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AND
DELVA NEWCOMBE

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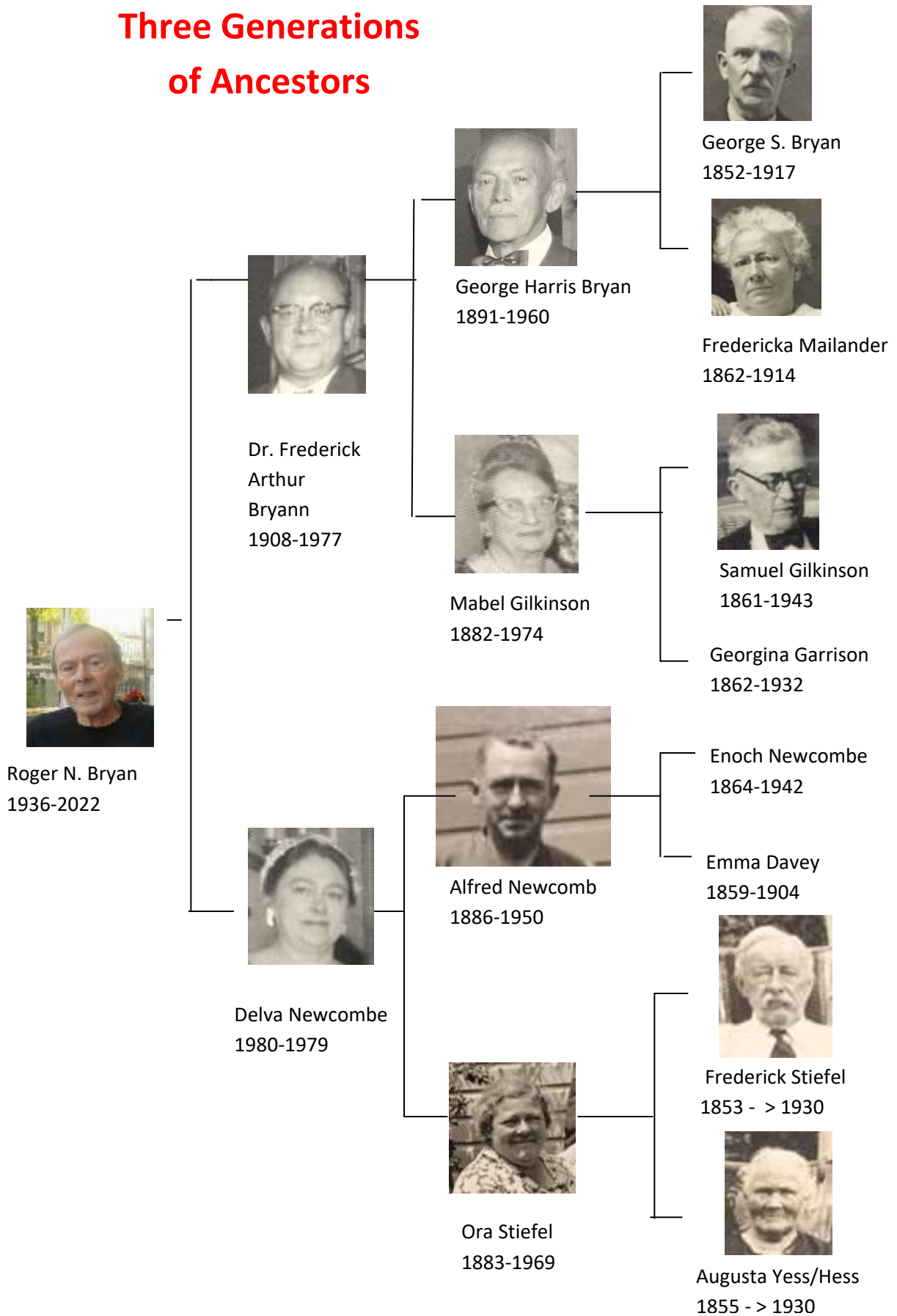
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BRYAN ANCESTOR STORIES

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Dr. Fred Bryan and the Manhattan Project



Frederick Arthur Bryan was born to George H. and Mabel Gilkinson Bryan in 1908 in Rochester, NY. He attended the University of Rochester, obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering, and later an MD at the University's Medical School. He married Delva Newcombe. After receiving his license to practice medicine in 1938, Fred took a position teaching at the University, and practiced at

Strong Memorial Hospital. He designed and built its blood plasma unit. At this time they lived at 611 Melville Avenue in Rochester.



611 Melville, Rochester in 1987



Two views of University of Rochester Medical School—Strong Memorial Hospital (1930s above, and the 1980s below)



Delva June Newcombe as bride

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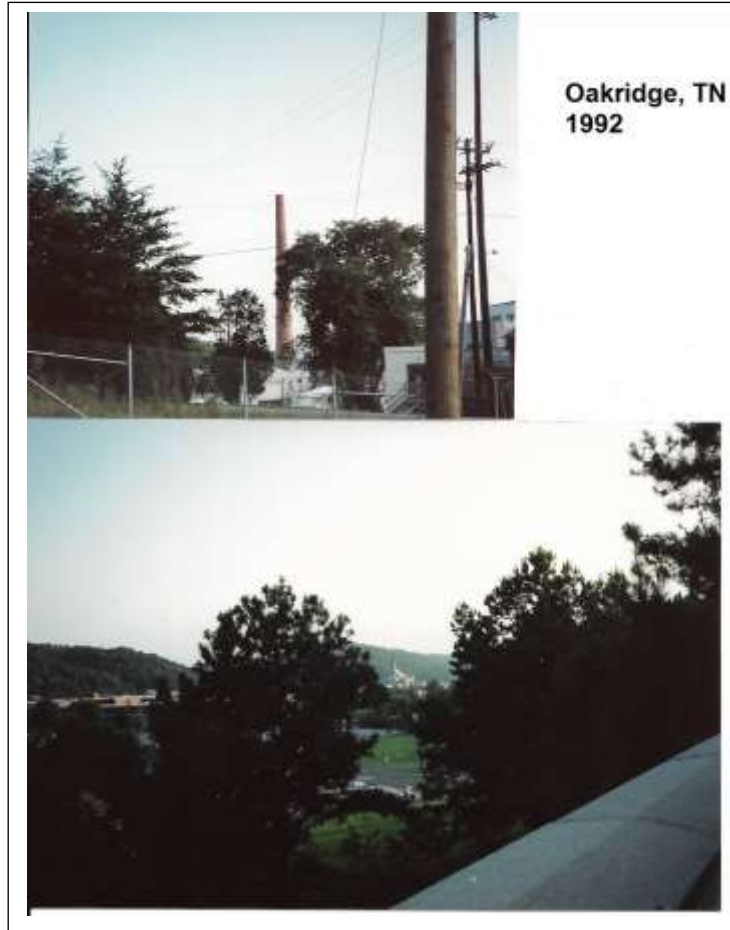
In 1942 the U.S. Government formed the Manhattan Engineering District and invested two billion dollars in a project inspired by Albert Einstein. In 1943 the Department of the Army “invited” Stafford Warren, Chief of Medical Services at Strong Memorial –and Chief of Radiology at the Medical School to join the secret “Manhattan Project.” Warren accepted and in so doing members of his hospital staff were drafted into the army, including Captain Fred Bryan.

The army chose a little community consisting of 1000 residents eighteen miles from Knoxville, Tennessee, to be the

project location. The place was “Oakridge” and selected because it was remote and concealed by natural ridges. The one thousands residents were ordered to vacate and the Army moved in.¹

In the spring of 1945 the Bryans settled in the homes of the previous residents of Oakridge. The device developed by the project” was shipped to White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico for test later that year. The “Atom Bomb” was first deployed over Hiroshima, Japan in August 1945. It ended WWII and changed the course of history.

Four days after the war Fred was named “Man of the Week” in Rochester newspapers.² He was sent to take part in atomic testing on Bekini Island after which he returned to civilian life. In 1947 he co-developed and patented an inhalation therapy technique with his associate Dr. George Taplin. That same year his Chief of Service, Stafford Warren, was appointed Director of the Atomic Energy Project at UCLA.



¹ *Smokey Mountain Country*, North, Callahan, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1952.

² Newspaper clipping among mementos of Fred and Delva Bryan now held by granddaughter Suzanne Bryan of San Francisco, CA.

Warren asked Fred to be Chief of the Industrial Hygiene Division at the Medical School. Fred accepted the position and relocated to Los Angeles along with former associates. He began a lifelong career at the UCLA Medical Center.



Delva June Newcombe Bryan
1959 photo



Dr. Frederick Arthur Bryan
1959 Photo

The entire family came west with Fred—including his wife and son and his parents, George and Mabel Bryan. Delva’s parents, Alfred and Ora Newcombe accompanied them. All remained in Los Angeles for the rest of their lives.³

In the 2000s Fred’s great granddaughter interviewed Fred’s son regarding the family experience at Oakridge, TN. See the he story of <Fred Bryan-Oakridge.pdf ‘>Fred Bryan and the Manhattan Project .

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For another “Bryan” from Rochester who served during WWII, see “leftovers” for the story of Roger Bryan, Flying Fortress Radio Gunner.

³ Death Certificates for each are on file in the California State Department of Health. However no burial records have yet been found.

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Alfred Newcombe from Devon, England

Alfred Newcombe was born in Bideford, Devonshire,⁴ England, in 1886 to Enoch and Emma Davey Newcombe. Alfred sailed with his brother, Arthur, to New York on the Ship “Philadelphia”. They departed Southampton, England 24 September 1904 and arrived at New York October 1. The Ship manifest lists him as a “Collector.” Alfred and Arthur each had \$30. Their destination was 49 Olean Street, Rochester, New York.⁵



***Alfred Newcombe
(1930 photo, age 44)***

The brothers are listed together in the 1905 State Census of New York where they ‘boarded’ with a Cawburn family at the Olean Street address. Alfred reported his occupation as “stenographer.” Arthur said he was a “day laborer.”⁶

Bideford on the west coast of Devonshire, England



⁴ Birth in “Biddeford, Eng., from Alfred Newcombe station owner, born “Beddeford,” Englan Donlon St, Rochester, Dist 6. He is listed

⁵ See Ship’s Manifest on page 9.

⁶ NY State Census, 1905. Alfred states he has been in the U.S. 4 years. Arthur states he has been in the U.S. 1 year.

No further record has been found about Alfred until 1907.

Alfred Newcombe married Ora Stiefel in 1907!

Their first daughter, Delva June, was born in 1908. Their second daughter, Dorothy, was born in 1910.⁷ According to family they lived in “Swissvale, Pennsylvania,” southeast of Pittsburgh near the Monongahela River.⁸

Family legend which has prevailed over several generations goes like this:

Alfred Newcombe worked the coal mines near Pittsburgh until he was stricken with tuberculosis and sent to Rochester, New York for treatment. Ora Stiefel nursed him back to health. Some say she was a nurse and that they met while he was in the hospital in Rochester. No records have been found to support this claim.



Ora Stiefel (1883-1969)
(1930 photo, age 47)

The legend that he was a miner might derive from Alfred’s origins: he grew up in Devon on the west coast near the border of Cornwall. (Cornwall was famous for mining – and for exporting miners to America.)

However as a boy in Bideford Alfred had worked as a mason’s apprentice.⁹ On arrival in America he worked as a stenographer. If he took a job in the mines, he took it as a novice.

Only two years elapsed between the time Alfred lived on Olean Street in Rochester (June 1, 1905) and his marriage to Ora June 4, 1907. Is it logical that during two years he could have gone to Pittsburgh, worked in the mines long enough to contract “TB” and have been shipped back to Rochester to be cared for by Ora—and married her?

Perhaps he married Ora in Rochester and then went to the Pittsburgh mines. In that case he probably got sick after the marriage and the births of his daughters.

The next ten years are full of mystery.

⁷ The family has not been found in the 1910 census of New York or Pennsylvania in the transcriptions at Ancestry.com.

⁸ The death records of both Newcombe sisters state they were born in New York. Information provided by surviving—and grieving-- family members is often unreliable.

⁹ 1901 Census of England, Devon.

If Alfred were treated in Rochester it may have been at the Famous Iola Sanitarium which opened as a tent hospital about 1909. It opened, officially, in 1911.¹⁰

Wherever Alfred was treated, the Newcombe family left no record in the 1910 U.S. Census nor the 1915 New York State Census.¹¹ Where did he live? Even though the US and NY State agents failed to find him, the publishers of commercial directories found him—year after year.

In 1909 the Rochester City Directory listed Alfred as a ‘trimmer’. Then from 1911-1917 it displayed him as a “chauffeur” at various locations—living at 9 ½ Donlon Street.

In the meantime his brother Arthur had returned to Devon to bring their father, Enoch, and family to America. The mother, Emma, had died in 1904 and Enoch remarried to Mary West Jeffery. They sailed from Liverpool to Boston in April 1914 on the Ship “Olympic.”¹² They settled briefly in Rochester and were enumerated in the 1915 census. Enoch worked in a foundry.

By 1917 Enoch Newcombe is listed in the same directory as “removed to Detroit.” Apparently Alfred’s brother, Arthur, went to Michigan with their father.

In 1918 Alfred filled out a WWI Draft Registration Card in Rochester.

By 1920 Alfred’s father, Enoch Newcombe, had resettled in Flint, Michigan. Alfred and Ora followed and were enumerated in Enoch’s household in the 1920 U.S. Census in Flint. Enoch was employed in the cement industry and Alfred worked as an auto mechanic.¹³ Enoch would remain in Flint to work in the auto industry for the rest of his life.¹⁴

Alfred and Ora did not stay long in Flint. Alfred returned to Rochester to his old job—chauffeur.

In 1921 they again resided at on Donlon Street—where they stayed for the next twenty years. Alfred continued to work as a chauffeur.

According to the 1940 census Alfred had advanced to the position of ‘gas station proprietor.’ He lived with his family on Farmington Road. The 1941 City Directory for

¹⁰ The structure located on Westfall Road was demolished in 2013 for a shopping center.

¹¹ The Census Bureau enumerates people at their normal place of residence—even if they are in the hospital or on vacation.

¹² Massachusetts Passengers and Crew Lists 1820-1963, Enoch Newcombe and Arthur, 1914

¹³ 1920 U.S. Census, Flint, Michigan lists both families including “Molly,” Alfred’s fourteen-year-old half-sister, daughter of Mary West Jeffery

¹⁴ Flint was a major General Motors Plant manufacturing Chevrolets.

Rochester shows Alfred as ‘owner of a gas Station’ at 3522 East Avenue in Pittsford (a district of southeast Rochester). Alfred had become a citizen of the United States.

After WWII Alfred followed his son-in-law, Fred Bryan, to California. Alfred died in 1950 in Los Angeles.

What did Alfred look like? Alfred’s WWII draft card describes Alfred as 5’8” tall, 150 lbs with hazel eyes and brown hair. (See photo on page 5.)

Alfred’s father, Enoch, died in 1942 only eight years prior to Alfred. No photos of Enoch have been found.

Alfred’s wife, Ora, survived him by many years, residing in a modest home in West Los Angeles. Her daughter Dorothy Melvin lived with her in later years.¹⁵ Ora lived long enough to see the birth of two great grandchildren in 1960 and 1962. She died in 1969.



Delva Newcombe Bryan with her parents and in-laws in the 1930s.

Top left to right: Alfred Newcombe, George H. Bryan

Bottom left to right: Ora Stiefel Newcombe, Mabel Gilkinson Bryan, Delva

Alfred’s ancestors trace back decades—perhaps centuries—in Devon. Alfred’s parents, Enoch Newcombe and Emma Davey were married in 1882. His grandparents were Emmanuel Newcombe born in 1818 and his wife Joanne Willis.

¹⁵ Dorothy married a Mr. Melvin who worked with the U.S. Diplomatic Service in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They divorced and Dorothy returned to Los Angeles to live with her mother.

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Gottfried Stiefel, Hessian Immigrant

Gottfried Stiefel, a German farmer, and his wife Elisabeth were born in Hesse—Kassel. Gottfried was born about 1813 and Elisabeth about 1815.¹⁶ They sailed from Bremen to New York in 1846 on the Ship “Amazon.” Their stated destination on the passenger list was “Wisconsin.” Their first record of residence, however, was in Buffalo, New York in 1850.



Their first son, William, was born about 1849 in New York and the second son, Frederick, in 1854.

Gottfried and Elisabeth came to Rochester before 1860.¹⁷ His son, Fred Jr., worked as a cabinet maker. His son, William, married and moved next door.

