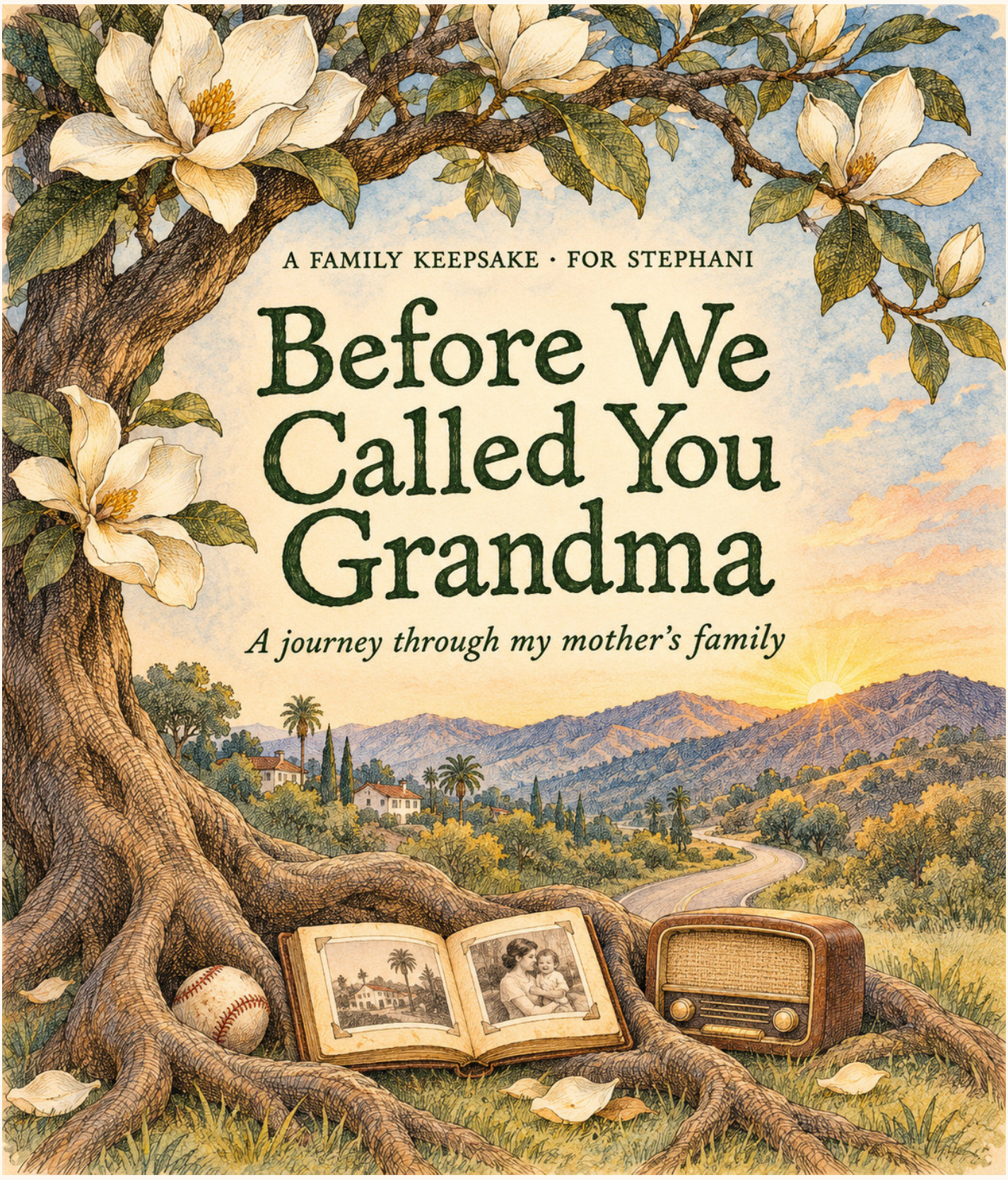


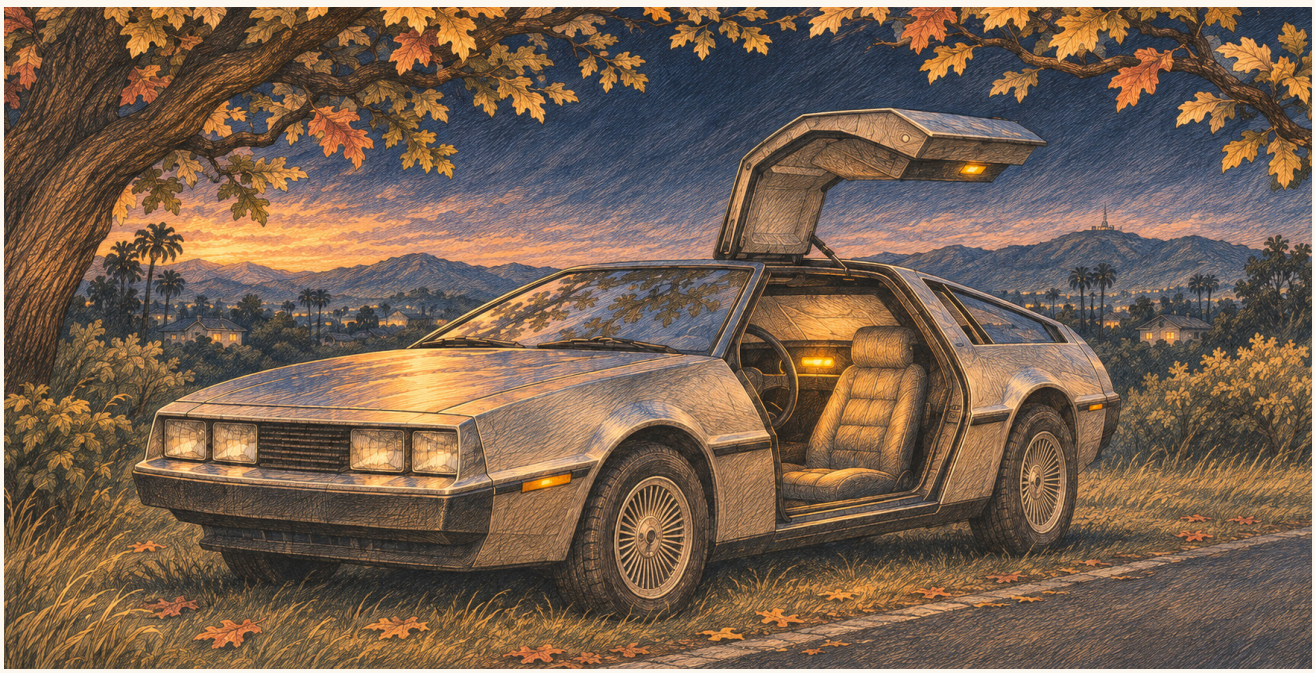
Joseph Valenzuela

Have you ever sat back and wondered what your parents were like when they were young, before you came along? Or their parents? Well, I did.

It's the fall of 2026. Picture me sitting at home in Burbank, California, on an ordinary afternoon. The city is getting ready for the holidays. A question comes to me. What was life like for my mom when she was a kid? I've called you Mom my whole life. Somewhere back there, you were a little girl who called out "Mom!" and waited for Mary to turn around. What did that little girl sound like?

I was determined to see how far back we could go and how much family history I could uncover. Most of all, I wanted to remind my mother how incredibly special she is. So everyone, hop in the make-believe DeLorean. There's room for everyone. Mom gets the front seat, though.

Our first stop, Germany, May 2, 1792. There's a ship at the riverbank, and if we miss it, I have absolutely no idea how to reset this clock.



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Destination times

FIRST STOP

2026

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MENU 01 / 02

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Destination times

FIRST STOP

1963

Select a destination, or turn to its page.

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DATE	DESTINATION	PAGE
Mar. 13, 1963	Hello, Stephani Glendale, California	20
1963–81	Before everyone needed you Burbank, California	22
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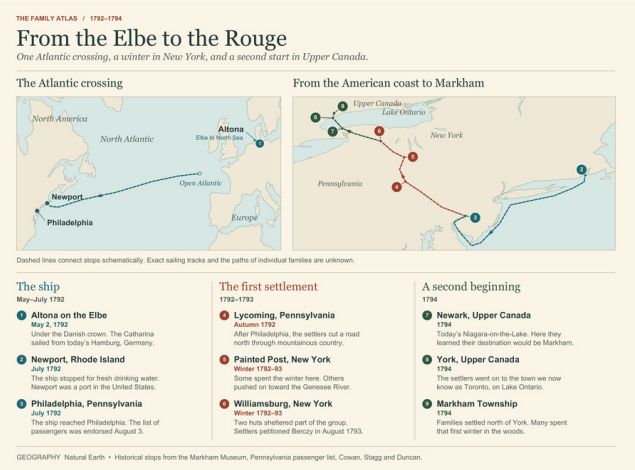
The DeLorean lands





From Altona to Markham, 1792–94. Follow the dated stops from the Elbe to the Rouge. Dashed lines join the recorded places.
Sources in notes 1, 3 and 4. Geography by Natural Earth.

We step out on the bank of the Elbe River at Altona, beside Hamburg in present-day Germany. At the dock is the Catharina, bound for North America. It's May 2, 1792. At least 132 people, the "settlers" in this story, are leaving everything they've ever known. They couldn't even check the Google reviews for the place they were headed.

William Berczy recruited settlers for the Genesee country in New York. One of the people boarding the ship was Johann Gottlob Schellenberg. He signed up for six years of work. The company would advance his travel costs and pay him wages. If he kept his agreement and saved four Spanish thalers a year, he could earn twenty-five acres, a cow and calf, a sow and piglets, and poultry.

Think about being twenty and putting your name on that paper. Six years is a long time. But somebody has just told you that one day you might swing open a gate and the land on the other side could be yours. I can only imagine what each passenger was leaving behind that morning.

Four feet of family baggage



The traveling chest

Jochim Pingel's chest, Markham Museum collection



Jochim

The given name above the left carved panel



Pingel · 1757

The family name and year above the right panel

Jochim Pingel's blanket chest. Markham Museum, object M.L.1980.6.

Jochim Pingel boarded with his wife and their five children. We would later be tied to their family through marriage. They brought a wooden chest over four feet long. Let's throw that in the back of the Tesla after baggage claim.

Here, look at it. That same chest is at Markham Museum in Ontario, Canada, today. The museum records the name and date carved into the chest as "Jochim Pingel 1757."

There's another person boarding the ship that day, too. His name is Philip Eckardt.

Vinegar on the Atlantic

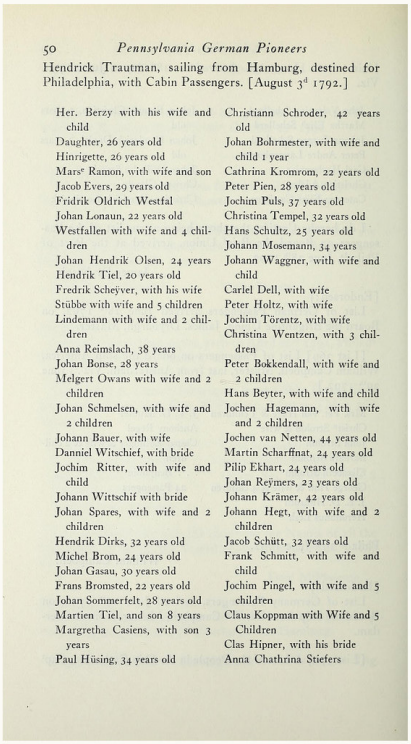


Altona's waterfront had shipbuilders, sailmakers and ropemakers. Picture the smell of a freshly cut board, like the lumber aisle back home. Now put a wet rope in your hand and listen for the knock of a hammer. That's how I imagine it.

The ship traveled down the Elbe, into the North Sea, then out toward the Atlantic. I haven't found a weather reading for the morning they left.

It's May 8, 1792. We've been sailing for six days, and we're finally reaching the open ocean. One passenger, John Henry Sommerfeldt, saw to the daily provisions. He wrote that they scrubbed the ship twice a week and fumigated it with vinegar and juniper berries. Open a pickle jar and think of a sharp, piney smell alongside it. Now imagine thirteen weeks at sea, which is how long he remembered the crossing. Thirteen weeks.

Water, water everywhere

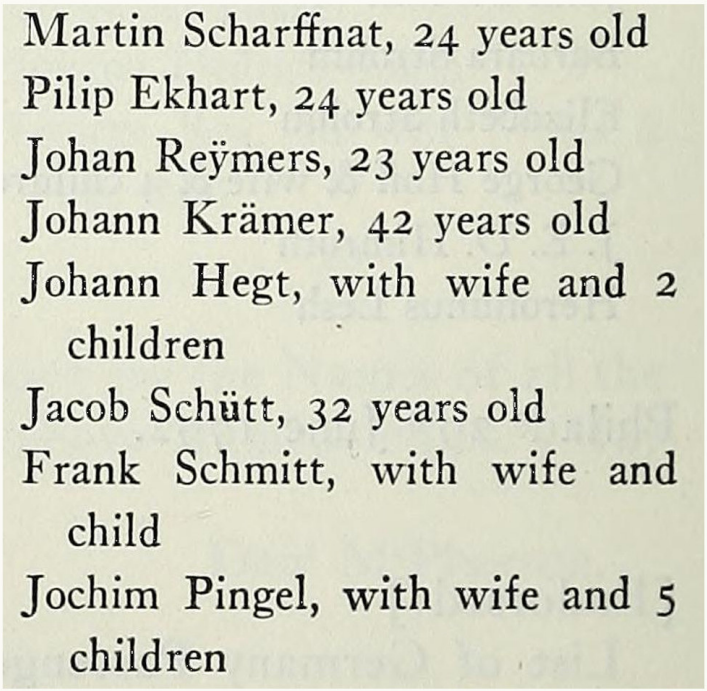


50 *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*

Hendrick Trautman, sailing from Hamburg, destined for Philadelphia, with Cabin Passengers. [August 3d 1792.]

Her. Berzy with his wife and child
Daughter, 26 years old
Hinrigette, 26 years old
Marsᵉ Ramon, with wife and son
Jacob Evers, 29 years old
Fridrik Oldrich Westfal
Johan Lonaun, 22 years old
Westfallen with wife and 4 children
Johan Hendrik Olsen, 24 years
Hendrik Tiel, 20 years old
Fredrik Scheÿver, with his wife
Stübbe with wife and 5 children
Lindemann with wife and 2 children
Anna Reimslach, 38 years
Johan Bonse, 28 years
Melgert Owans with wife and 2 children
Johan Schmelsen, with wife and 2 children
Johann Bauer, with wife
Danniel Witschief, with bride
Jochim Ritter, with wife and child
Johann Wittschif with bride
Johan Spares, with wife and 2 children
Hendrik Dirks, 32 years old
Michel Brom, 24 years old
Johan Gasau, 30 years old
Frans Bromsted, 22 years old
Johan Sommerfelt, 28 years old
Martien Tiel, and son 8 years
Margretha Casiens, with son 3 years
Paul Hüsing, 34 years old
Christiann Schroder, 42 years old
Johan Bohrmester, with wife and child 1 year
Cathrina Kromrom, 22 years old
Peter Pien, 28 years old
Jochim Puls, 37 years old
Christina Tempel, 32 years old
Hans Schultz, 25 years old
Johann Mosemann, 34 years
Johann Waggner, with wife and child
Carlel Dell, with wife
Peter Holtz, with wife
Jochim Törentz, with wife
Christina Wentzen, with 3 children
Peter Bokkendall, with wife and 2 children
Hans Beyter, with wife and child
Jochen Hagemann, with wife and 2 children
Jochen van Netten, 44 years old
Martin Scharffnat, 24 years old
Pilip Ekhart, 24 years old
Johan Reÿmers, 23 years old
Johann Krämer, 42 years old
Johann Hegt, with wife and 2 children
Jacob Schütt, 32 years old
Frank Schmitt, with wife and child
Jochim Pingel, with wife and 5 children
Claus Koppman with Wife and 5 Children
Clas Hipner, with his bride
Anna Chathrina Stiefers

The complete printed list
Philadelphia · August 3, 1792



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Philip and the Pingel household
Look for "Pilip Ekhart" and "Jochim Pingel"

Philadelphia passenger list, printed transcription. The endorsement is dated August 3, 1792.

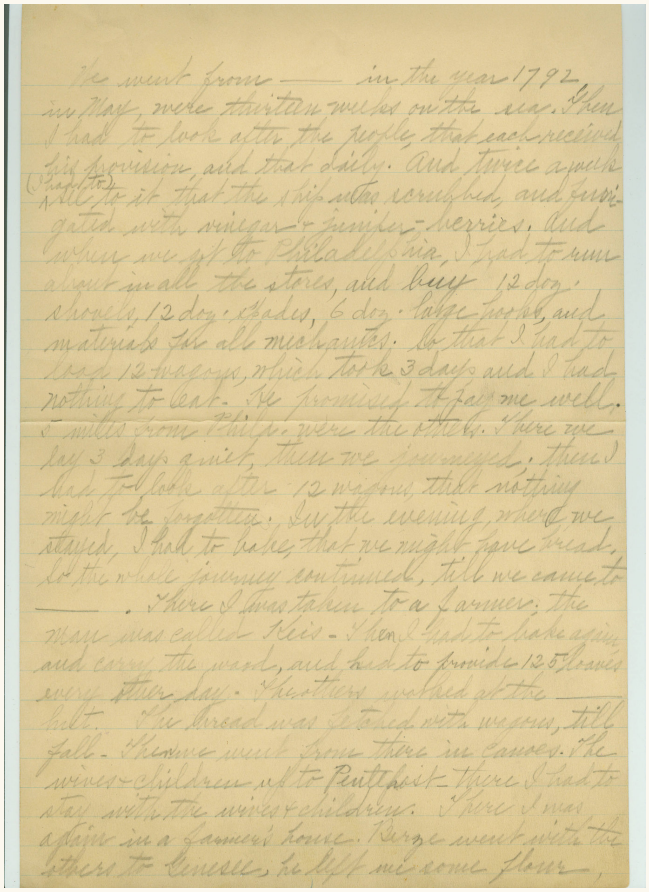
Imagine being five years old on a ship with water in every direction and hearing that there might not be enough to drink. That was how old Francis Helmke was when his father, Johan, noticed the drinking water running low. The Catharina stopped at Newport, Rhode Island, to take on fresh water.

From there the Catharina sailed on to Philadelphia. They made it to Philly. Two hundred and thirty-four years later, the Phillies drafted your son Matthew.

On the passenger list, endorsed August 3, 1792, someone wrote the name "Pilip Ekhart," age twenty-four. Your fourth-great-grandfather had made it across the ocean.

There he is, Philip Eckardt Sr. Now I can show you how we get all the way from his name on that ship's paper to yours.

Three days on an empty stomach



John Henry Sommerfeldt's account in English translation. Markham Museum, document 43, page 1.

On the dock in Philadelphia, the ocean crossing was over. John Henry Sommerfeldt still had twelve wagons to load. He'd been going from store to store buying supplies. Shovels by the dozen. Spades by the dozen. Twelve dozen of each.

Three days it took to load those wagons. In his account of the journey, Sommerfeldt tells us what he ate over those three days. Nothing.

Farther up the road, he was the one baking bread. He had to carry in the firewood himself. Every other day, he supplied 125 loaves. Of all the people I'd like to have heard tell this story, he's near the top of my list.

Christmas snow and two huts



By the time the travelers came down out of the mountains into Painted Post, New York, Christmas snow was falling. Some stayed there for the winter. Others pressed on toward Williamsburg, where houses and farmland were supposed to be waiting.

The first fifty men found two huts. In the settlers' own account, the huts together couldn't shelter twenty-five. There weren't even pails to fetch water. One work party spent nearly five weeks in the woods with four axes to share among thirty men.

Then came the news that made the whole journey look different. Back in Germany, these families had signed on for a chance to own land. Here in New York, they learned they would be tenants. They could clear every tree, build the house, work the soil, and somebody else would still own the ground beneath their feet.

The settlement they had crossed the Atlantic for had failed. They were still here.

Turn one page. There's Philip.



The settlers' German appeal, August 6, 1793. The two names are on successive leaves.

Here's the page I'd put my finger on. On August 6, 1793, the settlers put their complaint in writing. They described the huts, counted the axes, and set down what they had been promised. Near the end of the German document is Jochim Pingel, the man whose name is carved into the chest. Turn one page. There's Philip.

A year earlier, somebody else had written down their names as they stepped off a ship. This time they put their names to their own account of what had happened to them.

The dispute reached the jail in Canandaigua, where some of the settlers were imprisoned. By 1794, families were ready to leave. Charles Williamson, the land company's agent, posted guards to stop them.

Indigenous people from the Grand River helped the families get past those guards. Men hired by a merchant named Samuel Street helped, too. Most of the settlers made it through. By late June they reached Upper Canada, in what is now Ontario. They went on by way of York, today's Toronto. By year's end they had established a settlement in Markham.

I want our family to remember who lent a hand on that road. We've got Philip's name on paper. We owe part of our story to people whose names that account never gives us.

A barge on the Rouge



George W. J. Duncan, in W. D. Finlayson, The Philip Eckardt Log House, printed page 11.

Long before Philip put a barge on the Rouge, Indigenous people were traveling between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe. Near the Little Rouge, the eastern arm of the old portage followed the creek. People carried goods along that route for generations. Philip came to a river that other people already knew by heart.

Philip himself helped clear fallen trees from the Rouge River and built a flat-bottomed barge. I like knowing that about him. After everything that had stood in his way, we can still point to something he made so other people could get through.

And there in Markham, in 1794, Philip Eckardt married Ann Elizabeth Koepke, known as Elizabeth.

When one of my girls works hard for something and it doesn't go the way they planned, I want to tell her this part of our family story. Philip had already crossed an ocean for a home that wasn't there. He put his name on the truth of what happened. He accepted a hand when he needed one. And he kept going far enough to stand beside Elizabeth in Markham and begin a life with her. Neither of them could have imagined you. But when I think about what came of their perseverance, yours is the face I see.

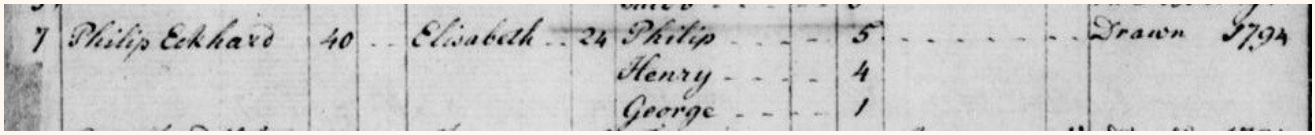
Six generations to Stephani



Philip Eckardt Sr. and Ann Elizabeth Koepke. Philip Jr. and Susannah Hegler. Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite. Florence Gertrude Eckardt and George Tunnacliffe. Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe and John Braceland Wallace. Mary Gertrude Wallace and George Howard Smith.

Their daughter Stephani Smith is my mother. Her four sons are Joseph, Anthony, Marco and Matthew.

Two sisters and one old chest



The 1803 household return, William Berczy fonds, Library and Archives Canada.

Philip was your fourth-great-grandfather. Ann Elizabeth, his wife, stands beside him in that spot on our family tree. Philip Eckardt had crossed the Atlantic on the Catharina. In 1794 he married Ann Elizabeth Koepke. Her sister Maria married George Pingel, the chest owner's son. Two sisters are how that old wooden chest comes into our family story.

Philip and Ann lived in a log house in Markham, in what is now Ontario. Philip farmed, helped clear fallen trees and beaver dams from the Rouge River, and built a flat-bottomed barge. Their neighbors came to the house to pray. In the 1803 census, I can read the names of three boys at home with Ann. Philip was five. Henry was four. George was one.

The church remembers their daughter Mary, too. She was buried that year near the house, the first burial in what became the church cemetery. Seventeen years later, in 1820, Philip deeded an acre for a churchyard. The little patch of ground where his family had buried Mary became a place where other families could bring their own. A historian counted eighteen children and a great-grandson remembered seventeen. We can still put names to only some of them, including Gottlieb, Frederick, Andrew, born in 1811, and Salem, born in 1824.

Four chimneys



The actual farmhouse at 60 Meadowbrook Lane. Philip Jr. and Susannah's brick exterior was covered with stucco in the 1950s. The city photographed the house in its later appearance. City of Markham, Heritage Property Register, entry 913000. Photograph undated.

Philip Jr. and Susannah Hegler were your third-great-grandparents. His father sold him a hundred acres in 1827. Two years later he married Susannah. Their brick farmhouse faced the Rouge River and had four chimneys. You raised four boys. I wonder what you'd have given for four bathrooms.

Philip and Susannah helped establish the local congregation in 1844. One of the other founders was Mark Braithwaite. Twenty-five years later, his daughter Catherine married their son Edward. The two families had been turning up at the same church since before either of those children could sign a marriage register.

Their five children were Sarah Ann (1832), Thomas Philip (1833), Andrew (1837), Barbara Ann (1840) and Edward (1841). Andrew and Barbara Ann died young. Thomas became a doctor. Edward stayed on the land. Susannah and Philip belonged to the local congregation, and the visiting student minister lodged with them.

Twins in the orchard family

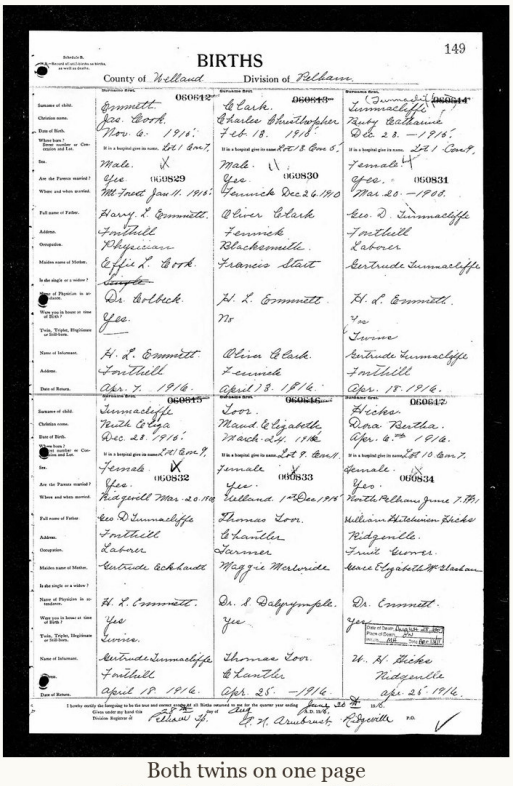


Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite were your great-great-grandparents. They married in 1869. The Markham farm was sold in 1883. They got it back in 1886, with both their names on the land. By 1891 Edward was growing fruit in Pelham.

Across three censuses we can follow eight children: Homer (1869), Clarence (about 1871–72), Florence Gertrude (1876), Maude (1880), Jessie (1881), Eva (1883), W. Roy and Wilhelmina (both 1885). Florence grew up to work as an office clerk. Jessie became a teacher.

Look at those last two names. Roy and Wilhelmina have the same birthday, November 21, 1885. Florence was nine when she got a baby brother and a baby sister on the very same day.

Two days before Christmas



BIRTHS

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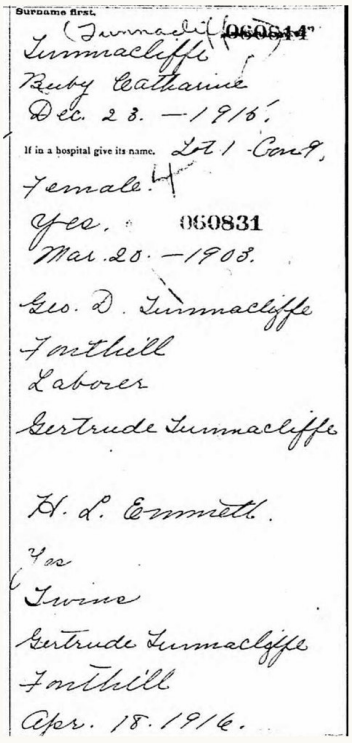
County of Welland Division of Pelham

Both twins on one page
Pelham Township · December 23, 1915

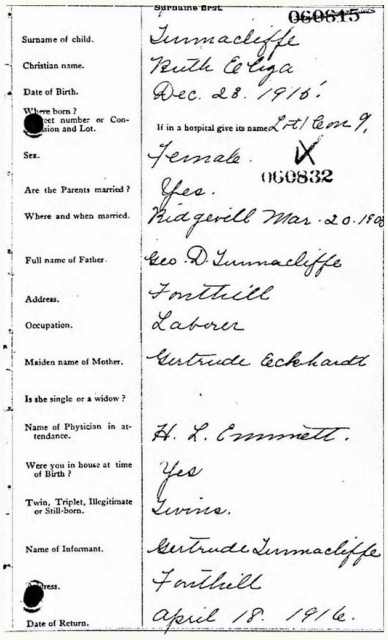


Surname first.

Tunnacliffe 060814
Ruby Catharine
Dec. 23. —1915.
If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 Con 9,
Female.
Yes. 060831
Mar. 20. —1903.
Geo. D. Tunnacliffe
Fonthill
Laborer
Gertrude Tunnacliffe

H. L. Emmett.
Yes
Twins
Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Fonthill
Apr. 18. 1916.

Ruby Catharine
Upper right of the register



Surname of child.	Tunnacliffe
Christian name.	Ruth Eliza
Date of Birth.	Dec. 23. 1915.
Where born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 1 Con 9,
Sex.	Female. X 060832
Are the Parents married?	Yes.
Where and when married.	Ridgeville Mar. 20. 1903
Full name of Father.	Geo D Tunnacliffe
Address.	Fonthill
Occupation.	Laborer
Maiden name of Mother.	Gertrude Eckhardt
Is she single or a widow?	
Name of Physician in attendance.	H. L. Emmett.
Were you in house at time of Birth?	Yes
Twin, Triplet, Illegitimate or Still-born.	Twins.
Name of Informant.	Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Address.	Fonthill
Date of Return.	April 18. 1916.

Ruth Eliza
Lower left of the register

Pelham birth register, page 149. Florence gave the particulars for both girls.

Florence Gertrude and George Tunnacliffe were your great-grandparents. George worked in a nursery. When they married in Ridgeville in 1903, Florence's sisters Eva and Maud signed as witnesses. Then came Jean Ladell in 1903, Eve Gwendolyn in 1905 and Marion in 1909.

On December 23, 1915, two days before Christmas, the girl who had grown up with twins had twins of her own. Ruby Catharine was your grandma. Ruth Eliza was her twin sister. Their little brother Donald came along about 1918–19.

Florence registered both girls' births. Ruby is at the upper right of the page and Ruth at the lower left. More than a century later, I still have to move my eyes clear across the page to find both your grandma and her sister.

June 22 again



The twins were fifteen when Florence died. Nine years later, on June 22, 1940, Ruby married John Braceland Wallace, your grandpa, in Welland. They made their home in Detroit.

Six years later Ruth walked into St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to marry Edwin Hilder. Beside her stood Ruby, with red roses, white sweet peas and fern in her hair. Look at the date. June 22 again. Your grandma spent her sixth wedding anniversary standing up for her twin sister.

Their mother had Eva and Maud at her wedding. Ruth had Ruby at hers.

Mary Wallace, Glendale High



Julie Grover, Gretchen Maussnest, Candy Hughes, Joy Caldwell, Terry Aikins, Shelly Stimson, Mary Wallace, Mary Salyer, Penny Mooleny-zer. 3rd row: Lynne Lanning, Linda

Stylus, Glendale High School, 1960, page 93. Mary's name is printed. The face is Joseph's tentative identification.

Ruby and John's daughter Mary Gertrude Wallace was your mother. She was born in Detroit on April 8, 1942. At the 1950 census she was seven. Her brothers John, later called Mike, and William, called Bill, were six and three. Their birth years work out to about 1943–44 and 1946–47.

Their sister Anne is the Auntie Anne who later invited everybody to Utah to honor Mary.

A family notice from 1953 gives us one stop on the way to Glendale. Ruby was still in Detroit. Her sister Marion was already in Glendale. By the time of the 1960 city directory, Mary and her parents were there, too. I like knowing there was already somebody in California who could call Ruby her sister.

