envelopes and postcards as genealogical sources. Absent a return address, a postmark will identify the place of mailing. If the year is not apparent from a postmark, a philately database will show when the stamp was issued.

The book’s focus on philatelic covers risks becoming tedious for readers not interested in postal history. But this lucid, meticulous book is notable for its vision that philately and genealogy overlap. They should work together for mutual advancement.

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Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements, 1776–1782. By David A. Noble and Richard P. Marsh. Published by Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution; 2545 Circlewood Road NE; Atlanta, GA 30345; <http://www.saratlanta.org>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-9852701-9-3. xiv, 832 pp. Glossary, illustrations, index, maps, references. Hardback. \$90.00, includes shipping; \$3 processing fee added for PayPal orders.

This is an updated comprehensive reference for patriots who participated in Georgia engagements during the Revolutionary War. Noble and Marsh used original pension records and historical and other texts to compile a reference that genealogists will find invaluable.

Records relating to Georgia’s soldiers are sparse in part because “Georgia was the only Colony to be captured by the British and had a Royal governor reappointed for over two years . . . few reports were sent to governmental agencies from the military units” (p. xiii).

The volume has two major sections—Battle Summaries and Patriot Summaries. Two thousand entries provide patriot names, and when available, birth and death dates, unit, rank, physical condition, associates, identification of multi-state service, and whether or not a patriot’s memory was failing. Forty-two battle summaries include dates and highlights of engagements, maps,

officer and enlisted rosters with rank, and each battlefield's GPS coordinates.

Recognizing that patriot names and other pertinent information could have been omitted, compilation and additions continue online: <http://www.saratlanta.org/review-updates/>. The compilers enable others to submit information for review and inclusion.

The book's content is so valuable that its size, weight, and price are less consequential. The authors did not use citations that follow current standards. Nevertheless, they have provided enough information for users to locate the referenced original and derivative records like, for example, NARA publications and historical texts and compilations.

FAN principle enthusiasts will appreciate that entries identify patriots' relatives and associates. Anyone who researches Georgian Revolutionary War ancestors will find the battle summaries and maps helpful.

Dr. Noble is well known to Georgia historians for his previous SAR work with "Georgia's Sacred Soils," an educational project informing the public about Georgia's Revolutionary War battlefields. He currently serves as the Atlanta Chapter SAR registrar.
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Research in Mississippi. By Lori Thornton.

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Nearly one-third of Mississippi's county courthouses suffered record loss because of fire or natural disaster, which can make genealogical research in the Magnolia State a daunting task. This book provides alternative

resources to complement research projects and fill gaps left by record shortfalls.

The book begins with a historical overview of the area, beginning in 1699 when Mississippi was a French province, and taking the reader through British rule (1763–79), Spanish dominion (1779–98), Mississippi Territory (1798–1817), and statehood (1817 to present day). It explains jurisdictional changes from 1798 to 1817 and briefly sketches economic influences throughout the state's history.

The guide then describes major repositories and their holdings, including the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the collections at the state's three major university libraries—Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library, University of Mississippi's J. D. Williams Library, and the University of Southern Mississippi's McCain Library and Archive. It highlights local collections, which are essential to researchers in burned counties. It includes three Mississippi collections in Texas. It gives contact information for all mentioned repositories.

The majority of the book delineates research aids and more than twenty record types and resources. Besides sources like birth, marriage, death, land, military, and census records, it addresses lesser-known or hard-to-find resources, like business, fraternal, institutional, prison, railroad, religious, school, and adoption records. Suitable background and repository or location information accompanies each resource. Redundancies necessarily exist between this section, describing resources, and the previous section, outlining repositories; however, they are appropriate, and convenient.

Researchers trying to overcome record losses or break through brick walls should have this guide. The author's objective and concise presentation style helps readers understand each resource's value. Seemingly fragmented material and repositories appear

together in a clear, organized, and inclusive manner. Streamlining the text, contact information for repositories and resources appears mostly in footnotes.

The book offers practical advice and information. For example, it encourages researchers to make advance contact with repositories that are open by appointment only or that house collections off-site. It recommends alternatives for difficult-to-view or restricted materials.