¹⁶ Hesse-Kassel: Hesse is in west central Germany. Modern Hesse was known as Hesse-Darmstadt until the Seven Weeks War in 1866 when Hesse-Cassel/Kassel was annexed to Prussia. It became part of the German Empire in 1871.

¹⁷ Passenger list of the Ship Amazon, NY, 5 Jun 1846 from Bremen; 1850 U.S. Census, Buffalo, NY; 1850 U.S. Census, Buffalo, NY; 1860 U.S. Census, Rochester, NY—all stating birth in Hesse Kassel.

Gottfried died in June 1872 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester. His wife Elisabeth died in October 1889 and is also buried at Mt. Hope.¹⁸ (See Ship's Passenger List on next page.)

Many with the surname "Stiefel" settled in Rochester. Unfortunately many of them were given the Christian names William and Frederick. See ship list on next page and their enumeration in the 1860 U.S. Census, Rochester, NY on page 14.

The sons and grandsons of Gottfried (Godfrey) Stiefel

William Stiefel (1849-?) Gottfried's eldest son, first worked as a **fireman on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.**⁸ He married twice and had two children by his first wife, Mary who died before 1880. One of his boys was named **Frederick** (born about 1870). William Stiefel later remarried to a woman named "Nellie." His death and burial place are not known.

Frederick William Stiefel (1870-1942). William Stiefel's son Frederick also was a fire fighter. He became a Fire Captain for the City of Rochester Fire Department. He was born in July 1870. He married a woman named Catherine in 1895. Catherine was born 22 Dec 1872. They had a daughter named Verona who taught school at the James Whitcomb Riley School.

They lived on Barrington Avenue in Ward 12 of Rochester. In the Rochester City Directories he is listed as Captain of Truck 4 of the Fire Department. The 1925 State Census shows Fred as a captain in the city fire department, "Truck Co. #4."¹⁰ Fred died in 1942 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester. His gravestone commemorates his service with "Truck 4" of the Rochester Fire Department.



Catherine died in 1967.

¹⁸ Mt. Hope burial shown at Find-A-Grave at Ancestry.com, memorial # 41389825 for "Godfrey Steefel," and # 41390228, "Ann Lizabeth Stiefel" 1870 U.S. Census, Rochester, NY shows Gottfried still living with wife and son Frederick. The 1875 New York State Census shows Elisabeth living with Frederick and his wife, Augusta.

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 SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in 11th Ward City Rochester in the County of Monroe State
 of New York enumerated by me, on the 9 day of August 1860. Wm. Wright Ass't Marshal
 Post Office Rochester

1	2	3	Description.			7	Value of Real Estate.		10	11	12	13	14
			Sex	Color	Age		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
		Christian Miller	3	f	✓				N.Y.				
		Lucretia	2	f	✓				Do.				
		Nathan G. Hays	10	m	✓	Day laborer			Rochester				
104	1010	Harriet Hays	25	m	✓	Do.	1	200	Do.				
		Theresa	20	f	✓				Do.				
		August	5	m	✓				N.Y.				
		Isaac	3	m	✓				Do.				
		Isabel	1	f	✓				Do.				
105	1011	John Sharp	11	m	✓	Day laborer	1	100	200	Rochester			
		Abigail	27	f	✓				Do.				
		Henry	12	m	✓				N.Y.				
106	1012	Gottfried Stiefel	18	m	✓			100	100	Carthagen			
		Anna Elt	15	f	✓				Do.				
		William	11	m	✓				N.Y.				
		Frederick	4	m	✓				Do.				
107	1013	John Kiriliga	10	m	✓	Joiner	1	100	150	Rochester			
		Anna Kiriliga	27	f	✓				Do.				
		Theresa	11	f	✓				Do.				
		Henry	4	m	✓				Do.				
		Catharine	6	f	✓				N.Y.				
108	1014	Charles Knapp	10	m	✓	Day laborer	1	100	100	Rochester			
		Mary	27	f	✓				Do.				
		Mary	2	f	✓				N.Y.				
		Catharine	7	f	✓				Do.				
		John	1/2	m	✓				Do.				
109	1015	John Miller	23	m	✓	Shoemaker	1	100	100	Wartburg			
		Isaac	23	f	✓				Rochester				
		Catharine	4	f	✓				N.Y.				
		Mary	2	f	✓				Do.				
		Richard	3	m	✓				Do.				
		William	2	f	✓				Do.				
		Abraham	1/2	f	✓				Do.				
110	1016	Mary Trauer	16	f	✓	Widow	1	200	100	Rochester			
		Rebecca	22	f	✓				Do.				
		Yonah	20	f	✓				Do.				
		Rebecca	18	m	✓				Do.				
		Josephina	16	f	✓				Do.				
		Joseph	16	m	✓				Do.				

104	1012	Gottfried Stiefel	18	m	✓			100	100	Carthagen			
		Anna Elt	15	f	✓				Do.				
		William	11	m	✓				N.Y.				
		Frederick	4	m	✓				Do.				

1860 U.S. Census, Monroe Co., NY, Rochester, 11th Ward, 9 Aug 1860
 Showing Gottfried Stiefel, wife Anne Elizabeth, and sons William and Frederick

Frederick Stiefel (1853-?). Gottfried's son Frederick became a furniture craftsman in Rochester. He married in 1874 to a German girl named **Augusta Yess** from Prussia.¹⁹ A family legend states that Augusta Yess was born aboard ship in New York Harbor. No such record has been found.

Augusta herself claimed she was born in Prussia in 1854 and that she immigrated to America in 1869.²⁰ She was 15 years old when she entered New York Harbor. (See immigration year on census, page 18) Augusta sometimes called herself "Gusta."

They both lived until after 1930. No records of Frederick and Augusta's death have yet been found.

(See photos of Frederick and Augusta on following page.)

Children of Frederick and Augusta Stiefel:

Frederick and Augusta had five children. The eldest sons were named William Frederick Stiefel and Frederick William Stiefel, Jr.

William Frederick Stiefel (1876-). He married about 1905 and left few records. He married Ann Van Buren, an immigrant from Switzerland born in 1882. She had come to Rochester with her parents.

William worked in a business downtown Rochester as a stocker and shipper according to city directories from 1909 to 1921. However the New York State Census of 1915 found Ann living with her parents and siblings in Rochester. It is possible William had served in WWI.

William has not been found at all that census or the 1920 U.S. Census—although the 1921 city directory finds him living at 408 East Main and working at 96 St. Paul St. There is no record of the couple having any children.

¹⁹ 1900 U.S. Census, for Frederick and Augusta Bryan gives marriage year as 1874. The Maiden name, "Yess," is from death and marriage certificate of daughter, Ora Stiefel Newcombe..

²⁰ 1930 U.S. Census, Rochester, states she immigrated in 1869 and was never naturalized. No record of her immigration has been found. An "Augusta Yoss," was found in a ship's list for the Ship "Holsatia", 20 July 1869. She was a nineteen-year-old unmarried female travelling alone.

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This photo from the Bryan family collection has been referred to only as the 'great grandparents'—believed to be Frederick Stiefel and Augusta Hess/Yess. The photo (circa 1900-1920)—originally two images at the same position—used to produce a 'stereo opticon' wherein two photos were merged to produce a 3D effect. This might help to date the photo as circa 1920. (See Enlarged segments below)



Frederick William Stiefel (1880-) Frederick followed his father's trade in woodworking. He married a fifteen-year-old German girl named Barbara Mayer about 1908. Fred worked as a cabinet maker and woodworker. Eventually he went to work for Eastman Kodak in Rochester. He registered for the draft for WWI and WWII. (See WWI draft registration on page 19)

He was described as of medium height and build (5 ' 8", 195 lbs in 1942). His eyes were blue and his hair brown. In 1925 Barbara's brother in law came to live with them. They lived on Norton Street in Ward 17.

Ora Stiefel (1883-1969). Ora was born in 1883 in Rochester, New York.. When she was seventeen Ora worked as a saleswoman in a dry goods store. The family lived in the community of "Webster."²¹ In the 1905 State Census she was listed as a "camera worker" (undoubtedly at Eastman Kodak). No record has been found to suggest she trained as a nurse. Ora married Alfred Newcombe in 1907. (See Alfred Newcombe)



Ora (Stiefel)

²¹ 1930 U.S. Census, Monroe Co., NY, li

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 2536
 Precinct No. 9
 Sheet No. 5A

Enumeration District Name Westchester, Baden

Enumeration District No. 2536
 Precinct No. 9
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NAME	RELATION	SEX		AGE		MARRIAGE	RACE	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE	FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE	MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE	LANGUAGE	YEAR IMMIGRATED
		M	F	At Birth	At Marriage								
Stiefel, Frederick	Head	M	W	79	M	31	White	New York	Germany	Germany	Germany	German	1869
Stiefel, Augusta	Wife	F	W	75	M	30	White	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	German	1869

1930 U. S. Census showing Frederick and Augusta Stiefel indicating the year of Augusta's immigration, 1869.

Name	Age	Age at Marriage	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Language	Year Immigrated				
Stiefel, Frederick	M	W	79	M	31	New York	Germany	Germany	Germany	German	1869
Stiefel, Augusta	F	W	75	M	30	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	German	1869

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 31-7-10-C

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT					
HEIGHT		BUILD		COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Slender	Medium	Short	
22	✓	34	25	25	Blue, Brown

28 Has perfect lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)

29 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Date of Registration *Sept. 12, 1937*

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

62-6121 (OVER)

REGISTRATION CARD A

SERIAL NUMBER **2097** ORDER NUMBER **6055**

1 *Fredrick Stiefel Jr.*
(Last Name) (Middle Name) (First Name)

2 PRESENT HOME ADDRESS:
417 Madison St. Rochester N.Y.
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or Town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **38** Date of Birth **June 20 1898**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

R. A. C. E.			
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
✓	1	8	9

U. S. CITIZEN

U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Natives Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Non-declarant
✓	11	12	13
			14

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

PRESENT OCCUPATION *Contractor* EMPLOYER'S NAME *Contractor Kodak, Inc.*

16 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:
12 Caledonia Ave. Rochester N.Y.
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or Town) (County) (State)

NEAREST RELATIVE
Name *Barbara Stiefel*
Address *417 Madison St. Rochester N.Y.*
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

F. M. G. O. *Fredrick Stiefel Jr.*
Form No. 1 (Rev. 1937) (Registrant's Signature) (Date)

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Samuel Gilkinson, Irish Immigrant

The ancestor of this family is said to be Samuel Gilkinson of Dungannon, County Tyrone, (1770-?). His son, Alexander (1805-1899) lived in Tullygun Town in the parish of Dungannon, County Tyrone. Alexander was the father of Samuel Gilkinson (1827-1917) who emigrated to America in 1850.



The picture on the left shows modern Dungannon (location of the 18th century Gilkinson farm.)

Samuel Gilkinson (1827-1917) married Mary Park, the daughter of James and Jane Park. The marriage took place 14 November 1848 in Dungannon.²²

The 1840's were known as the decade of the "Potato Famine" in Ireland. The linen industry was the foundation of the economy in County

Tyrone. Samuel was a weaver as was his father before him. The famine had a drastic effect on the industry and the population.

Under these circumstances cheap passage to America lured many young men like Samuel from the stricken country. Samuel and Mary sailed on the Ship Wolfville in May of 1850. They settled in New Jersey. (See ship list, page 23.)

Their son, Samuel R. Gilkinson was born September 9, 1861 in New Jersey. Samuel married Georgina Garrison December 26, 1881 in Newark. Georgina was born in New Jersey in 1862.²³



²² Ireland Civil Register of Marriage Index, 1845-1958, Vol. 5, p. 488 listing place as Dungannon. Ireland Select Marriages 1619-1898 shows Alexander as father of Samuel.

Samuel Gilkinson, Sr., died 13 June 1917 in Belleville, Essex County, New Jersey. Mary Park Gilkinson died March 2, 1880.²⁴

Mabel Gilkinson was born to Samuel and Georgina Gilkinson in New Jersey December 7, 1882. The family left New Jersey and came to Bath, NY. Their son Robert was born in New York in 1884.

Samuel R. Gilkinson, a case maker by trade, located his business in downtown Rochester. His oldest son, Robert, opened a grocery on Plymouth Street. Over the next decade he established grocery stores at various locations. Samuel's youngest son, Bill, is said to have fought in WWI.



Mabel Gilkinson



Samuel R. Gilkinson

Samuel and Georgine Gilkinson's daughter, Mabel, married George Harris Bryan, son of George S. Bryan, on July 18, 1904.

Samuel R. Gilkinson's wife, Georgine, died 28 December 1932.

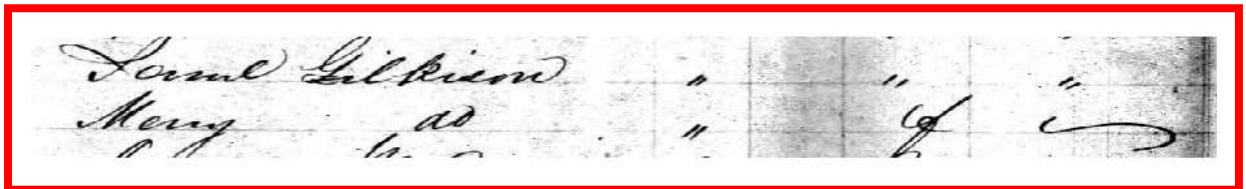
Samuel then went into the grocery business with his youngest son, Bill.

²³ It may be a coincidence that Dr. Fred Bryan's (1908-1977) maternal grandfather and his paternal great grandfather both married a "Garrison" (Elisha Bryan married Margaret Garrison of New Jersey and Samuel R. Gilkinson married Georgina Garrison of New Jersey.) The two women are not known to be related.

²⁴ Mary Gilkinson was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey.

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NAMES	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they are bound	The Country of which they are to be taken to
	YEARS	MONTHS				
Sarah McCracken	21		f			
Thos M Munn	"		m	Labourer		
Dani Warden	29		"	"		
Alis Blitcher	21		"	"		
Ellen McManus	11		f	"		
Andw. A. A. A.	29		m	"		
James Frost	"		"	"		
Geo. A. A.	"		"	"		
Wm. A. A.	41		"	"		
Annie A.	34		f	"		
James A.	21		"	"		
Mary A.	11		"	"		
Patrick A.	"		"	"		
Michael A.	10/11		"	"		
John McCallaghan	41		m	"		
Margt. B. A.	"		f	"		
John B. A.	31		m	"		
Margt. A.	48		f	"		
John A.	13		m	"		
Ellen A.	11		f	"		
Stabella A.	11/12		"	"		
John A.	31		m	"		
James Gilkison	"		"	"		
Mary A.	"		f	"		
James Mc A.	29		m	"		
Sarah Mc A.	"		f	"		
Ellen A.	20		"	"		
Geo. A.	35		m	"		
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Michael A.	"		"	"		
James A.	"		f	"		
Cather Mc A.	30		"	"		
Robt. A.	21		m	"		
Mama A.	15		f	"		
John A.	29		m	"		
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John A.	21		"	"		



Passenger List, Ship Wolfville from Belfast, May 21, 1850

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George Harris Bryan of Gleason Works

George Harris Bryan was born in 1881 in Rochester, New York to George S. and Fredericka (Rika) Mailander Bryan.

When he was a youth he worked as a draftsman at the same plant as did his father. Later he went to work at the Gleason Works. He was a talented engineer and advanced steadily until promoted to Chief Engineer.



*George Harris Bryan
abt. 1912-14*

Gleason Works (1987 photo)



George H. Bryan with son Frederick and father George S. Bryan
(about 1912 - 14)

George married Mabel Gilkinson when he was 24. Their son Fred was born 20 October 1908.

George and Mabel Bryan relocated to Los Angeles, California when their son, Dr. Frederick Bryan, went to work at the UCLA Medical Center after WWII.

They lived out their lives in a small craftsman bungalow in West Los Angeles, California.



Anecdote about death of George H. Bryan and birth of grandson, 1960

Tragically George became agitated when the impending birth of his first great grandson was delayed beyond the expected 'due date'. That date, August 18, 1960, passed without the expected birth. He paced with worry for days. He felt something surely had gone wrong. Distraught beyond measure, George died 29 August, 1960.



His first (and only) great grandson was born without complication five days later on September 3, 1960.

(See "leftovers" for discussion of George H. Bryan's middle name: Harris.)

George S. Bryan and Reka Mailander

George S. Bryan was born in 1852 in Rochester, New York to Elisha N. and Margaret Garrison Bryan. George began to work as a pressman with Horace Bryan when he was seventeen years old.

George married Fredericka Mailander in 1881. Fredericka, known as “Rika,” was born in September 1862 in New York. She was the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Lena) Mailander both born in Wurtemberg (Germany), Jacob in



1825 and ‘Lena’ in 1828.