Then there's this picture. Your mother in the Latin Club at Glendale High. Her name is printed on page 93. I think I recognize her among the standing girls near the right. In the album you can see the whole yearbook page, then look a little closer for yourself.

Down at the bottom, the students tell us their club gave three scholarships and held a cookie sale to help pay for them. I knew Mary as my grandma. Here she is, still in high school, with a whole life ahead of her.

Hello, Stephani



Brand Boulevard, Glendale, August 23, 1963, five months after Stephani's birth. Los Angeles Herald Examiner Photo Collection, Los Angeles Public Library.

It's been about three years since that Latin Club picture. The girl whose name we found on page 93 is twenty now. It's Wednesday, March 13, 1963, and we've come to a hospital room in Glendale. Mary's little boy Kevin is twenty months old. Today he gets a baby sister.

Up in the foothills near Glendale, Bob Gregg keeps a weather notebook. For this Wednesday he writes down a low of forty-one degrees and a high of seventy-nine. Thirty-eight degrees between the two numbers on the day you arrive.

Down in Los Angeles, you can still catch a Yellow Car. In eighteen days the last of those streetcars will finish its run. The transit authority even lines up 160 shiny new buses at Dodger Stadium to show Los Angeles what's coming. That ballpark has a bigger date waiting for it in October. We'll come back for that.

Ruby could have picked either of her teams that Wednesday. In spring training, Don Drysdale retired nine Braves in a row and the Dodgers won, 3–1. Here in Los Angeles, Elgin Baylor put up thirty-five points for the Lakers against St. Louis. What I'd give to hear Ruby deliver her own postgame report.

For now, come inside with me. We've crossed an ocean and followed six generations to get to this door. For the very first time in our story, the person on the other side is you.



Mary Gertrude Wallace had a baby girl. She would turn twenty-one in April. Ruby's little girl was a mother now, and her daughter had a name. Stephani.

Mom, if I could walk into that room, I'd have to introduce myself. My voice wouldn't mean a thing to you yet. I think I'd lean down and say, "Hi, Stephani. I'm Joseph. You and I are going to know each other pretty well."

Then I'd turn to Mary. "Someday I'll have a little girl, too. The name you gave my mom today? I'm going to give it to her." Imagine hearing that on the very day you named your daughter.

There's one part of this visit I'd want my brothers there for. I picture the four of us coming through the door together.

"Grandma Mary, it's Joseph. These are my brothers, Anthony, Marco and Matthew."

I'd give her a second to take that in. Then I'd look down at the little girl in her arms and say, "That's our mom."

I'd love a minute in that room just to hear what my brothers would say to you. Each of us has things we remember about growing up with you that the other three have never heard. And to the grandkids reading along someday, take a good look at that baby. That's your grandma.

I've said "Happy birthday, Mom" for years. This is the one time in the book I get to say it this way. Welcome to the world, Stephani. I'm so glad you're here.

I don't have a photograph of the room where you were born. I do have a radio dial. Let's see what we can hear.

Turn the knob slowly. On the Billboard chart dated March 16, the Four Seasons are first with "Walk Like a Man." Right behind them are Ruby and the Romantics. A little farther down, Johnny Mathis is singing "What Will My Mary Say." There's your grandma Ruby. There's your mother Mary. I went looking for the music from the week you were born and found your family on the dial.

Ten days after your birthday, Ruby and the Romantics reach number one with "Our Day Will Come." My brothers and I are still years away. I get to turn the page and meet you as a girl.

Before everyone needed you



Kevin was twenty months old when you were born. Timmy came along the next year. Before your second birthday, you were already somebody's little sister and somebody's big sister.

You remembered that Mary had five boys and three girls. The boys' names I remember are Kevin Smith, Timmy Smith, Ricky Gaughan, Michael Gaughan and Patrick. The girls are Stephani Smith, Wendy Gaughan and Cindy Gaughan.

Your father George Howard Smith's notice names Christopher Smith and Carol M. Smith, too. His later marriage brought two stepbrothers, Jim Trucano Harp and Eric Harp.

You went to John Burroughs High School in Burbank. Years later, Anthony and I went there, too. If the DeLorean could give me one lunch period at Burroughs with you, I'd park it around the corner. I'd like to sit across from you and see what made you laugh at that age. Knowing me, I'd say "Hey, Mom" before I'd even sat down.

In March of 1981 you turned eighteen. For fifty-seven more days, all four of us boys were still ahead of you. Before the four of us ever called you Mom, before everyone needed you, you were just Stephani. I'd have been lucky to know you then, too.

Two babies, two World Series



Game account · Major League Baseball



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I can keep two birthdays straight with a Dodgers scorebook. The year Mary had you and the year you had me, the Dodgers played the Yankees in the World Series. Wait till you see how they won.

October 1963. You're six months old. In the opener at Yankee Stadium, Sandy Koufax strikes out fifteen. The whole series takes four games. Game Four is tied in the seventh. A throw goes across the diamond and Yankee first baseman Joe Pepitone loses sight of it against the sun and the white shirts in the stands. Jim Gilliam races all the way to third. Willie Davis hits a sacrifice fly and Gilliam scores. On October 6, at Dodger Stadium, Koufax gets the last out in a 2–1 win. In four games, all those Yankee bats managed four runs. Mary's baby girl has lived through a Dodgers sweep before she's had her first birthday.

Friday night, May 8, 1981. Shea Stadium. The Dodgers give Fernando Valenzuela one run to work with. He pitches all nine innings and strikes out eleven Mets. Dodgers one, Mets nothing. I'd have loved to hear Ruby's radio that night.

The next day in Mission Hills, along comes another Valenzuela. Joseph Valenzuela. Your first boy.

Now it's my October. I'm five months old. This time the Yankees win the first two. Back in Los Angeles, Fernando goes all nine in Game Three. Dodgers, 5–4. They win the next two at home, then finish it in the Bronx, 9–2. Four straight wins to bring it home. A sweep for the year you were born. A comeback for the year you became my mother.

Two babies, two championships. You'd think they could at least get us tickets.

Associated Press, October 7, 1963: the winning run

MAY 9, 1981 · Mission Hills, California

Our mom



You were eighteen when I was born, and the next morning we spent our first Mother's Day together. I'm glad I know that about us. And I'm glad that when I want to remember what it was like to grow up with you, I can still call Anthony, Marco or Matthew and start a conversation with two words we've shared our whole lives. "Remember Mom?"

I had the idea to write this book. All four of us get to say who it's for. Our mom.

The house with two soundtracks



The Dodgers are on television at Ruby's house. You can see the game just fine. But if your eyes are on the screen, your ears are pointed somewhere else. Ruby has Vin Scully on the radio.

She explained that she liked his call better. I've forgotten her exact words. I remember her ruling. A person could buy my great-grandmother a television. That did not mean she was going to let whoever came with it call her ballgame. With the Lakers she had Chick Hearn. Ruby knew how she liked things to sound.

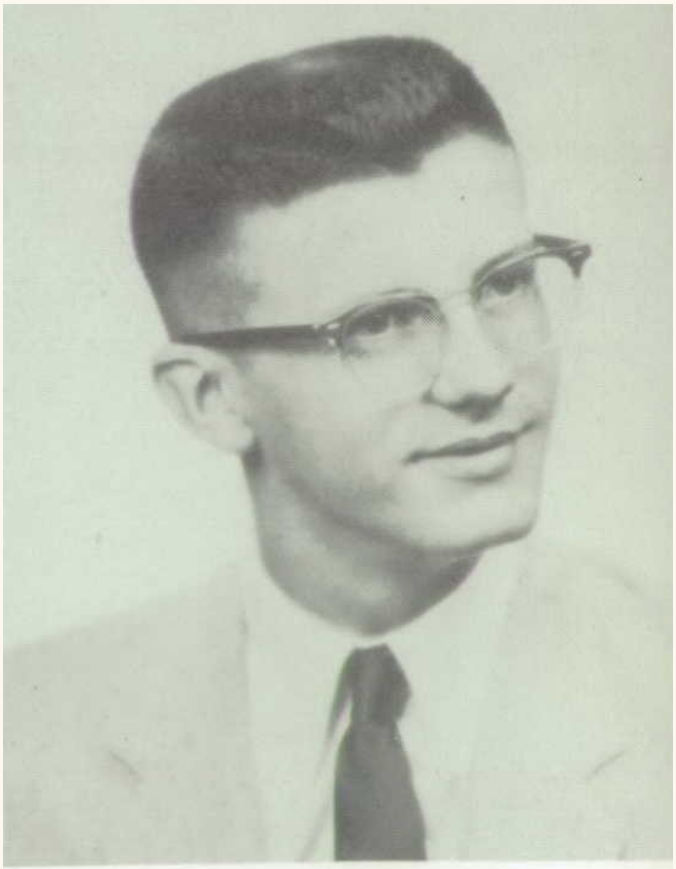
I remember watching Jeopardy! with Grandma Mary once. Another time she let me crush aluminum cans with the can crusher in her backyard. I remember how much fun that was.

The last time I saw her, she was asleep in the hospital. When she passed in November 1990, she was forty-eight. My mother was twenty-seven. I was nine.

She was a sweet grandma to me.

The Christmas jacket

Early 1990s · Joseph and his grandfather



George Howard Smith's senior portrait, Cathedral Boys High School in Springfield, Illinois, 1958.

I was around ten when I got to meet my grandfather, George Smith, for the first time I can remember. I couldn't tell you my exact age. I remember his place in Costa Mesa, his wife Sharon, the swimming pool and the two dogs. And I can tell you exactly which team was on the jacket he gave me for Christmas.

The Chicago White Sox. All these years later, that's the Christmas present I remember from my grandfather.

The newspaper photograph of George and his basketball teammates is on page 169.

Auntie Anne's invitation



On November 8, 2007, you wrote about your mother, Mary.

"Everyone called her Trudy."

Those are your words about your mother. You put them down seventeen years to the day after she died. You remembered her generosity, how deeply she cared about people, and how much you missed her.

Auntie Anne put her sister's whole name in the first sentence of her invitation. This is what she wrote to the family.

"Family I am hosting this gathering in in Utah to honor my sister, Mary Gertrude Wallace Smith Gaughan. Everyone coming is here because she was someone who created family through love, blended, and biological. We can look forward to seeing family we haven't seen in a while and meeting new family."

I love that Anne called them family before some of them had even met.

I didn't make that trip. My relatives told me they had a wonderful time. What I can tell you is that my mother and her brothers and sisters could turn to Anne. Sometimes what an aunt gives you is a shoulder to cry on and time enough to stay there.

A trophy and a vacation



You're in your sixties now. For more than forty years, there's been a kid at home who could count on you. First came the four of us boys. Now you have several grandchildren, and you're still going.

When we lost Samantha, her four children lost their mom. You and your husband are helping raise them. Years from now, they'll have their own words for what it meant that you were there. For now, these are mine. You deserve a trophy. And a vacation.

Back home

I want to give my mom something I was too young to give hers. An afternoon when she gets to be the girl in the story and I'm the one who listens.

I kept the promise I made in that imaginary hospital room. When my first daughter was born, I named her Stephanie after you, with that extra *e*. Grandma Mary carried Gertrude in her name. So did both of her grandmothers, Florence Gertrude and Frances Gertrude. I know what I wanted for my little girl. Someday she could say, "I was named after my grandma," and mean you.

And to all the grandkids reading along, don't worry. We can wait to read your version one day.

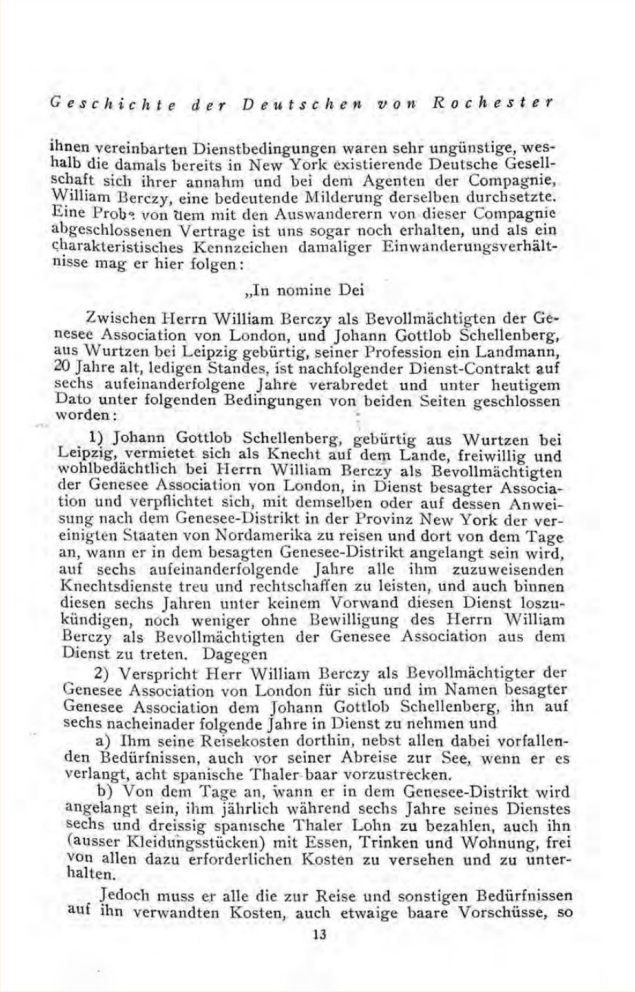
To whoever opens this book a hundred years from now, hello from Burbank. I spent a long time looking for the names of the people who came before me. It's a funny feeling to sit here and realize that, to you, I'm one of them.

Maybe one of you will grow up to be President of the United States. If that happens, tuck this book in your suitcase when you leave for Washington. I'd love to think of my mom making that trip with you. And if this book ends up on a kitchen table somewhere, with a little kid leaning over your shoulder and pointing to the woman on the cover, tell them her name. Stephani. A hundred years from the afternoon I sat down to write this, somebody in our family might still get to hear you say it.

You walked the halls at Burroughs years before I did. I'm glad this book gave me a little time with the girl you were then. Most of all, I'm glad I get to be your son. Thank you for loving the four of us, Mom. I love you.

Joseph

Six years for a chance at a farm



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ihnen vereinbarten Dienstbedingungen waren sehr ungünstige, weshalb die damals bereits in New York existierende Deutsche Gesellschaft sich ihrer annahm und bei dem Agenten der Compagnie, William Berczy, eine bedeutende Milderung derselben durchsetzte. Eine Probe von dem mit den Auswanderern von dieser Compagnie abgeschlossenen Vertrage ist uns sogar noch erhalten, und als ein charakteristisches Kennzeichen damaliger Einwanderungsverhältnisse mag er hier folgen:

„In nomine Dei

Zwischen Herrn William Berczy als Bevollmächtigten der Genesee Association von London, und Johann Gottlob Schellenberg, aus Wurtzen bei Leipzig gebürtig, seiner Profession ein Landmann, 20 Jahre alt, ledigen Standes, ist nachfolgender Dienst-Contrakt auf sechs aufeinanderfolgene Jahre verabredet und unter heutigem Dato unter folgenden Bedingungen von beiden Seiten geschlossen worden:

1) Johann Gottlob Schellenberg, gebürtig aus Wurtzen bei Leipzig, vermietet sich als Knecht auf dem Lande, freiwillig und wohlbedächtlich bei Herrn William Berczy als Bevollmächtigten der Genesee Association von London, in Dienst besagter Association und verpflichtet sich, mit demselben oder auf dessen Anweisung nach dem Genesee-Distrikt in der Provinz New York der vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika zu reisen und dort von dem Tage an, wann er in dem besagten Genesee-Distrikt angelangt sein wird, auf sechs aufeinanderfolgende Jahre alle ihm zuzuweisenden Knechtsdienste treu und rechtschaffen zu leisten, und auch binnen diesen sechs Jahren unter keinem Vorwand diesen Dienst loszukündigen, noch weniger ohne Bewilligung des Herrn William Berczy als Bevollmächtigten der Genesee Association aus dem Dienst zu treten. Dagegen

2) Verspricht Herr William Berczy als Bevollmächtigter der Genesee Association von London für sich und im Namen besagter Genesee Association dem Johann Gottlob Schellenberg, ihn auf sechs nacheinader folgende Jahre in Dienst zu nehmen und

a) Ihm seine Reisekosten dorthin, nebst allen dabei vorfallenden Bedürfnissen, auch vor seiner Abreise zur See, wenn er es verlangt, acht spanische Thaler baar vorzustrecken.

b) Von dem Tage an, wann er in dem Genesee-Distrikt wird angelangt sein, ihm jährlich während sechs Jahre seines Dienstes sechs und dreissig spanische Thaler Lohn zu bezahlen, auch ihn (ausser Kleidungsstücken) mit Essen, Trinken und Wohnung, frei von allen dazu erforderlichen Kosten zu versehen und zu unterhalten.

Jedoch muss er alle die zur Reise und sonstigen Bedürfnissen auf ihn verwandten Kosten, auch etwaige baare Vorschüsse, so

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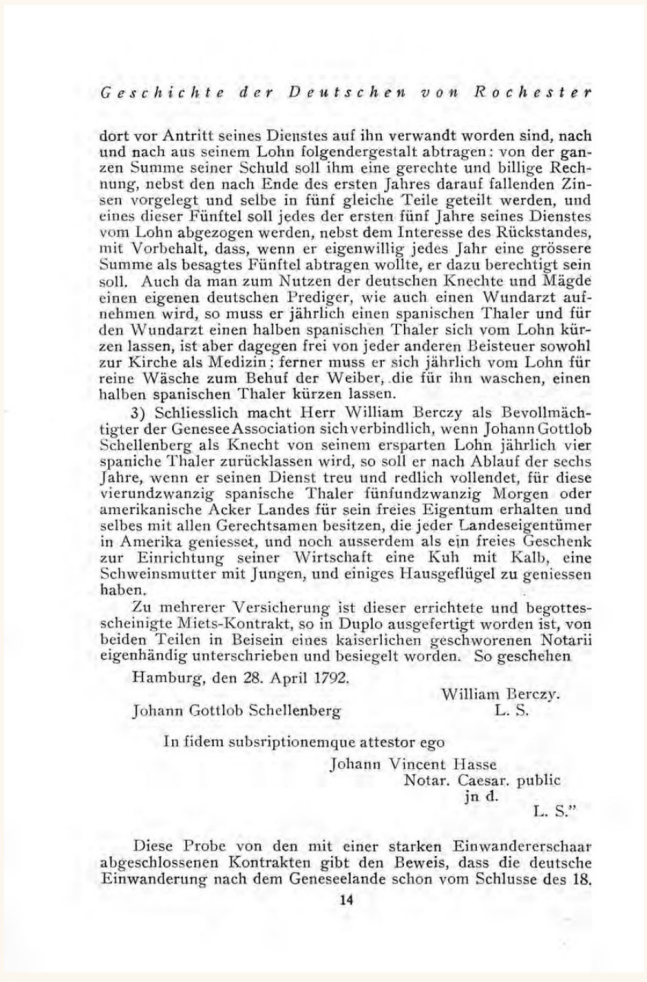

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dort vor Antritt seines Dienstes auf ihn verwandt worden sind, nach und nach aus seinem Lohn folgendergestalt abtragen: von der ganzen Summe seiner Schuld soll ihm eine gerechte und billige Rechnung, nebst den nach Ende des ersten Jahres darauf fallenden Zinsen vorgelegt und selbe in fünf gleiche Teile geteilt werden, und eines dieser Fünftel soll jedes der ersten fünf Jahre seines Dienstes vom Lohn abgezogen werden, nebst dem Interesse des Rückstandes, mit Vorbehalt, dass, wenn er eigenwillig jedes Jahr eine grössere Summe als besagtes Fünftel abtragen wollte, er dazu berechtigt sein soll. Auch da man zum Nutzen der deutschen Knechte und Mägde einen eigenen deutschen Prediger, wie auch einen Wundarzt aufnehmen wird, so muss er jährlich einen spanischen Thaler und für den Wundarzt einen halben spanischen Thaler sich vom Lohn kürzen lassen, ist aber dagegen frei von jeder anderen Beisteuer sowohl zur Kirche als Medizin; ferner muss er sich jährlich vom Lohn für reine Wäsche zum Behuf der Weiber, die für ihn waschen, einen halben spanischen Thaler kürzen lassen.

3) Schliesslich macht Herr William Berczy als Bevollmächtigter der Genesee Association sich verbindlich, wenn Johann Gottlob Schellenberg als Knecht von seinem ersparten Lohn jährlich vier spaniche Thaler zurücklassen wird, so soll er nach Ablauf der sechs Jahre, wenn er seinen Dienst treu und redlich vollendet, für diese vierundzwanzig spanische Thaler fünfundzwanzig Morgen oder amerikanische Acker Landes für sein freies Eigentum erhalten und selbes mit allen Gerechtsamen besitzen, die jeder Landeseigentümer in Amerika geniesset, und noch ausserdem als ein freies Geschenk zur Einrichtung seiner Wirtschaft eine Kuh mit Kalb, eine Schweinsmutter mit Jungen, und einiges Hausgeflügel zu geniessen haben.

Zu mehrerer Versicherung ist dieser errichtete und begottescheinigte Miets-Kontrakt, so in Duplo ausgefertigt worden ist, von beiden Teilen in Beisein eines kaiserlichen geschworenen Notarii eigenhändig unterschrieben und besiegelt worden. So geschehen

Hamburg, den 28. April 1792.

William Berczy.

Johann Gottlob Schellenberg L. S.

In fidem subsriptionemque attestor ego

Johann Vincent Hasse
Notar. Caesar. public
jn d.
L. S."

Diese Probe von den mit einer starken Einwandererschaar abgeschlossenen Kontrakten gibt den Beweis, dass die deutsche Einwanderung nach dem Geneseelande schon vom Schlusse des 18.

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Hermann Pfaefflin printed Johann Gottlob Schellenberg's agreement in his 1915 history. The service term starts on the left. Clause 3 on the right sets out what the recruit could earn. The date near the bottom is Hamburg, April 28, 1792.

Hermann Pfaefflin, Hundertjährige Geschichte des Deutschtums von Rochester (1915), printed p. 13.

Hermann Pfaefflin, Hundertjährige Geschichte des Deutschtums von Rochester (1915), printed p. 14.

What the family carried





The closed chest is over four feet wide. Opening the lid gives a sense of what one family could take with them. The museum preserves it as object M.L.1980.6.

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A name cut into wood









The museum reads the two carvings across the front as “Jochim Pingel 1757.” Below them are the keyhole and a carrying handle. The year is thirty-five years earlier than the sailing. Its meaning remains unknown.

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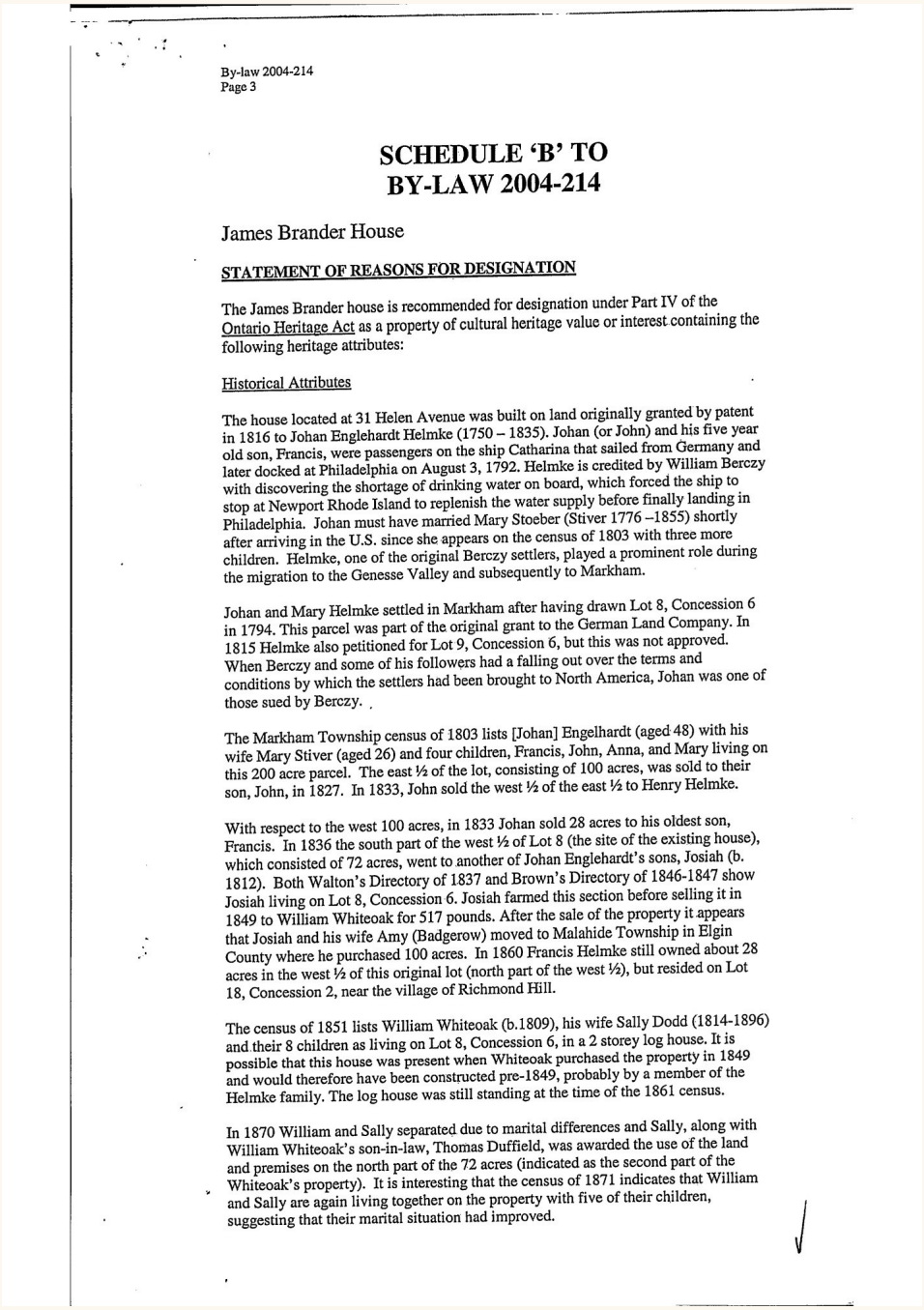
A clue to the stop at Newport



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James Brander House

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The James Brander house is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest containing the following heritage attributes:

Historical Attributes

The house located at 31 Helen Avenue was built on land originally granted by patent in 1816 to Johan Englehardt Helmke (1750 – 1835). Johan (or John) and his five year old son, Francis, were passengers on the ship Catharina that sailed from Germany and later docked at Philadelphia on August 3, 1792. Helmke is credited by William Berczy with discovering the shortage of drinking water on board, which forced the ship to stop at Newport Rhode Island to replenish the water supply before finally landing in Philadelphia. Johan must have married Mary Stoeber (Stiver 1776 –1855) shortly after arriving in the U.S. since she appears on the census of 1803 with three more children. Helmke, one of the original Berczy settlers, played a prominent role during the migration to the Genesse Valley and subsequently to Markham.

Johan and Mary Helmke settled in Markham after having drawn Lot 8, Concession 6 in 1794. This parcel was part of the original grant to the German Land Company. In 1815 Helmke also petitioned for Lot 9, Concession 6, but this was not approved. When Berczy and some of his followers had a falling out over the terms and conditions by which the settlers had been brought to North America, Johan was one of those sued by Berczy.

The Markham Township census of 1803 lists [Johan] Engelhardt (aged 48) with his wife Mary Stiver (aged 26) and four children, Francis, John, Anna, and Mary living on this 200 acre parcel. The east ½ of the lot, consisting of 100 acres, was sold to their son, John, in 1827. In 1833, John sold the west ½ of the east ½ to Henry Helmke.

With respect to the west 100 acres, in 1833 Johan sold 28 acres to his oldest son, Francis. In 1836 the south part of the west ½ of Lot 8 (the site of the existing house), which consisted of 72 acres, went to another of Johan Englehardt's sons, Josiah (b. 1812). Both Walton's Directory of 1837 and Brown's Directory of 1846-1847 show Josiah living on Lot 8, Concession 6. Josiah farmed this section before selling it in 1849 to William Whiteoak for 517 pounds. After the sale of the property it appears that Josiah and his wife Amy (Badgerow) moved to Malahide Township in Elgin County where he purchased 100 acres. In 1860 Francis Helmke still owned about 28 acres in the west ½ of this original lot (north part of the west ½), but resided on Lot 18, Concession 2, near the village of Richmond Hill.

The census of 1851 lists William Whiteoak (b.1809), his wife Sally Dodd (1814-1896) and their 8 children as living on Lot 8, Concession 6, in a 2 storey log house. It is possible that this house was present when Whiteoak purchased the property in 1849 and would therefore have been constructed pre-1849, probably by a member of the Helmke family. The log house was still standing at the time of the 1861 census.

In 1870 William and Sally separated due to marital differences and Sally, along with William Whiteoak's son-in-law, Thomas Duffield, was awarded the use of the land and premises on the north part of the 72 acres (indicated as the second part of the Whiteoak's property). It is interesting that the census of 1871 indicates that William and Sally are again living together on the property with five of their children, suggesting that their marital situation had improved.

The Town of Markham recorded the Helmke family's account in the historical description of a house. The first paragraph under "Historical Attributes" names the father and son who sailed together.

Town of Markham, By-law 2004-214, Schedule B, printed page 3. Ontario Heritage Trust.

Johan notices the water

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Francis was five. The town credits his father, Johan, with finding the shortage that led to a stop at Newport. This account was recorded in 2004, more than two centuries after the voyage.