Genealogical hobbyists and professionals will enjoy and utilize this comprehensive guide again and again as they pursue elusive ancestors through Mississippi's history.

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Southern Planters: The Gates, Bryan, Davis and Related Families of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, 1650–2000. By Stephen F. Gates. Published by Southern Planters Press; Post Office Box 788; Charleston, SC 29402; 2016. ISBN 978-1-5323-1694-4. xvii, 256 pp. Appendixes, illustrations, images. Hardback. \$25 including shipping.

Gates's book is the culmination of a life's work studying his ancestors in the Southeast United States. It represents more than sixty years of research, correspondence, and field work. The details about his ancestors' lives traverse more than three hundred years from colonial Virginia to modern times across the Southeast.

The book begins with the origins of John Gates, a young indentured English servant, who toiled Virginia tobacco fields for his freedom in the 1690s. The servant became a planter, and the account follows his descendants' migrations and acquisitions of better lands in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. By the Civil War they were substantial landowners and prominent

citizens. The author then recounts the last pioneering migration to the groves of Florida in the 1880s.

The book is comprehensive and well organized, with an historical time-line for context. The preface tells the story of the birth of a genealogist that most researchers will find familiar: the interest in the past first arising when a grandparent died; the discouraging early failures and scarce records; the serendipity of living near a major research library that revived the hunt some years later. The author describes interviews with elderly relatives and correspondence with fellow researchers, travel to where his forebears lived, the joy of walking in their footsteps to the remote cemeteries where they rest, and the purchase of a house near where his ancestors lived and where he finished this book.

The work contains twenty chapters, beginning with an overview. Chapters 2–17 tell each family's stories in turn, interspersed with historical information, a notes section providing source information, suggestions for further reading, and a footnoted compiled genealogy. Chapter 18 provides brief information on eight collateral lines. Chapter 19 addresses the American Revolution in the South and lists twenty-one ancestors who participated, with their ages and branches of service. Similarly, chapter 20 deals with the Civil War in Georgia.

Eight appendixes provide family letters and additional information about significant events and people in the family narrative. An index would have been helpful.

In discussing his ancestors' lives in the Southern planter economy, the author acknowledges their participation in the institution of slavery that made their prosperity possible. He includes an appendix of names of enslaved persons from family records to aid their descendants in tracing their own ancestors.

The author succinctly sums up his book's appeal: "This family history should be

interesting to all descendants of the families included and to anyone interested in the history of the Southeast and the economic and political events that shaped lives in that region” (pp. xvi-xvii). It will appeal to genealogists who have spent years researching their own families, because it offers a model of how to present that information in a clear, organized, and interesting way.

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Finding Charity's Folk: Enslaved and Free Black Women in Maryland. By Jessica Millward. Published by University of Georgia Press; Main Library, Third Floor; 320 South Jackson Street; Athens, GA 30602; <http://www.ugapress.org>; 2015. ISBN 978-0-8203-4878-0. xxii, 130 pp. Bibliography, index, notes. Paperback. \$24.95.

The back cover touts this book as “skillfully bring[ing] together African American social and gender history to provide a new means of using biography as a historical genre.” In the prologue the author introduces Charity Folks, an enslaved African American woman manumitted by her owner about 1800.

The book offers a thorough discussion of issues surrounding the institution of slavery and the manumission of slaves in early nineteenth-century Maryland, though at times relying on others’ scholarship. Details from the lives of dozens of enslaved and free African Americans, extracted from manumission and county court records, illustrate how slavery and manumission affected their lives. The author presents Charity’s life through that lens.

As a biographer, the author has methodological shortcomings in researching enslaved and free African Americans in Maryland. She apparently did not consult the rich variety of records available.

Instead, speculative conclusions about aspects of Charity Folks’s life often cite correspondence or interviews with modern descendants.