Jacob and Lena immigrated to America in 1854, sailing on the “Leverland” arriving at New York 1 June 1854. Their first destination according to the ships manifest was Wisconsin.



According to the Census they lived in Rochester as early as 1860 and continuously thereafter. They had at least eight children including Rika. Jacob and Lena lived at least until 1896 in Rochester.

George and Rika Bryan had two sons: George Harris Bryan and Charles Bryan. They lived on Fern Street near the Bryan factory buildings.

With them lived Elizabeth Paulus and her children: son Charles and twins Bertram and Laura²⁵. (Boarders) Elizabeth Paulus was Rika's sister. (She had married Charles Paulus in 1882.)²⁶



At age 37 George S. Bryan became foreman at his plant. The plant was located at 330 Lyell Avenue on the west side of Rochester—the very location his uncle purchased seventy years before.²⁷



George S. Bryan died in 1917 and Fredericka Mailander Bryan died in 1914.

They are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery In Rochester, New York.²⁸

²⁵The house was not far from the home of the Samuel R. Gilkinson whose daughter, Mabel, married George and Rika's son, George Harris Bryan.

²⁶ Elizabeth Paulus is listed as married in the 1900 census but her husband is not in the household. By the 1910 census Elizabeth is a head of household and widow.

²⁷ 330 Lyell was the address of the original Bryan factory making grain cradles and fan mills.

²⁸ Find-a-grave at Ancestry.com memorials 152818887 (George S. Bryan) and 152818736 (Fredericka Mailander Bryan), Mt. Hope Cemetery Section BB, Row 44, lots 93 and 93.

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George is shown below with his wife Fredericka (Rike) and his son George H. and wife Mabel about 1904. (Left to right: Rika, George S., Mabel, George H.)



**Top Row: L-R George H. Bryan, George S. Bryan, Charlie Bryan (?)
Bottom Row: Fred Bryan (about 6?), Reka Mailander Bryan, Unknown,
Mabel Gilkinson Bryan. (About 1914)**

Ancestor Stories



Elisha Bryan, Politician

Elisha Bryan was born in 1809 in Shecomeco,²⁹ “Northeast,” New York, in the valley of the Oblong River of Dutchess County. It is near Amenia a few miles from the Connecticut border.

Elisha’s brother, William W. Bryan, was born in the same place in 1811. The brothers migrated together eventually establishing a business in Rochester, NY in the 1830s.

They were the sons of Isaac and Sally Bryan. The brothers continued the business of fan mill and grain cradle manufacturing first started by their grandfather, Ezra, in Amenia. Shortly after going into business, the Panic of 1837 hit Rochester and demolished their hopes.

George S. and Rika Bryan with
George H. Bryan, George S. E
Rika Mailander Bryan, Maud
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Democratic nominee for Lumber Inspector. He was appointed the next year. In 1848 Elisha became the National Reformer’s “Barnburners” candidate for State Assembly and gained the backing of organized labor. A newspaper article published in the *Rochester Republican* mentioned that he gave a speech on the subject of suffrage but it did not elaborate on his views.³⁰



Genesee Falls near downtown Rochester

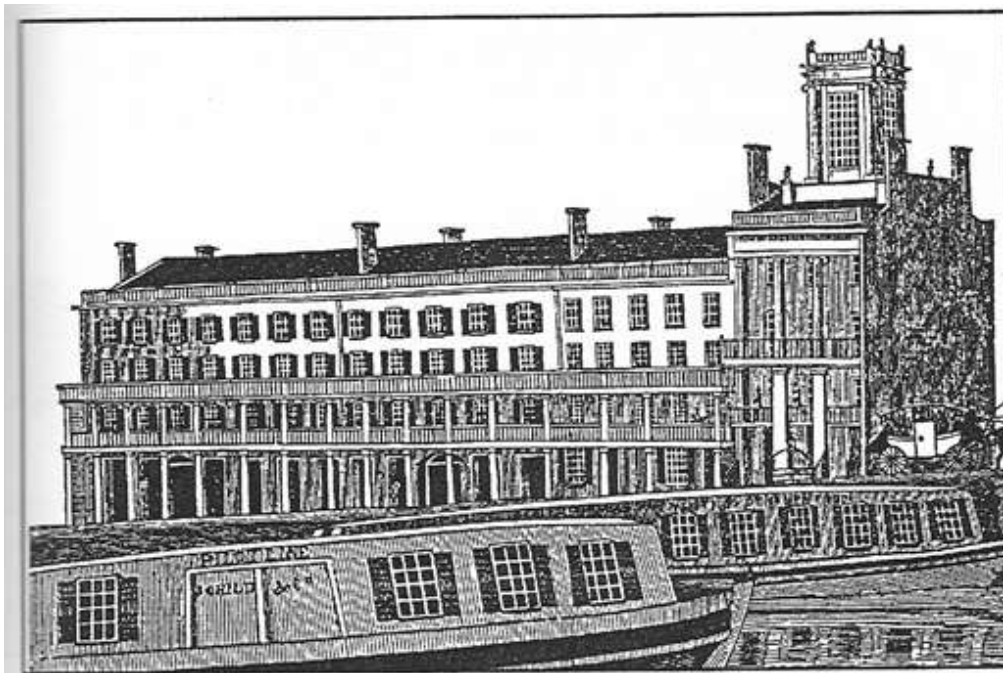
²⁹ Shecomeco is sometimes spelled “Shekomeko.”

³⁰ The news article merely stated that he spoke to the issue.

He followed in his father's footsteps by becoming Secretary of the Monroe County Temperance League.

In 1851 he married Margaret Garrison. In 1852 a cholera epidemic swept the city. Shortly thereafter Elisha went into business with his brother William. The two families lived together in one house on Kent Street. He became Overseer of the Poor in 1862.

When Civil War broke out, Elisha joined the 5th Artillery of the 54th New York Militia. The 54th was called the "Union Grays," or the "Reynolds Battalion [sic]." It served in the worst of the early battles including Bull Run and Antietam. Elisha was 54 years old.³¹ On return from the war Elisha changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican and became a charter member of the Veterans of Union Gray.



Rochester House

Rochester House Hotel burns three times.

Elisha then became proprietor of the Rochester Hotel which burned down three times under his management. He became the Republican candidate for and was elected to the position of Police Justice in 1865. He served one term as City Assessor for which he

³¹ Elisha's service record has not been acquired. He might have been too old for combat.

received an ebony cane with gold head. He served as Superintendent of the Truant House until it was abolished and two years as Collector at the Customs House. During these years he and his wife owned a home and several lots on Smith Street in what had been the Frankfort district across the river from downtown Rochester.³²

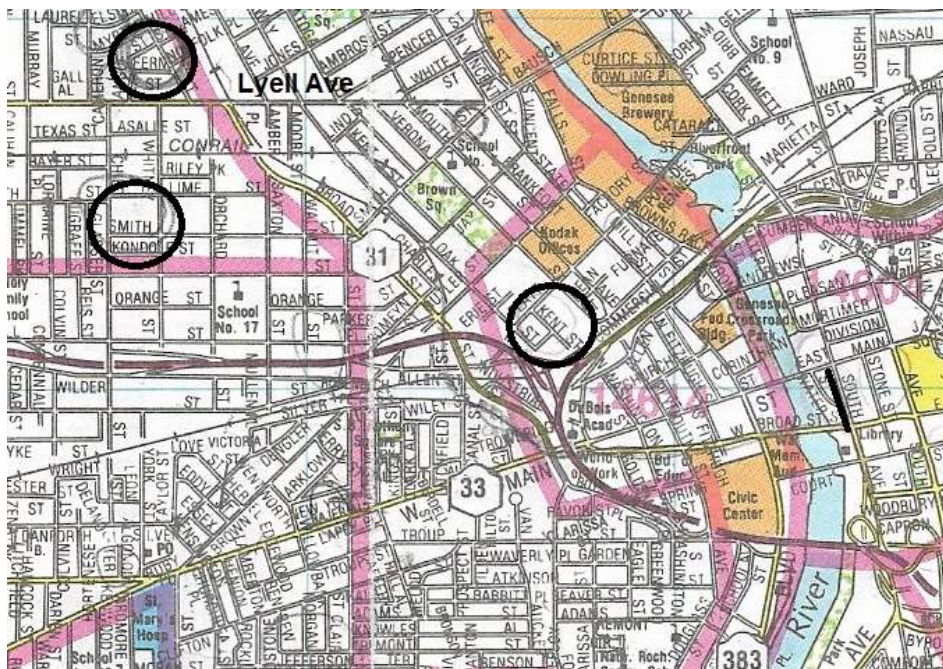
In his later years there came a time when Elisha's extended family all lived together on Smith Street. A Caroline Bryan, daughter-in-law of Jacob Bryan, a noted pioneer of nearby Penfield, and distant cousin, lived at the same address. Her son, Horace Bryan, also lived there. Elisha's son, George S. Bryan, worked for Horace in a print shop located in a building in which Caroline Bryan ran a restaurant.

Why after so many generations the two families came together—Caroline's and George's—is a mystery. Both families trace back to Alexander Bryan of Newtown, Connecticut in the early 1700s. (See later sections: "Alexander Bryan, Newtown, p. 47)

In 1875 Elisha retired from the bench and became Director of the Children's Home. His wife died and he remarried. He then retired from public life and went to work as a street car conductor for the Rochester Street Railroad.

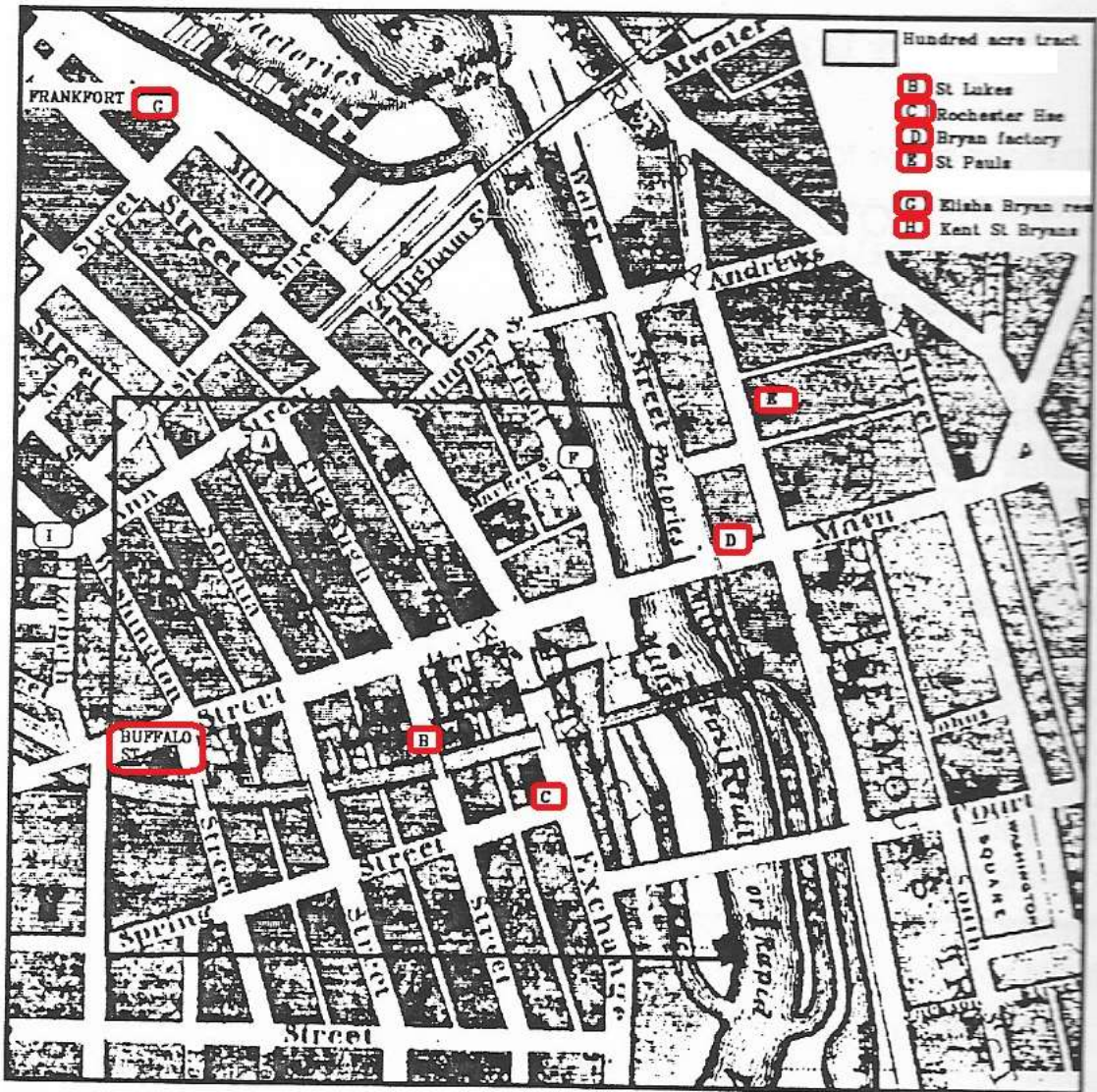
Tragically his eldest son, Frederick, fell from the roof of the almshouse and was killed.

Elisha died of a stroke in 1888 at age 79.



Modern street map showing some Bryan locations in 1800s

³² Image of Rochester House from Henry O'Reilly, *Sketches of Rochester*, rpt (Geneseo; James Brunner, 1984.)



**BRYANS IN ROCHESTER,
1800S**

Map showing locations of residence of George S. Bryan relative to that of Samuel Gilkinson and George Bryan's father, Elisha Bryan.

Smith: = Elisha Bryan

Fern = George S. Bryan

Kent = Samuel Gilkinson

Isaac Bryan: Temperance and Letters

Isaac Bryan was born 18 August 1776 to Ezra and Sarah Peck Bryan. He grew up in the village of Shecomeco/Shekemeko in the township of Northeast in Dutchess County, New York. Isaac left Shecomeco in the early 1800s to seek opportunities in Rensselaer County to the north. There he engaged in fan mill manufacturing on the Hudson River.

The business was first established by his father, Ezra, in Amenia, New York. Ezra's sons and nephews brought the business to the Hudson River in the early 1800s.

Development of the Erie Canal in the early 1830s drew members of the Bryan family west to Rochester, New York.

Isaac came to Rochester with sons Elisha and William. While the boys went into manufacturing, Isaac entered the civil service. He became a "Street Inspector" for the City of Rochester, followed by "Measurer of Wood," "Pound Master" and "Weigher of Hay."³³ He was elected delegate to the State Temperance Convention in August 1846.

Rochester was well-known for its *Reform* celebrities. The major topics of Reform were abolition, temperance and women's rights. The most significant persons who lived, advocated, died and are buried there



Shecomeco/Shekemeko NY and relation to Waterford and Pittstown in Rensselaer County

³³ *Rochester Daily Democrat*, 17 July 1835.

were: Susan B. Anthony and Frederick O. Douglass.

It is clear from Isaac's letters that he supported reform. In his day he was definitely opposed to the *Fugitive Slave Act*. Whether he ever met any of these giants of Reform is not known.

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Throughout Isaac's residence in Rochester, he exchanged letters with his younger brother, Amos, who had remained in Shecomeco.

Their correspondence reveals Isaac's thoughts as well as vital details of the lives of his close relatives.

Sept 1, 1846

[From Isaac Bryan, Rochester, NY to Amos Bryan, Esq. Northeast, Dutchess County, NY, Federal Store Post Office]

Dear Brother

As I have been appointed one of the delegates to the state temperance convention to be held at Auburn on the 16th of Sept instant, and as there will be delegates from all parts of the State, I thought very likely you might be one....

I must now say something about domestic concerns. We are now enjoying good health except for Sally, whose health is generally poor. I think she is much like her sister, Betsy....Elisha is at home, works at cradles mostly, sold about six hundred this year. Wm. Is doing good business in the hardware line. Sarah has married a hatter, works as journeyman...his name is Leonard. Laura married a widower with a child—resides in Iowa. Her husband's name is Dibble...Harriet is at home. Phebe was married the 20th last month to an Irishman by the name of Hair....

Your affectionate brother, Isaac Bryan.

From this letter it appears Isaac had daughters in addition to his two sons Elisha and William:

Sarah Bryan Leonard, Laura Bryan Dibble, Harriet Bryan, Phebe Bryan Hair already mentioned.

In the next letter Isaac talks personally about Temperance family and his wife Sally's health.

September 7, 1847

Dear Brother

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing a draft of \$40 which I consider a very liberal present, and for which I feel under the greatest obligations. It surely will not go, one cent of it, for intoxicating liquor for I have not swallowed one drop of anything which would intoxicate in about 5 ½ years, not even beer or cider....