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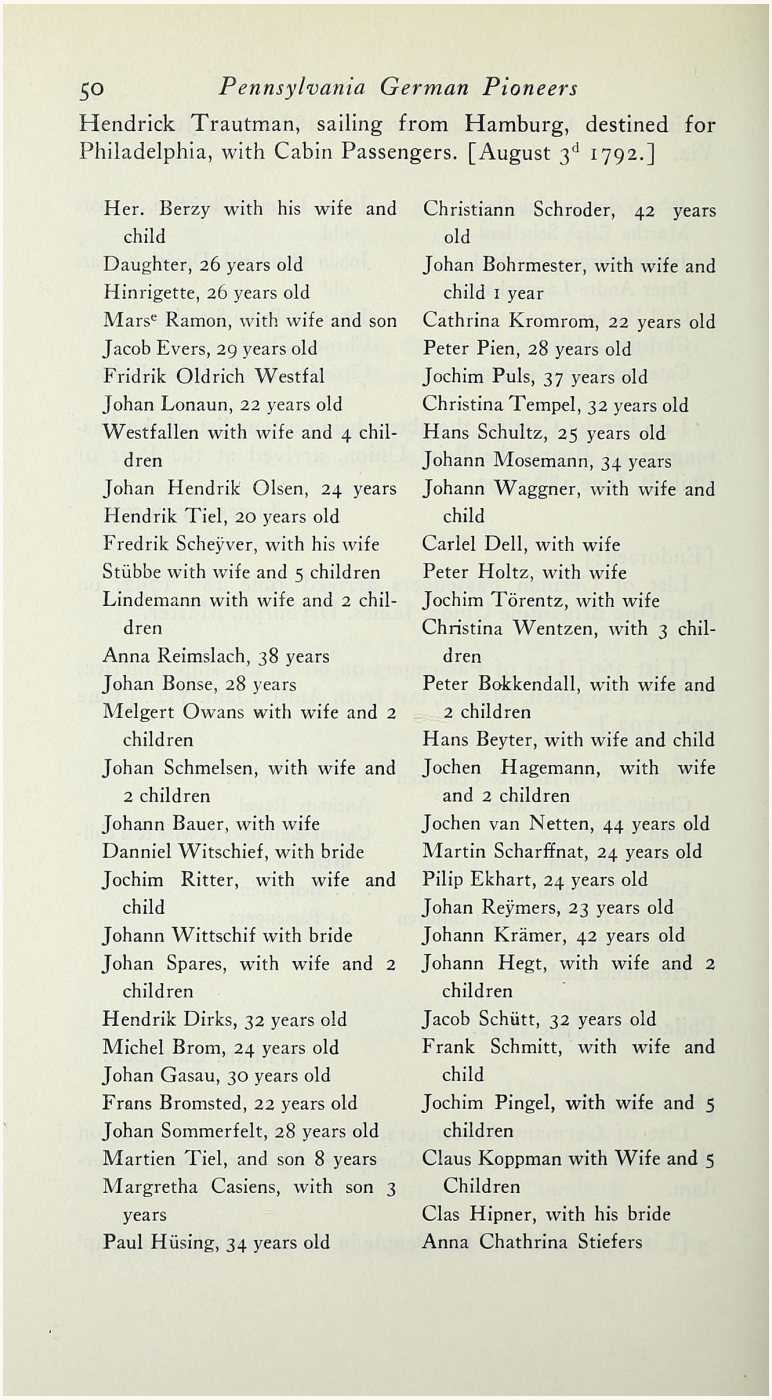
The list that reached Philadelphia



50 *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*

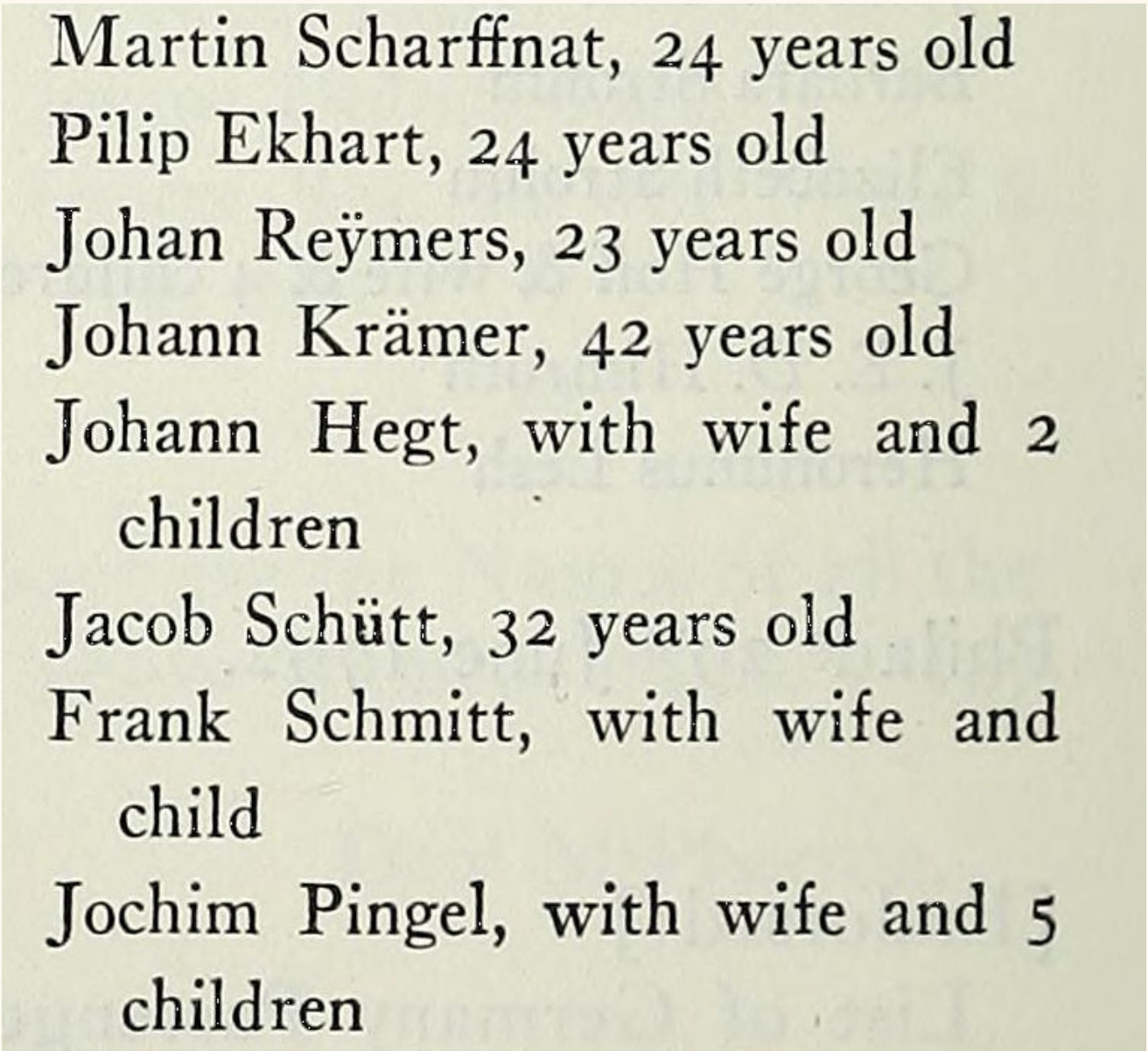
Hendrick Trautman, sailing from Hamburg, destined for Philadelphia, with Cabin Passengers. [August 3d 1792.]

Her. Berzy with his wife and child
Daughter, 26 years old
Hinrigette, 26 years old
Marse Ramon, with wife and son
Jacob Evers, 29 years old
Fridrik Oldrich Westfal
Johan Lonaun, 22 years old
Westfallen with wife and 4 children
Johan Hendrik Olsen, 24 years
Hendrik Tiel, 20 years old
Fredrik Scheÿver, with his wife
Stübbe with wife and 5 children
Lindemann with wife and 2 children
Anna Reimslach, 38 years
Johan Bonse, 28 years
Melgert Owans with wife and 2 children
Johan Schmelsen, with wife and 2 children
Johann Bauer, with wife
Danniel Witschief, with bride
Jochim Ritter, with wife and child
Johann Wittschif with bride
Johan Spares, with wife and 2 children
Hendrik Dirks, 32 years old
Michel Brom, 24 years old
Johan Gasau, 30 years old
Frans Bromsted, 22 years old
Johan Sommerfelt, 28 years old
Martien Tiel, and son 8 years
Margretha Casiens, with son 3 years
Paul Hüsing, 34 years old
Christiann Schroder, 42 years old
Johan Bohrmester, with wife and child 1 year
Cathrina Kromrom, 22 years old
Peter Pien, 28 years old
Jochim Puls, 37 years old
Christina Tempel, 32 years old
Hans Schultz, 25 years old
Johann Mosemann, 34 years
Johann Waggner, with wife and child
Carlel Dell, with wife
Peter Holtz, with wife
Jochim Törentz, with wife
Christina Wentzen, with 3 children
Peter Bokkendall, with wife and 2 children
Hans Beyter, with wife and child
Jochen Hagemann, with wife and 2 children
Jochen van Netten, 44 years old
Martin Scharffnat, 24 years old
Pilip Ekhart, 24 years old
Johan Reÿmers, 23 years old
Johann Krämer, 42 years old
Johann Hegt, with wife and 2 children
Jacob Schütt, 32 years old
Frank Schmitt, with wife and child
Jochim Pingel, with wife and 5 children
Claus Koppman with Wife and 5 Children
Clas Hipner, with his bride
Anna Chathrina Stiefers

The printed transcription preserves the spelling used on the passenger list. Look down the right column. The date above it is August 3, 1792.

Ralph Beaver Strassburger and William John Hinke, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, vol. 3, list 370, p. 50.

Pilip, twenty-four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On the right column, the printer set "Pilip Ekhart, 24 years old." Farther down comes Jochim Pingel with his wife and five children. Here their names still travel together.

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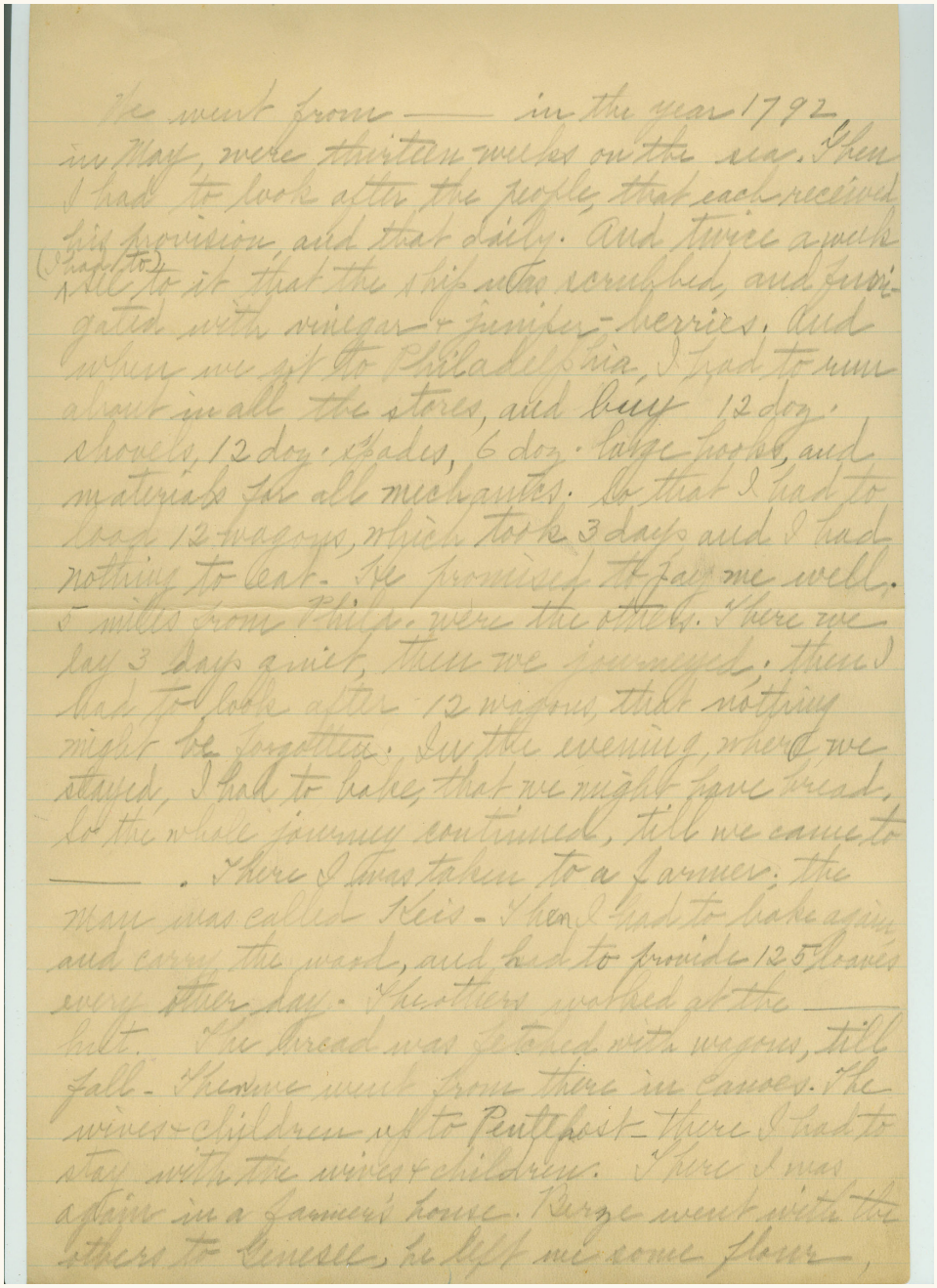
A passenger remembers

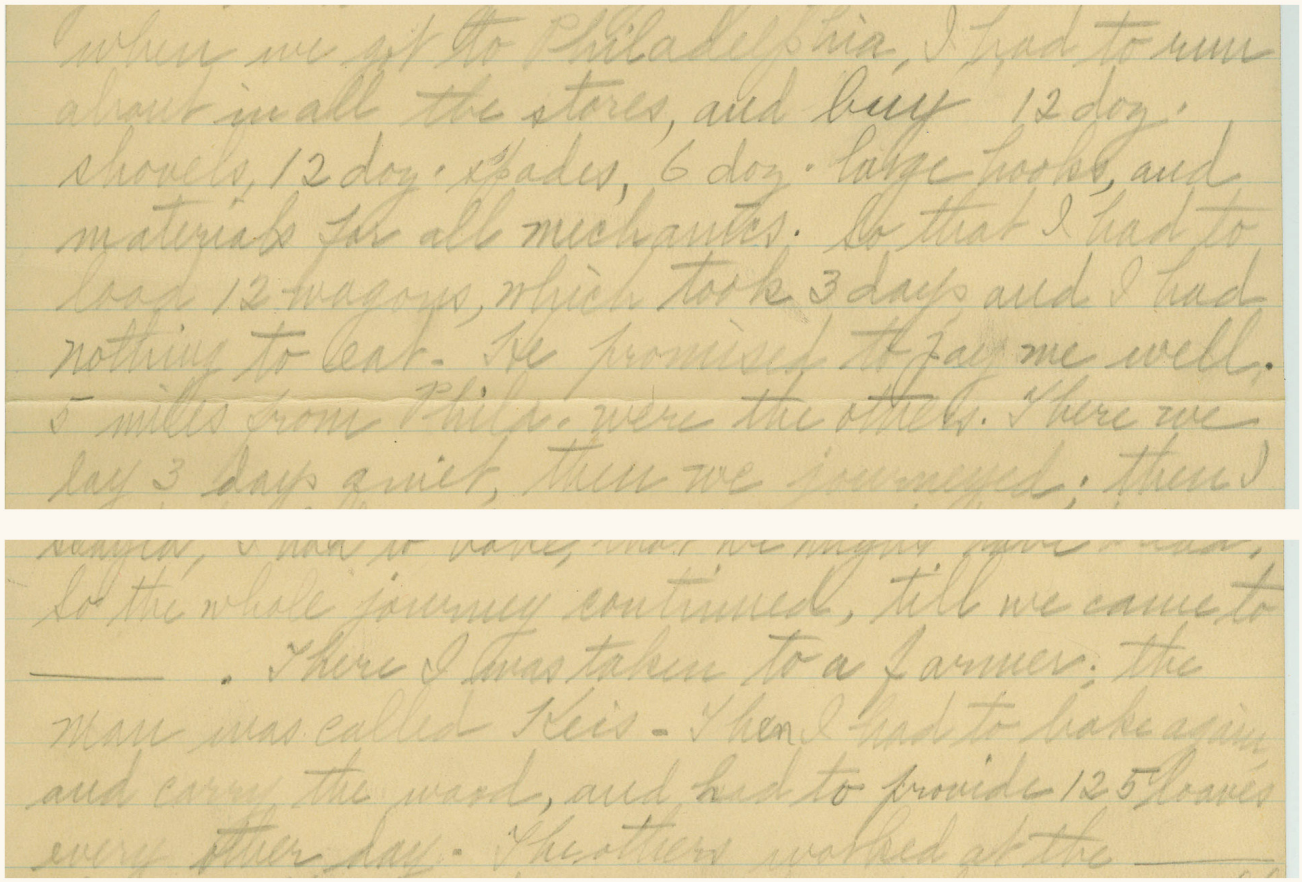


We went from —— in the year 1792 in May, were thirteen weeks on the sea. Then I had to look after the people, that each received his provision, and that daily. And twice a week (Supplied to) I had to see to it that the ship was scrubbed, and fumigated with vinegar & juniper-berries. And when we got to Philadelphia I had to run about in all the stores, and buy 12 doz. shovels, 12 doz. spades, 6 doz. large hooks, and materials for all mechanics. So that I had to load 12 wagons, which took 3 days and I had nothing to eat. He promised to pay me well. 5 miles from Philad. were the others. There we lay 3 days quiet, then we journeyed. Then I had to look after 12 wagons, that nothing might be forgotten. In the evening, when we stayed, I had to bake, that we might have bread. So the whole journey continued, till we came to ——. There I was taken to a farmer; the man was called Reis. Then I had to bake again, and carry the wood, and had to provide 125 loaves every other day. The others waited at the —— belt. The bread was fetched with wagons, till fall. Then we went from there in canoes. The wives & children up to Pittsboist. There I had to stay with the wives & children. There I was a time in a farmer's house. Burge went with the others to Genesee, he left me some flour,

John Henry Sommerfeldt helped see to the provisions. This is the first complete page of the English translation of his account. The upper lines describe the crossing. Halfway down the page, he is in Philadelphia buying tools.

John Henry Sommerfeldt, diary, c. 1794, English translation, translator unknown. Markham Museum, document 43, p. 1.
John Henry Sommerfeldt, diary, c. 1794, p. 1 part a. Markham Museum.

Twelve wagons and 125 loaves



In the upper passage he buys shovels, spades and hoes and spends three days loading twelve wagons with nothing to eat. Farther down he is baking and carrying wood. His task was to provide 125 loaves every other day.

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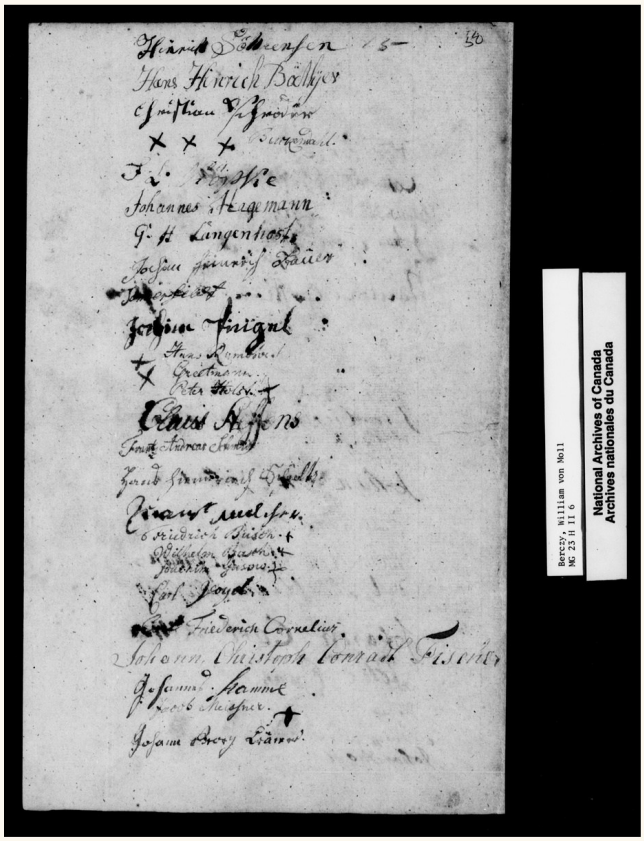
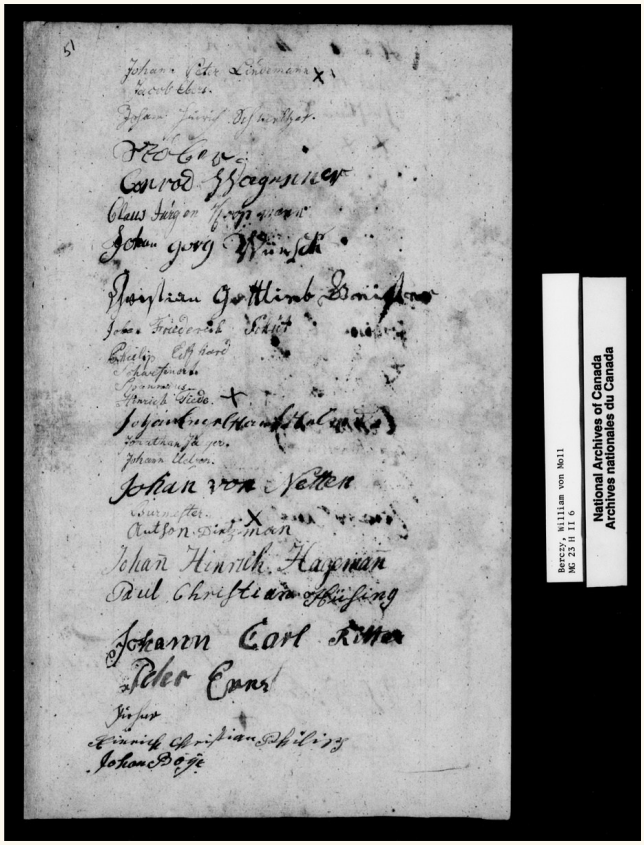
Their own account of what went wrong





These are two successive leaves of the settlers' German appeal of August 6, 1793. Jochim Pingel's name is on manuscript page 50, at left. Look near the middle of page 51 for the lighter ink.

Settlers' German-language address, August 6, 1793. Library and Archives Canada, William von Moll Berczy fonds, MG 23 H II 6, handwritten p. 50. Digitized by Canadiana.

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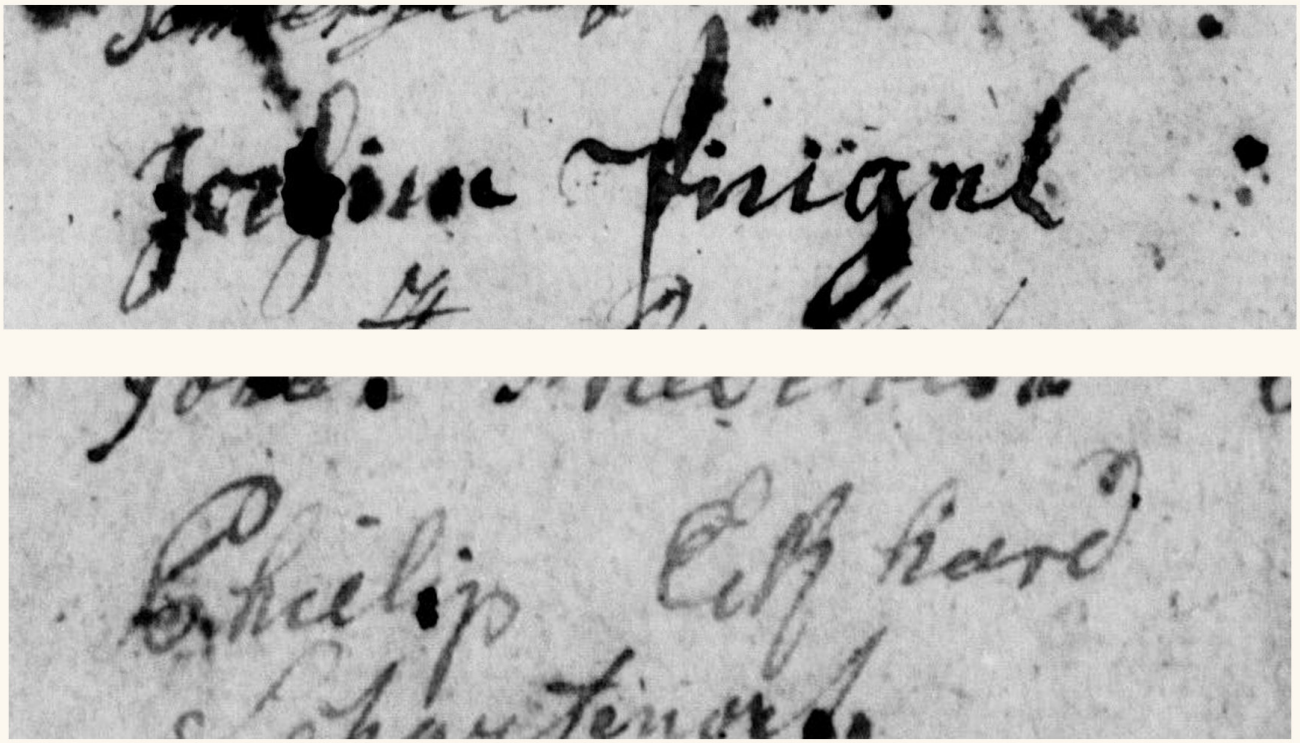
Two names, two hands

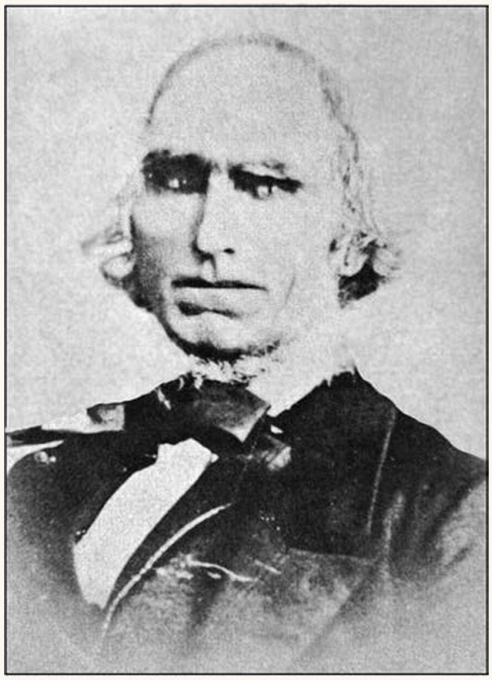


Jochim Pingel's name stands out in dark ink on the first leaf. The lighter name on the next leaf is read as Philip Ekhard. Putting the two enlargements together lets you see the difference in the handwriting.

Settlers' German-language address, August 6, 1793. Library and Archives Canada, William von Moll Berczy fonds, MG 23 H II 6, handwritten p. 50. Digitized by Canadiana.

Settlers' German-language address, August 6, 1793. Library and Archives Canada, William von Moll Berczy fonds, MG 23 H II 6, handwritten p. 51. Digitized by Canadiana.

Philip and the house that survived







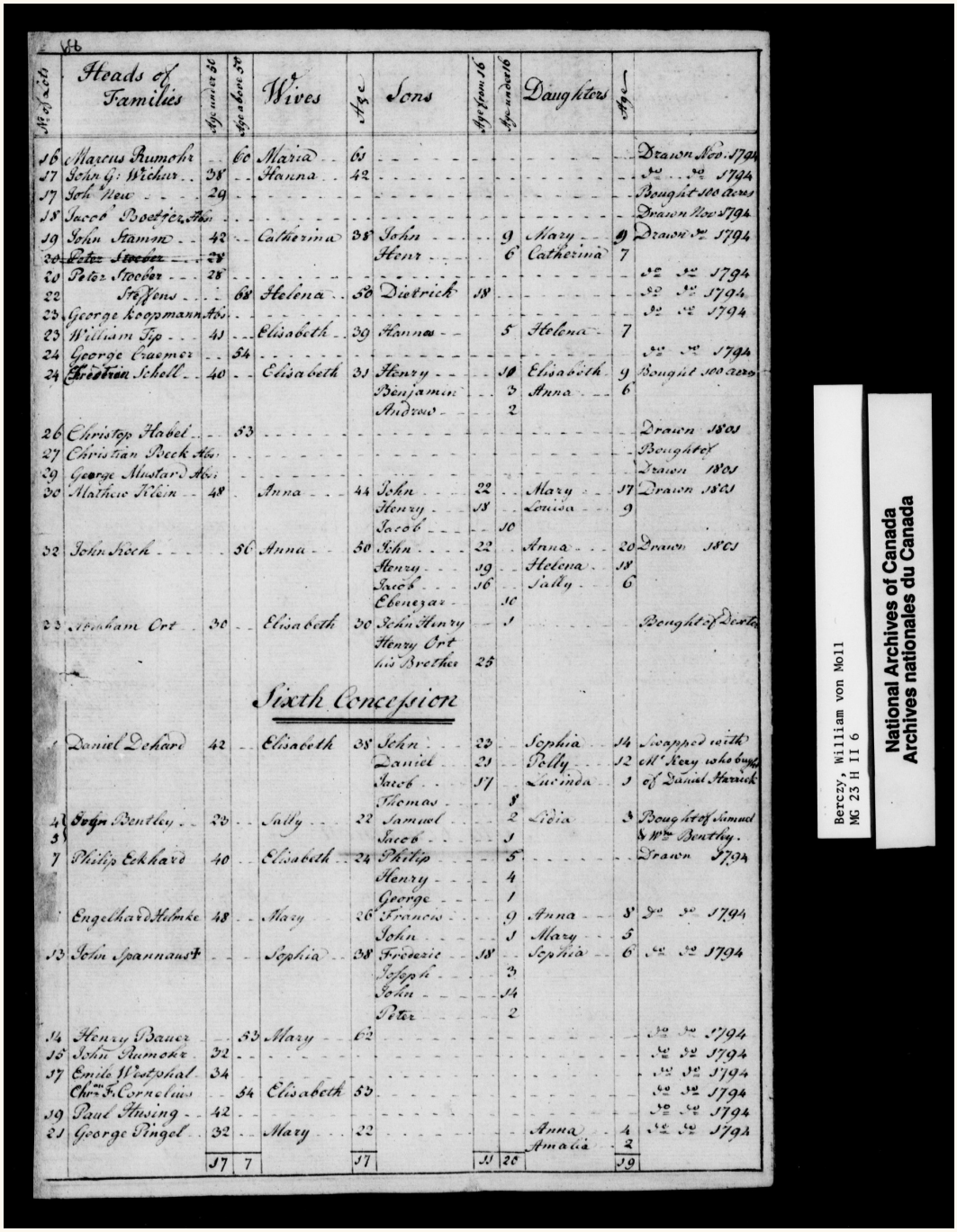
The log-house study identifies the man at left as Philip Eckardt. The photographer and portrait date are unknown. At upper right is his house in 1885, long after his lifetime. The lower photograph shows the house nearing the end of its restoration in 2020.

William D. Finlayson and George W. J. Duncan (2021). Figure 2.5, printed p. 9. Kathleen Gormley McKay collection, courtesy of the York Pioneer and Historical Society.

William D. Finlayson and George W. J. Duncan (2021). Figure 2.7, printed p. 14. Markham Museum, M.1988.0.192.

City of Markham Heritage Section. Figure 2.14 in W. D. Finlayson's study of the Eckardt Log House.

The family on the Sixth Concession



No. of Acts	Heads of Families	Age under 16	Age above 50	Wives	Age	Sons	Age from 16	Age under 16	Daughters	Age	
16	Marcus Rumohr		60	Maria	63						Drawn Nov. 1794
17	John G: Wichur	38		Hanna	42						" " 1794
17	Joh Neu	29									Bought 100 acres
18	Jacob Boettger	Abs									Drawn Nov 1794
19	John Stamm	42		Catherina	38	John		9	Mary	9	Drawn " 1794
20	~~Peter Stocker~~	28				Henr		6	Catherina	7	
20	Peter Stocker	28									" " 1794
22	Steffens		68	Helena	50	Dietrick	18				" " 1794
23	George koopmann	Abs									" " 1794
23	William Typ	43		Elisabeth	39	Hanna		5	Helena	7	
24	George Caemer		54								" " 1794
24	~~Christian~~ Schell	40		Elisabeth	31	Henry		10	Elisabeth	9	Bought 100 acres
						Benjamin		3	Anna	6	
						Andrew		2			
26	Christop Habel		53								Drawn 1801
27	Christian Beck	Abs									Bought of
29	George Mustard	Abs									Drawn 1801
30	Matheus Klein	48		Anna	44	John		22	Mary	17	Drawn 1801
						Henry		18	Louisa	9	
						Jacob		10			
32	John Beech		56	Anna	50	John		22	Anna	20	Drawn 1801
						Henry		19	Helena	18	
						Jacob		16	Sally	6	
						Ebenezar		10			
33	Abraham Ort	30		Elisabeth	30	John Henry		1			Bought of Dietr
						Henry Ort					
						his Brother	25				

Sixth Concession

1	Daniel Dehard	42		Elisabeth	38	John		22	Sophia	14	Swapped with
						Daniel		21	Polly	12	all Kery who bought
						Jacob		17	Lucinda	1	of Daniel Harnick
						Thomas		8			
4	~~John~~ Bentley	29		Sally	22	Samuel		2	Lidia	3	Bought of Samuel
5						Jacob		1			& Wm Bentley.
7	Philip Eckhard	40		Elisabeth	24	Philip		5			Drawn 1794
						Henry		4			
						George		1			
	Engelhard Helmke	48		Mary	26	Francis		9	Anna	8	" " 1794
						John		3	Mary	5	
13	John Spannaust			Sophia	38	Frederic		18	Sophia	6	" " 1794
						Joseph		3			
						John		14			
						Peter		2			
14	Henry Bauer		53	Mary	62						" " 1794
15	John Rumohr	32									" " 1794
17	Emile Westphal	34									" " 1794
	Chrn F. Cornelius		54	Elisabeth	53						" " 1794
19	Paul Husing	42									" " 1794
21	George Pingel	32		Mary	22				Anna	4	" " 1794
									Amalia	2	
		17	7		17			11	28	19	

Berczy, William von Moll
MG 23 H II 6
National Archives of Canada
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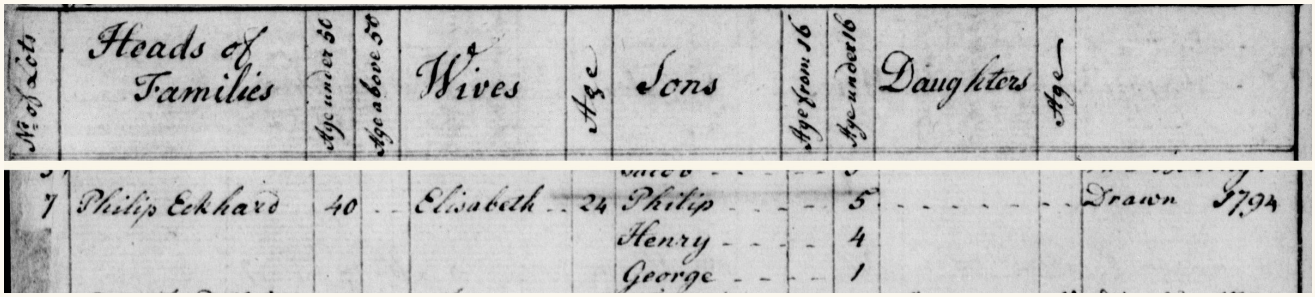
Under "Sixth Concession" the enumerator wrote the Eckardt household on a single line. Read along the columns for the parents and then the children.