The author also often reaches historical and biographical conclusions unsupported and even contradicted by contemporary evidence, seemingly ideological rather than scholarly. She states, for example, that “Relationships between white men and black women exclusively centered on violence.” (p. 49). Yet one of Charity’s daughters married the son of an Irish immigrant who had married an African American woman he had purchased and freed. Another of Charity’s daughters married a white man. Both interracial marriages within Charity’s immediate family argue against the author’s statement. In another passage she admits that a conclusion was unsupported by evidence: “Manumission records offer little empirical evidence to indicate that sex with an owner presented an avenue to freedom. . . . Nevertheless, the phenomenon may still have existed.” (pp. 23–24). In another instance, the author asserts that “[Charity] knew enough about the law to make certain that the details of her freedom were not only spelled out but also executed” (pp. 51–52), offering no evidence that Charity had any influence on her widowed owner’s decision in 1807 to honor her deceased husband’s 1797 manumission. The book contains other examples of unsupported conclusions.

This book offers interesting data points, but its historical analyses fall short of the evidentiary standards extolled by historians and genealogists.

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Wampanoag Families of Martha's Vineyard: The Wampanoag Genealogical History of Martha's

Vineyard, Massachusetts. Volume II: Part A. By Richard Andrew Pierce and Jerome D. Segel. Edited by Jane Fletcher Fiske. Published by Heritage Books; 5810 Ruatan Street; Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; <http://www.heritageBooks.com>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-7884-5731-9. xxi, pp. 512.

Wampanoag Families of Martha's Vineyard: The Wampanoag Genealogical History of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Volume II: Part B. By Richard Andrew Pierce and Jerome D. Segel. Edited by Jane Fletcher Fiske. Published by Heritage Books; 5810 Ruatan Street; Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; <http://www.heritageBooks.com>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-7884-5732-6. pp. 513 and 1314. Addenda, bibliography, index, map. Paperback. \$97.00.

Wampanoag origin history relates the story of the giant Moshup who formed the island of Noepe by dragging his foot along the Massachusetts shoreline. Wampanoag, meaning "People of the First Light," lived peacefully on Noepe with Moshup until the English arrived and Moshup departed. Noepe is now known as Martha's Vineyard, and the People of the First Light occupy that land as they have for thousands of years. This two-part set of compiled genealogies builds on authors Richard Andrew Pierce and Dr. Jerome D. Segel's 2003 publication, *The Wampanoag: Genealogical History of Martha's Vineyard*. Pierce, a genealogist with extensive experience in local Wampanoag genealogy, and Segel, a Martha's Vineyard resident and author of two books relating to land records, provide a firm foundation for these remarkable family sketches of the island's original inhabitants.

Researched and written to fill a gap in historical and genealogical scholarship and to document a "missing" part of Vineyard history, the text presents a valid perspective on previously undocumented Wampanoag families. While the authors acknowledge

some individual Wampanoag contributions, and author signings were heavily attended by descendants, no printed source mentions endorsements from tribes on the island. Indigenous communities today expect researchers and writers to connect with the governing bodies within tribes before researching and publishing their stories. Still, no other existing publications approach the scope and diligence of this work. The fifteen-page introduction includes a brief discussion of island history and a map demonstrating the historic tribal groups and sachems.

The family sketches use a modified *Register* system, including parenthetical citations. Inexperienced genealogists could miss footnotes accompanying each sketch, but others will enjoy the easy flow of the author's writing. They include a comprehensive discussion of sources in the introduction and a five-page list of abbreviations to assist in decoding the citations. The book contains a lengthy addendum, extensive bibliography, and indexes of people and ships.

Wampanoag women often married non-Wampanoag men. And although the Wampanoags are a maternal society, each line of descent begins with the earliest known male ancestor (Wampanoag or not) for ease in understanding subsequent generations. An illuminating description of New England Native American naming traditions demonstrates the reasoning behind descendant names. The social histories in each sketch, though understandably minor, illuminate the historic circumstances that Wampanoag people faced under English occupation.

Despite the work's tremendous scope, the volumes are meticulously organized. Family groups appear alphabetically, and the indexes simplify searches. The bibliography, containing sources beyond Martha's Vineyard, is valuable for the study of any New England tribe.

Pierce and Segel's first volume explores the genealogy of individual Aquinnah and Chappaquiddick Wampanoags. Volume two presents an impressive genealogical and historical reconstruction of a community that many forgot. The range of sources and documentation make this a valuable guide to anyone investigating Wampanoag genealogy.