Sally's health has been very poor for several years, is now very low, probably as poor in flesh as her sister Betsy ever was, no doubt the last stages of consumption.

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Plat Viehl resides here now, all well. He has put up this season one of the most splendid buildings in western New York and perhaps in the state. The architect...says that there is nothing in Broadway in New York that can come up to it.

Isaac Bryan

[Sally died in 1849. Plat Viehl married Isaac's niece, Pheobe. His son William married Plat Viehl's daughter, Jane.]

The following letter reveals Isaac's politics.

December 11, 1852

Mt. Hope, Rochester

Dear Brother

A great and important election being just over, I must say a word about politics. Pierce has gained the greatest victory, when there was opposition that has ever been gained. I claim no credit for. I did not vote for him, neither did I vote for Scott, who tried to cheat his way into the White House. I voted for John P. Hale. They say I lost my vote, but I think not quite so much as those who voted for Scott, for I think Scott is civilly dead forever. My vote for Hale may tell something another time, I can never vote for any man who supports that obnoxious wicked & unconstitutional fugitive slave act (not law). I have the highest authority in the union for saying it is unconstitutional. Daniel Webster, before his great 7th March 1850 speech was a strong antislavery man.

Your affectionate Brother, Isaac Bryan.

[In the 1852 election John P. Hale was the candidate of the Free Soil Party an antislavery movement.]

In 1853 he writes about the fire at Rochester House

Dear Brother

I suppose you have heard of Elisha's misfortune, as I saw it in the New York papers. The Rochester house was burnt about two months since, which he kept with two partners. There were four persons burnt in it. He, wife and child just escaped without any clothes, lost all his furniture, no insurance. They had an insurance on the company property of \$1000 which will secure a part of the loss. This is the third time he is been burnt out, lost about \$1000 each time.

Isaac Bryan

In 1853 he speaks of the children he has lost and his own health

December 16, 1853

...I have lost 4, the youngest was 15. It is hard to lose them, but we must submit, thy will be done. ...As to myself, I don't know how I am. I am coughing more than I did in the summer...I have for about a month past been sorely afflicted with carbuncle biles...

My Respects to all

Isaac Bryan

Finally in 1854 this letter from Isaac's son, William, to Amos

June 29, 1854

Dear Uncle

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It is with pain and deep regret that I am called upon to inform you of the death of my Father and your only Brother which took place Sunday morning 25th inst at 9 o'clock AM. His funeral was Tuesday last at ½ past 3 o'clock PM.

His suffering during the last few weeks of his illness was very severe. However he bore it with great patience and apparently Christian submission.

W.W. Bryan

In later days Isaac Bryan gave his address as "Mt. Hope, Rochester." This image below is entitled "A View from Mount Hope, 1854" the year of Isaacs Death. He is buried at Mt. Hope cemetery.



Cover: *Sketches of Rochester* by Henry C. O'Reilly, rpt (Geneseo; James Brunner, 1984.)

(See Transcripts of all the letters in the accompanying binder labelled, "Documents." They were provided by David Bryan, descendant of David Bryan, son of Ezra Bryan of Shecomeco, NY.)

Bryan Fan Mills and Grain Cradles

Ezra Bryan invented the fan mill (See next chapter).³⁴ He began to produce them while living on his farm at the village of Shecomeco in Northeast on the Oblong River, Dutchess County, New York.

Three of Ezra's sons and a nephew took the invention to Rensselaer County. These were sons David, Alexander, Isaac and nephew, Ezra.

Land had been offered for sale in late 18th century, in what was called the "Hoosic Patent." David Bryan acquired land in 1799. A town called "Bryan's Corners" was established in Pittstown on the Tomhannock River.

An Ezra Bryan (thought to be son of Isaac's brother, Amos) built a grain cradle and fan mill factory on the Hudson River at Schaghticoke.

Ezra Bryan's grandsons William and Elisha Bryan, reached adulthood about the time the Erie Canal opened. Western New York became the new land of opportunity. The Bryans moved west to extend the fan mill and grain cradle business to Rochester New York. They settled in the heart of the city. William W. Bryan bought land east of the Genesee River in the industrial district along Lyell Road.³⁵ William married Jane Elizabeth Viehl daughter of Platt Viehl, Treasurer of the Eastside Savings Bank. In 1837 William W. Bryan started his own farm equipment business.

William lost his business in the "Panic of 1837." His property was sold at auction by the City in 1840. Perhaps his losses drove him by necessity to politics. William became the Democratic delegate to the County Convention in 1845 and elected to be an officer in the Fifth Ward Democratic Hickory Club.



³⁴ According to his grandson's Dutchess County, NY biography.

³⁵ Rochester City Directory, 1841. William W. Bryan, hardware merchant, 9 Buffalo St.

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In 1850 William W. Bryan was ready to try manufacturing again and opened an Edgetool Company on Buffalo Street next to the Van Zandt Brothers Coffee and Spice Mills. A few years later, together with brother Elisha, he opened a grain cradle and fan mill factory on Buffalo Street.



Above: a postcard of Buffalo Street in the early days.³⁶

Below: A 1987 photo of the property on Lyell Road where the fan mills were made:.



³⁶ Image posted online.

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Three generations of Bryans were engaged in this engineering and manufacturing business. It seems to have established a tradition of engineering passed down to later generations including George S. Bryan, George H. Bryan, Frederick Bryan and beyond.

Was is it in the Bryan DNA?



Grave of Platt V. Bryan son of William W. Bryan.³⁷

³⁷ Find-a-grave at Ancestry.com, Memorial #116921145, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY

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Ezra Bryan, Quaker, of Shecomeco

Ezra Bryan was born 30 November 1740 in Newtown, CT. He married Sarah Peck 21 May 1761 in Newtown.

There are conflicting versions as to when Ezra left Newtown and came to Dutchess County, New York.

The obituary of Ezra's son, Isaac Bryan, states he (the son) was born in Dutchess County in 1776.³⁸ A local history states that another son of Ezra, Amos Bryan, was born in Dutchess County in 1779.

This argues that Ezra had come to Dutchess County at the outset of the Revolution by 1776.

However correspondence from living descendants now residing in Dutchess County claim Ezra did not come to Shecomeco until 1789 "after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution."³⁹



Whether or not Ezra migrated to Dutchess County before the Revolution or after, he did purchase 400 acres of land as well as land for a Friends Meeting House in the "Little Nine Partners Grant" in the town of "Northeast," on the Oblong River in 1789.

The dispute? Did Ezra come to Dutchess County before 1776 or after 1789?

Many local histories contain anecdotes about Ezra.

Ezra was a devout Quaker and thus did not serve in the War. However he had a brother, Elijah, said to have been killed in the War.

It is possible that Ezra was the first Quaker in his family line.

³⁸ Isaac's obituary in the Rochester Daily Democrat(?) states that he died June 25 1854 at age 78 and that he was born in Dutchess County. This implies a birth year of about 1776

³⁹ See correspondence from Ann Bryan Knickerbocker in accompanying bind of documents.

The *Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County*⁴⁰ contains biographies of Ezra's grandsons David and Isaac (son and grandson of Amos). David's biography states that Ezra was at first a cabinet-maker specializing in coffins and later invented the 'fan mill.' Ezra developed a business manufacturing the mill.

The biography goes on to state:

"Ezra was a member of the Society of Friends, and through his loyalty to the Colonial government lost the bulk of his property in supporting the Revolutionary cause."

Was this a misprint? How could he be loyal to Colonial (British) Government and still support the Revolutionary cause?

Did he lose property in Newtown, CT prior to coming to Shecomeco? Or did he purchase and lose another property in Dutchess County prior to his 1789 purchase at Shecomeco?

Another biographer states that Ezra Bryan of Amenia was "one of the true whigs of the Revolution....":⁴¹

It seems that Ezra identified with the patriot cause and was never a British Loyalist.

Ezra died in his carriage on his way to "Friends "Meeting" in 1825. Ezra and Sarah are buried at the "Bryan Burying Grounds" in Shecomeco, NY.



Photos of Ezra Bryan farm provided by Dutchess County Historical Society in 2006

⁴⁰ *The Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County*, J.H. Beers & Co., New York and Chicago, 1897.

⁴¹ Joseph H. Smith: *History of Dutchess County, NY*, Heart of the Lakes Publishing, Interlaken, NY, 1980

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Alexander Bryan of Newtown

Alexander Bryan, the father of Ezra Bryan of Shecomeco, was born in 1709 to Capt. Richard Bryan of Milford, Connecticut. He and other members of the family were to first to venture west along the Housatonic River to the frontier. They settled in Newtown, Connecticut in the early 1700s.⁴²

Alexander married Sarah Hubbell and they had at least two sons, Elijah and Ezra.

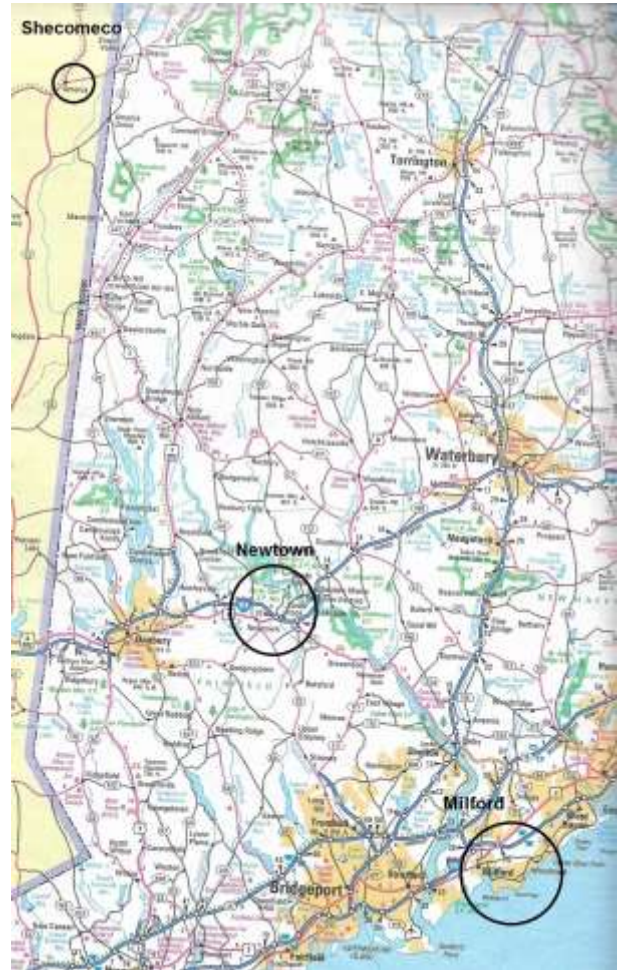
A change of outlook seems to have taken place with this generation. They left behind the comfort and prosperity of Milford to face the challenges of frontier life.

They turned away from the dynasty of shipbuilders, land speculators, and privateers.

The Newtown Bryans spawned a northwestern migration to many different places. Augustine Bryan went to Stockbridge, Massachusetts; Alexander Bryan went to Waterford, New York; and Ezra Bryan went to the Little Nine Partners Grant in Dutchess County, New York.

Some of the Bryans stayed together in Newtown throughout the Revolution, but some began to migrate north and west before the War. Supposedly one of Alexander's sons, Elijah, was killed in the Revolution.

Sometime in this period Ezra Bryan became a Quaker and migrated to Dutchess County, New York. Quaker records, usually a precise source of family history, have not been found to show the migration of Ezra from Newtown to Shecomeco.



⁴² Susan Woodruff Abbott: *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co.,1978)

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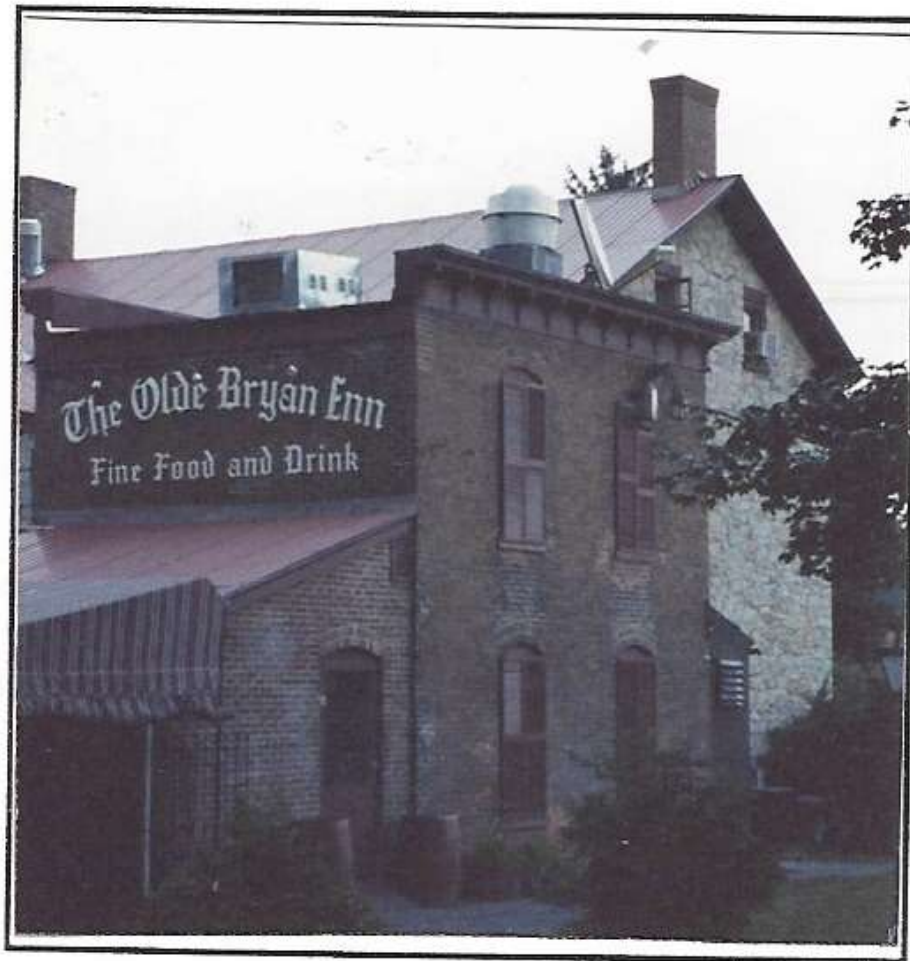
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Alexander Bryan Double Agent

During the Revolutionary War the northeast campaign of British General Burgoyne in the Hudson Valley is viewed by many as a turning point in the War in favor of the American patriots. Patriot fervor was high in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and northern New York—Burgoyne was hated.

Burgoyne's situation was made even worse because he was waiting for support from British General Howe. During his advance down the Hudson, Burgoyne tarried on the east bank of the Hudson River at a tavern —the Inn of Alexander Bryan Inn, at Waterford.



1987 photo of the Alexander Bryan Inn

Alexander Bryan's Inn was visited regularly by partisans of both side of the war. Alexander was a wily innkeeper. He gladly befriended patrons on both sides of the conflict. He gained the confidence of both the patriot General Gates as well as the British General Burgoyne. Gates became aware of Alexander' unique situation and approached him with a proposal. Gates hired Alexander Bryan to carry out a hazardous spy mission against Burgoyne.⁴³

Alexander Bryan entered the camp of Burgoyne and stayed until he learned of the British Plan to cross the Hudson at Stillwater and surprise the greatly outnumbered American garrison.⁴⁴ Alexander Bryan was discovered by the British September 15, 1777 and chased him on horseback for three days. Alexander was forced to abandon his horse and to hide by submerging himself in a river with only his mouth above water. He narrowly escaped detection. Against severe odds he got back to General Gates and reported his findings. The intelligence allowed the Americans to prepare for the engagement of September 19, 1777 and the ultimate Patriot victory over Burgoyne on October 7, 1777 at the Battle of Saratoga, the turning point of the Revolution.

This Alexander was the son of Samuel Bryan (b. 1699) and grandson of Richard Bryan Town Clerk of Milford and owner of the "Seaflower".⁴⁵

A monument to Alexander at the Greenwood Cemetery, Saratoga reads:

"Alexander Bryan died April 9, 1925, the first permanent settler. An unpaid patriot who alone and at great peril gave the first and only information of Burgoyne's advance on Stillwater."

⁴³ 'History of Saratoga Springs,' Saratoga Springs Historical Museum, 1990.

⁴⁴ Beatrice Sweeney, Saratoga Springs City Historian, "History of the Bryan Inn," 1990.