William Berczy fonds, Library and Archives Canada, microfilm H-2298, frame 135, via Canadiana. Full-resolution scan retained in the family's Philip Eckardt account, page 4.

Three boys in a row



No. of Acts	Heads of Families	Age under 16	Age above 16	Wives	Age	Sons	Age above 16	Age under 16	Daughters	Age	
7	Philip Eckhard	40		Elisabeth	24	Philip		5			Drawn 1794
						Henry		4			
						George		1			

Under the column headings, the handwriting places Philip, Henry and George beside their ages of five, four and one. Elisabeth appears in the household. This return records who was there that year.

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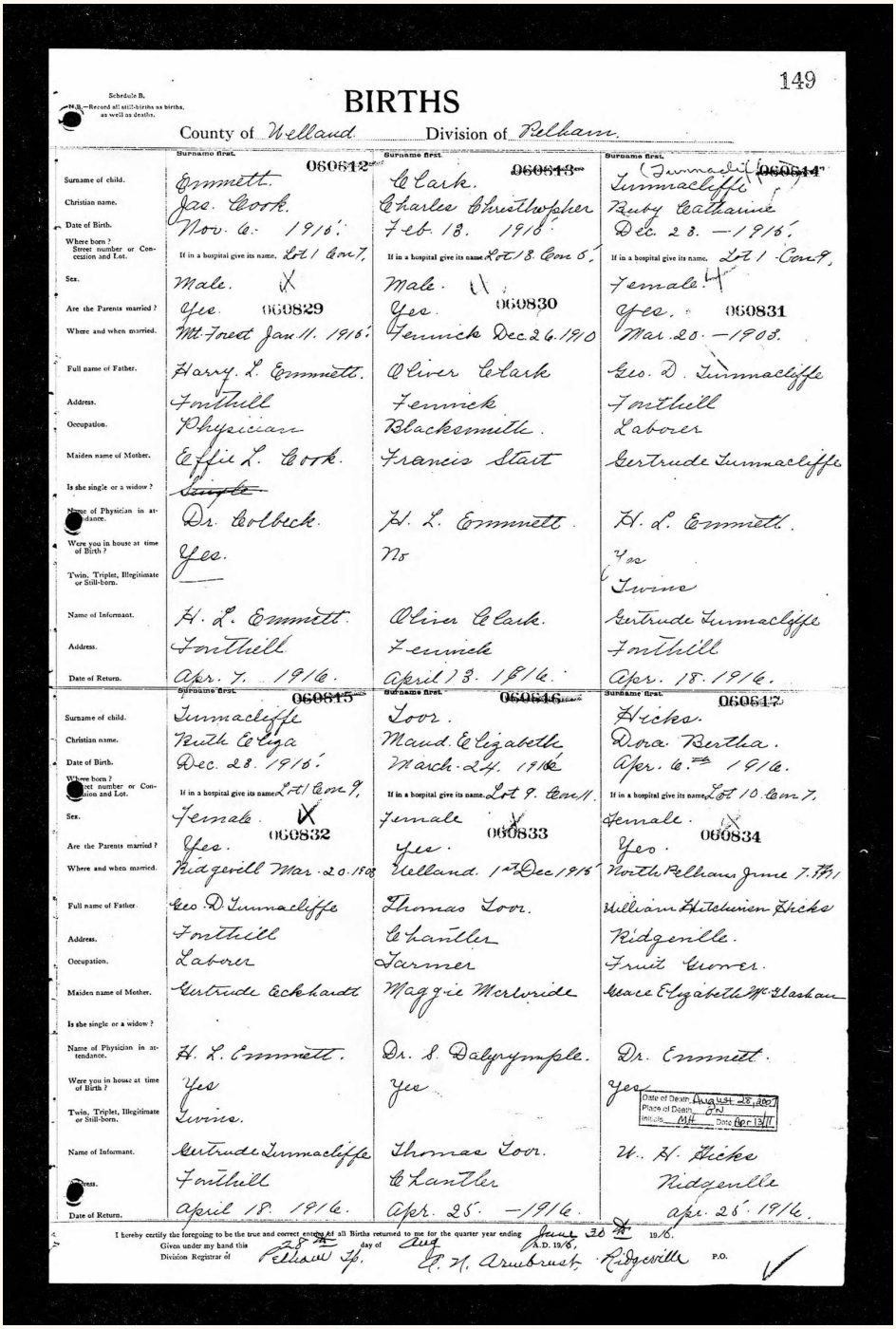
Florence registered two daughters



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Schedule B.

N.B.—Record all still-births as births, as well as deaths.

BIRTHS

County of Welland Division of Pelham

	Surname first. 060812	Surname first. 060813	Surname first. (Tunnacliff) 060814
Surname of child.	Emmett.	Clark.	Tunnacliffe
Christian name.	Jas. Cook.	Charles Christopher	Ruby Catharine
Date of Birth.	Nov. 6. 1916.	Feb. 18. 1916.	Dec. 23. — 1916.
Where born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 Con 7.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 18. Con 5.	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 Con 9.
Sex.	Male. X	Male.	Female.
Are the Parents married?	Yes. 060829	Yes. 060830	Yes. 060831
Where and when married.	Mt. Forest Jan 11. 1916.	Fennick Dec 26. 1910	Mar. 20. — 1908.
Full name of Father.	Harry L. Emmett.	Oliver Clark	Geo. D. Tunnacliffe
Address.	Fonthill	Fennick	Fonthill
Occupation.	Physician	Blacksmith.	Laborer
Maiden name of Mother.	Effie L. Cook.	Francis Start	Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Is she single or a widow?	~~Single~~		
Name of Physician in attendance.	Dr. Colbeck.	H. L. Emmett.	H. L. Emmett.
Were you in house at time of Birth?	Yes.	No	Yes
Twin, Triplet, Illegitimate or Still-born.			Twins
Name of Informant.	H. L. Emmett.	Oliver Clark.	Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Address.	Fonthill	Fennick	Fonthill
Date of Return.	Apr. 7. 1916.	April 13. 1916.	Apr. 18. 1916.

	Surname first. 060815	Surname first. 060816	Surname first. 060817
Surname of child.	Tunnacliffe	Toor.	Hicks.
Christian name.	Ruth Eliza	Maud Elizabeth	Dora Bertha.
Date of Birth.	Dec. 23. 1916.	March 24. 1916	Apr. 6. 1916.
Where born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 1 Con 9.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 9. Con 11.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 10. Con 7.
Sex.	Female. X	Female. X	Female. X
Are the Parents married?	Yes. 060832	Yes. 060833	Yes. 060834
Where and when married.	Ridgeville Mar. 20. 1908	Welland. 1st Dec 1906	North Pelham June 7. 1911
Full name of Father.	Geo. D. Tunnacliffe	Thomas Toor.	William Fitzsimmons Hicks
Address.	Fonthill	Chantler	Ridgeville.
Occupation.	Laborer	Farmer	Fruit Grower.
Maiden name of Mother.	Gertrude Eckhardt	Maggie Merlvride	Grace Elizabeth McClashan
Is she single or a widow?			
Name of Physician in attendance.	H. L. Emmett.	Dr. S. Dalrymple.	Dr. Emmett.
Were you in house at time of Birth?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Twin, Triplet, Illegitimate or Still-born.	Twins.		
Name of Informant.	Gertrude Tunnacliffe	Thomas Toor.	W. H. Hicks
Address.	Fonthill	Chantler	Ridgeville
Date of Return.	April 18. 1916.	Apr. 25. — 1916.	Apr. 26. 1916.

Date of Death August 28, 1967
Place of Death ON
Initials MH Date Apr 13/11

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Births returned to me for the quarter year ending June 30th 1916.

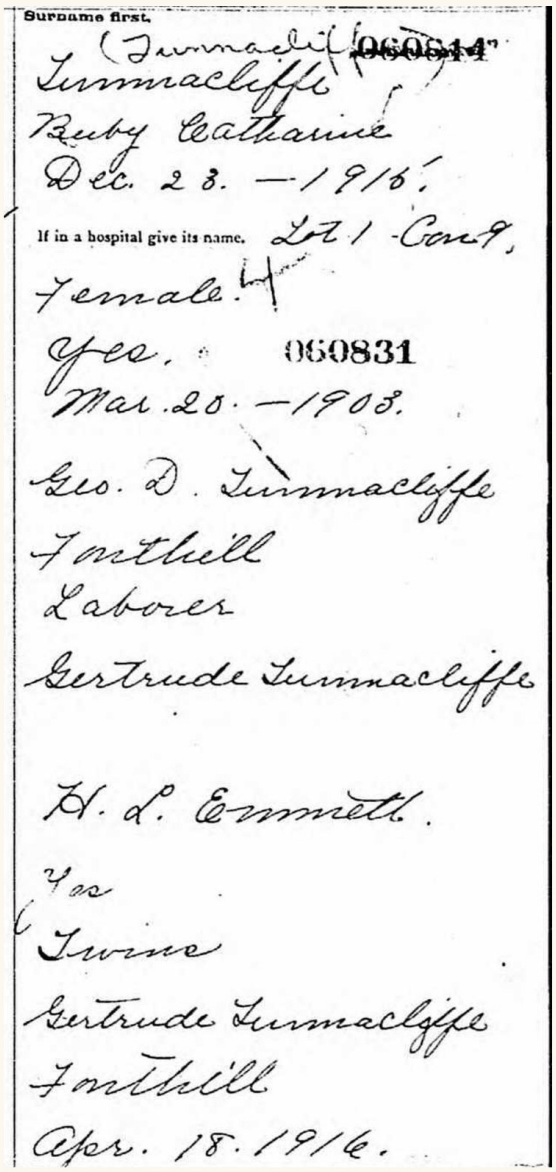
Given under my hand this 28th day of Aug A.D. 1916.

Division Registrar of Pelham Tp. E. H. Armbrust Ridgeville P.O.

December 23, 1915, Pelham Township. Ruby Catharine's birth is at upper right. Ruth Eliza's is at lower left. Florence recorded the two girls on opposite sides of this one page.

Ontario birth registrations, p. 149, via Ancestry.

Ruby and Ruth, side by side



Surname first.

(Tunnacliffe) 060614

Tunnacliffe

Ruby Catharine

Dec. 23. —1915.

If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 - Con 9,

Female.

Yes. 060831

Mar. 20. —1908.

Geo. D. Tunnacliffe

Foothill

Laborer

Gertrude Tunnacliffe

H. L. Emmett.

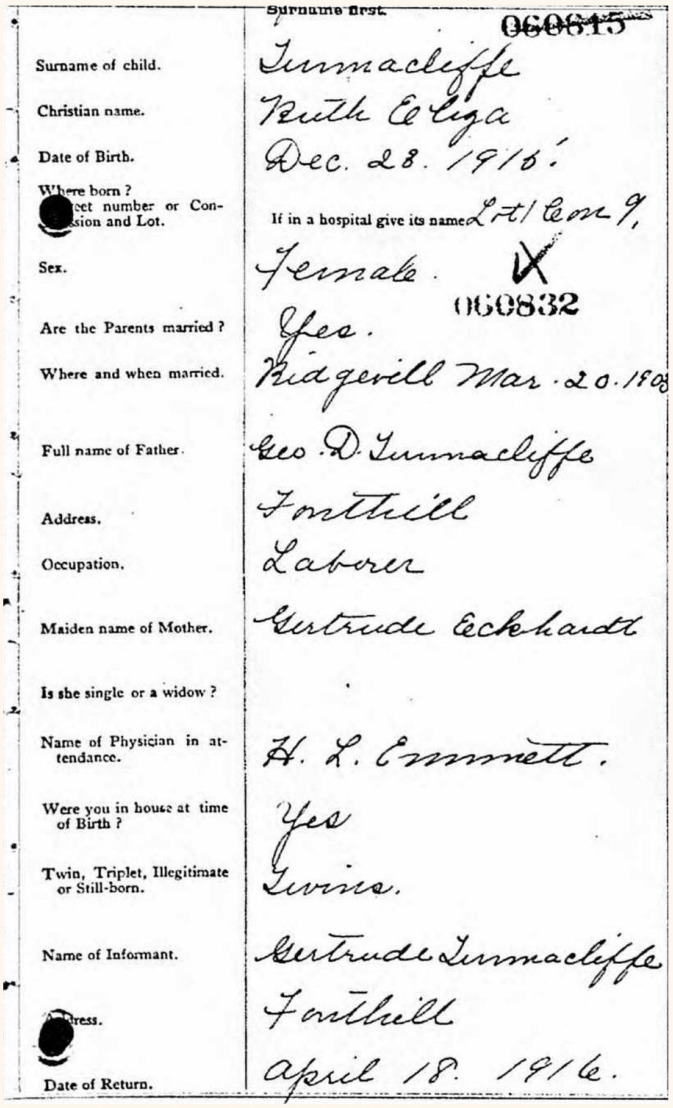
Yes

Twins

Gertrude Tunnacliffe

Foothill

Apr. 18. 1916.

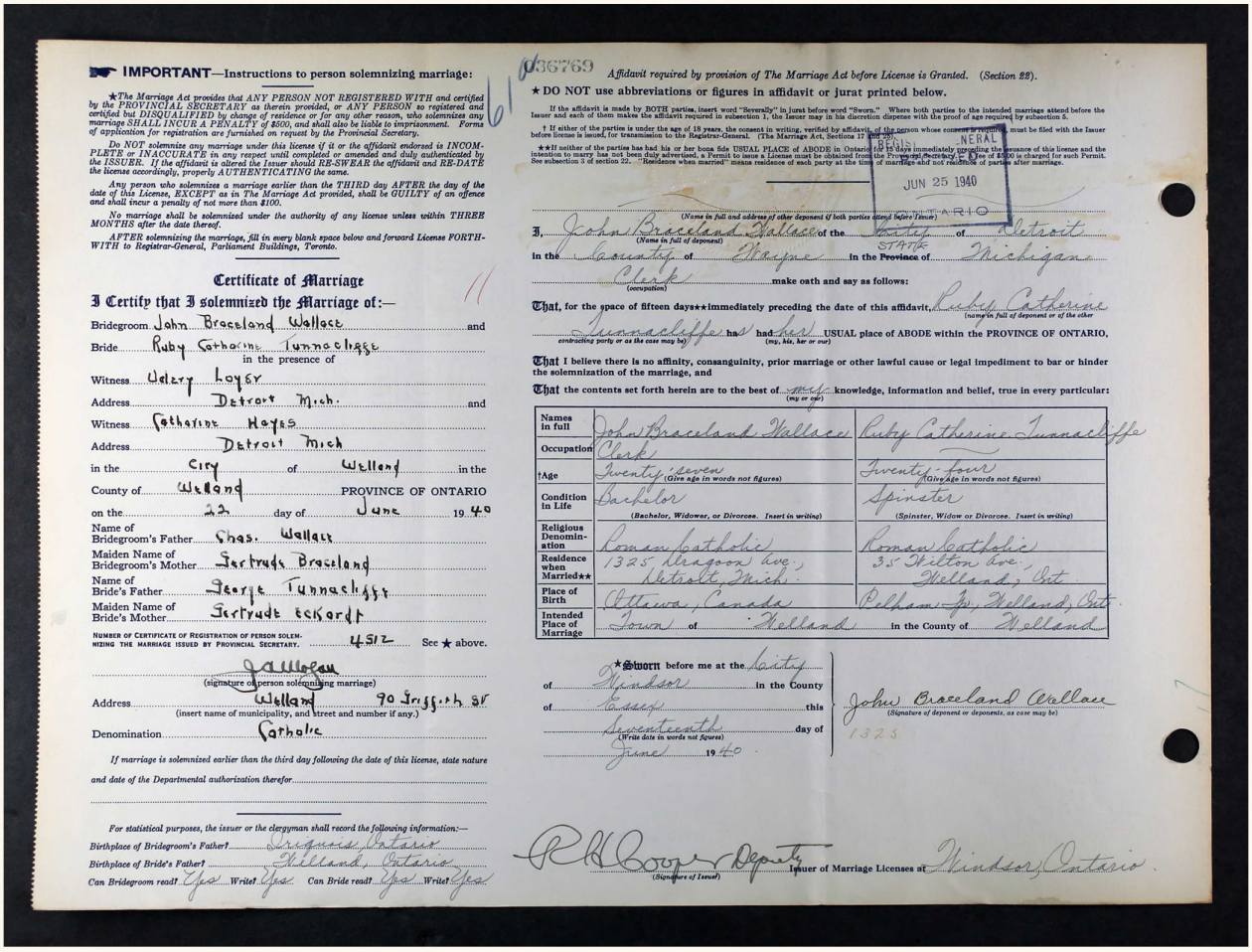


	Surname first. 060615
Surname of child.	Tunnacliffe
Christian name.	Ruth Eliza
Date of Birth.	Dec. 23. 1915.
Where born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	If in a hospital give its name Lot 1 Con 9,
Sex.	Female. X
Are the Parents married?	060832 Yes.
Where and when married.	Ridgevill Mar. 20. 1908
Full name of Father.	Geo. D. Tunnacliffe
Address.	Foothill
Occupation.	Laborer
Maiden name of Mother.	Gertrude Eckhardt
Is she single or a widow?	
Name of Physician in attendance.	H. L. Emmett.
Were you in house at time of Birth?	Yes
Twin, Triplet, Illegitimate or Still-born.	Twins.
Name of Informant.	Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Address.	Foothill
Date of Return.	April 18. 1916.

Each entry gives December 23, 1915. Look below the birth date for the space recording a multiple birth. The same word appears twice, once for each sister.

Ontario birth registrations, p. 149, via Ancestry.

The first June 22



IMPORTANT—Instructions to person solemnizing marriage:

★The Marriage Act provides that ANY PERSON NOT REGISTERED WITH and certified by the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY as therein provided, or ANY PERSON so registered and certified but DISQUALIFIED by change of residence or for any other reason, who solemnizes any marriage SHALL INCUR A PENALTY of $500, and shall also be liable to imprisonment. Forms of application for registration are furnished on request by the Provincial Secretary.

Do NOT solemnize any marriage under this license if it or the affidavit endorsed is INCOMPLETE or INACCURATE in any respect until completed or amended and duly authenticated by the ISSUER. If the affidavit is altered the Issuer should RE-SWEAR the affidavit and RE-DATE the license accordingly, properly AUTHENTICATING the same.

Any person who solemnizes a marriage earlier than the THIRD day AFTER the day of the date of this License, EXCEPT as in The Marriage Act provided, shall be GUILTY of an offence and shall incur a penalty of not more than $100.

No marriage shall be solemnized under the authority of any license unless within THREE MONTHS after the date thereof.

AFTER solemnizing the marriage, fill in every blank space below and forward License FORTHWITH to Registrar-General, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Certificate of Marriage

I Certify that I solemnized the Marriage of:—

Bridegroom John Braceland Wallace ..... and

Bride Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe

in the presence of

Witness Udary Loyer

Address Detroit Mich. ..... and

Witness Catharine Hayes

Address Detroit Mich

in the City of Welland ..... in the

County of Welland ..... PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

on the 22 day of June 19 40

Name of Bridegroom's Father Chas. Wallace

Maiden Name of Bridegroom's Mother Gertrude Braceland

Name of Bride's Father George Tunnacliffe

Maiden Name of Bride's Mother Gertrude Eckardt

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING THE MARRIAGE ISSUED BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. 4512 See ★ above.

J A Mallory
(signature of person solemnizing marriage)

Address Welland 90 Griffith St
(insert name of municipality, and street and number if any.)

Denomination Catholic

If marriage is solemnized earlier than the third day following the date of this license, state nature and date of the Departmental authorization therefor .....

For statistical purposes, the issuer or the clergyman shall record the following information:—

Birthplace of Bridegroom's Father? Dragoons, Ontario

Birthplace of Bride's Father? Welland, Ontario

Can Bridegroom read? Yes Write? Yes Can Bride read? Yes Write? Yes

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Affidavit required by provision of The Marriage Act before License is Granted. (Section 22).

★ DO NOT use abbreviations or figures in affidavit or jurat printed below.

If the affidavit is made by BOTH parties, insert word "Severally" in jurat before word "Sworn." Where both parties to the intended marriage attend before the Issuer and each of them makes the affidavit required in subsection 1, the Issuer may in his discretion dispense with the proof of age required by subsection 5.

† If either of the parties is under the age of 18 years, the consent in writing, verified by affidavit, of the person whose consent is required, must be filed with the Issuer before license is issued, for transmission to the Registrar-General. (The Marriage Act, Sections 17 and 22).

★‡ If neither of the parties has had his or her bona fide USUAL PLACE of ABODE in Ontario for 15 days immediately preceding the issuance of this license and the intention to marry has not been duly advertised, a Permit to issue a License must be obtained from the Provincial Secretary. A fee of $5.00 is charged for such Permit. See subsection 3 of section 22. "Residence when married" means residence of each party at the time of marriage and not residence of parties after marriage.

JUN 25 1940

(Name in full and address of other deponent if both parties attend before Issuer)

I, John Braceland Wallace of the City of Detroit

(Name in full of deponent)

in the County of Wayne in the Province of Michigan

Clerk make oath and say as follows:
(occupation)

That, for the space of fifteen days★★immediately preceding the date of this affidavit, Ruby Catherine (name in full of deponent or of the other contracting party or as the case may be) Tunnacliffe has had her (my, his, her or our) USUAL place of ABODE within the PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

That I believe there is no affinity, consanguinity, prior marriage or other lawful cause or legal impediment to bar or hinder the solemnization of the marriage, and

That the contents set forth herein are to the best of my (my or our) knowledge, information and belief, true in every particular:

Names in full	John Braceland Wallace	Ruby Catherine Tunnacliffe
Occupation	Clerk	
†Age	Twenty-seven (Give age in words not figures)	Twenty-four (Give age in words not figures)
Condition in Life	Bachelor (Bachelor, Widower, or Divorcee. Insert in writing)	Spinster (Spinster, Widow or Divorcee. Insert in writing)
Religious Denomination	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic
Residence when Married★★	1325 Dragoon Ave, Detroit, Mich.	35 Welton Ave. Welland, Ont.
Place of Birth	Ottawa, Canada	Pelham Tp. Welland, Ont.
Intended Place of Marriage	Town of Welland in the County of Welland	

★Sworn before me at the City of Windsor in the County of Essex this Seventeenth (Write date in words not figures) day of June 19 40

John Braceland Wallace
(Signature of deponent or deponents, as case may be)

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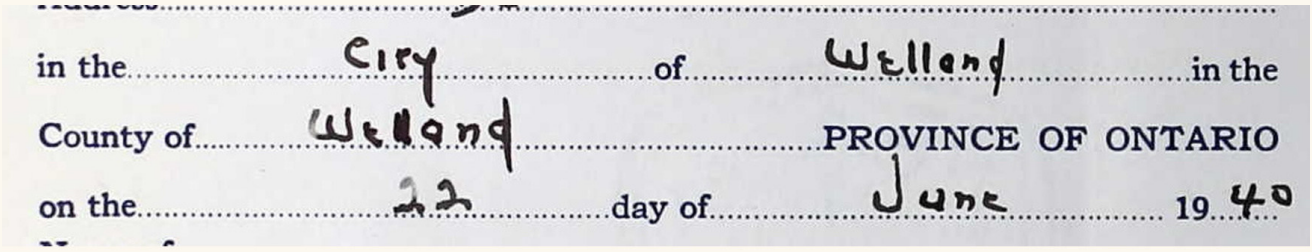
R H Cooper Deputy
(Signature of Issuer)

Issuer of Marriage Licenses at Windsor, Ontario.



in the City of Welland in the

County of Welland PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

on the 22 day of June 19 40

John Braceland Wallace and Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe married in Welland on June 22, 1940. The place and date appear at left on the complete registration, then again in the enlargement below. Six years later came Ruth's wedding on the same day of the year.

Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826–1944, image 7921_09bf6d4b_0209-00208, via Ancestry.

Ruby at her sister's wedding



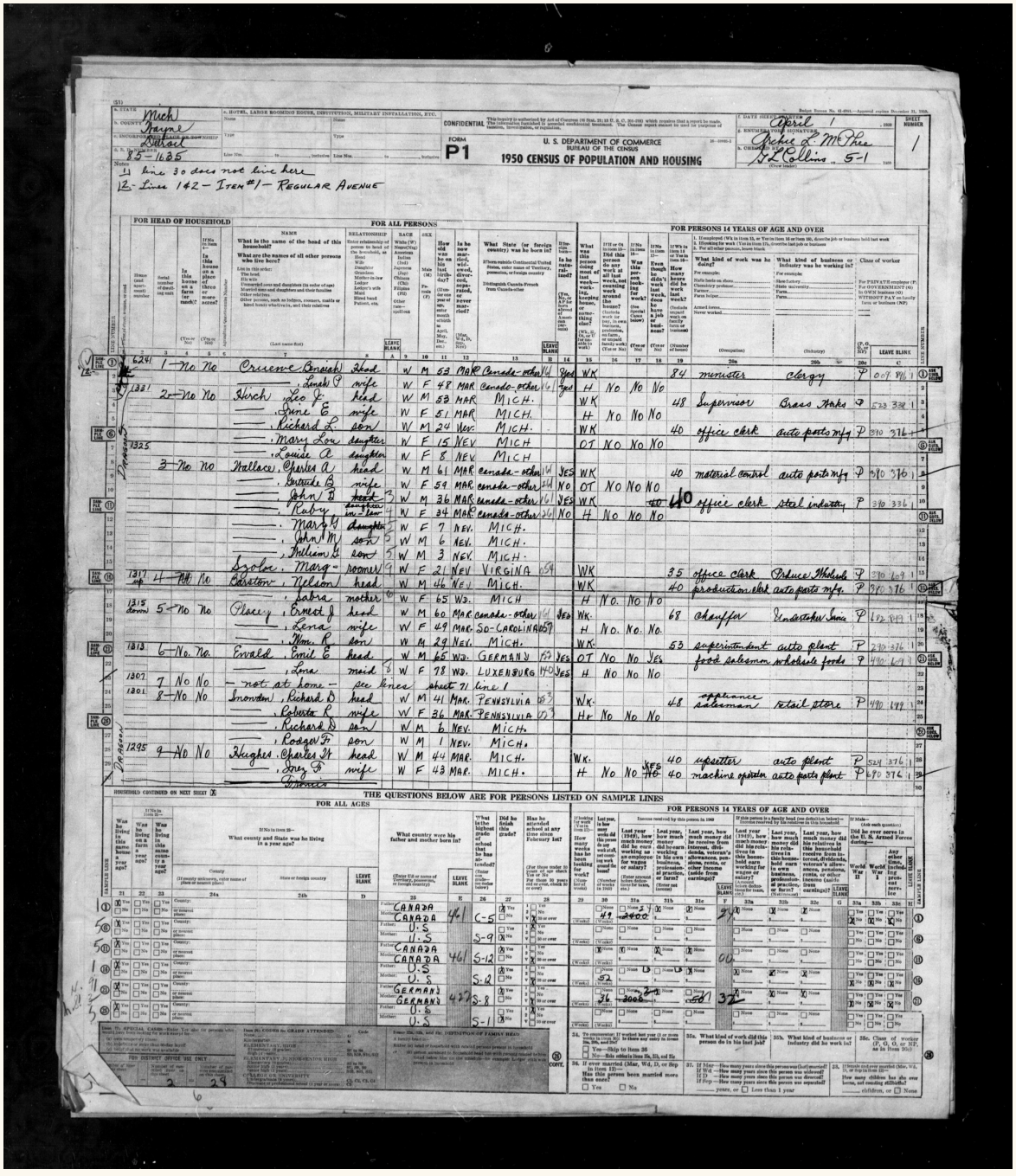
Mrs. J. B. Wallace, twin-sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Mrs. H. Leppert, sister, were dressed alike in gowns with full silk net skirts, eyelet embroidery bodice, tiny flared peplums at the waist, and cap sleeves. Their headresses were of red roses and white sweet peas and fern. They carried matching nosegays.

At left is Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe Wallace. At right, the contemporary newspaper calls her Mrs. J. B. Wallace, twin sister of the bride and matron of honor. It describes the attendants' red roses, white sweet peas and fern. The surviving excerpt is shown in full.

David Weir, Van Wyck family tree, Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

Welland–Port Colborne Evening Tribune, June 25, 1946, p. 3. Newspapers.com.

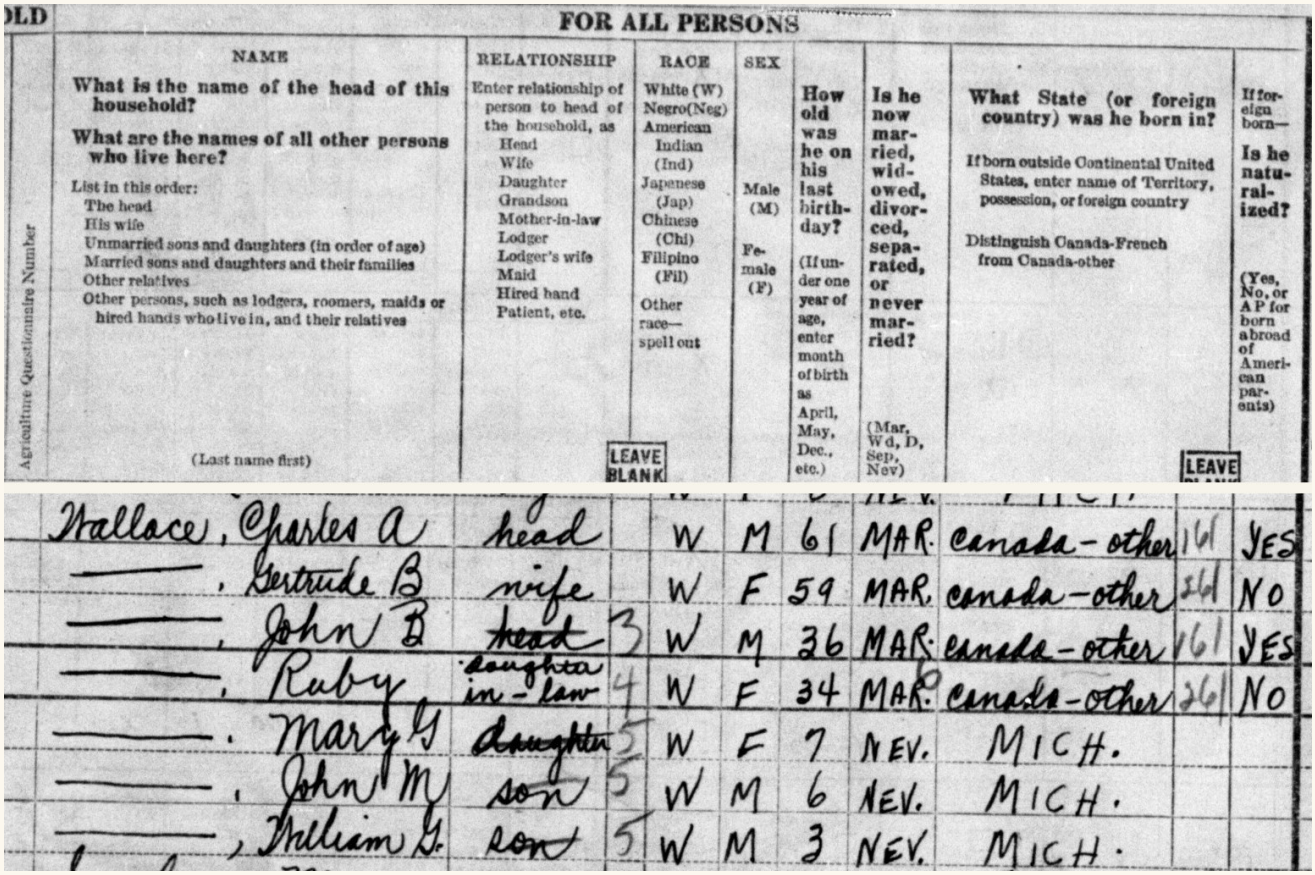
A girl named Mary in Detroit



In the 1950 census, look to the upper part of sheet 1, at the household with the surname Wallace. Lines 8–14 run from Charles and Gertrude down to Mary's little brother William.