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Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize Your Digital Life. By Melody Condrón. Published by Rowman & Littlefield; 4501 Forbes Boulevard; Suite 200; Lanham, MD 20706; <https://rowman.com/>; 2017. ISBN 978-1-4422-7887-5. xiii, 149 pp. Appendixes, figures, index. Hardback. \$32.00. eBook \$31.99.

Melody Condrón sets out to guide readers through the complexity of organizing and preserving digital information. The book is an overview for general readers, with information on financial and legal records, including topics specific to genealogical records. She presents a methodology to prioritize information based on personal assessments of value and then to back up items that have value. She recommends moving electronic files to a digital hub, like a single computer and creating two backups, one local and one remote, in case one fails or a disaster destroys both the source and a local backup. She points out that file-sync-and-share applications, like Dropbox, are not backups, and their data should be backed up, too.

Condrón discusses file naming as a way to organize electronic data. She does not presume her singular approach will be useful for everyone. Instead, she discusses options for designing a workable system. For file naming she suggests: be descriptive; be consistent; avoid special characters; use underscores, hyphens or camelcase, rather than spaces

between words; use fewer than twenty-one characters. That excellent advice helps ensure that files work on multiple platforms. She provides guidelines for naming files to facilitate browsing, searching, and sorting, with a focus on sorting. She recommends that, where dates are important, filenames start with the date, aiding in numerical sorting. The filename can start with the historical date of a record in the format YYYY-MM-DD, allowing researchers to quickly find documents in order (or in reverse order) of their historical creation. She also discusses metadata, batch file renaming, and folder organization.

The book includes guidelines for digitizing audio, video, and images; organizing correspondence; social media; and online sharing. Genealogists will be interested in her discussion of exporting GEDCOMs of family trees stored in websites or genealogy software. This helpful hint is not a panacea. Condrón fails to point out limitations of the GEDCOM standard and its spotty support. GEDCOM export can leave critical data behind or encode it with tags that other programs cannot interpret. She recommends periodically exporting a GEDCOM and storing backups of native files (like Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, and RootsMagic files). At some point native files might not open, forcing reliance on the GEDCOM. Until then, the original file format is the best backup.

Condrón provides an excellent brief coverage of a topic every modern genealogist needs to master: digital organization and preservation. The book uses chapter endnotes, which alone might be fine, but, in the e-book these notes are not linked, forcing readers to page down to the end of the chapter, then back. This is a minor issue in a valuable book on an important and often-neglected topic.

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Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher. By Drew Smith. Published by Family Tree Books, an imprint of F+W Media, 10151 Carver Road, Suite 200, Blue Ash, OH 45242; <http://www.shopfamilytree.com>; 2016. ISBN 978-1-4403-4503-6. 239 pp. Appendix, illustrations, index. Paperback. \$18.99.

Genealogy involves gathering minutiae and rearranging them to present and prove ancestral families. Sometimes that process is interrupted, and researchers have to repeat the search for information they had once uncovered. Every hour spent in such a quest is an hour lost.

Drew Smith, University of South Florida librarian and past secretary of the Association of Professional Genealogists, addresses this murky subject in an easygoing, accessible, and thorough book. He divides the subject into chapters: organizing space, goals, notes and ideas, files, research process, communications, online research, research trips, learning, and volunteering.

The introduction, conclusion, and first chapter apply to almost all researchers, including non-genealogists. Any organizing system, Smith advises, should be simple, flexible, and achievable in stages.

Books of this kind can degenerate into commercials for gadgets and apps. Smith discusses those he has used, sometimes in detail, acknowledging available alternatives. But a comparison of commercial offerings this is not.

Some vexing organizational questions—like the choice of paper versus electronic files—cannot be answered because a full discussion would derail the book. In this case, the usually decisive author acknowledges that “Even if you decide to go completely paperless in your research, that doesn’t mean discarding all of your paper documents.” Then he punts: “Strive for as much electronic filing as you’re comfortable with” (p. 90).