⁴⁵ C.C. Baldwin, *Alexander Bryan of Milford Connecticut*; Susan Woodruff Abbott: *Families of Early Milford, Ct* (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1979).

Augustine Bryan of Stockbridge

Augustine Bryan, grandson of Capt. Richard Bryan of Milford was born in 1732 and, migrated west to the Berkshires of Massachusetts by 1763. His son Joseph lived in Stockbridge until after 1790 and then went to Monroe Co. NY. Some say he was the father of Barney and Jacob Bryan.

Jacob, born in 1789 in Stockbridge, came with his family to the Rochester area in 1796 and settled first in Mendon and then became postmaster of Penfield New York in 1811. He owned the Stillwater Tavern.

Both Barney and Jacob served in the War of 1812 in the 52nd New York Militia. Barney served at Fort Lewiston where he was killed in October 1812.

Jacob married Maria Clark in 1815. They had children some of whom were found working with and living in the vicinity of Elisha Bryan of this report.

Jacob and Maria had a son, Horace Clark Bryan who married Caroline____. Horace and Caroline had a son Horace. Horace Sr. died in 1869 leaving Caroline and Horace as his only survivors.

Caroline opened a restaurant at 11 North St. Paul Street in downtown Rochester. Horace ran a print shop at the same location. Elisha Bryan's son, George, went to work for Horace as a pressman. They all shared the same address at 14 Smith Street

They are mentioned here to show that they are distant cousins of the Bryans of this history. Jacob's descendants appear to have reconnected in Rochester with the descendants of Ezra Bryan.

Augustine Bryan and Ezra Bryan were first cousins. Joseph Bryan and Isaac Bryan were second cousins. Jacob Bryan and Elisha Bryan were probably at least aware that they were living in the same town. Perhaps Jacob had suggested Isaac's migration to Rochester. Who knows?

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WEALTHY IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS

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Richard Bryan Privateer

In 1685 Milford, Connecticut was granted a patent entrusted to seven men, one of which was **Richard Bryan**. He was pre-eminent in commerce and a very wealthy man. He had eight children. He carried on his father's shipping trade. Some suggest he was a privateer—a 'pirate' sanctioned by the British Government.

Captain Richard Bryan joined a group of investors in 1705 buying land known as "New Milford." It was beyond the frontier and at that time hazardous for settlement. The same investors bought land in the same region and a few brave souls settled it as "Newtown."⁴⁶ When hostilities with native people eased, Richard's adult children migrated to Newtown.

Richard had three sons.:

Richard's first son was named Alexander (after his grandfather). In 1690 Alexander commissioned a 150 ton brig. He lived on Long Island.

Richard's second son was named Samuel, born 1659. He also became a sea captain.

Richard's third son was Capt. Richard Bryan, born in 1666. This Richard is the grandfather of Ezra of Shecomeco. Richard married Sarah Platt. He became Town Clerk of Milford and built the ship "Seaflower." He launched it in 1717. Richard remained in Milford. But his business ventures spanned the oceans at a time when the waters of the Atlantic coast of America were home to pirates and privateers.

Sarah and Richard had twin sons Richard and Samuel born in 1699. Samuel was the father of **Alexander Bryan** the spy.

Their third son, **Augustine Bryan**, produced the line that migrated to Stockbridge, MA and later to Monroe Co. NY.

Their fourth son was **Alexander** born in 1709. This Alexander was the father of **Ezra Bryan of Shecomeco**.

⁴⁶ Recognized to day as the site of the Sandy Creek Massacre at Newtown in 20__.

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Alexander Bryan, Merchant of Aylesbury

*Thomas Bryan of Aylesbury was kin to Sir Francis Bryan and Thomas Bryan III. His son Alexander was born in 1602 in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. He sailed to Milford Connecticut. He is the English immigrant of the Connecticut/New York Bryan family and specifically the grandfather of **Sea Captain Richard Bryan and his son Alexander Bryan.***

The tidal rivers of Connecticut fed ports on Long Island Sound. Investors in companies that financed voyages to America were attracted to these ports. Upland falls provided power for mills. The ports became centers for trade.

Alexander Bryan came to Long Island Sound about 1640 financed by a Colonial company interested in exploiting the natural wealth of North America. His family was a member of the prosperous merchant class. His recent ancestors belonged to the nobility in the days of Henry Tudor and had been Royalists for centuries. When Civil War broke out in England, Aylesbury, home of the Bryans, was a Royalist stronghold. Possibly this situation drove Alexander to America.

Alexander Bryan was among the five trustees who purchased the land for the settlement of Milford from the local natives for six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen knives and a dozen small glasses. The site was situated at the inlet of the Wopowaug River west of the New Haven grant but east of the Housatonic River. From that time onward the Bryans continued to acquire more and more of the surrounding land in trusteeship for the town. A dynasty of Bryans began to evolve. Alexander and his son Richard became the first merchants of Milford.

From its location on Long Island, Milford became a trading center. It dealt in precious furs shipped to Boston and bought in return farm and household goods and items for trade with the Indians. Within ten years they had built a wharf and warehouse and continued to add to their assets. The Bryans were prospering in the new land as they had in the old.

By 1662 Alexander and other trustees had acquired considerable land and donated much of it to the town. Alexander and son Richard owned several warehouses, sloops

and two brigs. They donated the warehouse to the town. They built a thriving trade with Virginia, the West Indies, the Azores and Nova Scotia, exporting staves, cattle, horses, beef and pork. They imported rum, molasses and European goods.

It was in these early days that Milford's first "public house" was accused of price-gouging on liquor. The townspeople accused the tavern keeper of overcharging for beer, wine and spirits. They filed suit against him for permitting dancing and gambling. The suit was settled when the tavern-keeper agreed to exchange his property plus a cash sum for Richard Bryan's home. The value of both properties was to be established by Alexander Bryan. The old Bryan home located twelve rods outside town became the new public house—and remained so for 200 years. Richard bought the place back ten years later.

Biographies of Alexander claim he was an educated man trusted in business throughout the colonies. His credit was good anywhere, his personal notes considered as safe as bank notes. 11-4 He sometimes appeared as an attorney in general court. He once defended the Deputy Governor when he was sued for slander calling a woman a 'witch'—not a trivial accusation in Colonial New England.

Soon, of course, the proliferation of European settlement brought about conflict with native populations. Frequent skirmishes caused the town of Milford to build a militia of every able-bodied male over sixteen. Alexander Bryan served as an ensign.

Alexander died in 1679 leaving considerable assets to his grandchildren. His son Richard acquired his father's land at Eaton's Neck at Huntington, Long Island.

**LEGENDARY
BRYAN
ANCESTORS**

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Sir Francis Bryan I and Henry Tudor

Sir Francis Bryan, a son of Thomas Bryan III and his wife Margaret Bouchiers, was a boyhood friend of Henry Tudor.

Francis lived a life too elaborate to detail here. A few highlights illustrate his sometimes precarious association with the king.

His resume:⁴⁷

- Francis' mother was Lady in Waiting to Catherine of Aragon
- also governess to Princess Mary, Prince Edward and Princess Elizabeth
- Francis was a cousin to Anne Boleyn
- Francis was educated at Oxford.
- Linguist, diplomat and poet.
- Captain of HMS Margaret Bonaventure in 1513.
- Cup Bearer to Henry VIII, 1516
- He lost one eye in a jousting match
- Knighthood for bravery for service in Brittany 1522
- Envoy to Pope to plead for Henry's divorce from Catherine, 1523
- Rumored (falsely) at Court to have dallied with Anne Boleyn
- There are no known portraits of him.

Henry Tudor (after death of his third wife) was convinced to marry Anne of Cleves (to rally Protestant German support for the King against the Hapsburg Emperor Charles V). Henry sent his pal, Francis Bryan, overseas to greet the prospective Queen in advance. On meeting Anne, Francis reportedly knew immediately that Henry would not like the looks of Anne. He was right. Henry did not like her. Unfortunately Henry took his displeasure out on Francis.

Francis was called the "Vicar from Hell," by Thomas Cromwell. Francis had a reputation as a reckless gambler and accused of drunkenness and bad behavior.

⁴⁷ All of this material was sent to me as an unpublished manuscript in the 1980s by John K. Bryan of Schenectady, a Bryan family researcher.

But the worst was yet to come. Henry VIII worried about the consolidation of Irish power. The houses of Desmond and Ormande were the chief noble houses of Ireland. Lady Joan Fitz-Gerald, daughter and heiress of the tenth Earl of Desmond, wife of James Butler, the Ninth Earl of Ormande was a direct descendant of Brian Boru, the eleventh Century hero-king of Ireland and Joan wanted to marry her cousin also a Fitz-Gerald. To accomplish this she poisoned her husband the Earl of Ormande. But before she could remarry to the man of her choice, Henry Tudor seized the opportunity to break up the union of the Ormande and Desmond dynasties and stepped in with the "suggestion" that Francis Bryan marry Lady Joan. Francis, of course, "agreed" to the plan.

Henry rewarded Francis with the post of "Marshall of Ireland". On Henry's death in 1547 Francis received large tracts of land taken by the Crown from Roman Catholic monasteries. Francis and Joan and a large contingent of Bryans sailed to Ireland in 1548 to administer these lands. They lived in the "Pale" in Dublin. Two years later, Joan still lusting after her cousin Gerald Fitz-Gerald, poisoned Francis with arsenic and married her cousin just as she had always planned.

William Smith Bryan, Prince of Ireland

At the time of the English Civil War the Anglican Church had become the official church in Ireland. Catholic land was confiscated and given to English nobles. Irish Roman Catholics exploded in rebellion.

The King of England, Charles I was overwhelmed at the time defending his reign against **Oliver Cromwell** and the Civil Wars of 1646 and 1648.



Francis Bryan II, son of the ill-fated **Sir Francis Bryan I**, had inherited large estates on the coast of County Clare.⁴⁸

Ireland showing County Clare

William Smith Bryan was the son of **Francis II**. William proclaimed himself “**Prince William of Ireland.**” Was he delusional?

Through his grandmother, the murderous Lady Joan Fitz-Gerald, he was a direct descendant of the Irish hero King, Brian Boru, of Ireland. But through his English grandfather he derived his English credentials. Prince William saw himself as the bridge between the Irish and the English Protectorate or Monarchy, whichever might prevail. Unfortunately neither side liked him. He was an Anglican—despised both by the Irish Catholic and the English Puritans.

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Lord Oliver Cromwell, on gaining control of England could not be bothered with the likes of “Prince William”. He declared him a rebellious subject. He crushed all the rebels in a short campaign of unparalleled savagery. He confiscated the Irish estates—including that of Prince William Smith Bryan.

Prince William Smith Bryan. and his family, wife Catherine, eleven sons and two daughters were given transport to the new world upon a private ship. All of their considerable worldly goods, including a racehorse, were placed on board and they were shipped across the ocean and dumped on Gloucester Beach in the Colony of Virginia on 160 acres at a location 300 miles away from their Aylesbury cousins up the coast on Long Island Sound.

William became an original proprietor of Gloucester County. Eventually his descendants spread inland and southward blending in with other branches of Aylesbury Bryan families inland along the James River.

Francis Bryan III, Virginia to Ireland

William Smith Bryan had called himself “Prince of Ireland.” His father, Francis Bryan II had received grants to extensive land in Ireland. His thirteen children spread the Bryan line throughout the region

But in 1640 Civil War broke out in England. King Charles I was beheaded and Oliver Cromwell declared the “Protectorate.” He confiscated the Bryan estates in England and exiled Prince William and his family to Virginia. Undaunted, William managed to prosper in Virginia.⁴⁹

When Cromwell died and the Protectorate failed, William’s son, **Francis Bryan III, returned to Ireland** determined to regain his grandfather’s hereditary Irish titles and estates. When he arrived in Ireland in 1667 he was treated so badly he had to escape to Denmark.

Francis III married in Denmark and his first son, Morgan Bryan, was born in 1671. Francis continued to attempt to return to Ireland and finally received permission in 1683—not to return to Dublin but to Belfast. A second son, William, was born in 1685.

What happened next in Ireland need not be repeated here. Obviously Francis found himself in the middle of the battle between the exiled English King James who was attempting to invade Ireland, and the English-backed William of Orange who came to Ireland to defend it for England. Francis supported William and was present at the Battle of Boyne in 1690. Francis aged 60 probably did not fight, but his son Morgan, 19, may have participated. Francis III died at Belfast in 1694.

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Morgan Bryan and Daniel Boone

Morgan Bryan, son of Francis Bryan III, was among those recruited by William Penn to emigrate to America. Morgan accepted an indenture to a Pennsylvania family to pay his passage to America.

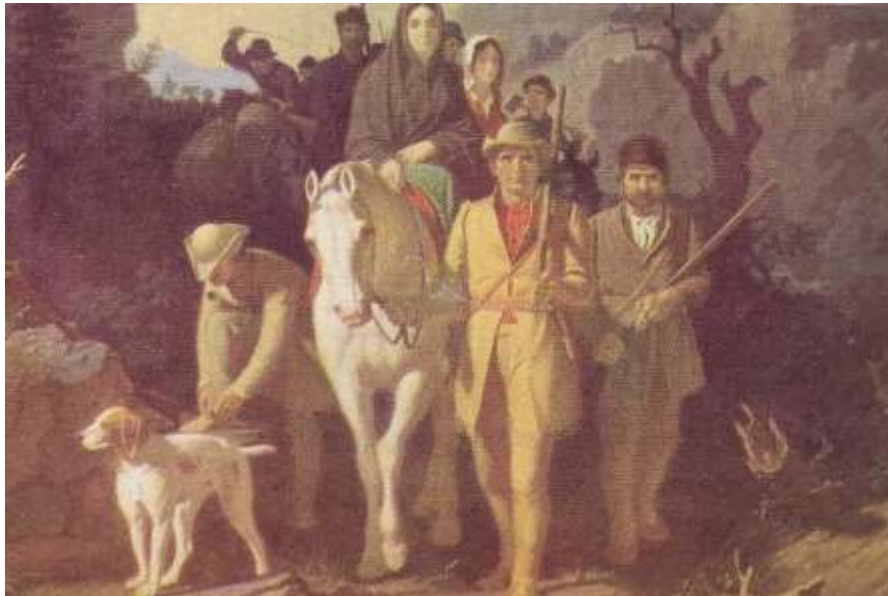
Morgan attempted to stay in correspondence with Virginia kin. He became an Indian Trader at the frontier for a few years. He married in 1719 and bought a small farm.

In 1748 Morgan also reached southwest Virginia. He had become a successful land speculator. He was headed for the Yadkin River in North Carolina.

To make a long story short, Morgan Bryan with his frontiersman experience and knack for land speculation was a natural to meet up with Squire Boone another land speculator. An alliance of several families including the Boones and Bryans bought up thousands of acres of Yadkin land.

Then they fixed their eyes on Kentucky. They began exploration of the wilderness in earnest. Morgan's granddaughter Rebecca married Colonel Daniel Boone.

Eventually the Bryans established the famed frontier settlement of Bryant's Station in Kentucky not far from Daniel Boone's Fort Boonesborough.



Painting of Daniel Boon crossing Cumberland Gap on display at Ft. Boonesborough.
Rebecca Bryan is seated on the horse.

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Meanwhile Morgan's younger brother, William, continued to fight to restore the family estates in Ireland. Unsuccessful, he converted to Presbyterianism, married and had a son. Failing at every turn he emigrated to Virginia and managed to establish a plantation on the Roanoke River.

The history of the Bryan and Boone settlements during the Revolutionary War and the families' exploration of Kentucky is fascinating but beyond the scope of this report.

John de Brienne, King of Jerusalem

The noble Bryans of Aylesbury derive from the line de Brienne originally of Denmark. During the seventh and eighth centuries the Vikings had invaded England and France. The clan of Brienne acquired lands in what later became Champagne in France.⁵⁰

During the Crusades to the Holy Land in 1189 a vessel was commanded by Erard II, Count de Brienne from Champagne. The goal was to take Jerusalem from the Arab leader, Saladin.

Conflict developed among the Crusaders as to who should become King of Jerusalem when Saladin was defeated. In the end Henry de Champagne, nephew of King Richard I of England was chosen.

However a fourth crusade was organized in early 13th century. John de Brienne was a highly successful tactician and diplomat and had aligned himself with those who had urged negotiation with the Moslems rather than bloodshed. He was chosen to marry the most recent widow and heiress to Jerusalem.

John Brienne became the Twelfth King of Jerusalem. When the widow died he remarried to Barrengaria, daughter of Alfonso IX, King of Castile and Leon. They had a son they named Alphonse.