U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. National Archives.

Mary is seven

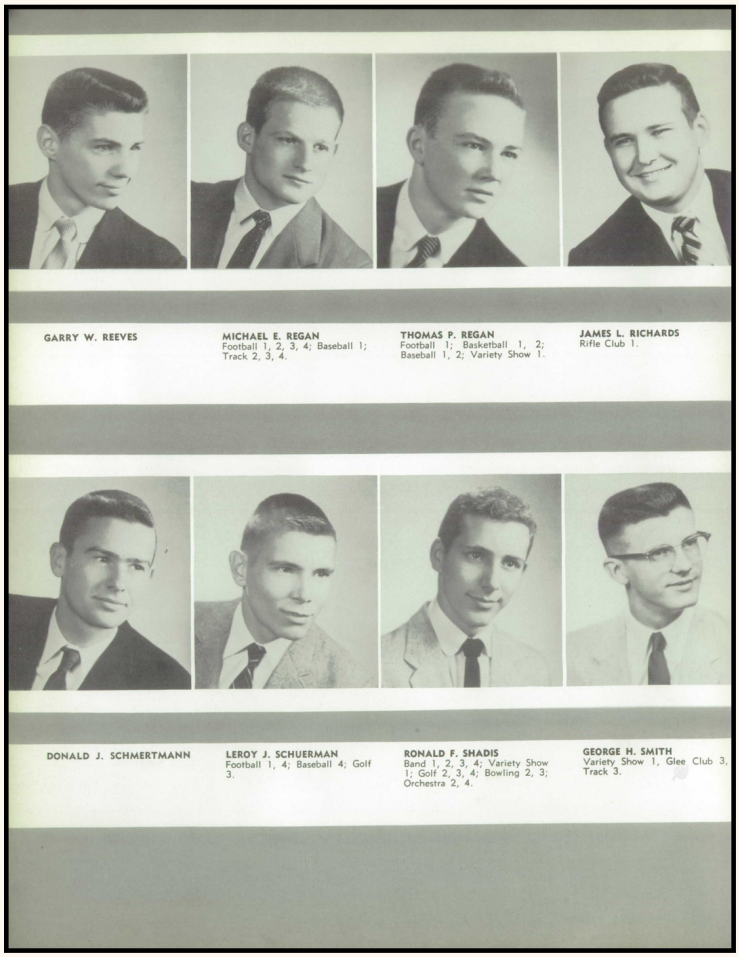


Agriculture Questionnaire Number	NAME (What is the name of the head of this household? What are the names of all other persons who live here? List in this order: The head; His wife; Unmarried sons and daughters (in order of age); Married sons and daughters and their families; Other relatives; Other persons, such as lodgers, roomers, maids or hired hands who live in, and their relatives) (Last name first)	RELATIONSHIP (Enter relationship of person to head of the household, as Head, Wife, Daughter, Grandson, Mother-in-law, Lodger, Lodger's wife, Maid, Hired hand, Patient, etc.)	LEAVE BLANK	RACE (White (W), Negro (Neg), American Indian (Ind), Japanese (Jap), Chinese (Chi), Filipino (Fil), Other race—spell out)	SEX (Male (M), Female (F))	How old was he on his last birthday? (If under one year of age, enter month of birth as April, May, Dec., etc.)	Is he now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married? (Mar, Wd, D, Sep, Nev)	What State (or foreign country) was he born in? If born outside Continental United States, enter name of Territory, possession, or foreign country. Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-other	LEAVE BLANK	If foreign born—Is he naturalized? (Yes, No, or A P for born abroad of American parents)
	Wallace, Charles A	head		W	M	61	MAR.	canada-other	161	YES
	——, Gertrude B	wife		W	F	59	MAR.	canada-other	261	NO
	——, John B	head	3	W	M	36	MAR.	canada-other	161	YES
	——, Ruby	daughter-in-law	4	W	F	34	MAR.	canada-other	261	NO
	——, Mary G	daughter	5	W	F	7	NEV.	MICH.		
	——, John M	son	5	W	M	6	NEV.	MICH.		
	——, William G	son	5	W	M	3	NEV.	MICH.		

The ages form their own little portrait of this household. Mary is seven, her brother John is six, and William is three. Listed just above them are Ruby and John.

U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. National Archives.

George before he was Grandpa



GARRY W. REEVES

MICHAEL E. REGAN
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Track 2, 3, 4.

THOMAS P. REGAN
Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Variety Show 1.

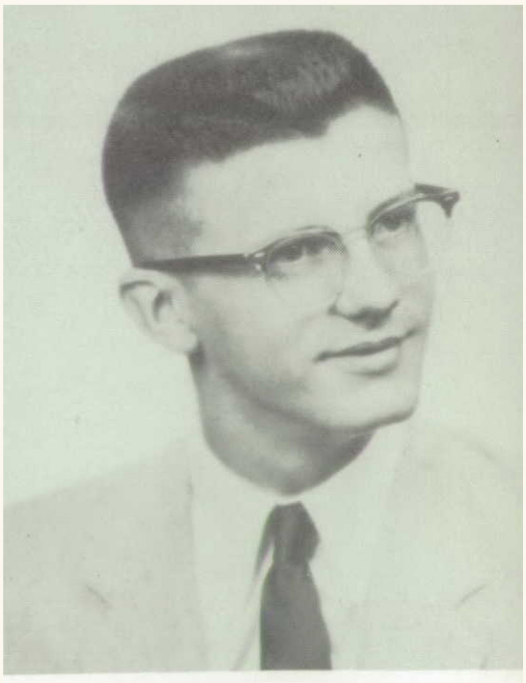
JAMES L. RICHARDS
Rifle Club 1.

DONALD J. SCHMERTMANN

LEROY J. SCHUERMAN
Football 1, 4; Baseball 4; Golf 3.

RONALD F. SHADIS
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 1; Golf 2, 3, 4; Bowling 2, 3; Orchestra 2, 4.

GEORGE H. SMITH
Variety Show 1, Glee Club 3, Track 3.



GEORGE H. SMITH
Variety Show 1, Glee Club 3, Track 3.

The 1958 Cathedral Boys High School yearbook in Springfield, Illinois, places George H. Smith at lower right. His photograph and activity line appear again at right. The school listed him in the variety show, glee club and track.

1958 Cathedralogue, image 40, Cathedral Boys High School, via Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

Mary's page in the yearbook



Those in Latin Club are, from left, 1st row: Gib Hentschke, Harvey Coutin, Gary Manulkin, Alan Miller, Joe Henkell, Don Haslam, Ron Jones, Bruce Hill, Bruce Haslam, Mike Schroeder. 2nd row: Royanna Bradley, Judi Hanover, Beverly Gray, Barbara Martin, Jeanne McLarnin, Betty Pratt, Libby Raphael, Julie Grover, Gretchen Maussnest, Candy Hughes, Joy Caldwell, Terry Aikins, Shelly Stimson, Mary Wallace, Mary Salyer, Penny Moolenyzer. 3rd row: Lynne Lanning, Linda Swartz, Sandie Culbertson, Dale Duke, Suzanne Gould, Pauline Massey, Barbara Lauridson, Judy Haythorne, Kathy Williams, Barbara Haworth, Linda Glastre, Dale Mesec, Karen Johnson and Kathi Smith.

Latin Club

Pointing to the city of Rome are the officers of Latin Club: Sandie Culbertson, Bruce Hill, Don Haslam, and Don Williams.

Discussing Roman history is the adviser of Latin Club, Mrs. Charlotte Aseltine, with club president Gretchen Maussnest.

Latin Club is a very active club of Glendale High. Under the guidance of Mrs. Charlotte Aseltine, the members learn more about Roman customs and take part in many activities throughout the year. Three scholarships are given by the club to deserving students. To supply the necessary funds, the club planned projects such as their successful cookie sale.

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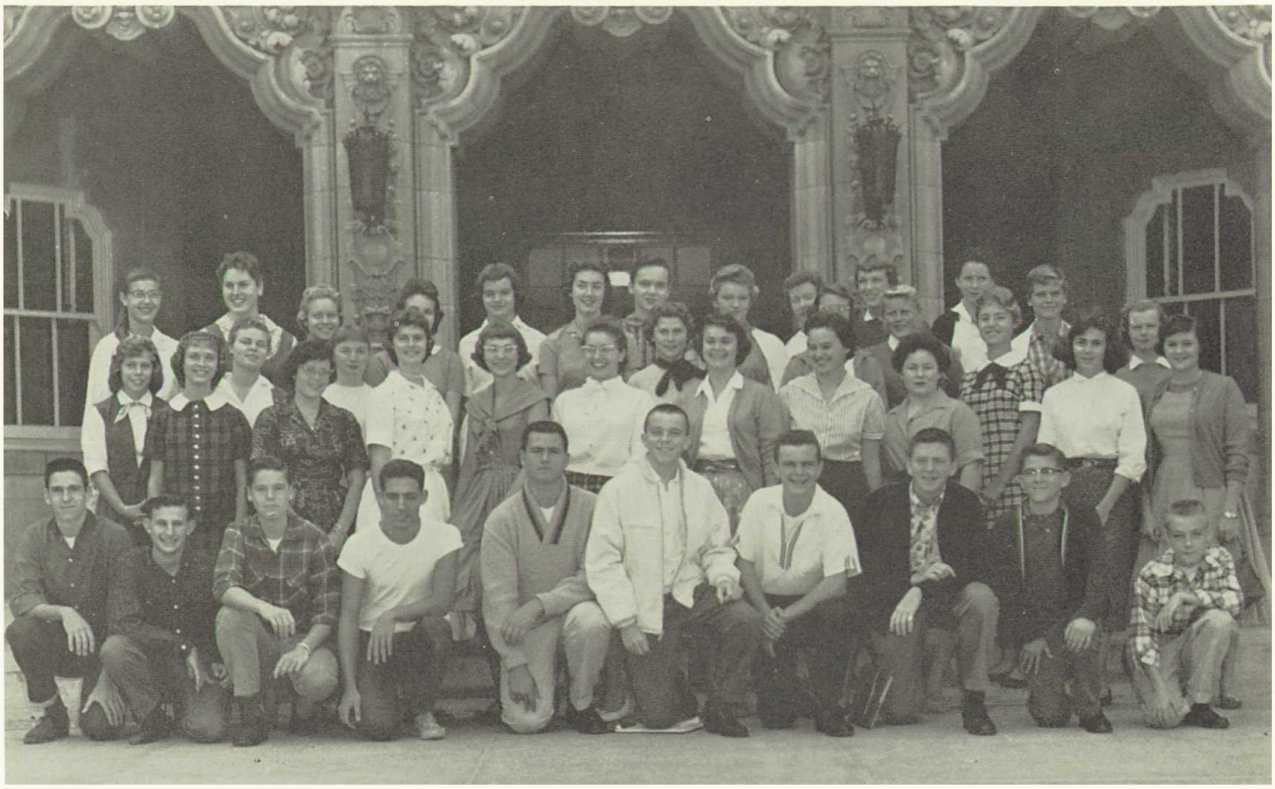
Glendale High School's 1960 Stylus, page 93. The group posed above the words "Latin Club." On the left the student editors printed the members' names. At lower right they described the club's cookie sale and scholarships.

Glendale High School, 1960 Stylus, p. 93, via Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

Find Mary in the club roster



Julie Grover, Gretchen Maussnest, Candy Hughes, Joy Caldwell, Terry Aikins, Shelly Stimson, Mary Wallace, Mary Salyer, Penny Mooleny-zer. 3rd row: Lynne Lanning, Linda

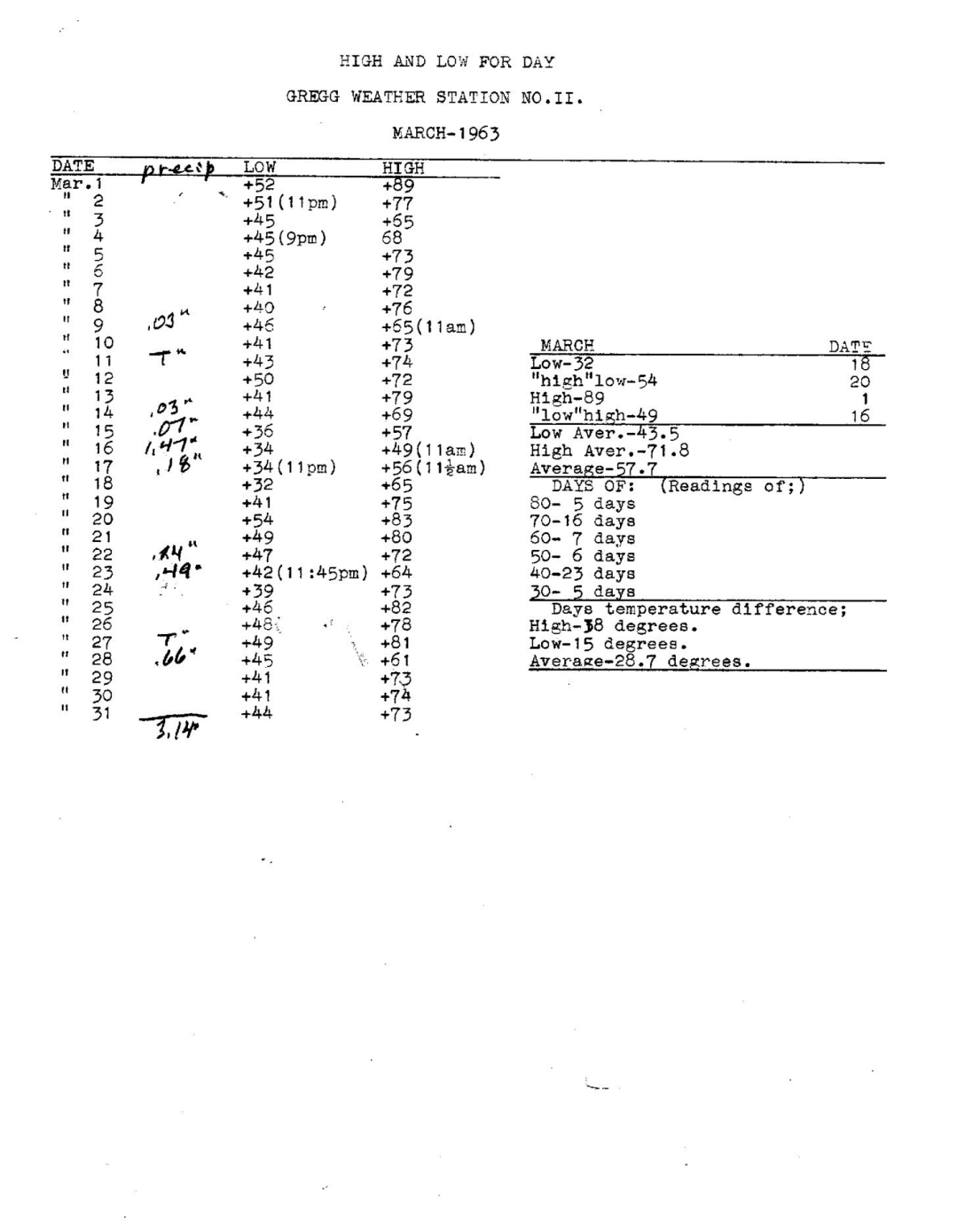
Latin Club is a very active club of Glendale High. Under the guidance of Mrs. Charlotte Aseltine, the members learn more about Roman customs and take part in many activities throughout the year. Three scholarships are given by the club to deserving students. To supply the necessary funds, the club planned projects such as their successful cookie sale.

Her name breaks across two lines, “Mary Wal-” and “lace,” between Shelly Stimson and Mary Salyer. Joseph tentatively recognizes her among the standing girls near the right. The roster confirms her membership. The other excerpt tells what the club did for its students.

Glendale High School, 1960 Stylus, p. 93, via Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

Mary’s name is third from the end. Joseph’s candidate is the fourth standing girl from the right, behind the girl in white. Look for a checked collar and a light sweater.

The day Stephani was born



HIGH AND LOW FOR DAY

GREGG WEATHER STATION NO.II.

MARCH-1963

DATE	precip	LOW	HIGH
Mar. 1		+52	+89
" 2		+51 (11pm)	+77
" 3		+45	+65
" 4		+45 (9pm)	68
" 5		+45	+73
" 6		+42	+79
" 7		+41	+72
" 8		+40	+76
" 9	.03"	+46	+65 (11am)
" 10		+41	+73
" 11	T"	+43	+74
" 12		+50	+72
" 13		+41	+79
" 14	.03"	+44	+69
" 15	.07"	+36	+57
" 16	1.47"	+34	+49 (11am)
" 17	.18"	+34 (11pm)	+56 (11½am)
" 18		+32	+65
" 19		+41	+75
" 20		+54	+83
" 21		+49	+80
" 22	.24"	+47	+72
" 23	.49"	+42 (11:45pm)	+64
" 24		+39	+73
" 25		+46	+82
" 26		+48	+78
" 27	T"	+49	+81
" 28	.66"	+45	+61
" 29		+41	+73
" 30		+41	+74
" 31		+44	+73
	3.14"		

MARCH	DATE
Low-32	18
"high"low-54	20
High-89	1
"low"high-49	16
Low Aver.-43.5	
High Aver.-71.8	
Average-57.7	
DAYS OF: (Readings of;)	
80- 5 days	
70-16 days	
60- 7 days	
50- 6 days	
40-23 days	
30- 5 days	
Days temperature difference;	
High-38 degrees.	
Low-15 degrees.	
Average-28.7 degrees.	

Bob Gregg kept a high-and-low table at his Glendale foothill station. This is the complete March 1963 sheet. March 13 is near the middle of the left column.

Bob Gregg, March 1963 weather log, sheet 22. La Crescenta/Montrose, near Briggs and Whittier.

From the hillside to Brand Boulevard

DATE	precip	LOW	HIGH
Mar. 1		+52	+89
" 12		+50	+72
" 13		+41	+79
" 14	.03"	+44	+69



On row 13, Gregg's low is 41°F and his high is 79°F. Below, a Los Angeles Herald Examiner photograph shows Brand Boulevard in Glendale on August 23, 1963, a little over five months after Stephani's birth.

Bob Gregg, March 1963 weather log, sheet 22. La Crescenta/Montrose, near Briggs and Whittier.
Herald Examiner Collection, Los Angeles Public Library, image 00047171.

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1 What a man signed away on the Elbe

Altona stood beside Hamburg, under the Danish crown in 1792. David Minor dates the Catharina's departure to May 2 and her passage into the open Atlantic to May 8. The dockside trades are documented. No observation for that particular morning has been located. One surviving contract belonged to Johann Gottlob Schellenberg. For six years' work he was to receive passage and thirty-six Spanish thalers annually. Saving four a year could earn twenty-five acres, livestock and poultry. Philip's individual contract has yet to turn up.

David Minor · Crooked Lake Review, 1792 timeline, May 2 and 8
https://crookedlakereview.blogspot.com/2010/02/central-western-new-york-timeline-1792.html?m=0

Port of Hamburg · History of the Port, shipbuilding at Altona
https://www.hafen-hamburg.de/en/experience/geschichte/

Hermann Pfaefflin · History of the Germans of Rochester, pp. 13–14, clauses 1–3
https://mcnygenealogy.com/book/history-rochester-germans.pdf

Hans Rohde · Die Küste 26, p. 4, Hamburg weather series
https://izw.baw.de/die-kueste/0/k026_1974.pdf

2 Two sisters and one carved chest

Markham Museum records a blanket chest 135 centimetres wide, made of six dovetailed boards. It has iron hinges, handles at both ends and three upright bands of flowers. The catalogue reads the inscription as "Jochim Pingel 1757." Its maker and the reason for the date remain unknown. Markham research identifies Ann Elizabeth Koepke as Philip's wife and Maria Koepke, Ann's sister, as the wife of Jochim's son George. Philip later named George a co-executor of his will. The chest belongs to the family story through those marriages.

Markham Museum · Artefacts Canada, blanket chest M.L.1980.6
https://app.pch.gc.ca/application/artefacts_hum/detailler_detail.app?colId=&d=ACRCM.L.1980.6&f=&i=false&in=Markham+Museum&k=&l=1&lang=en&n=0&o=&p=a&pID=3&r=10&s=1&t=1&v=none&w=

George W. J. Duncan and William D. Finlayson · The Philip Eckardt Log House, pp. 9–14, 51
https://billfinlayson.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/for-ebook-use-Finlayson-Eckardt-Log-House.pdf

City of Markham · Pingle–Brown House, Lot 21, Concession 6
https://www3.markham.ca/Markham/aspc/heritage/photo/details.aspx?FOLDERRSN=306108

Notes & sources

3 Thirteen weeks and the water at Newport

John Henry Sommerfeldt remembered thirteen weeks at sea, twice-weekly scrubbing and the smell of vinegar and juniper used to fumigate the ship. Markham's Helmke family history credits Johan, whose five-year-old son Francis sailed with him, with discovering the shortage that led to fresh water at Newport. The surviving Philadelphia list names "Pilip Ekhart," age twenty-four, and Jochim Pingel with his wife and five children among 132 passengers. Accounts give July 22, July 28 and August 3 for arrival. August 3 is the date on the list's endorsement. A Newport water receipt has yet to surface. The list's endorsement calls the Catharina a brigantine. Two masts are consistent with period descriptions. Her exact hull, sails and weather in this scene are unverified.

John Henry Sommerfeldt · Voyage account, Markham Museum document 43, p. 1
https://exhibit.markham.ca/detail.php?kv=5901&t=objects&type=related
Town of Markham · James Brander House, by-law 2004-214, schedule B, p. 3
https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/oha/details/file?id=10337
Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke · Pennsylvania German Pioneers, vol. III, list 370, pp. 49–51
https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniagerm44stra/page/50/mode/1up
Michael Rüppel · Bremisches Jahrbuch 90, pp. 40, 42, including July 28
https://brema.suub.uni-bremen.de/download/pdf/775301.pdf#page=19
Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke · Pennsylvania German Pioneers, list 370, p. 51, endorsement
https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniagerm44stra/page/51/mode/1up
William Falconer · An Universal Dictionary of the Marine, corrected ed. (London, 1780), p. 50, "Brig, or Brigantine"
https://paulturnbull.org/project/southseas/refs/falc/0214.html
William Avery Baker · Vessel Types of Colonial Massachusetts, fig. 21, Ashley Bowen's brigantine (upper right)
https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/1977#fig21

4 The settlement that failed and the people who helped

Sommerfeldt describes the Philadelphia purchases, three days loading twelve wagons without eating, carrying firewood, and later supplying 125 loaves every other day. The settlers' 1793 petition gives the numbers of huts and axes and their understanding of the promised terms. Cowan documents the winter journey and imprisonment of settlers at Canandaigua. Stagg identifies Charles Williamson, the guards, and the help of Indigenous people from the Grand River and men hired by Samuel Street. He describes the group reaching Upper Canada in late June 1794 and settling at Markham by year's end. His account does not give the helpers' individual names or say the guards pointed guns or fired on the families.

John Henry Sommerfeldt · Voyage account, Markham Museum document 43, p. 1
https://exhibit.markham.ca/detail.php?kv=5901&t=objects&type=related

Helen I. Cowan · Williamsburg, Lost Village on the Genesee, Rochester History IV.3, pp. 6–7, 10–11
https://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v4_1942/v4i3.pdf

Georg Siegmund Liebich and the settlers · German petition, August 6, 1793, manuscript p. 50, Pingel
https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h2298/99

Georg Siegmund Liebich and the settlers · German petition, manuscript p. 51, Ekhard
https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h2298/100

Ronald J. Stagg · Dictionary of Canadian Biography, "Berczy, William," vol. 5
https://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/berczy_william_5E.html

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5 Inside the elder Eckardts' log house

Philip married Ann Elizabeth in 1794. He farmed, cleared obstructions from the Rouge and built a flat-bottomed barge. Neighbors worshipped in their log house. The 1803 household return gives Philip, five (about 1797–98), Henry, four (about 1798–99), and George, one (about 1801–02). Daughter Marie, also called Mary, was buried near the house that year. Family and local histories name Gottlieb, Frederick, Andrew (1811) and Salem (1824), and count seventeen or eighteen children. Duncan dates Philip Sr.'s marriage to Ann Elizabeth to 1794 (p. 10) and credits their eighteen children to Markham Museum genealogy (p. 13). The city dates the adult Philip Jr.'s birth to 1803, while a Philip listed in the 1803 household was already five. Both dates fall during Ann's marriage. We have not found the younger Philip's baptism or a record naming a different mother. The 1827 land history names his father (note 6).

William Berczy fonds · Markham census, 1803, manuscript p. 68, reel H-2298, frame 135
https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h2298/135

George W. J. Duncan and William D. Finlayson · The Philip Eckardt Log House, pp. 9–14
https://billfinlayson.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/for-ebook-use-Finlayson-Eckardt-Log-House.pdf

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https://www.wurm-hastings.com/histories/eckhardtpioneers.html

Bethesda Lutheran Church · Cemetery bylaws, preface, p. 2, burial of Marie
https://bethesdalutheranchurch.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/BLC-Cemetery-By-law-0916.pdf

6 A hundred acres and five children

Markham's land history identifies the elder Philip as the father who sold Philip Jr. one hundred acres in 1827. Philip Jr. married Susannah Hegler in 1829. Their children were Sarah Ann (1832), Thomas Philip (1833), Andrew (1837), Barbara Ann (1840) and Edward (1841). Andrew and Barbara Ann died young. Thomas became a physician. Edward inherited the farm in 1874. Their brick house overlooked the Rouge and had four chimneys. The younger couple took in a visiting student minister. An 1851 census, enumerated in 1852, finds Sarah Ann, Thomas and Edward at home.

City of Markham, Heritage Section · Philip Jr. and Susannah Eckardt House, Appendix D, 60 Meadowbrook Lane
https://pub-markham.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=89033

City of Markham · Philip Eckardt Jr. House, heritage register, architectural description
https://www3.markham.ca/Markham/aspc/heritage/photo/details.aspx?FOLDERRSN=913000

Library and Archives Canada · 1851 census, Markham, p. 245, lines 46–50, via Ancestry
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1061/images/e095-e002374366

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7 From the Markham farm to the Pelham orchards

Edward Eckardt married Catherine Braithwaite in 1869. He registered their son Homer Mark Philip, born October 24 that year. Homer's uncle, Dr. Thomas P. Eckardt, attended the birth. Other records name Clarence (about 1871–72), Florence Gertrude (1876), Maude (1880), Jessie (1881), Eva (1883), and twins W. Roy and Wilhelmina (November 21, 1885). The Markham farm was sold in 1883 and returned to Edward and Catherine together in 1886. By 1891 Edward was growing fruit in Pelham. The 1901 census gives the twins' same birthday on neighboring lines.

Ontario Registrar General · Homer Mark Philip Eckardt, 1869 birth return, MS 929, reel 3, frame 0778
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8838/images/ONMS929_3-0778?pid=1979948

Library and Archives Canada · 1881 Markham census, p. 37, household 181, via Ancestry
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1577/images/31229_C_13248-00428?pid=3155266

City of Markham, Heritage Section · 60 Meadowbrook Lane, Appendix D, historical associations
https://pub-markham.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=89033

Library and Archives Canada · 1901 Pelham census, p. 3, household 32, via Ancestry
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8826/images/z000079353?pid=13985284

8 Twins who shared a wedding date

Office clerk Florence Gertrude Eckardt and nurseryman George Tunnacliffe married in Ridgeville on March 20, 1903. Her sisters Eva and Maud witnessed the marriage. Their children were Jean Ladell (1903), Eve Gwendolyn (1905), Marion (1909), Ruby Catharine and Ruth Eliza (December 23, 1915), and Donald (about 1918–19). Florence registered the twins separately on the same page. Ruby married John Braceland Wallace on June 22, 1940, in Welland. On June 22, 1946, Ruth married Edwin Albert Hilder. The local newspaper identifies the matron of honor as Mrs. J. B. Wallace. Ruby spent her sixth anniversary beside Ruth. On page 3, the June 25 newspaper names the bride's twin as matron of honor. Both attendants wore red roses, white sweet peas and fern in their headdresses and carried matching bouquets. The illustration depicts Ruby's flowers. The surviving family clipping reproduces the paragraph about the attendants.

Archives of Ontario · 1903 Welland marriage register, Ridgeville, witnesses on facing page
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7921/images/ONMS932_112-0675

Archives of Ontario · 1915 Pelham birth register, p. 149, Ruby and Ruth
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8838/images/48783_556590-00571?pId=3294539

Archives of Ontario · Welland marriage registration, Ruby and John, June 22, 1940
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7921/images/7921_09bf6d4b_0209-00208?pid=114808126

Welland–Port Colborne Evening Tribune · Hilder–Tunnacliffe wedding, June 25, 1946, p. 3
https://www.newspapers.com/image/1223223797/?article=6a6b3538-df9e-4b20-93af-6cbee11e91aa

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9 Mary before she became Grandma

Mary Gertrude Wallace was born in Detroit on April 8, 1942. In the 1950 census she was seven, John was six (about 1943–44) and William was three (about 1946–47). Bill's later notice names his siblings Anne and John "Mike." Other family evidence suggests Bill was the son Ruby called George. Mary Wallace appears in Glendale High's 1960 Latin Club roster. The club funded scholarships with a cookie sale. Identifying her face in the group is tentative. Mary married George Howard Smith in San Diego County on November 25, 1960. Joseph recalls one occasion watching Jeopardy! with Mary and another crushing aluminum cans with her backyard can crusher. Joseph remembers meeting his grandfather for the first time he can recall at about age ten. He remembers a Chicago White Sox jacket as a Christmas present from George. The exact age and year are uncertain. Anne's invitation is family correspondence preserved in the earlier edited Pages manuscript.