A book about getting organized inevitably crosses into substantive genealogy. Some readers might prefer more criticism of non-standard numbering systems, or getting by with minimal language skills. But this book offers few occasions for complaint. Smith’s words on genealogical conclusions should be inscribed over every genealogist’s monitor: a conclusion should not just answer the question, it should “include the documented reasoning behind it” (p. 110).

Most valuable organizational advice includes:

- changing habits;
- breaking a big project into sub-projects;
- clearly naming computer files;
- acknowledging receipt of an e-mail promptly, even when a substantive response must be postponed;
- organizing time at genealogy conferences; and
- monitoring progress (and mitigating the solitude) by having focused weekly or monthly chats with a genealogy friend.

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New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians. By Aaron Goodwin. Published by New York Genealogical and Biographical Society; 36 West 44th Street; New York, NY 10036; 2016; <http://www.NewYorkFamilyHistory.org>. ISBN 978-0-692-62042-7. xxii, 248 pp. Appendix, illustrations, selected references, tables. Paperback. \$30 (members), \$40 (non-members), \$40 (library, society and tax-exempt organizations) plus \$5 shipping and handling.

Aaron Goodwin and contributing editor Harry Macy Jr. have masterfully constructed a comprehensive reference guide to the genealogical collections of the New York City Municipal Archives (MUNI). The book

focuses on nineteen categories of collections of greatest value to amateur and professional researchers.

Mr. Goodwin is a former contributing editor of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, past editor of *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, and 2011 recipient of the ASG Scholar Award. In preparing this volume, he enlisted the assistance of the most knowledgeable experts in New York City genealogy and in MUNI's holdings.

MUNI's vital records collections include more than standard certificates, registers, and indexes. While covering those collections, the guide does a deeper dive into the lesser known "Geographical Indexes to Births," "Bodies in Transit," and other valuable records not found in standard collections.

Beyond vital records, the guide is a portal to collections like almshouse admissions and discharges, police court dockets, real property cards, Richmond County Clerk records, jury and electoral censuses, and farm histories. It does not, however, reference "Civil List, 1883–1967/68," an annual supplement to *The City Record*, New York City's official journal. It records every municipal employee, with home addresses, salaries, and dates of starting employment.

Mr. Macy's preface provides a succinct, contextual history of MUNI and its records. The author places each collection in historical context. He describes its provenance and arrangement and inherent challenges. He lists references. Readers benefit from the thoughtful inclusion of examples, a section on analyzing the records, identification of related collections, lists of materials to request before a MUNI visit, other locations holding microfilm copies, and a reference list. Suggested source citations for each collection provide a basis for readers to quickly modify into other formats.

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"They were thick as fleas": Five Generations of Jones and Allied Kin Descended from Ambrose Jones (1756–1833) in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and the Pacific Northwest, 1750s–the 20th Century. By Harold E. Hinds Jr. Published by the author; 2545 SW Terwilliger Boulevard; Portland, OR 97201-6313; 2016. ISBN 978-1-4951-9270-8. 310 pp. Index, sources. Softback. The book, not offered for sale, is available from major genealogical libraries.

This twenty-eight chapter book documents five generations of the Ambrose Jones family and allied lines of Nickell, Craig, McDaniel, Williams, and Brown. The author compiled more than a simple genealogical outline. He included information to help readers understand the lives of various ancestors. Records of church membership, military service, probate, and property are just a few of the resources thoroughly examined and presented in the narrative.

The author's introduction explains the difficulties and advantages of genealogical and family history research in the southern United States, a helpful tutorial for readers with limited Southern research experience. Chapter 1 focuses on the extensive research undertaken to determine Ambrose Jones's parents and other ancestors. Hinds sources his research process in detail. Unfortunately, Ambrose's parents remain unknown.

Chapter 2 begins with Ambrose's life in Augusta County, Virginia, before 1784. Subsequent chapters discuss his probable siblings, military service, religion, other places of residence, allied lines, and descendants. Photographs and maps, which could have enhanced the book, might not exist.

This book is unavailable for purchase, but researchers can find it at large genealogical libraries. They will see a well-written and documented family history.

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Cav.	Cavalry	Cem.	Cemetery
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