King John de Brienne became a leader of the fifth crusade to take all of the Kingdom of Jerusalem and take control of the Near East. In 1218 he took 80 ships to the mouth of the Nile to capture a strategic Moslem supply line. His mission failed. About that time, however, Baron of Constantinople chose John de Brienne's daughter, Mary, to wed Baldwin II, Emperor of the East. In this way John de Brienne became co-emperor of the East.

John was described as tall, irascible and miserly. Late in life he became a Franciscan and died in 1237 in Constantinople at 87.

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The Middle East during the Angevin Empire

Guy de Brienne and Buckinghamshire

John de Brienne had a son, Alphonse de Brienne. He left the Holy Land for England, married and had a son, Guy de Brienne

Guy de Brienne established the dynasty of the Welsh Barons of Tallacharn. This line led directly to Sir Thomas Bryan III, father of Sir Francis Bryan companion to Henry VIII.

The merchant Bryans of Buckingham County therefore also derive from this line—without the great wealth and status. Still—there is that DNA.

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LEFTOVER ANECDOTES

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ROGER BRYAN IN WWII

Another Rochester Bryan cousin who made history in combat in WWII has been memorialized in an article in the history magazine, *Rochester History*. His name was Roger Bryan the son of Hiram E. and Dorothy Bryan born in Rochester in 1923. He was working at Delco Appliance when he enlisted to be a Flying Fortress Radio Gunner in WWII

The aircraft was shot down by enemy fire over **Bremen, Germany**.⁵¹

The story appeared in *Rochester History* (Vol.66, Spring 2004, p. 12) quoting the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, 29 December 1944.

After the aircraft was shot down the captured airmen were stoned and beaten by German civilians according to Roger. He also told of a 14-year-old member of the Hitler Youth who stepped out of his house in a town just occupied by the Allies. In perfect English the youth announced,

“Here, Tommy, have a lollipop” – and tossed a grenade that killed four soldiers. The 14-year-old died in a hail of bullets.

There is no proven relationship between “Roger” and the WWII era Bryans of Rochester. However among their ancestors that came from Dutchess Co., NY in the early 1800s, one of them was a *Hiram Bryan*. He helped carry the Bryan agricultural farm equipment to Rensselaer Co. NY and then to Rochester. Whether *Hiram E. Bryan* of Rochester (father of Roger) was related to the Dutchess/Rensselaer Bryans has not been investigated.



⁵¹ Dr. Fred Bryan’s great grandfather, Gottfried Stiefel, had sailed from **Bremen** to the USA in 1846.

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GEORGE HARRIS BRYAN—HIS MIDDLE NAME

The name “Harris” does not appear as a surname among George’s immediate ancestors. His Bryan antecedents go back to the early days of Rochester and appear to have had an active interest in the community, its politics and industry. They may have been aware of the work of the amateur historian, **George Harris** (1848-1893).

Harris explored the region around Rochester and western New York and developed relationships with local Native Americans. He wrote “The Aboriginal History of Rochester.”

His family had settled on what is now Mt. Hope (Cemetery) and he grew up near the present site of the University of Rochester. He was a sergeant in the 54th Regiment of the New York Militia stationed at Elmira, New York during the Civil War. (George’s grandfather, Elisha Bryan, had also served in the 54th.)

A year after George Harris Bryan was born, George Harris wrote “*The Centennial History of Rochester.*”

It seems possible that George’s parents named their son for the respected writer.

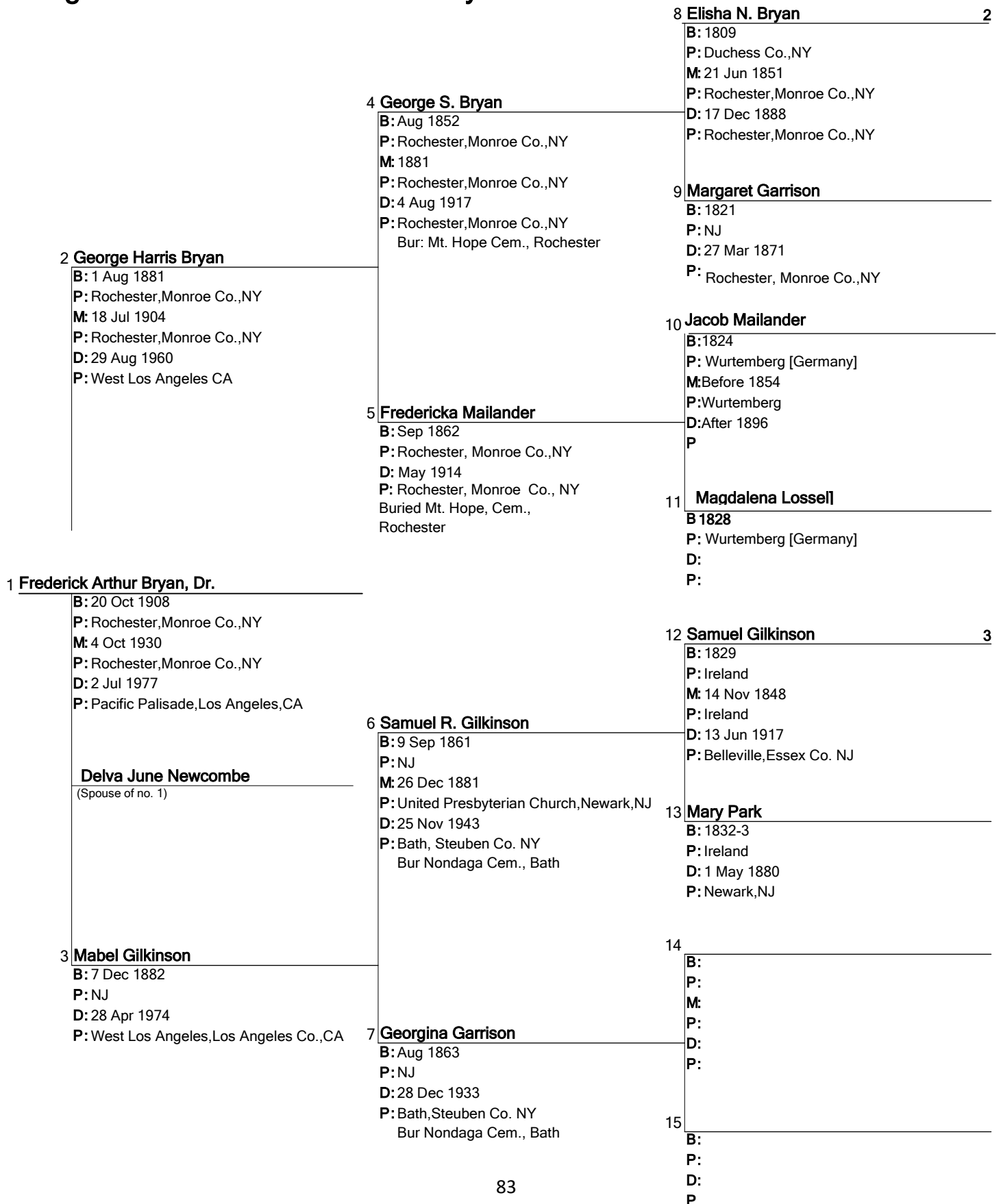
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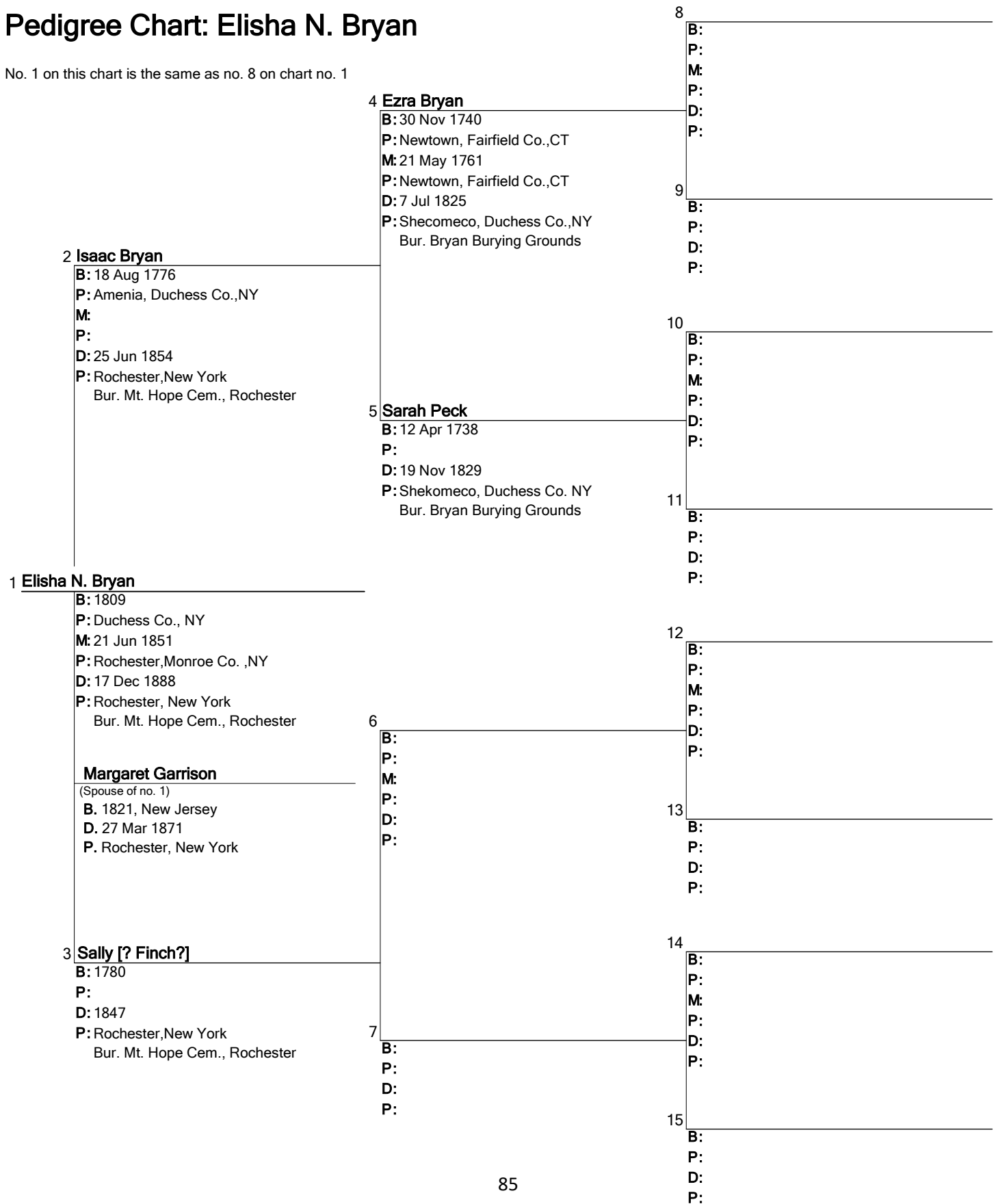
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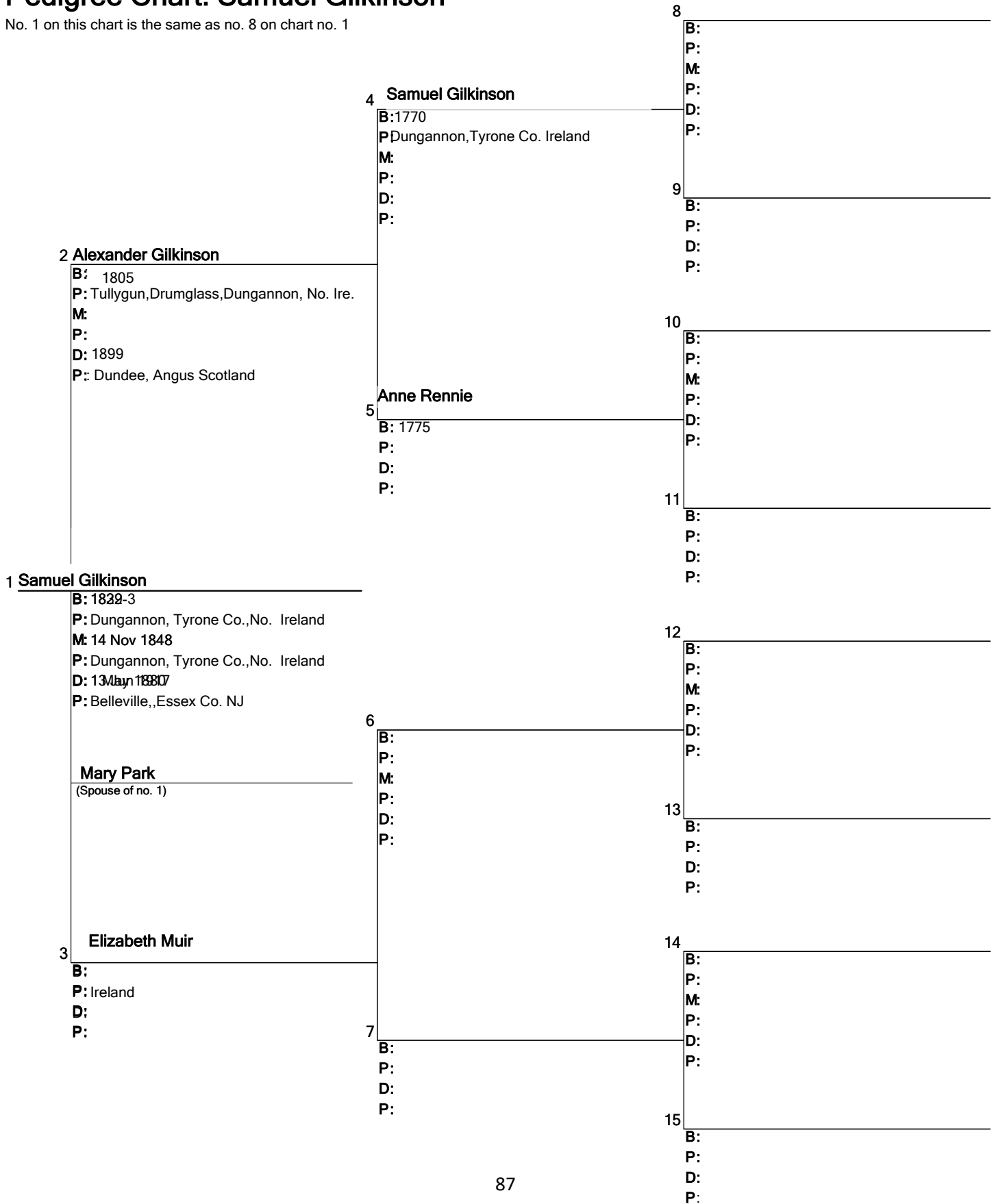
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Pedigree Chart: Samuel Gilkinson

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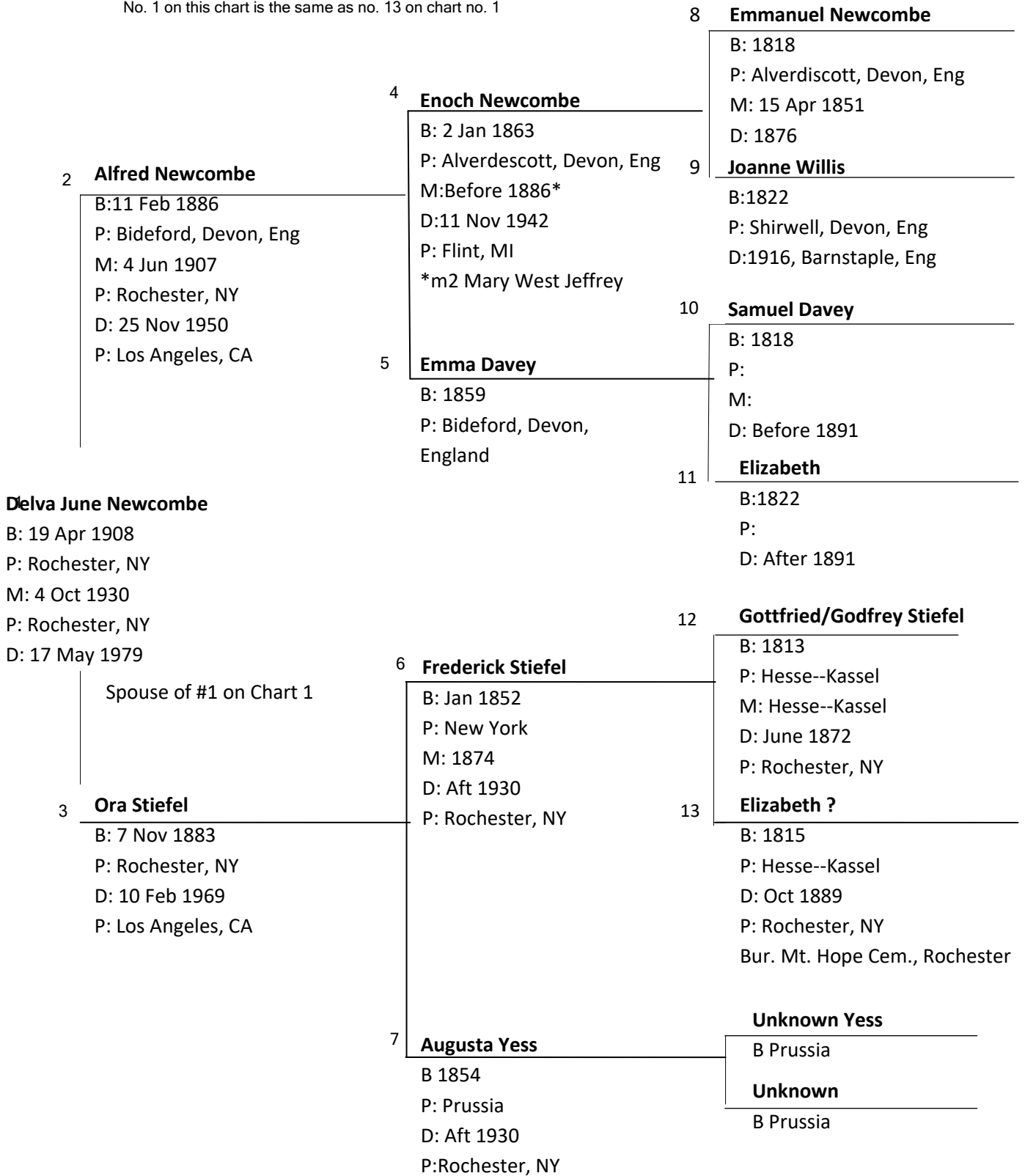