U.S. National Archives · 1950 Detroit census, district 85-1635, sheet 1, lines 8–14
https://nara-1950-census.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/1950census/43290879-Michigan/43290879-Michigan-150957/43290879-Michigan-150957-0002.jpg

Chicago Tribune · William "Bill" G. Wallace, November 18, 2012, p. 1-39
https://www.newspapers.com/clip/78246060/chicago-tribune/

Glendale High School · Stylus, 1960 yearbook, Latin Club, p. 93, via Ancestry
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_1853_1960_0097?pId=409171573

State of California · Marriage Index, Wallace–Smith, November 25, 1960, file 91110
https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1144/records/7570435

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10 The morning Stephani was born

The California Birth Index gives Stephani A. Smith's birth on March 13, 1963, in Los Angeles County, with mother's maiden name Wallace. The family places her birth in Glendale. Kevin was born June 27, 1961. On March 13 he was one year, eight months and fourteen days old. Bob Gregg recorded a low of 41°F and a high of 79°F at his La Crescenta/Montrose station near Briggs and Whittier. Los Angeles's Yellow Car service ended March 31. The transit authority photographed 160 replacement buses at Dodger Stadium. Glendale's own Red Car service had ended in 1955. Billboard's March 16 chart ranked the Four Seasons first and Ruby and the Romantics second and included Johnny Mathis. Ruby topped the March 23 chart.

State of California · California Birth Index, Stephani A. Smith, March 13, 1963
https://californiabirthindex.org/birth/stephani_a_smith_born_1963_8599320

Bob Gregg · Glendale weather notebook, PDF p. 22, March table, row 13
https://stormbruiser.com/chase/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Glendale-1962-and-1963.pdf#page=22

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority · The Emblem, April 1963, final streetcar service
https://libraryarchives.metro.net/dpgtl/employeenews/Emblem_1963_Apr.pdf#page=3

Billboard · Hot 100, March 23, 1963, first place and previous-week rank
https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-All-Music/Billboard/60s/1963/Billboard%201963-03-23.pdf

State of California · California Birth Index, Kevin M. Smith, June 27, 1961, Orange County
https://californiabirthindex.org/birth/kevin_m_smith_born_1961_7818448

William T. Reid · Bob Gregg's station history, Station 4, 1962–1971
https://stormbruiser.com/chase/2020/12/07/climate-page-for-glendale-california/

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority · The Emblem, April 1963, inside cover and printed pp. 7–8, 160 new buses at Dodger Stadium
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11 Mary's eight children, in the family's words

Stephani remembered five boys and three girls. Joseph remembers Kevin Smith, Timmy Smith, Ricky Gaughan, Michael Gaughan, Patrick, Stephani Smith, Wendy Gaughan and Cindy Gaughan. The birth index spells the surname Gaughan and lists Wendy S., Cynthia A. and Michael W. Mary's newspaper notice uses Windy and Cindy. Kevin was born in 1961 and Timmy in 1964. Joseph spells his uncle's name Ricky. Mary's 1990 newspaper notice prints it as Rickey Gaughan. George's notice also names Christopher and Carol Smith and stepchildren Jim Trucano Harp and Eric Harp on Stephani's paternal side.

Stephani Q. · Remembrance of Mary Gertrude Wallace, November 8, 2007, memorial 22758373
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https://reviewjournal.newsbank.com/doc/image/v2%3A1508AFD0E83DBED6%40NGPA-NVLVRJ-16EF58EA852B4E98%40244821 1-16ED3A3CB67AE4A5%4016-16ED3A3CB67AE4A5%40?pdate=1990-11-15

State of California · Birth Index, Gaughan children with mother's surname Wallace
https://californiabirthindex.org/parents_lastnames/gaughan/wallace

The Telegraph · George H. Smith, June 2013, family notice and paternal household
https://www.thetelegraph.com/news/article/George-H-Smith-12651154.php

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12 Eighteen years and one Sunday morning

Joseph's family account places Stephani at John Burroughs High in Burbank, where Joseph and Anthony later went. Her childhood memories belong to her. The imagined conversation with newborn Stephani and Mary is Joseph's tribute. In 1963 Koufax struck out fifteen in the opener, then won the clincher 2–1 in Los Angeles. The Yankees scored four runs in the four-game series. In 1981 the Dodgers lost twice in New York before winning four straight. Fernando pitched a complete game in the 5–4 third game. The clincher at Yankee Stadium was 9–2. Joseph gives his birth as May 9, 1981, in Mission Hills, eighteen years and fifty-seven days after Stephani's birth. President Reagan's proclamation designates Sunday, May 10, as Mother's Day. Mother and son spent their first one together when he was a day old. The night before Joseph was born, Fernando Valenzuela struck out eleven Mets in a 1–0 Dodgers win at Shea Stadium.

Major League Baseball · 1963 World Series recap, Dodgers and Yankees
https://www.mlb.com/news/1963-world-series-recap

Major League Baseball · 1981 postseason, World Series results
https://www.mlb.com/postseason/history/1981

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library · Proclamation 4834, Mother's Day 1981, April 13
https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/proclamation-4834-mothers-day-1981

Sports Reference · Dodgers at Mets, May 8, 1981 · Shea Stadium box score and Dodgers pitching line, Valenzuela, nine innings.
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Major League Baseball · 1981 World Series recap, Games Three and Six
https://www.mlb.com/news/1981-world-series-recap

13 The family Philip could never have pictured

Joseph Valenzuela's family account, November 25, 2026, names Stephani's four sons as Joseph, Anthony, Marco and Matthew. He recalls more than forty years with a child in her home. Joseph remembers Samantha as a mother of four. Stephani and her husband are helping raise Samantha's children. The AI-assisted illustration draws on a family photograph of Ruby for a resemblance across generations. Minor League Baseball records the Phillies' selection of catcher Matt Quintanar in the sixteenth round, 489th overall, in 2026. Joseph identifies Matthew as his youngest brother. Joseph's private DNA results can guide research. The family relationships in this account draw on testimony, civil and church records, censuses and land history.

Minor League Baseball · Matt Quintanar, player 825578, 2026 Draft and transactions
https://www.milb.com/player/matt-quintanar-825578

City of Markham · Philip Eckardt Jr. House, family land history, 60 Meadowbrook Lane
https://www3.markham.ca/Markham/aspc/heritage/photo/details.aspx?FOLDERRSN=913000

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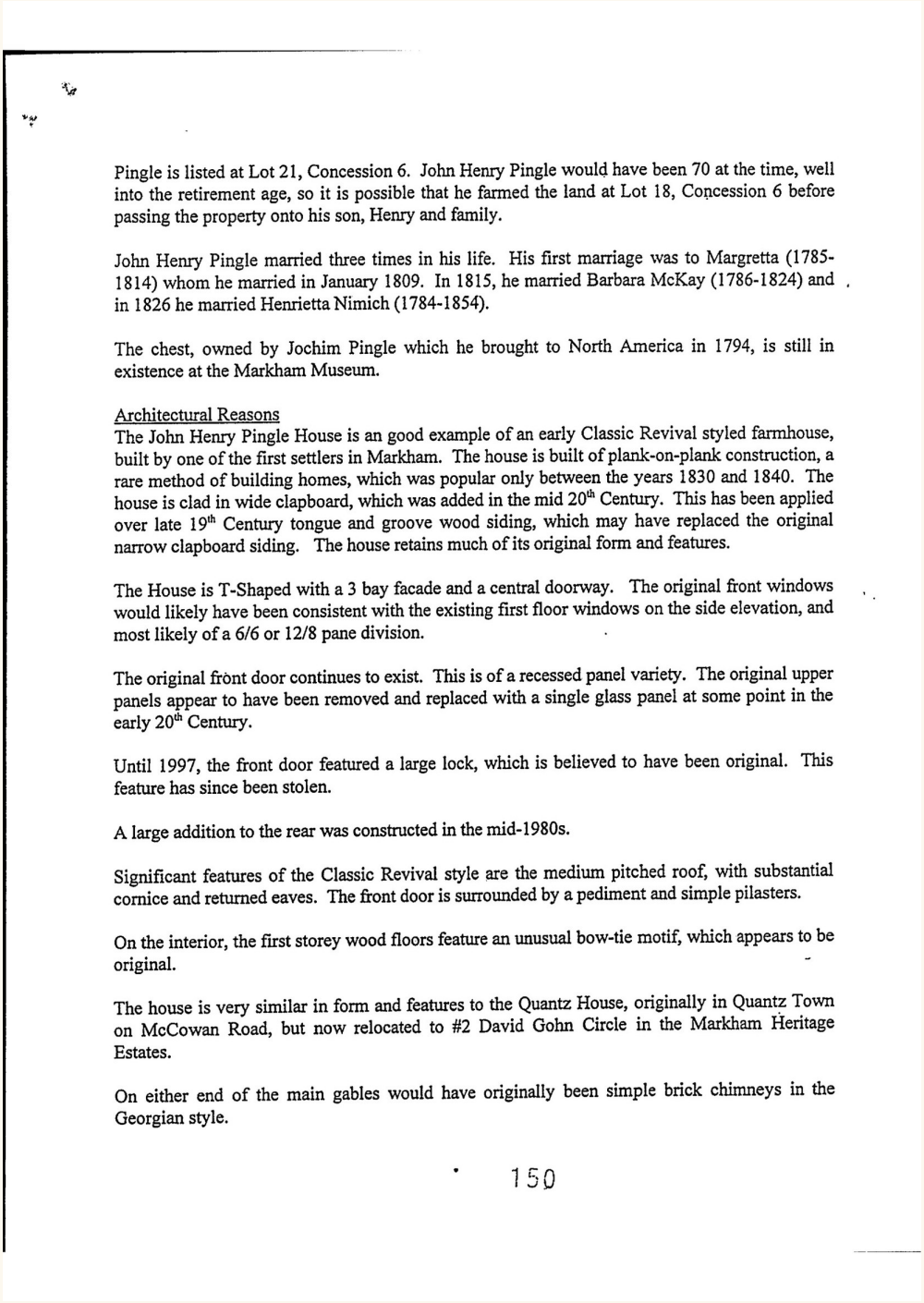
The municipal record for the Pingel chest



Pingle is listed at Lot 21, Concession 6. John Henry Pingle would have been 70 at the time, well into the retirement age, so it is possible that he farmed the land at Lot 18, Concession 6 before passing the property onto his son, Henry and family.

John Henry Pingle married three times in his life. His first marriage was to Margretta (1785-1814) whom he married in January 1809. In 1815, he married Barbara McKay (1786-1824) and in 1826 he married Henrietta Nimich (1784-1854).

The chest, owned by Jochim Pingle which he brought to North America in 1794, is still in existence at the Markham Museum.

Architectural Reasons

The John Henry Pingle House is an good example of an early Classic Revival styled farmhouse, built by one of the first settlers in Markham. The house is built of plank-on-plank construction, a rare method of building homes, which was popular only between the years 1830 and 1840. The house is clad in wide clapboard, which was added in the mid 20th Century. This has been applied over late 19th Century tongue and groove wood siding, which may have replaced the original narrow clapboard siding. The house retains much of its original form and features.

The House is T-Shaped with a 3 bay facade and a central doorway. The original front windows would likely have been consistent with the existing first floor windows on the side elevation, and most likely of a 6/6 or 12/8 pane division.

The original front door continues to exist. This is of a recessed panel variety. The original upper panels appear to have been removed and replaced with a single glass panel at some point in the early 20th Century.

Until 1997, the front door featured a large lock, which is believed to have been original. This feature has since been stolen.

A large addition to the rear was constructed in the mid-1980s.

Significant features of the Classic Revival style are the medium pitched roof, with substantial cornice and returned eaves. The front door is surrounded by a pediment and simple pilasters.

On the interior, the first storey wood floors feature an unusual bow-tie motif, which appears to be original.

The house is very similar in form and features to the Quantz House, originally in Quantz Town on McCowan Road, but now relocated to #2 David Gohn Circle in the Markham Heritage Estates.

On either end of the main gables would have originally been simple brick chimneys in the Georgian style.

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The complete page of the December 1998 designation record that names Jochim Pingle and the chest.

Town of Markham. John Henry Pingle House designation record, December 1998. Ontario Heritage Trust.

The municipal record for the Pingel chest

The chest, owned by Jochim Pingle which he brought to North America in 1794, is still in existence at the Markham Museum.

The sentence reporting that Jochim Pingle brought his chest and that Markham Museum held it. The notice gives 1794. The Philadelphia passenger list dates the Atlantic arrival to 1792.

Town of Markham. John Henry Pingle House designation record, December 1998. Ontario Heritage Trust.

Carved year, closer view



In this closer view, the year 1757 is visible above the flower. What that date meant to the original owner is unknown.

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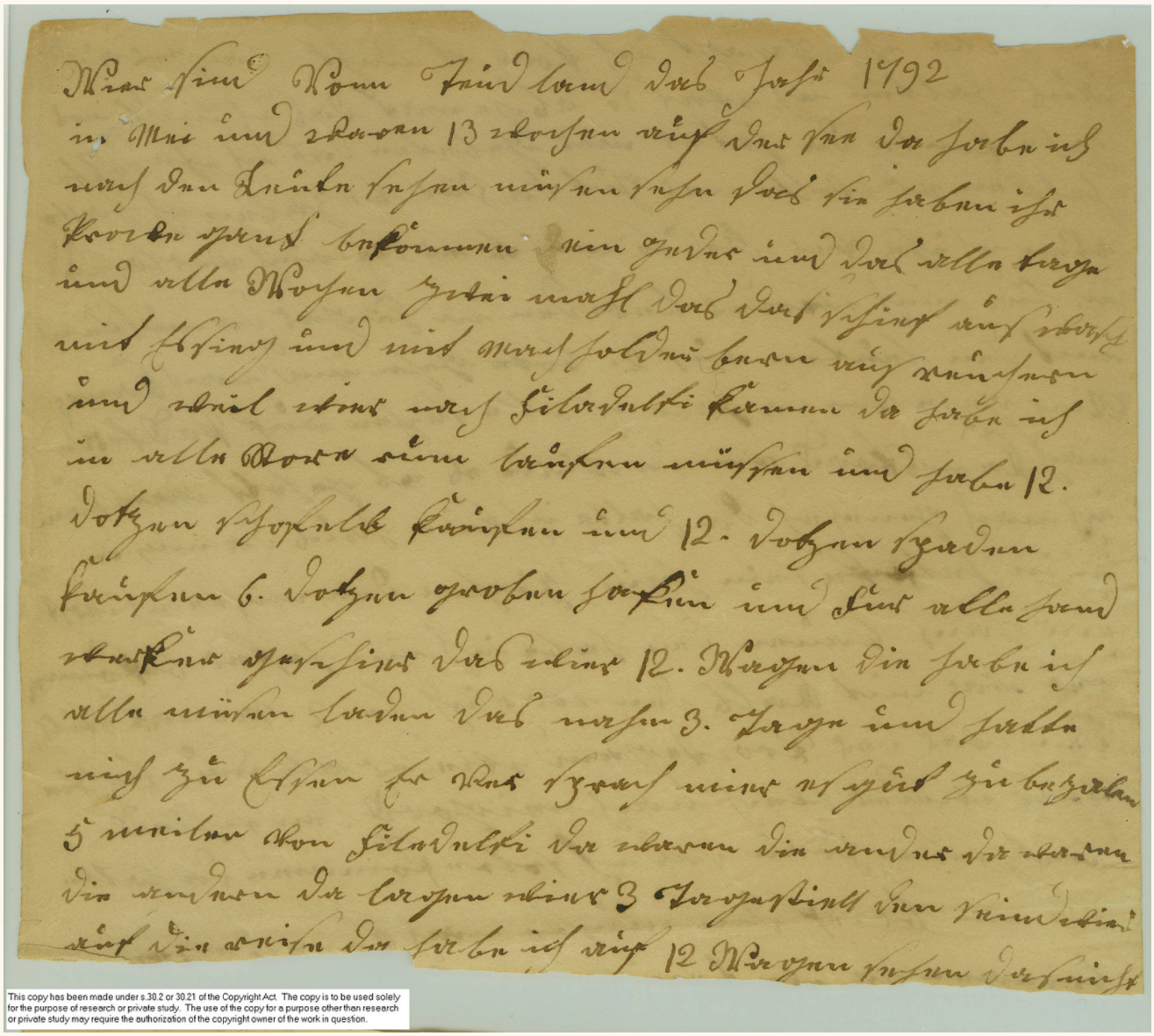
A passenger writes in German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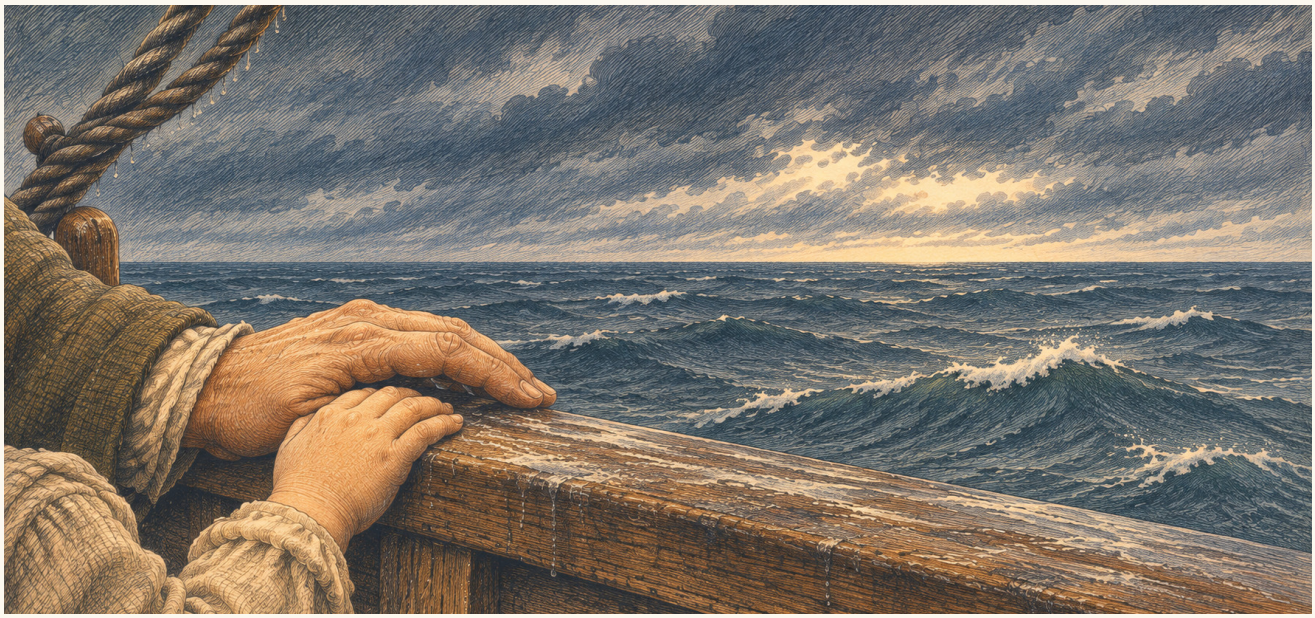
The opening in German of John Henry Sommerfeldt's recollection. Its English translation is reproduced elsewhere in the album.

John Henry Sommerfeldt, diary, c. 1794, p. 1 part a. Markham Museum.

Crossing the Atlantic





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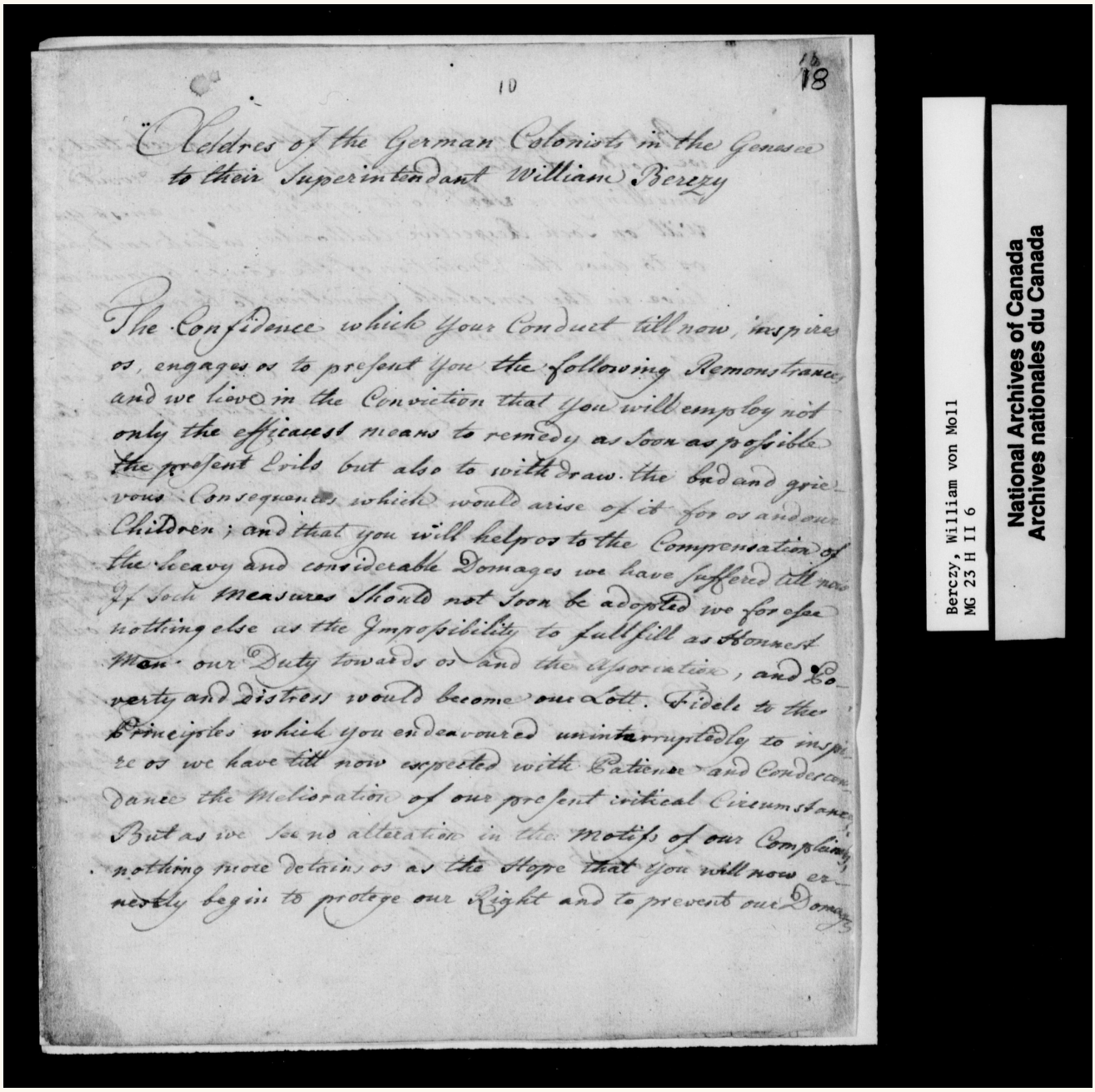
The settlers' petition in English



The German settlers described their grievances in a collective appeal to William Berczy on August 6, 1793. This is the first page of the English version.

William von Moll Berczy fonds, Library and Archives Canada, MG 23 H II 6, manuscript p. 18, reel H-2298, frame 62. Digitized by Canadiana.

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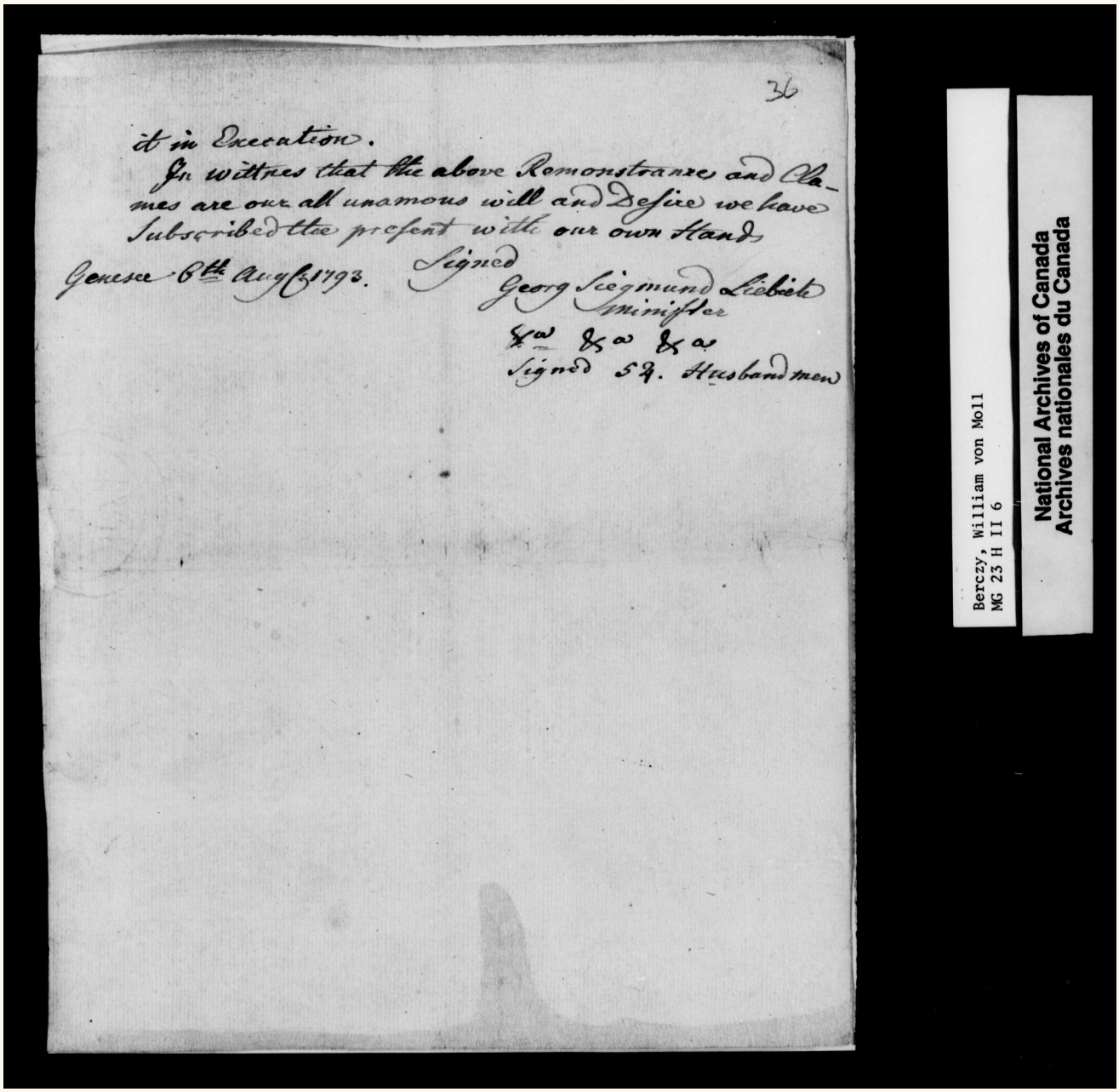

Genesee, August 6, 1793. The English version ends with the minister's name and the settlers' statement that they subscribed the appeal "with our own Hands." The individual names appear with the German version.

William von Moll Berczy fonds, Library and Archives Canada, MG 23 H II 6, manuscript p. 36, reel H-2298, frame 83. Digitized by Canadiana.

Philip's log house during restoration



Philip Eckardt Sr.'s log house during restoration in Upper Unionville, Ontario, April 27, 2019.

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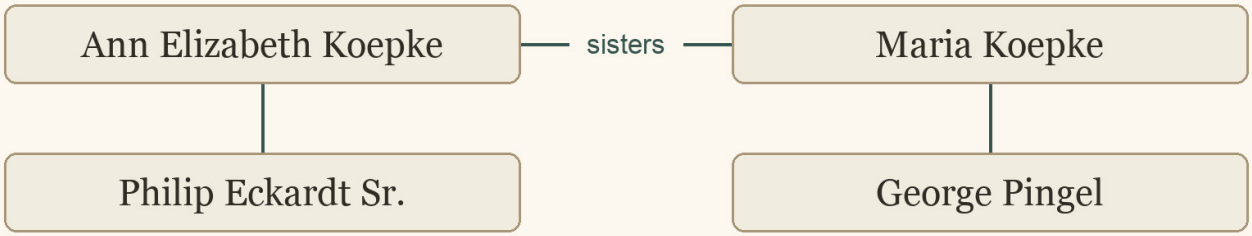
Anna Elizabeth and Maria, the two sisters



Ann Elizabeth Koepke married Philip Eckardt Sr. Her sister Maria married George Pingel. The evidence still leaves open the identity of Philip Jr.'s birth mother.

Graphic from Joseph's edited family manuscript. Names come from the family and cited records.

The four-chimney brick farmhouse



Philip Eckardt Jr. and Susannah Hegler's brick farmhouse at 60 Meadowbrook Lane in Unionville. The city dates its construction to about 1845. The light-colored walls in this later photograph show the stucco applied in the 1950s.

City of Markham, Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, property 913000. The photograph carries no photographer or capture date.

The four-chimney brick farmhouse

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Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Address:	60 MEADOWBROOK LANE
Original Address:	23 Meadowbrook Lane
Property Legal Description:	CON 6 PT LT 10 65R18699 PTS 2 & 3
Historical Name:	Phillip Eckardt Jr. House
Heritage Conservation District:	
Ward:	3
Year Built:	c. 1845
Architect Style:	Georgian Tradition
Heritage Status of Property:	Part IV (Individual)
Designation Bylaw:	
Heritage Easement Agreement:	No

History Description

Philip Eckardt, one of the original Berczy settlers, lived in a hewn log house on the hill overlooking Unionville. His farm is now part of the Upper Unionville community. He was a prosperous farmer who owned a large amount of property in Markham Township. In 1827, he purchased Lot 10, Concession 6, a township lot that was granted to William Berczy himself. The west 100 acres were deeded to Philip Eckardt Jr., one of Philip Eckardt's sons. Philip Eckardt Jr. and his wife Susannah Hegler established a farm here and by the mid-1840s constructed a one and a half storey brick house which still stands on its original site at the end of Meadowbrook Lane. One of their children, Thomas Philip Eckardt, became a medical doctor and was a prominent resident of Unionville. The farm later passed to Edward Eckardt who sold to John Davison, a local merchant, in 1883. An archival photograph shows the house with four gable-end chimneys. In the 1950s the Greenhough family stuccoed the old brick house, which they owned until the 1980s.

Contemporary Photograph



Heritage Photograph

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Key Map

Please note that the yellow polygon symbol is not indicative of the actual heritage area and is only meant to highlight the property the heritage building(s) is located at. For a complete description of the actual heritage property please refer to the Designation Bylaw found above.

The City of Markham's property entry for 60 Meadowbrook Lane, with its historical description and contemporary photograph. The separate heritage-photograph field in this version of the register is empty.

City of Markham, property 913000. Print view of the static entry and photograph; the original linked web page also has an interactive map.

Markham designates the house

NOTICE
Designation of a Property / Ontario Heritage Act

In accordance with Section 29 (8) of the Ontario Heritage Act, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Markham, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 passed the following by-law to designate the identified property as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The property is located in the City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York.