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Descendants of Ezra Bryan

First Generation

1. **Ezra Bryan** was born on 30 Nov 1740 in Newtown, Fairfield Co., CT.^{1,2,4,5} He died on 7 Jul 1825 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.³ He was buried in Bryan Bur. Gr., Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.^{6,7}

Ezra married **Sarah Peck**⁸ on 21 May 1761 in Newtown, Fairfield Co., CT. Sarah was born on 12 Apr 1738. She died on 19 Nov 1829 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co. NY. She was buried in Bryan Burial Grounds⁹

They had the following children:¹⁰

- 2 M i. **Alexander Bryan** was born on 23 Mar 1762 in Newtown, Fairfield Co., CT. He died on 14 Dec 1781.
- 3 F ii. **Eliza Bryan** was born on 13 Sep 1764 in Newtown, Fairfield Co., CT. She died on 9 Oct 1842.
- 4 M iii. **David Bryan** was born on 18 Jul 1767 in Newtown, Fairfield Co., CT. He died on 30 Jun 1848.
- 5 M iv. **Isaac Bryan** was born on 4 Jul 1772. He died on 30 Jul 1776.
- + 6 M v. **Isaac Bryan** was born on 18 Aug 1776. He died on 25 Jun 1854.
- + 7 M vi. **Amos Bryan** was born on 31 Jan 1779. He died on 12 Apr 1863.

Second Generation

6. **Isaac Bryan** (Ezra) was born on 18 Aug 1776 [possibly] in Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY.^{11,12,13,14,15, 17} He died on 25 Jun 1854 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He was buried in Mt. Hope Cem., Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.^{16,17}

Isaac married **Sally** [Finch?].¹⁸ Sally was born in 1780. She died in 1847 in Rochester, New York. She was buried Mount Hope Cem. Section K.¹⁹

They had the following children:

- + 8 M i. **Elisha N. Bryan** was born in 1809. He died on 17 Dec 1888.²⁰
- + 9 M ii. **William W. Bryan** was born on 13 Nov 1811. He died on 5 Aug 1876.²¹
- 10 F iii. **Phebe Bryan**²².

Phebe married **James Hair** on 21 Aug 1846 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. James died after 1854.
- 11 F iv. **Sarah Bryan**²³

Sarah married **Mr. Leonard**²³.
- 12 F v. **Laura Bryan**²³.

Laura married²⁴ **Chauncey Dibble** on 18 Apr 1839.
- 13 F vi. **Harriet Bryan**²³
- 14 F vii. **Amanda Bryan**²³.

Amanda married _____ **Bolles**²⁵.
- 15 viii. _____ **Bryan**.

7. **Amos Bryan** (Ezra) was born on 31 Jan 1779 in Northeast, Dutchess Co., NY. He died on 12 Apr 1863 in Northeast, Dutchess Co. NY. He was buried in Bryan Bur. Gr., Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.²⁶

Amos married **Betsy Finch**²⁰. Betsy was born on 5 Oct 1781. She died on 24 May 1863 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She was buried in Bryan Burying Grounds.²⁷

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They had the following children:^{28,29}

- 16 F i. **Laura Bryan** was born on 5 Oct 1805 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She died on 20 May 1831 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She was buried in Bryan Burying Grounds.
- + 17 M ii. **Ward Bryan** was born on 2 Apr 1807. He died on 4 Dec 1863.
- 18 F iii. **Eliza Bryan** was born on 16 Mar 1810 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She died on 3 Sep 1884.

Eliza married **Henry Sisson**.
- 19 M iv. **Ezra Bryan** was born on 4 Mar 1812 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. He died on 22 Mar 1876.
- 20 M v. **Isaac Bryan** was born on 25 Aug 1815 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. He died on 14 Sep 1885.

Isaac married **Mary Hoffman** .
- 21 M vi. **James Bryan** was born on 27 Nov 1817 in Northeast, Dutchess Co. NY. He died on 16 Mar 1839 in Northeast, Dutchess Co. NY. He was buried on 17 Mar 1839.^{31,32}
- + 22 M vii. **David Bryan** was born on 22 Sep 1819. He died in 1909.
- 23 F viii. **Mary Bryan** was born on 9 Dec 1822. She died on 1 Nov 1853 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She was buried in Bryan Burying Grounds.³³

Mary married **James Carmen** .
- 24 F ix. **Sarah Bryan** was born on 10 Apr 1825 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. She died on 15 Apr 1872.

Third Generation

8. **Elisha N. Bryan** (Isaac, Ezra) was born in 1809 in Dutchess Co., NY.^{35,36,37,38,39,40}
He died on 17 Dec 1888 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.^{34,42}

Elisha married (1) **Margaret Garrison** on 21 Jun 1851 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Margaret was born in 1821 in NJ. She died on 27 Mar 1871 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.^{43,44}

They had the following children:⁴⁵

- + 25 M i. **George S. Bryan** was born in Aug 1852 in Rochester, NY. He died on 4 Aug 1917 in Rochester, NY.
- 26 M ii. **Frederick Bryan** was born about 1855 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He died in a fall from almshouse, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

Elisha married (2) **Juliet Weaver**⁴² on 1 Jun 1875 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Juliet was born before 1860 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She died after 1888.

9. **William W. Bryan** (Isaac, Ezra) was born on 13 Nov 1811 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.^{46,47} He died on 5 Aug 1876 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He was buried in Mt. Hope Cem., Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁴⁸

William married **Jane E. Viehl** daughter of Platt C. Viehl on 21 Oct 1837 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Jane was born on 26 Sep 1821. She died on 5 Jan 1912 in Rochester, New York. She was buried Mt. Hope Cemetery.^{49,50}

They had the following children:⁵¹

- 27 M i. **Platt Van Zandt Bryan** was born on 14 Feb 1839 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁵² He was christened on 25 Oct 1840 in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁵³ He died in Rochester, NY in 1910 and was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.⁵⁴
- 28 M ii. **William Henry Bryan** was born on 27 May 1849 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁵⁴ He was buried at Mt. Hope Cem. on 1 Jan 1851 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁵⁵

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17. **Ward Bryan** (Amos, Ezra) was born on 2 Apr 1807 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. He died on 4 Dec 1863 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY. He was buried in Bryan Burying Grounds.^{56,57}

Ward married **Elizabeth Wanzer**⁵⁸ .

They had the following children:

- + 29 M i. **Calvin Bryan** .
- 30 M ii. **Elihu Bryan** was born on 26 Jul 1834 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.⁵⁹ He died on 12 Sep 1863. He Died in Civil War, a Sgt. In the 5th Art. NY Vols. He was buried in Bryan Burying Grounds.⁶⁰

22. **David Bryan** (Amos, Ezra) was born on 22 Sep 1819 in Northeast, Dutchess Co. NY. He died in 1909.^{61,62}

David married (1) **Anvennette Sackett**⁶³ on 21 Oct 1854. Anvennette died on 21 Jul 1858.⁶³

David married (2) **Cornelia Willson**⁶⁴ on 20 Mar 1867 in Astoria, Long Is., NY.⁶⁴

They had the following children.⁶⁵

- 31 M i. **Frederick Bryan** was born on 23 Aug 1868. He died on 26 Jun 1872.

Fourth Generation

25. **George S. Bryan** (Elisha N., Isaac, Ezra) was born in Aug 1852 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.^{66,67,68} He died on 4 Aug 1917 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

George married **Fredericka Mailander** before 1881 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Fredericka was born in Sep 1862 in Monroe Co., NY.

They had the following children⁶⁸

- + 32 M i. **George Harris Bryan** was born on 1 Aug 1881. He died on 29 Aug 1960.
- 33 M ii. **Charles Bryan** was born in Jan 1883 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

29. **Calvin Bryan** (Ward, Amos, Ezra).⁶⁹

Calvin married **Anna Hammond**.⁶⁹

They had the following children.⁶⁹

- 34 F i. **Elizabeth Bryan** .
- + 35 M ii. **Elihu Bryan** .
- 36 F iii. **Ellen Bryan**
- 37 F iv. **Clara Bryan**
- 38 M v. **Harry Bryan**

Fifth Generation

32. **George Harris Bryan** (George S., Elisha N., Isaac, Ezra) was born on 1 Aug 1881 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁷⁰ He died on 29 Aug 1960 in West Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.⁷³

George married **Mabel Gilkinson**⁷¹ daughter of Samuel R. Gilkinson and Georgina Garrison on 18 Jul 1904 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Mabel was born on 7 Dec 1882 in NJ.⁷² She died on 28 Apr 1974 in West Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.⁷³

They had the following child:

39 M i. **Frederick Arthur Bryan Dr.** was born on 20 Oct 1908 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He died on 2 Jul 1977 in Pacific Palisade, Los Angeles, CA.

Frederick married **Delva June Newcombe** daughter of Alfred Newcombe and Ora Stiefel on 4 Oct 1930 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. Delva was born on 19 Apr 1908 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She died on 17 May 1979 in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, CA.⁷⁴

33 **Charles Paulus Bryan** (George S., Elisha N., Isaac, Ezra) was born in Jan 1883 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.⁷⁵

Charles married **Maude Bosdyk** who was born in 1884 to James and Rolena Bosdyk. James was an immigrant who came from Holland in 1870. They married in the US about 1871 and had 10 children.⁷⁶⁵⁵

They had the following children: All from 1920, 1930 census

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40 F i. **Jane Bryan** born in 1917

41 F ii **Carroll Bryan** born in 1921

35. **Elihu Bryan**⁷⁷ (Calvin, Ward, Amos, Ezra).

He had the following child:

42 F i. **Anne Bryan**⁷⁷ was born in Feb 1908 in Shecomeco, Dutchess Co., NY.

Anne married _____ **Knickerbocker** .

Descendants of Samuel Gilkinson

First Generation

- 1 Samuel **Gilkinson** was born 1770.¹

Samuel married **Anne Rennie** . Anne was born 1775.²

They had the following children:

- M i. **Thomas Gilkinson** was born in 1792. He died 1867 in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.²
- M ii. **Samuel Gilkinson** was born in 1804. He died in 1895.²
- + 2 M iii. **Alexander Gilkinson** was born in 1805. He died 1899 in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.²

Second Generation

2. **Alexander Gilkinson** (Samuel) was born in Dungannon, Tyrone Co. Ireland in 1805. He died in 1899 in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.³

Alexander married (1) **Elizabeth Muir**²

They had the following children:

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- 3 F i **Helen Gilkinson** was born 1823²
- + 4 M ii **Samuel Gilkinson** was born in 1827/1830, Dungannon, Tyrone Co., Ireland.^{4,5} He died on 13 Jun 1917.⁵
- 5 M iii **Thomas Gilkinson** was born in 1832²
- + 6 F iv **Margaret Gilkinson** was born abt 1835/6 in Northern Ireland

Alexander emigrated to Dundee, Angus, Scotland after 1861 and married (2) **Sarah Robertson** on 23 Dec 1873 in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.⁶

They had no known children.

Third Generation

- 4. **Samuel Gilkinson** (Alexander, Samuel) was born in 1827 in Ireland.^{4,5} He died on 13 Jun 1917 in Belleville, Essex Co. NJ. He was buried in Woodland Cemetery.⁷

Samuel married (1) **Mary Park**^{4,5} on 14 Nov 1848 in Dungannon Ireland. She was born 1832-3 in Ireland to James and Jane Park. Mary died on 1 May 1880 in Newark, NJ. She was buried Woodland Cemetery.⁸

Samuel and Mary immigrated to USA in 1850 during the Potato Famine.⁹

They had the following children:¹⁰

- 7 F i. **Jane Gilkinson** was born 1853-4 in New Jersey.
- 8 M ii. **Robert A. Gilkinson.** was born on 5 Aug 1856 in New York. He died on 4 Nov 1944 in Bath, Steuben Co. NY. He was buried Nondaga Cemetery.¹¹

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Robert married **Elizabeth Murdock** daughter of William Murdock and Mary Laurence on 19 Jan 1880 in Newark, NJ. Elizabeth was born on 1 Jan 1857.¹² and died 9 Dec 1924. She is buried at Nondaga Cemetery, Bath, Steuban Co., NY¹¹

- + 9M iii. **Samuel R. Gilkinson** was born on 9 Sep 1861. He died on 25 Nov 1943.¹³
- 10M iv. **James Gilkinson** was born in Jan 1865 in New Jersey.¹⁴

Samuel married (2) **Esther McLean** . Esther was born in Jan 1850 in Ireland.¹⁵ She died in 1917.

- 6 . **Margaret Anne Gilkinson** (Alexander, Samuel) was born in 1835 in Ireland. She died 11 Feb 1888 and was buried in Fairmont Cemetery, East Orange, NJ. Belleville, Essex Co. NJ.¹⁶

Margaret married (1) **Richard Stitt** 29 Aug 1854 at the Parish Church Drumglass Parish, Tyrone Co., Ireland.¹⁷ Richard died in 1867 and was buried at Woodland Cemetery, Newark, NJ. Reburied in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside, NJ

They had the following children

- 11 F i. **Samuel Stitt**
- 12 M ii. **Thomas Stitt**
- 13 M iii. **Susan Stitt**
- 14 M iv. **Elizabeth Stitt**. She married ___ McClean

Margaret married (2) **Albert Lovejoy** in 1869

They had the following child:

- 15 M i **Alexander Lovejoy** (later renamed Alexander Stitt)

Fourth Generation

9. **Samuel R. Gilkinson** (Samuel, Alexander, Samuel) was born on 9 Sep 1861 in NJ. He died on 25 Nov 1943 in Rochester, Monroe Co. NY. He was buried in Nondaga Cemetery, Bath, Steuben Co. NY.¹⁸

Samuel married **Georgina Garrison** on 26 Dec 1881 in United Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ. Georgina was born in Aug 1862 in NJ. She died on 28 Dec 1932 in Bath, Steuben Co. NY. She was buried Nondaga Cemetery.^{19, 20, 21}

They had the following children:²²

- + 16 F i. **Mabel Gilkinson** was born on 7 Dec 1882 in New Jersey.²³ She died on 28 Apr 1974.²⁴
- + 17 M ii. **Robert A. Gilkinson** was born in Nov 1884 in New York.²⁵ He died in 1960.
- 18 iii. **Samuel A. Gilkinson** was born on 6 Mar 1889 in Newark, NJ. He died before 1900.²⁶
- + 19 M iv. **William P. Gilkinson** was born on 19 Oct 1892 in NY.²⁷

Fifth Generation

16. **Mabel Gilkinson** (Samuel R., Samuel, Alexander, Samuel) was born on 7 Dec 1882 in NJ.²³ She died on 28 Apr 1974 in West Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.²⁴

Mabel married **George Harris Bryan** son of George S. Bryan and Fredericka Mailander on 18 Jul 1904 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. George was born on 1 Aug 1881 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. He died on 29 Aug 1960 in West Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA.