By-law 2024-191 — **Philip Jr. and Susannah Eckardt House**
60 Meadowbrook Lane

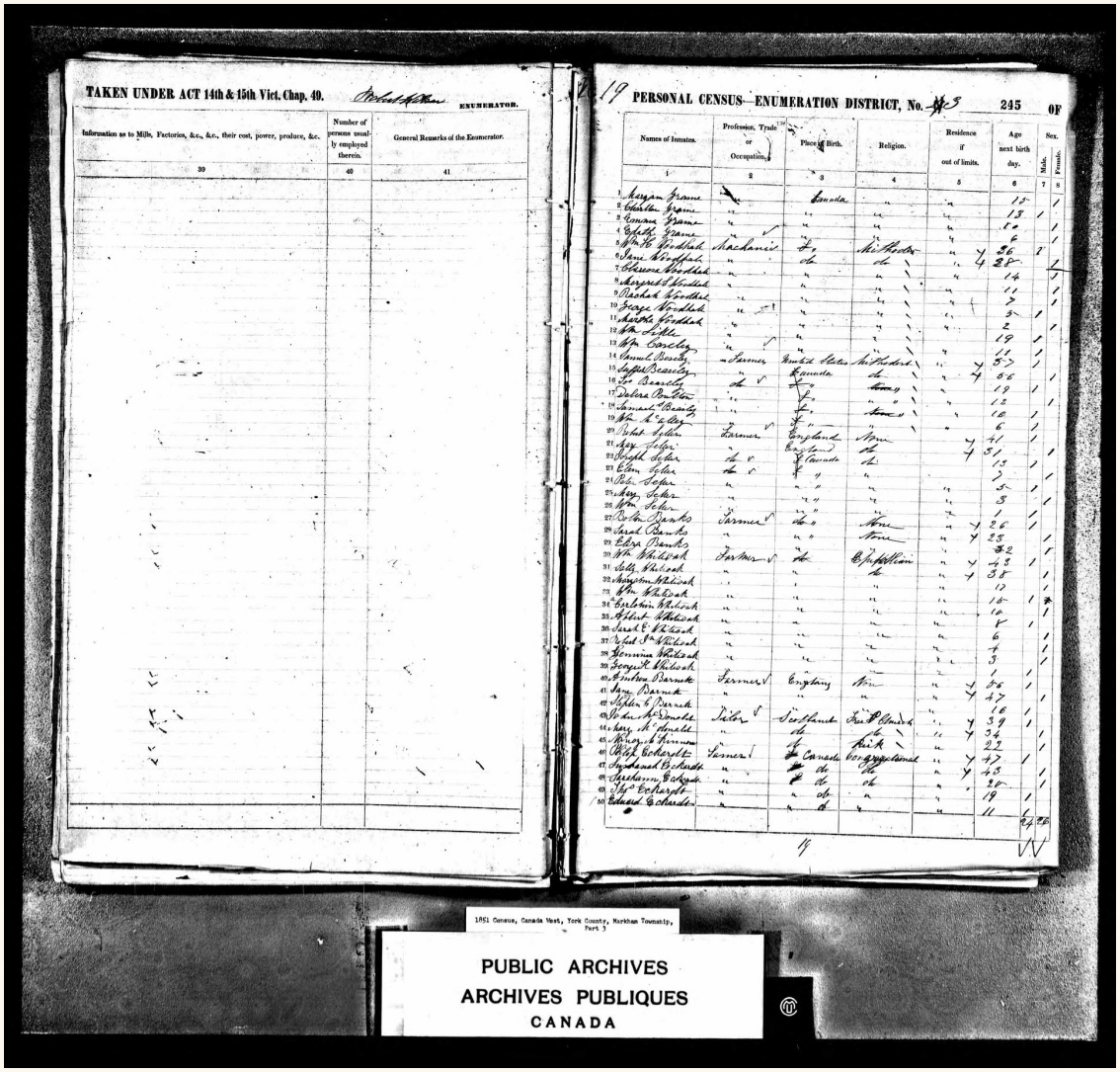
Any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the clerk of the municipality, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

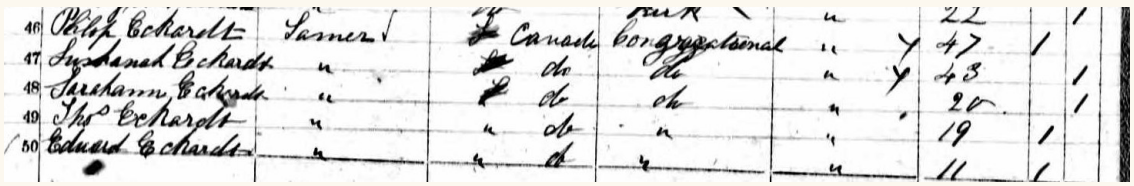
Dated at Markham this 5th day of November, 2024
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk

The complete designation notice names the Philip Jr. and Susannah Eckardt House at 60 Meadowbrook Lane. Markham council passed By-law 2024-191 on October 23, 2024; the city clerk dated this notice November 5.

City of Markham, City Clerk Kimberley Kitteringham, November 5, 2024.

Philip Jr., Susannah and their children in Markham





Philip the farmer, Susannah, Sarah Ann, Thomas and Edward occupy the final five lines. Their ages at next birthday were recorded as 47, 43, 20, 19 and 11.

Library and Archives Canada, 1851 census, Canada West, York County, Markham Township, part 3, reel C-11759, schedule A, p. 245, lines 46–50, image e002374366. Via Ancestry.

Brick farmhouse roofline



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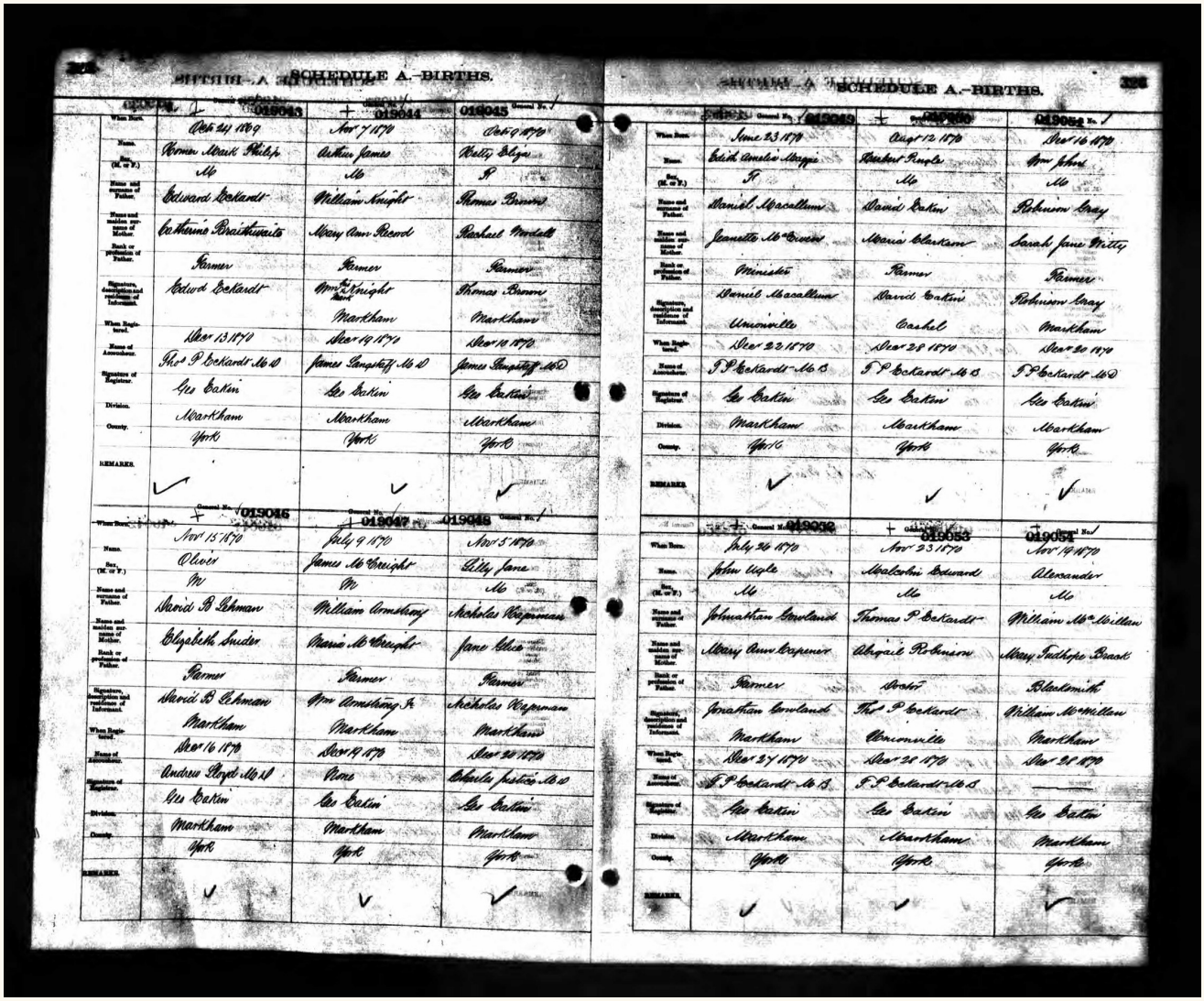
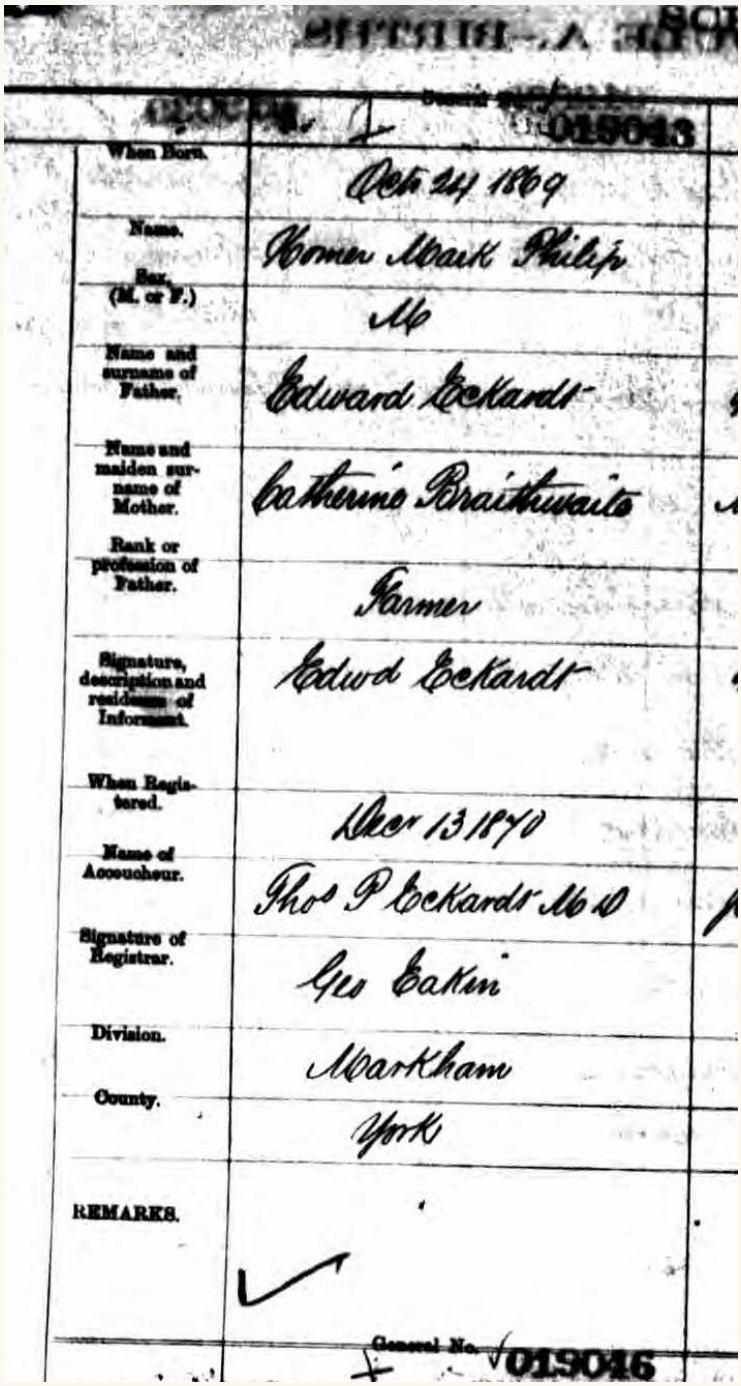
Homer’s birth and the physician’s name



Homer Mark Philip Eckardt, born October 24, 1869, appears at the upper left. Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite are named as his parents. His father, a farmer, registered the birth on December 13, 1870.

Ontario Registrar General, Archives of Ontario. York County, Markham Township, 1870 birth register. Reel MS 929/3, frame 0778, upper-left entry. Scan via Ancestry.

Homer's birth and the physician's name



When Born.	Oct 24 1869
Name.	Homer Mark Philip
Sex. (M. or F.)	M
Name and surname of Father.	Edward Eckardt
Name and maiden surname of Mother.	Catherine Braithwaite
Rank or profession of Father.	Farmer
Signature, description and residence of Informant.	Edwd Eckardt
When Registered.	Dec 13 1870
Name of Accoucheur.	Thos P Eckardt M D
Signature of Registrar.	Geo Eakin
Division.	Markham
County.	York
REMARKS.	

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The entry records "Tho P Eckardt M D" as the attending practitioner. This is consistent with Edward's older brother Dr. Thomas Philip Eckardt.

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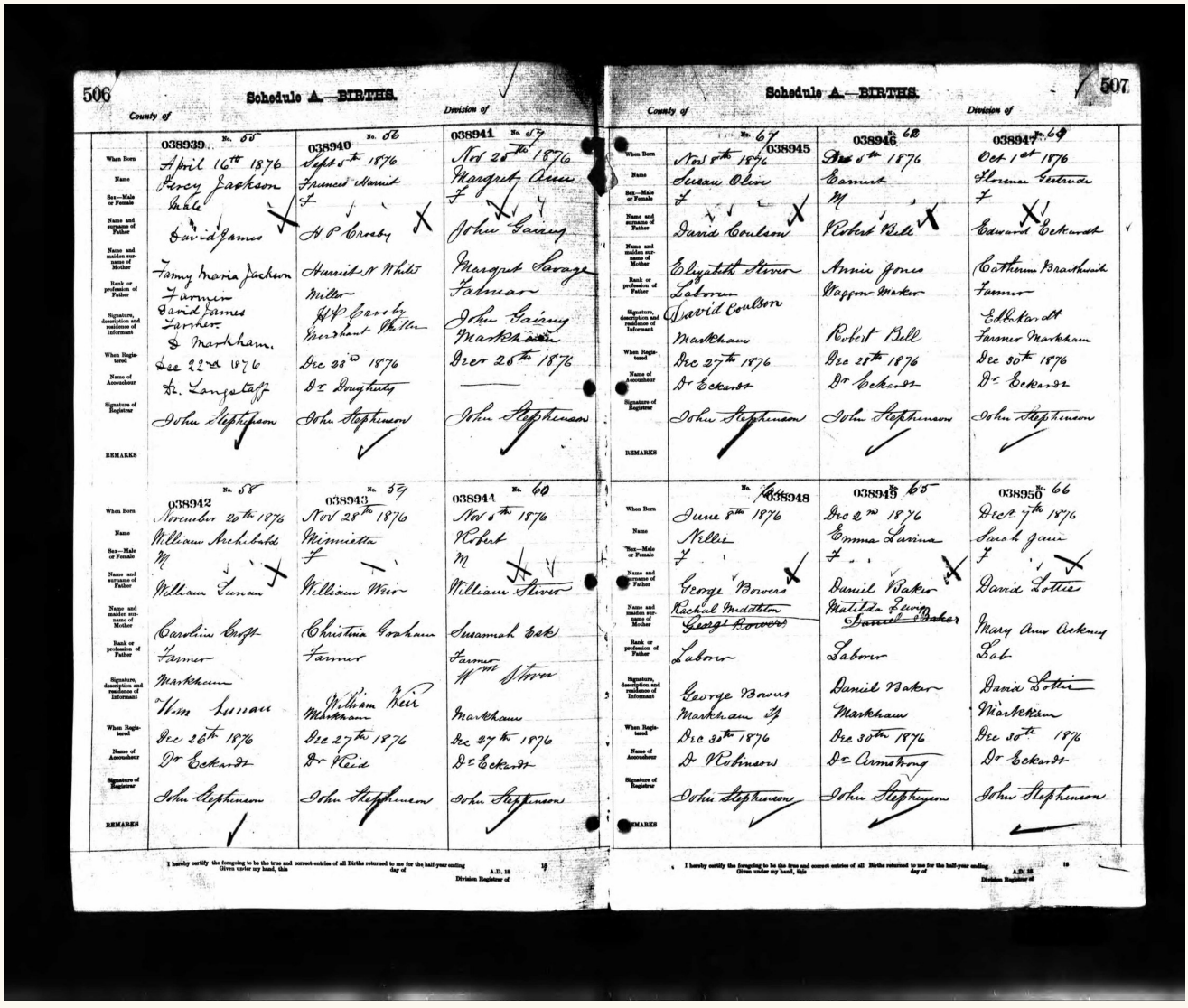
Florence's birth and her father's work



506 Schedule A.—BIRTHS. 507

The October 1, 1876 birth entry for Florence Gertrude names Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite and describes Edward as a Markham farmer.

Archives of Ontario, via Ancestry. 1876, Markham Township, Schedule A, p. 507, upper-right entry 038947, MS 929, reel 27.

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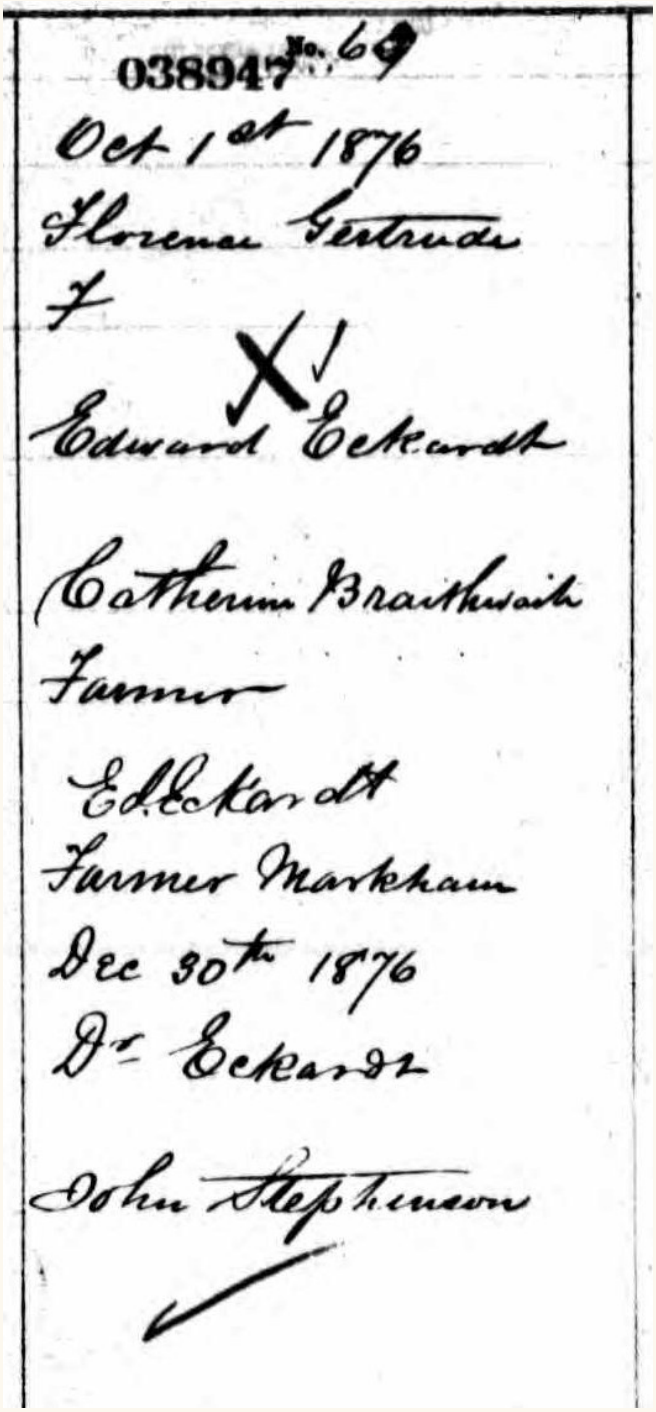
038947 No. 69
Oct 1st 1876
Florence Gertrude
F
X
Edward Eckardt
Catherine Braithwaite
Farmer
Ed Eckardt
Farmer Markham
Dec 30th 1876
Dr Eckardt
John Stephenson

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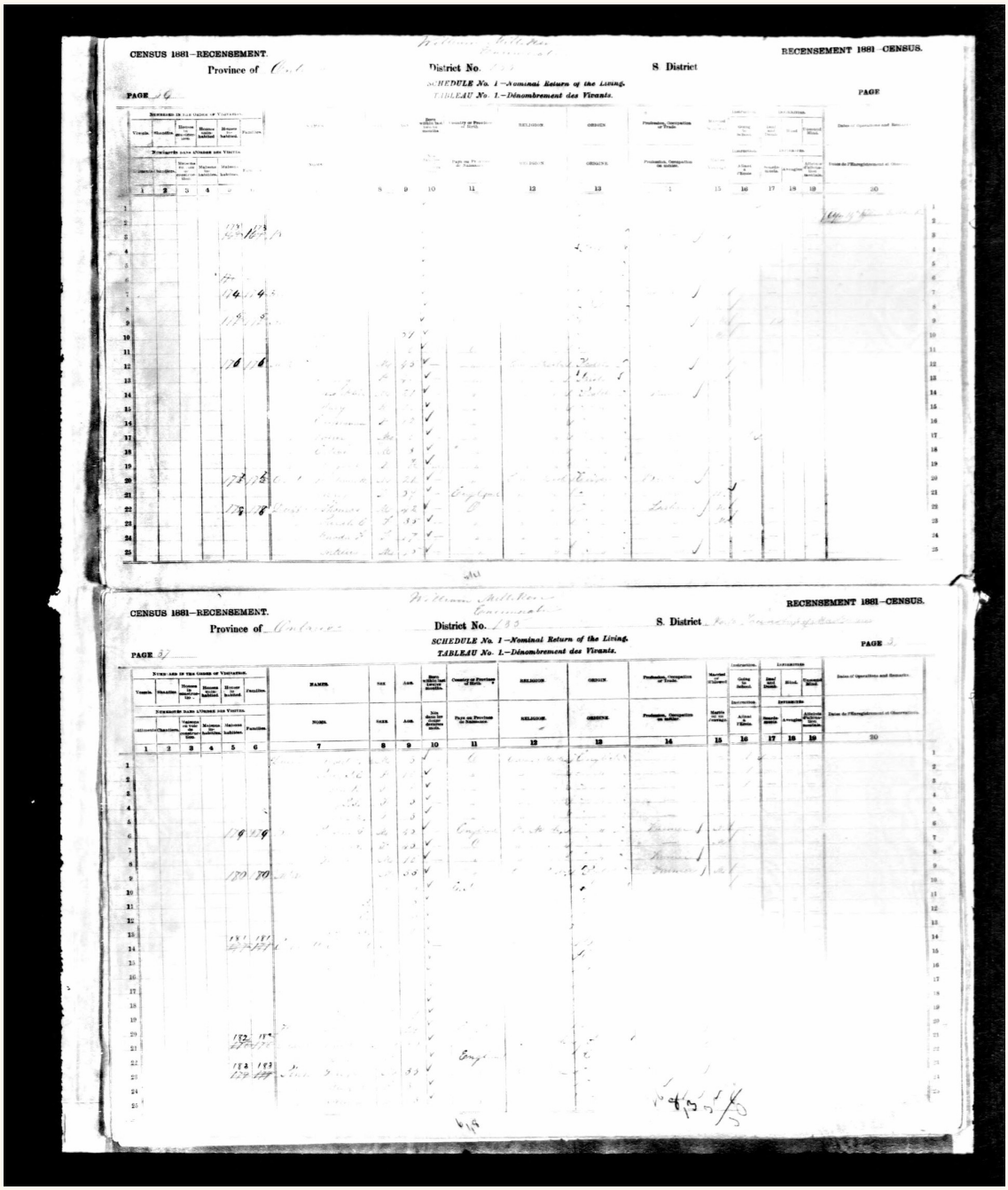
Edward and Catherine's household, 1881



Edward and Catherine Eckardt's Markham household in 1881. Homer, Clarence, Gertrude and Maude appear together. Thomas Harris, an English-born labourer, follows on the next line.

Library and Archives Canada, 1881 Census, York East, district 135, Markham subdistrict C, division 3, page 37, household 181, lines 14–20, RG31-C-1, reel C-13248. Scan via Ancestry, frame 00428.

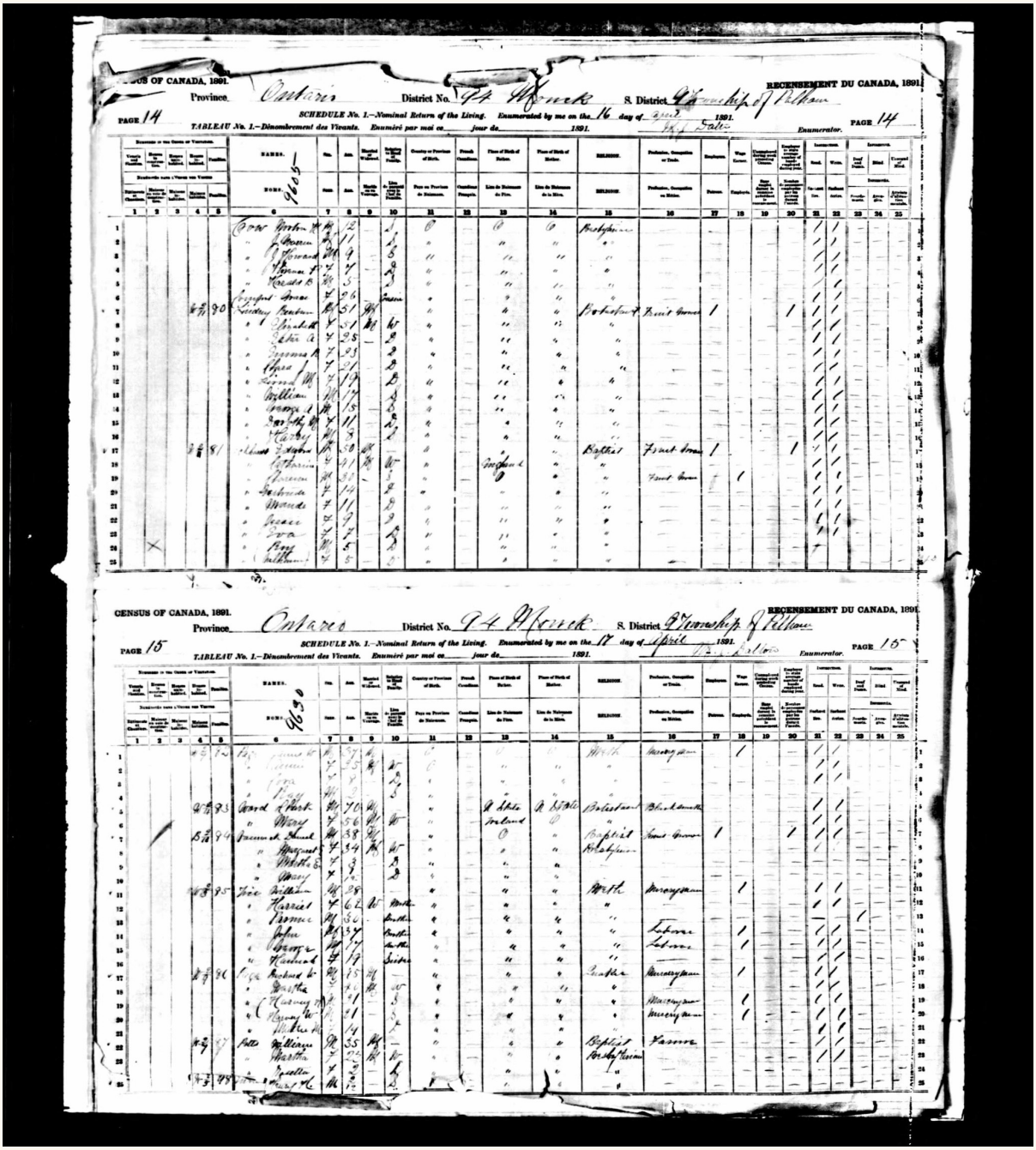
Edward and Catherine’s household, 1881



The lower leaf, page 37, contains household 181 on lines 14–20. The indexed record places Edward and Catherine and their children Homer, Clarence, Gertrude and Maude together. Much of the handwriting in this scan is too pale to verify letter by letter. Contrast has been increased for this detail.

Library and Archives Canada, 1881 Census, York East, district 135, Markham subdistrict C, division 3, page 37, household 181, lines 14–20, RG31-C-1, reel C-13248. Scan via Ancestry, frame 00428.

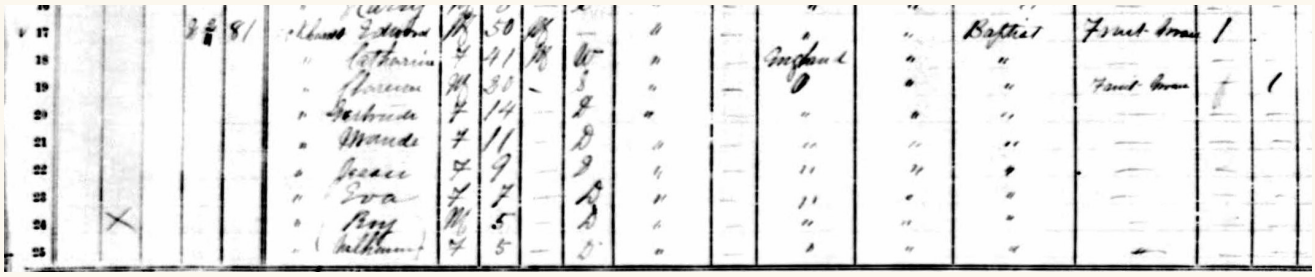
Edward and Catherine’s household, 1891



Edward and Catherine’s 1891 census entry in Pelham, on the upper sheet. Edward is recorded as a fruit grower. The household includes Gertrude, Maude, Jessie and Eva. Several other entries are faint or ambiguous.

Library and Archives Canada, 1891 Census, Monck district 94, Pelham subdistrict G, page 14, household 81, lines 17–25, enumerated 16 April 1891, RG31-C-1, reel T-6354. Scan via Ancestry, frame 00351.

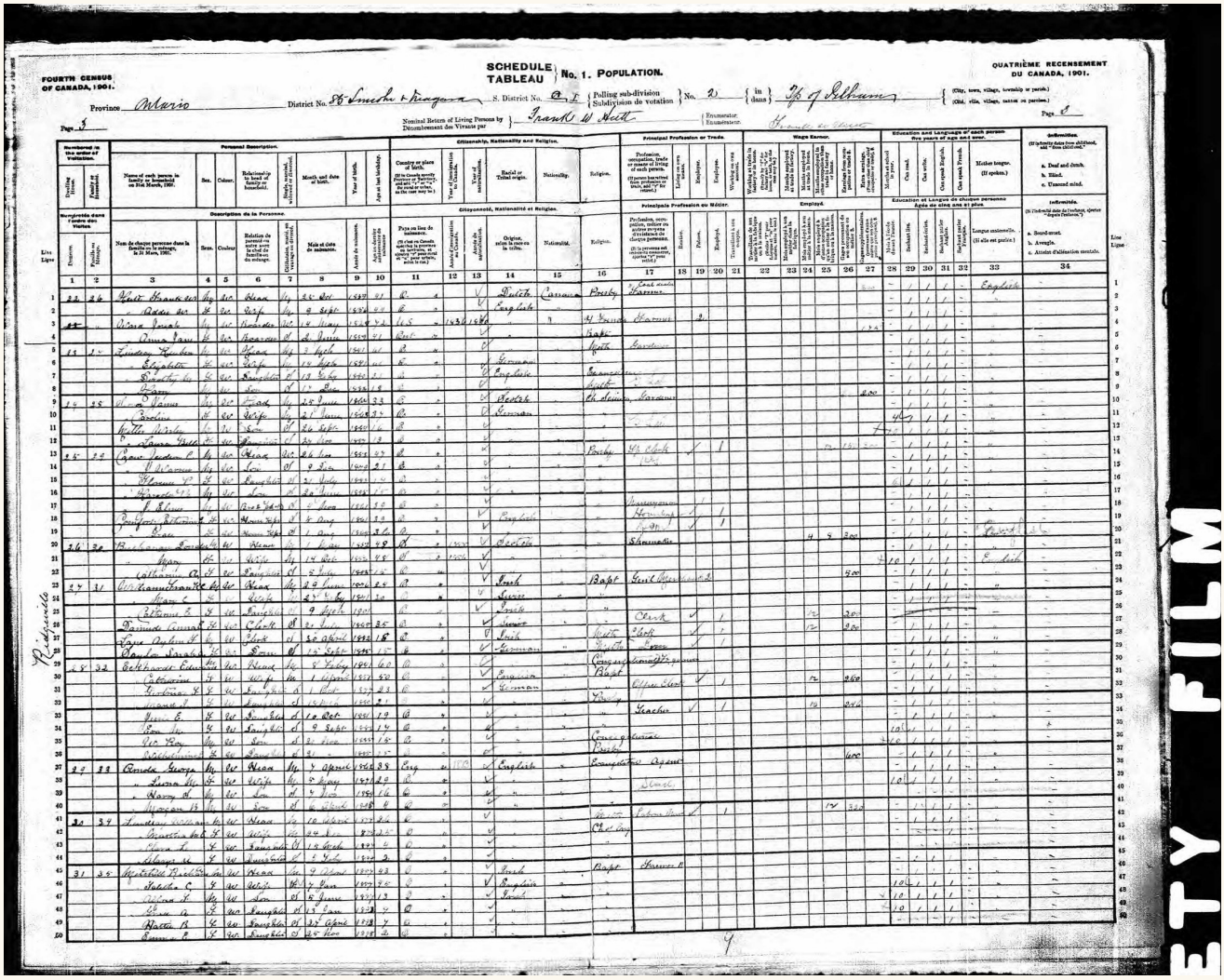
Edward and Catherine's household, 1891



On the upper leaf, page 14, Edward and his wife Catherine appear at the head of household 81. His occupation is entered as fruit grower at the right. Gertrude, Maude, Jessie and Eva are among the children on the lines below.