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- 17 . **Robert A. Gilkinson**^{28,29} (Samuel R., Samuel, Alexander, Samuel) was born in Nov 1884 in New Jersey. He died in 1960 in Rochester, New York.²⁵ He was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Range 2.³⁰

Robert married **Rosalie Weniger**. Rosalie was born in 1883 in New York.^{23, 28} She died in 1960 in Rochester, New York. She was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Range 2.²⁹

They had the following children:^{31,32}

- 18 F i. **Dorothy Gilkinson** was born in 1911 in New York.
- 19 M ii. **Robert Gilkinson** was born in 1912 in New York.
- 20 F iii. **Edith M. Gilkinson** was born in 1916.

19. **William P. Gilkinson**³³(Samuel R., Samuel, Alexander, Samuel) was born on 19 Oct 1892 in New York. He died 5 May 1971 at 71. He is buried at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hammondsport, Urbana Twp, Steuben Co., NY.

William married **Jane** _____. Jane was born on 22 Sep 1892. She died in Feb 1985.³⁴

They had the following children:^{34,35}

- 21 M i. **William P. Gilkinson, Jr.** was born 6 Apr 1919 in New York.
- 22 M ii. **Richard Gilkinson** was born in 1924 in New York. He married **Elsie**____ who was born 16 Apr 1924 and died 21 May 2003.³⁴

Descendants of Emmanuel Newcombe

First Generation

1. **Emmanuel Newcombe** was born in in 1818 in Atherington, Devon, England.¹ He died in 1876.

Emmanuel married (Mrs.)**Joanne Willis** on 5 April 1851 at Alverdiscott, Devon, England.² She was born in 1822 and died in 1916 in Barnstaple, Devon, England.

She had children:³

F i **Mary Willis** born 1845

F ii **Elizabeth Willis** born 1850

Emmanuel and Joanna had the following children:⁴

2 F i **Jane Newcombe** was born in 1851

3 F ii **Fanny Newcombe** was born in 1854

4 M iii **Henry Newcombe** was born in 1856

5 M iv **Charley Newcombe** was born in 1858

6 M v **William Newcombe** was born in 1861 (9 mos in 1861 census)

+ 7 M vi. **Enoch Newcombe** was born 2 Feb 1863. He died 11 Nov 1942.

8 F vii **Blanchie Newcombe** was born in 1866

Second Generation

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7. **Enoch** (Alexander) was born 8 Feb 1863 in Alverdiscott, Devon, England.⁵ He died on 11 Nov 1942 in Flint, Genesee Co., Michigan.⁶

Enoch married (1) **Emma Davey** in 1882.⁷ Emma was born to Samuel and Elizabeth Davey in 1859. Emma died on in 1904.⁹ Samuel died before 1891. Elizabeth died after 1891.¹⁰

They had the following children:¹¹

- 9 F i **Berta Newcombe** was born in 1883
- + 10 F ii. **Alfred Newcombe** was born in 1886 Bideford, Devon, England
- 11 M iii **Arthur Newcombe** was born in 1886, Bideford, Devon, England.
- 12 M iv **Emmeline Newcombe** was born in **1891** (3 mos old in 1891)
- 13 F v **Gladys I. Newcombe** was born in 1891 (1 mo old in 1901) Gladys married James H. DeLisle, butcher, August 6, 1919 in Flint, Genesee Co., Michigan^{12, 17}

Enoch m.(2) **Mary West Jeffery**.¹³ She was born 1861.¹⁴

They had the following children:

- 14 F i **Molly Newcombe** was born in 1906 in Bideford, Devon, England.^{15, 17} Molly married Irving Johnson ____ 1926¹⁶
- 15 F ii **Ruth Newcombe** was born in 1912 in Bideford, Devon, England.¹⁷

Enoch emigrated to USA in 1914 with son Arthur (2d trip) on the Ship Olympic from Liverpool to Boston, 21 April 1914. ¹⁷

Third Generation

10. **Alfred Newcombe** (Enoch, Emmanuel) was born on 1886 in Bideford, Devon Co., England.¹¹ He died on 25 Nov 1950 in Los Angeles, CA.¹⁸

Alfred emigrated to USA in 1904 on the Ship Philadelphia with his brother Arthur.¹⁹

Alfred married **Ora Stiefel** daughter of Frederick Stiefel and Augusta Yess

They had the following children:

- 16 F i. **Delva Newcombe** was born on 19 April 1908 in New York. She died 17 May 1979, West Los Angeles, CA.²⁰
- 17 F ii. **Dorothy Newcombe** was born in 8 June 1910 in New York. She died 18 Mar 1982 Los Angeles, CA.²¹

Descendants of Samuel Davey

First Generation

1. **Samuel Davey** was born in 1818 in England.

Samuel married **Elizabeth** _____. Elizabeth was born

They had the following children:

- + 1 i **Emma Davey** was born in 1859 in Bideford, Devon, England. She died 1904 in Bideford, Devon, England. She married Enoch Newcombe. (See Descendants of Emmanuel Newcombe, Generation 2.)
- 2 ii **Sarah Harriett Davey** was born in was born in 1860 in Bideford, Devon, England.
- 3 iii **John Davey** was born in 1864 in Bideford, Devon, England.
- 4 iv **Lydia Helen Davey** was born in 1866 in Bideford, Devon, England.
- 5 v **Edward Davey** was born in 1867 in Bideford, Devon, England.
- 6 vi **Frederick William Davey** was born in 1879 in Bideford, Devon, England.

Descendants of Gottfried Stiefel

First Generation

1. . **Gottfried Stiefel** was born in in 1813 in Hesse-Kassel [Prussia]¹. He died in June 1872 in Rochester, NY and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.²

Gottfried married **Ann Elizabeth**_____ in Hesse-Kassel. Elizabeth was born in 1815 in Hesse-Kassel.¹ She died October 1889 in Rochester, NY and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.²

They emigrated to America on the Ship Amazon 5 Jun 1846.³

They had the following children:

- + 2 M I **William Stiefel** b 1849 Buffalo, New York^{1,4,552}
- + 3 M ii **Frederick Stiefel**⁴ was born in 1853 in New York.^{1,4,6}
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Second Generation

2. **William Stiefel** (Gottfried) was born in 1849 Buffalo, New York⁴
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William married (1) **Mary** _____ who was born 1852 NY⁵ who died before 1880.⁸

They had the following children:

- + M 4 i **Frederick Stiefel** was born in 1870
- M 5 ii **Henry Stiefel** was born in 1873

William married (2) **Nellie** _____ who was born in 1846 in Maine⁸

- 3. **Frederick Stiefel** (Gottfried) was born in 1853 in New York.⁹

Frederick married **Augusta Yess** in 1874 in Rochester, NY. Augusta was born in 1854 in Prussia.¹¹ They both died after 1930.¹²

They had the following children^{7,8}

- + 6 M i. **William Frederick Stiefel** was born 1876
- + 7 M ii. **Frederick William Stiefel** was born 1880
- + 8 F iii **Ora Stiefel** was born 25 Nov 1883.¹³
- 9 M iv **Elmer Stiefel** was born in 1890.
- 10 F v **Edna Stiefel** was born in 1891. She died in Ontario, NY in 1972¹⁴

Third Generation

4. **Frederick William Stiefel** (William, Gottfried) was born in 1870 in Rochester, New York. He died in 1942 in Rochester, NY. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester.¹⁰

Frederick married **Catherine** _____ in 1895, Catherine was born 22 Dec 1872. She died Dec 1967¹⁵

They had the following children:

F 11 i. **Verona I. Stiefel** was born in 1897¹⁶

6. **William Frederick Stiefel** (Frederick, Gottfried) was born in 1876 in Rochester, New York. The date and place of his death is not known.¹⁷

William Married **Anna Van Buren** between 1900 and 1905. Anna was born in Switzerland in 1882 to Frank and Rose Van Buren.¹⁸

They had no known children.

7. **Frederick William Stiefel** (Frederick, Gottfried) was born 20 Jun 1880 in Rochester, New York. He died about 1946.¹⁹

Frederick married **Barbara Mayer** in 1895. Barbara was born in 1893 in Germany.²⁰

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They had the following children:²⁰

- 12M i **Kenneth Stiefel** born 1908 in Rochester, Monroe Co. New York
- 13 M ii **Frederick Stiefel** born in 1911 in Rochester, Monroe Co. New York
- 14M iii **Willis Stiefel born** in 1914 in Rochester, Monroe Co. New York

- 8. **Ora Stiefel** (Frederick, Gottfried) was born 25 Nov 1883. She died in 10 Feb 1969 in West Los Angeles, CA. She married Alfred Newcombe.

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Descendants of Jacob Mailander

1. **Jacob Mailander** was born in in 1824 in Wurtemberg [Germany]¹

Jacob married **Magdalena [Losel]** before 1854. Jacob died after 1896 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY³

They emigrated from Wurtemberg [Germany] to America in 1854.²

They had the following children:⁵

- 2 M i **Caspar Mailander** was born in 1851 in Wurtemberg
- 3 F ii **Margaret Mailander** was born in Wurtemberg
- 4 M iii **Catherine/Katie Mailander** was born in 1856 in New York
- 5 M iv **William Mailander** was born in 1858 in New York
- 6 M v **Lena Mailander** was born in 1860 in New York
- + 7 F vi **Fredericka (Rika) Mailander** was born Sep. 1862 in Rochester, NY.
- 8 F vii **Lisa Mailander** was born in 1875 in New York
- + 9 F viii **Elizabeth Mailander** was born about 1868 in New York⁵³
- 10 M ix **Julius Mailander** was born in Sept 1869 in New York
- 11 F x **Emelie Mailander** was born in 1872 in New York

7. **Fredericka (Rika) Mailander** (Jacob) was born Sep. 1862, in Rochester, NY.⁵ She died May 1914, in Rochester and was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.⁶

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Fredericka married **George S. Bryan** before 1881 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY.

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9. **Elizabeth Mailander** (Jacob) was born 1869 in New York. She died after 1930.¹⁰

Elizabeth married **Charles Paulus** who was born 1869-70.⁸ He died between 1892 and 1900.⁹

They had the following children all born in New York:^{8,9,10}

- 12 M i **Charles Paulus** was born July 1882
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- 14 F iii **Laura Paulus** was born in 1890

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15. Molly Newcombe dau of Mary W. Jeffery shown in U.S.Census 1920, Flint, Genesee Co., MI
16. Molly Newcombe marriage 1926 to Irving Johnson, Flint, Genesee Co., MI
17. Enoch immigration to USA as "Henock Newcombe" on Ship Olympic, from Liverpool to Boston, sailing 21 April 1914. Enoch is listed as a laborer unable to read or write, emigrating from Cold Harbor, Bideford, Eng. _to Rochester, NY. In his company are Pauline, (housewife aged 50) who reads and writes; Daisy, age 21 (illegible), Gladys (daughter) age 13, Molly (daughter) age 7 and Ruth (daughter 2). Travelling with Arthur (2d trip); Massachusetts Passengers and Crew Lists 1820-1963.
18. Death of Alfred Newcombe, California Death Index

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19. Ships Passenger List, 1904, Alfred and Arthur Newcombe: Ship "Philadelphia", departed Southampton, England 24. September 1904 and arrived at New York October 1. The Ship manifest lists Alfred as a "Collector." Alfred and Arthur each had \$30. Their destination was 49 Olean St, Rochester, New York.
- 20 California Death Certificate of Delva Bryan
- 21 California Death Certificate of Dorothy Bryan.

Davey Sources

1. Household of Samuel Davey, 26 New Str Bideford, 1881 Census Bideford, Devon, England,
2. 1891 Census Bideford, Devon, England

Stiefel Sources

1. 1850 U.S. Census, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY
2. Godfrey and Ann Elizabeth Steefel burials at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Find-A-Grave and Ancestry.com Memorials # 41389825 and 41390228.
3. Passenger List of Ship Amazon, 5 Jun 1846 sailed from Bremen, Germany to New York.
4. Gottfried Stiefel household in 1860 and 1870 U.S. Census, Rochester, Monroe Co. NY
5. William Stiefel (son of Gottfried) and wife Mary, 1870 U.S. Census, Rochester, 10th Ward Monroe Co. NY
6. Gottfried Stiefel household, 1870 U.S. Census, Rochester, 10th Ward Monroe Co. NY. In the household is son Frederick age 17, Cabinet maker (born in NY) and two others who were born in Prussia: John age 32 and Reka age 21. These must be niece and nephew or cousins.
7. Frederick and Augusta Stiefel on the 1875 and 1892 State Census of New York.
8. William Stiefel and wife Nellie, 1880 U.S. Census, Rochester, Monroe County, New York. Occupation shown as fireman with the Railroad. The 1889-1890 City Directory of Rochester lists a William Stiefel as working for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.
9. Frederick and Augusta Stiefel, 1880 U.S. Census, Rochester, Monroe County, New York
10. Frederick Stiefel (b. 1870) burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, Monroe County, New York, 1942, Find-a-grave memorial # 113782426 at Ancestry.com.
11. Frederick and Augusta Stiefel, 1900, 1930 U.S. Census Rochester, Monroe County, New York
12. Frederick and Augusta Stiefel, 1940 U.S. Census Rochester, Monroe County, New York
13. Baptismal record of Ora Stiefel at Salem Church, Rochester, #165: parents Frederick Stiefel and Augusta Yess.
14. The death of Edna Stiefel is from an undocumented family tree for Frederick Stiefel at Ancestry.com.
15. Social Security Administration death record for Catherine Stiefel. Frederick William Stiefel 1920 U.S. Census WITH Wife Catherine b. 1873 and daughter Verona, born in 1897. 1930 U.S. Census Frederick W. and Catherine showing Fred as a fireman with the city fire department. (This may confuse him with his father, Frederick who also served with the city fire department and whose grave stone is engraved "Truck 4." See also 1940 U.S. Census, the last census in which Frederick is enumerated. (Last census 1940 . Social Sec Life claim 7 March 1946
16. Verona I. Stiefel 1900 census Ward 12. Frederick W. Stiefel in 1900 Census, Rochester, Monroe Co., New York, Ward 12. With wife ____ in Ward 12. 1930 census fireman and wife Catherine (1900 census Ward 12 fireman

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17. William and Anna Stiefel in 1910 U.S. Census for Rochester. See also Rochester city directories 1909-1915
18. 1915 Census for New York State shows Ana Stiefel living with her parents in Rochester, NY without her husband William. They are not found living together in any subsequent census. (Last Dir 1921, Last census 1910. Wife Ana with parents in 1915. (City Dirs 1909-1921)
19. Life claim 7 March 1946 for Frederick William Stiefel (born 20 June 1880) in Social Security Applications and Claims 1936-2007.
20. Frederick and Barbara Stiefel, U.S. Census Rochester, Monroe County, New York 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 and New York State Census 1925.

Mailander/Mylander Sources

1. . Jacob and Lena (Magdalena) Mailander in 1860, 1870, 1880 U.S. Census, Rochester, Monroe Co., New York.
2. Ship Passenger List, "Leverland" arriving at New York 1 June 1854. Jacob Mailander is listed with Magdalena Mailander.
3. Jacob is not seen on a U.S. Census after 1880. The last record found is his listing in the 1896 Directory of Rochester which gives his address as 84 Woodward Avenue and his occupation as carpenter.
4. Draft Registration Card for Jacob Mailander, 1863, "Class 2".
5. Jacob Mailander household 1860, 1870, 1880 U.S. Census, Rochester, Monroe Co., New York.
6. Fredericka (Maillander) Bryan bur Mt Hope Cemetery,(Single Grave BB, row 144, grave 93), Rochester, Monroe Co., NY memorial 152818736 at Find-a-grave at Ancestry.com.
7. Elizabeth Mailander is shown as a one-year old in the household of Jacob Mailander in the 1870 U.S. Census , Rochester, Monroe Co., New York.
8. Charles Paulus household in 1892 State Census of New York, Rochester, Monroe Co., NY
9. Charles Paulus does not appear in any census with his family as of the 1900 U.S. Census for Rochester Monroe Co., New York: Elizabeth Paulus and her three children enumerated as boarders with George S. Bryan and his wife, Fredericka Mailander Bryan (Elizabeth's sister). In the 1910 U.S. Census Elizabeth is head of household and a widow.
10. Elizabeth [Maillander] Bryan appears for the last time in a U.S. Census in 1930. She is listed as residing with Laura Paulus her daughter and head of household on Fern Street. On the same page and street is listed Charles Bryan and his wife Maud (b. 1884), daughters Jane Bryan (b. 1817) and Carrol Bryan (b. 1821). Also in the household is James Bosdyk, age 85 (b. 1845). James Bosdyk is tentative assumed to be Maud's father, born in Holland.

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