Library and Archives Canada, 1891 Census, Monck district 94, Pelham subdistrict G, page 14, household 81, lines 17–25, enumerated 16 April 1891, RG31-C-1, reel T-6354. Scan via Ancestry, frame 00351.

Edward and Catherine's household, 1901


FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901.
SCHEDULE TABLEAU No. 1. POPULATION.
QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901.
Province Ontario
District No. 85 Lincoln + Niagara
Polling sub-division Subdivision de votation No. 2
Page 3
Page 8
Nominal Return of Living Persons by Recensement des Vivants par
Frank W Keith
Enumerator. Recenseur.
Personal Description.
Description de la Personne.
Citizenship, Nationality and Religion.
Citoyenneté, Nationalité et Religion.
Principal Profession or Trade.
Principale Profession ou Métier.
Wage Earner.
Employé.
Education and Language of each person five years of age and over.
Éducation et Langue de chaque personne âgée de cinq ans et plus.
Infirmities.
Infirmités.
Name of each person in family or household on 31st March, 1901.
Nom de chaque personne dans la famille ou le ménage, le 31 Mars, 1901.
Sex. Sexe.
Colour. Couleur.
Relationship to head of family or household.
Relation de parenté ou autre avec le chef de la famille ou du ménage.
Month and date of birth.
Mois et date de naissance.
Year of birth.
Année de naissance.
Age at last birthday.
Âge au dernier anniversaire
Country or place of birth.
Pays ou lieu de naissance.
(If born in Canada, state the province or territory. If in the United States, state "U.S." and the State, as the case may be.)
Year of immigration to Canada.
Année de l'immigration au Canada.
Racial or Tribal origin.
Origine, selon la race ou la tribu.
Nationality.
Religion.
Profession, trade, or occupation of each person 10 years of age and over.
(If person has either two professions or trades, add "P" for Primary.)
Employer.
Employé.
Working on own account.
Travaillant pour son compte.
Months employed during the year.
Mois employés pendant l'année.
Earnings during the year (Dollars only).
Gains pendant l'année (piastres seulement).
Months employed.
Mois employés.
Can read.
Sait lire.
Can write.
Sait écrire.
Can speak English.
Sait parler anglais.
Can speak French.
Sait parler français.
Mother tongue. (If spoken.)
Langue maternelle. (Si elle est parlée.)
a. Deaf and dumb.
b. Blind.
c. Unsound mind.
a. Sourd-muet.
b. Aveugle.
c. Atteint d'aliénation mentale.
Edward Keith
Catherine Keith
Gertrude Keith
W. Roy Keith
Wilhelmina E. Keith
Baptist
Methodist
Presbyterian
Anglican
Roman Catholic
Clerk
Farmer
Teacher
Engineer
Labourer
Dressmaker
English
French
Scotch
Irish
Germany
United States
Ontario
Pelham
Thorold
Niagara
Toronto
Hamilton
St Catharines
Welland
Fonthill
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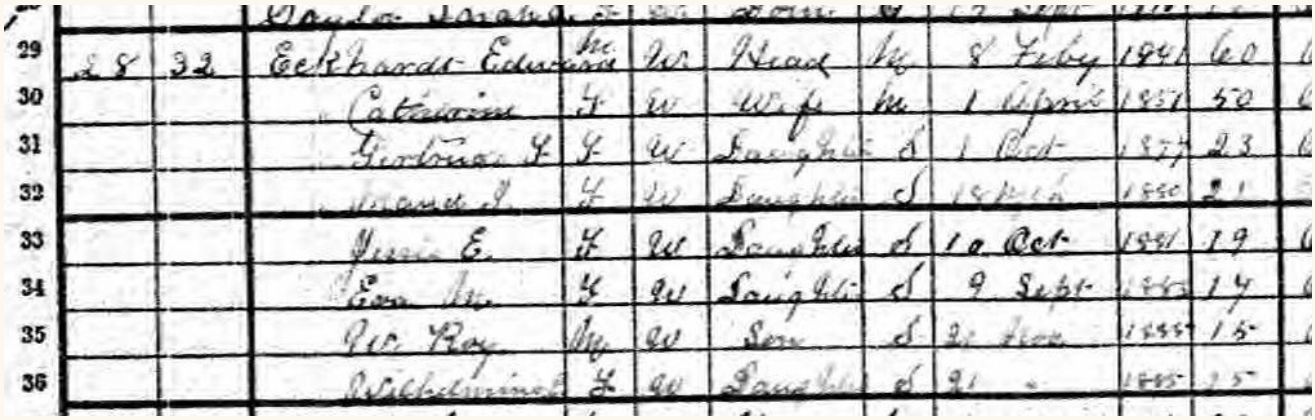
Edward and Catherine's household, 1901



Household 32 begins with Edward and Catherine and lists Gertrude among their daughters. On lines 35 and 36, W. Roy and Wilhelmina E. both appear at fifteen. The birth columns give November 21, 1885 for both, using a ditto mark for the repeated month. The 1915 births of Gertrude's own twins are shown on a later sheet.

Library and Archives Canada, Fourth Census of Canada, Lincoln and Niagara district 85, Pelham subdistrict G, polling subdivision 2, page 3, family 32, lines 29–36. Scan via Ancestry, image z000079353.

Winter shelters and Edward’s orchard





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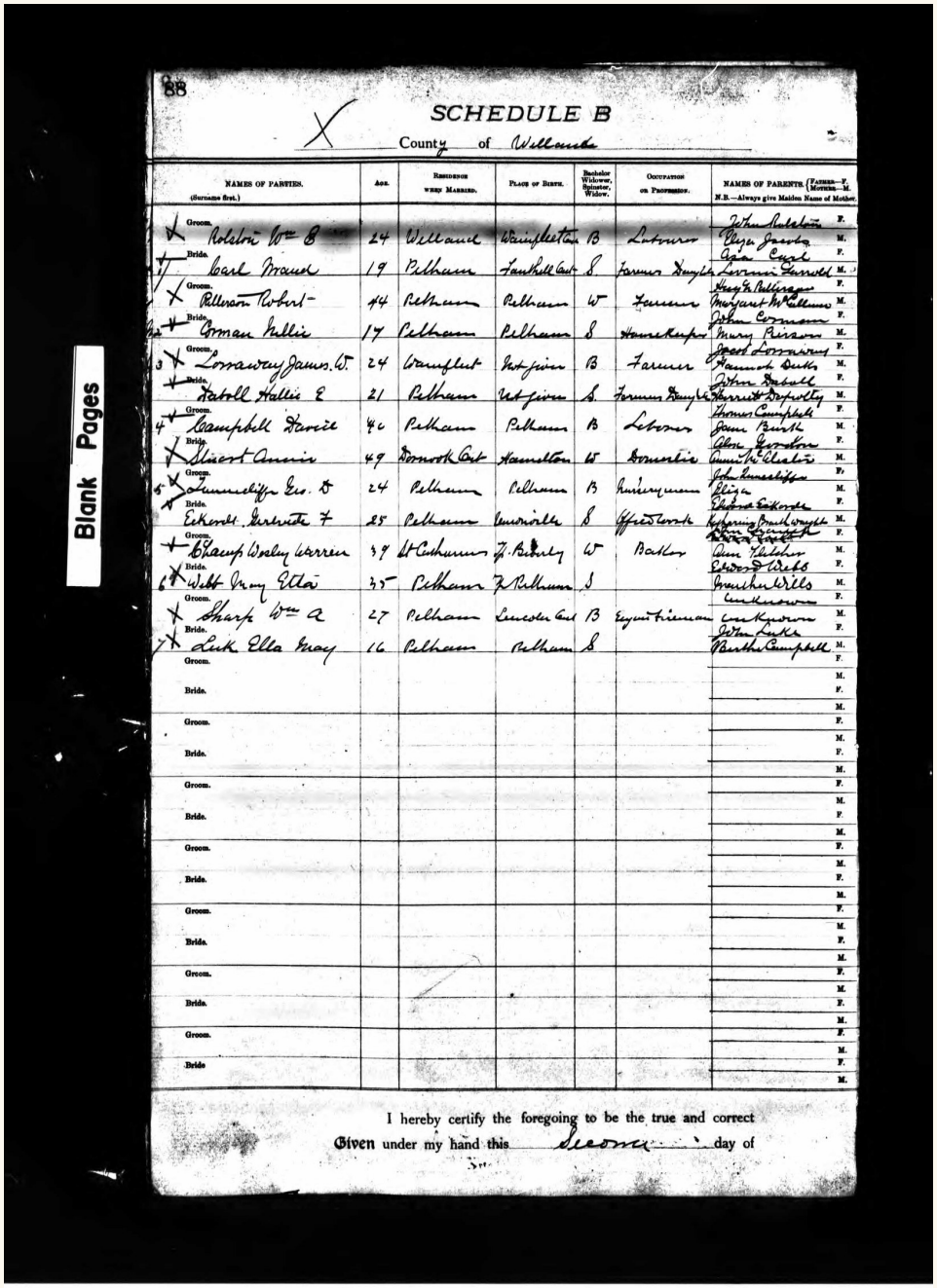
Florence and George's marriage and Eva and Maud's witness entries



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Archives of Ontario, via Ancestry. 1903, Welland County, Schedule B, p. 88, fifth couple, MS 932, reel 112.

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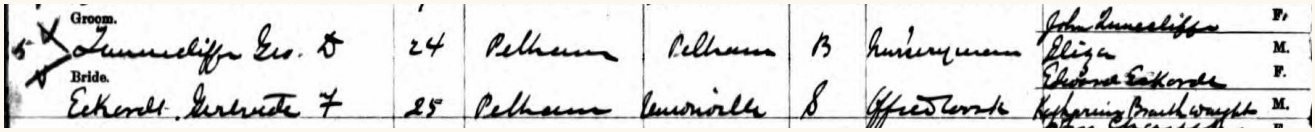

5	Groom. Tunnicliffe Geo. D	24	Pelham	Pelham	B	Nurseryman	John Tunnicliffe	F.
							Eliza	M.
	Bride. Eckardt Gertrude F	25	Pelham	Fenwick	S	Office work	Edward Eckardt	F.
							Katherine Braithwaite	M.

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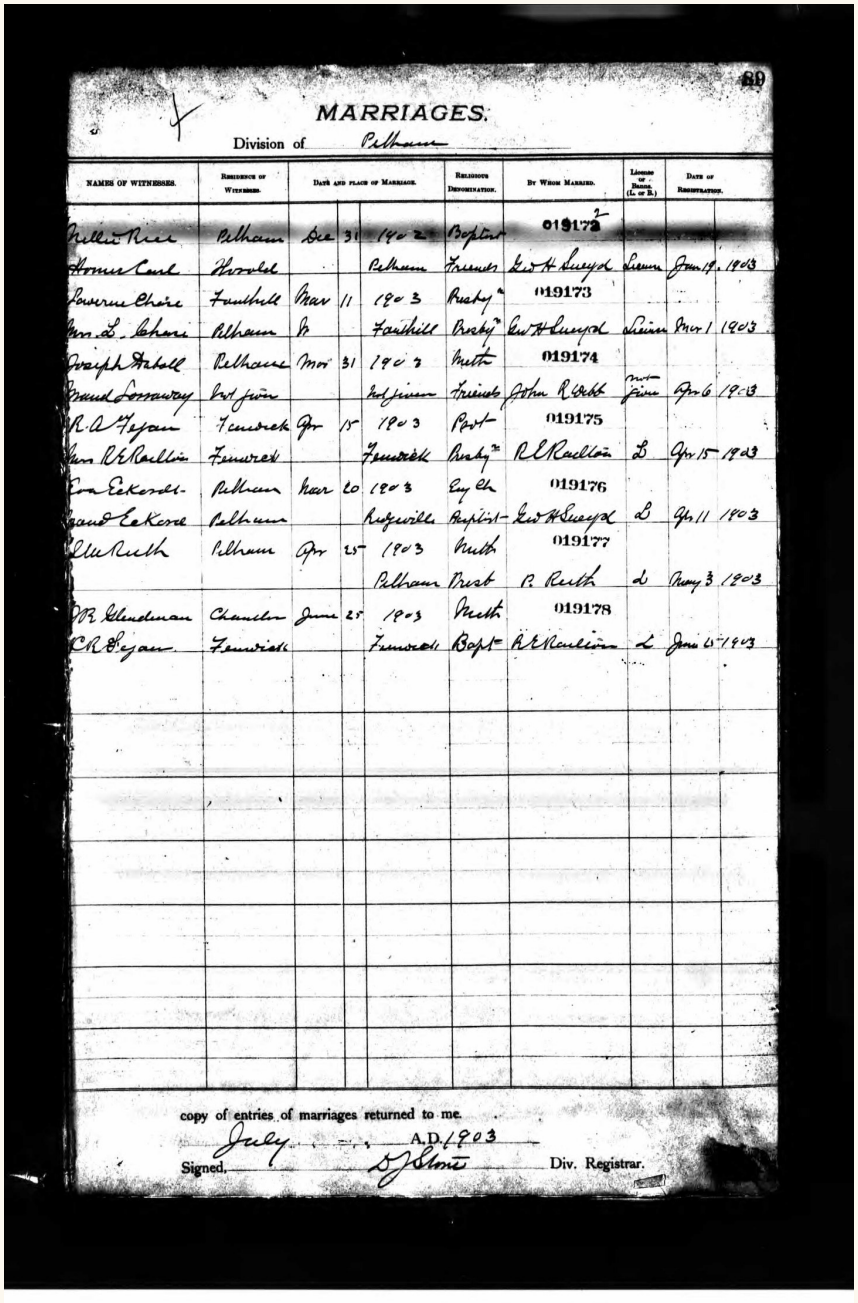

MARRIAGES.

Division of Pelham

NAMES OF WITNESSES.	RESIDENCE OF WITNESSES.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.	BY WHOM MARRIED.	LICENSE OR BANNS (L. or B.)	DATE OF REGISTRATION.
Millie Rice	Pelham	Dec 31 1902	Baptist	019172		
Homer Cook	Harold	Pelham	Friends	Ed H Smyth	Licence	Jan 19 1903
Laverne Choate	Fonthill	Mar 11 1903	Presby	019173		
Mrs L Schram	Pelham	Ft	Fonthill	Presby	Ed H Smyth	Licence	Mar 1 1903
Joseph Stobell	Pelham	Mar 31 1903	Meth	019174		
Maud Sowerby	Pelham		Friends	John R Webb	Licence	Apr 6 1903
R A Hagan	Fenwick	Apr 15 1903	Bapt	019175		
Mrs R A Redlin	Fenwick	Fenwick	Presby	R A Redlin	L	Apr 15 1903
Eva Eckardt	Pelham	Mar 20 1903	Evg Ch	019176		
Maud Eckardt	Pelham	Ridgeville	Baptist	Ed H Smyth	L	Apr 11 1903
Ella Reith	Pelham	Apr 25 1903	Meth	019177		
		Pelham	Meth	R Reith	L	May 3 1903
W J Glendenan	Chandler	June 25 1903	Meth	019178		
C R Hagan	Fenwick	Fenwick	Bapt	A A Redlin	L	June 27 1903

copy of entries of marriages returned to me.

July A.D. 1903

Signed. D J Stout Div. Registrar.

The facing page records March 20, 1903 in Ridgeville. The witnesses were Eva and Maud Eckardt of Pelham.

Archives of Ontario, via Ancestry. Marriage registration 019176, Pelham division, Welland County, Schedule B, facing p. 89, fifth couple, MS 932, reel 112.

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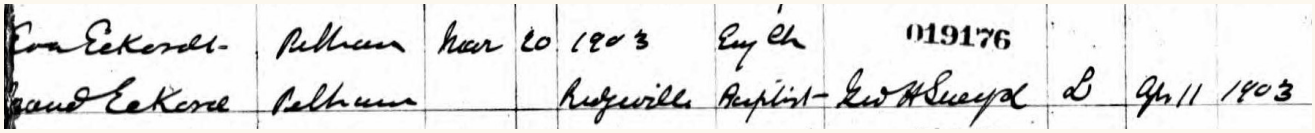

Eva Eckardt	Pelham	Maar	20	1903	Eng Ch	019176				
Maud Eckardt	Pelham			Ridgeville	Baptist	Geo H Sweyd	L	Apr 11	1903	

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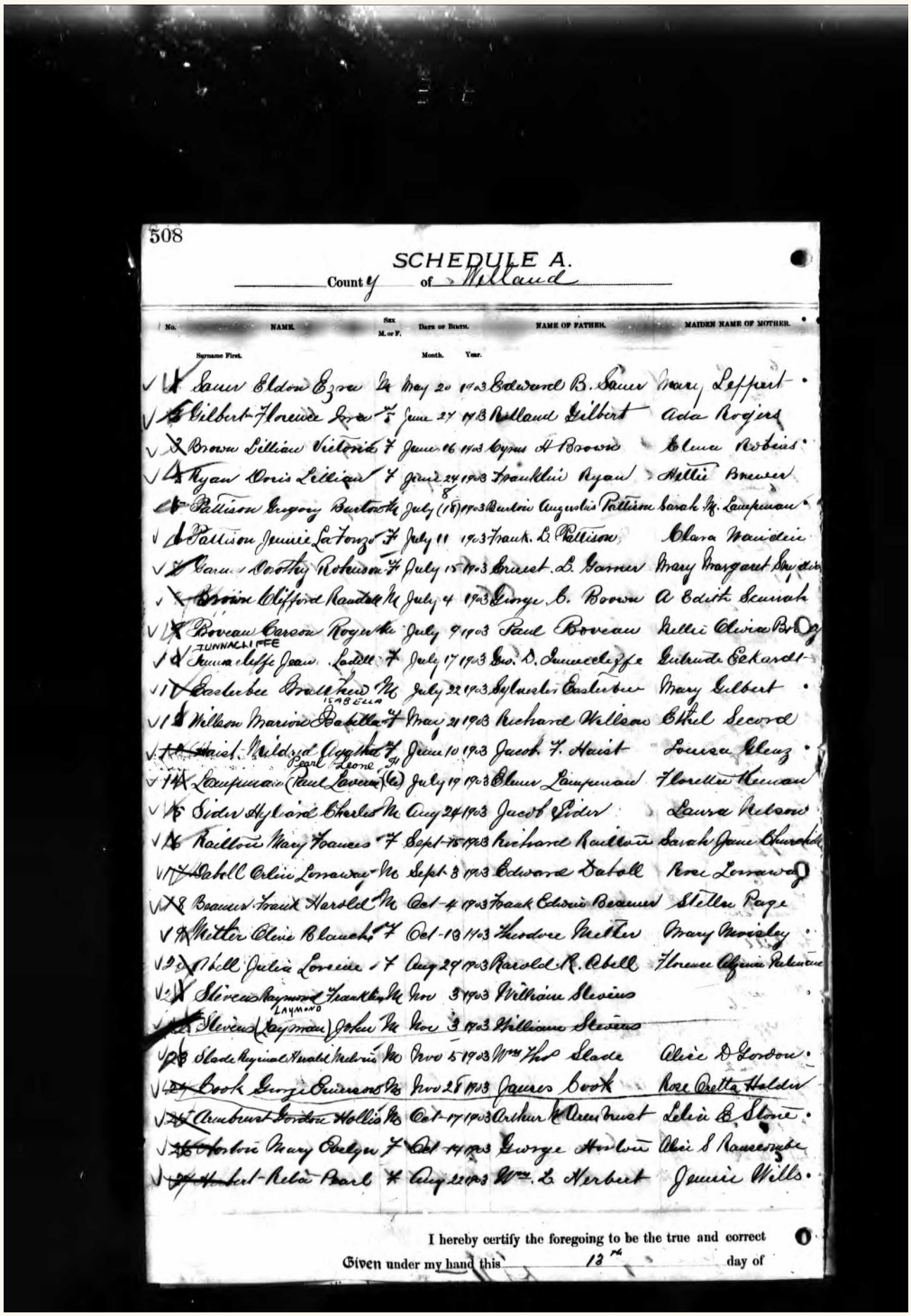
Jean Ladell's birth entry



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SCHEDULE A.

Count of Welland

No.	NAME. Surname First.	Sex M. or F.	Date of Birth. Month.	Year.	NAME OF FATHER.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.
1	Sauer Eldon Ezra	M	May 20	1903	Edward B. Sauer	Mary Leppert
2	Gilbert Florence Ina	F	June 27	1903	Rolland Gilbert	Ada Rogers
3	Brown Lillian Victoria	F	June 16	1903	Cyrus A. Brown	Elmira Robbins
4	Ryan Doris Lillian	F	June 24	1903	Franklin Ryan	Nellie Brewer
5	Pattison Gregory Bertoath	M	July (18)	1903	Burton Augustus Pattison	Sarah M. Lampman
6	Pattison Jennie Latonzo	F	July 11	1903	Frank L. Pattison	Clara Maidlow
7	Garner Dorothy Rebecca	F	July 15	1903	Ernest L. Garner	Mary Margaret Shy
8	Brown Clifford Randall	M	July 4	1903	George B. Brown	A Edith Secord
9	Boveau Carson Roy	M	July 9	1903	Paul Boveau	Nellie Olivia Bro
10	Junnacliffe Junnacliffe Jean	F	July 17	1903	Geo. D. Junnacliffe	Gertrude Eckardt
11	Easterbee Bradford	M	July 22	1903	Sylvester Easterbee	Mary Gilbert
12	Isabella Wilson Marion Isabella	F	May 21	1903	Richard Wilson	Ethel Secord
13	Haist Mildred Pearl Agatha	F	June 10	1903	Jacob F. Haist	Louisa Kleuz
14	Lampman Paul Lorne (Le)	M	July 19	1903	Elmer Lampman	Florence Keenan
15	Sider Sylvia Charles	M	Aug 24	1903	Jacob Sider	Laura Nelson
16	Raillton Mary Frances	F	Sept 15	1903	Richard Raillton	Sarah Jane Church
17	Isabell Orlin Lorraine	M	Sept 3	1903	Edward Isabell	Rose Lorraine
18	Beamer Frank Harold	M	Oct 4	1903	Frank Edson Beamer	Stella Page
19	Miller Alvie Blanche	F	Oct 13	1903	Theodore Miller	Mary Moriley
20	Abell Julia Loreine	F	Aug 24	1903	Harold R. Abell	Florence Alfonia Pelow
21	Stevens Raymond Franklin	M	Nov 3	1903	William Stevens	
22	Stevens Raymond John (Raymond)	M	Nov 3	1903	William Stevens	
23	Slade Ryerse Ronald Melvin	M	Nov 5	1903	Wm. Thos Slade	Alice D Gordon
24	Cook George Emerson	M	Nov 25	1903	James Cook	Rose Retta Holden
25	Armbruster Gordon Hollis	M	Oct 17	1903	Arthur M Armbruster	Lelia B Stone
26	Gordon Mary Evelyn	F	Oct 14	1903	George Gordon	Alice S Ramsey
27	Herbert Reba Pearl	F	Aug 22	1903	Wm. E Herbert	Jennie Wells

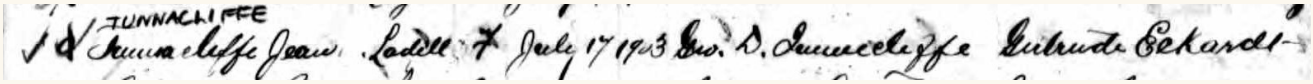
I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct

Given under my hand this 13th day of

Jean Ladell, born July 17, 1903. The entry names George D. and Gertrude Eckardt.

Archives of Ontario, via Ancestry. 1903, Welland County, Schedule A, p. 508, tenth entry, MS 929, reel 166.

Jean Ladell's birth entry



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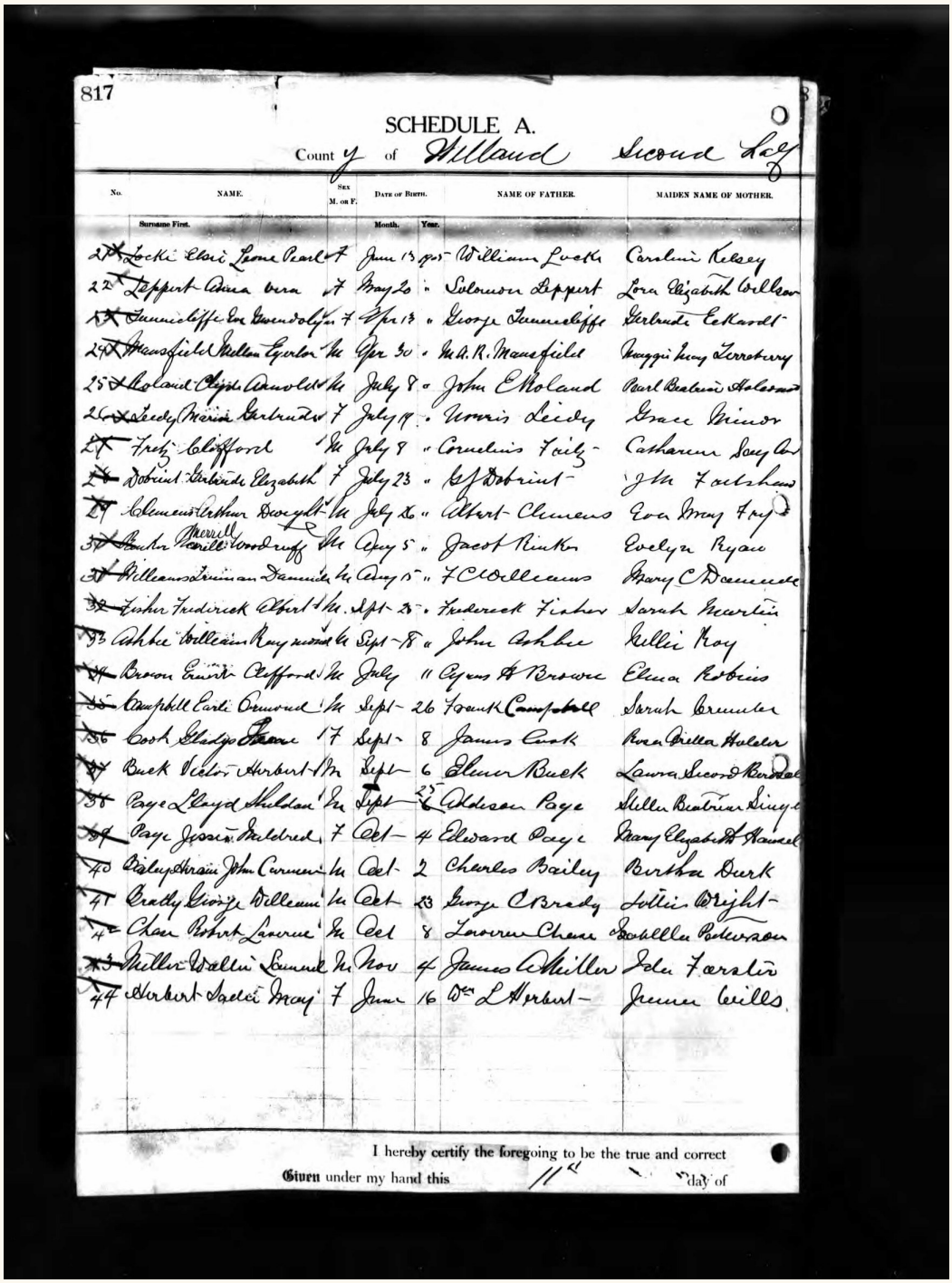

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SCHEDULE A.

Count of Willand Second Lot

No.	NAME. Surname First.	Sex M. or F.	Date of Birth. Month.	Year.	NAME OF FATHER.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.
21	Locke Clara Leone Pearl	F	June 13	1905	William Locke	Caroline Kelsey
22	Leppert Anna Vera	F	May 20	"	Solomon Leppert	Lora Elizabeth Wilson
23	Tunnicliffe Eve Gwendolyn	F	Apr 13	"	George Tunnicliffe	Gertrude Eckardt
24	Mansfield Milton Gordon	M	Apr 30	"	W.A.R. Mansfield	Maggie Mary Tewsbury
25	Roland Clyde Arnold	M	July 8	"	John E Roland	Pearl Belmira Anderson
26	Leedy Marion Gertrude	F	July 19	"	Norris Leedy	Grace Minor
27	Frey Clifford	M	July 9	"	Cornelius Frey	Catharine Seyler
28	Dobrint Gertrude Elizabeth	F	July 23	"	W J Dobrint	Ida Faulkner
29	Clemens Arthur Dwight	M	July 26	"	Albert Clemens	Eva Mary Fry
30	Merrill Woodruff	M	Aug 5	"	Jacob Rinker	Evelyn Ryan
31	Williams Jerriman Dominick	M	Aug 15	"	J C Williams	Mary C Desmond
32	Fisher Frederick Albert	M	Sept 25	"	Frederick Fisher	Sarah Swartz
33	Ashbee William Raymond	M	Sept 8	"	John Ashbee	Nellie Roy
34	Brown Emily Clifford	F	July 11	"	Agnes A Brower	Elma Robbins
35	Campbell Carl Osmond	M	Sept 26	"	Frank Campbell	Sarah Brunner
36	Cook Gladys Pearl	F	Sept 8	"	James Cook	Rose Della Hulsler
37	Buck Victor Herbert	M	Sept 6	"	Elmer Buck	Laura Secord Rundle
38	Page Lloyd Sheldon	M	Sept 25	"	Addison Page	Nellie Beatrice Singer
39	Page Jessie Mildred	F	Oct 4	"	Edward Page	Mary Elizabeth Hamel
40	Bailey Abram John Clarence	M	Oct 2	"	Charles Bailey	Bertha Burk
41	Brady George Wilbert	M	Oct 23	"	George C Brady	Nellie Wright
42	Chase Robert Laverne	M	Oct 8	"	Laverne Chase	Isabella Robinson
43	Miller Walter Samuel	M	Nov 4	"	James A Miller	Ida Forster
44	Herbert Isabel Mary	F	June 16	"	Wm L Herbert	Jennie Wells

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct

Given under my hand this 11th day of

The third entry on this page gives Eve Gwendolyn's birth on April 13, 1905, and names George Tunnicliffe and Gertrude Eckardt.

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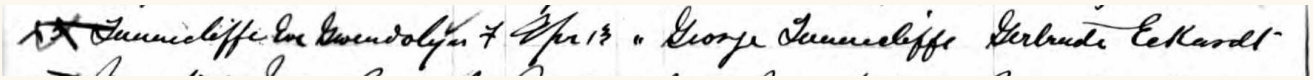
Eve Gwendolyn's birth entry



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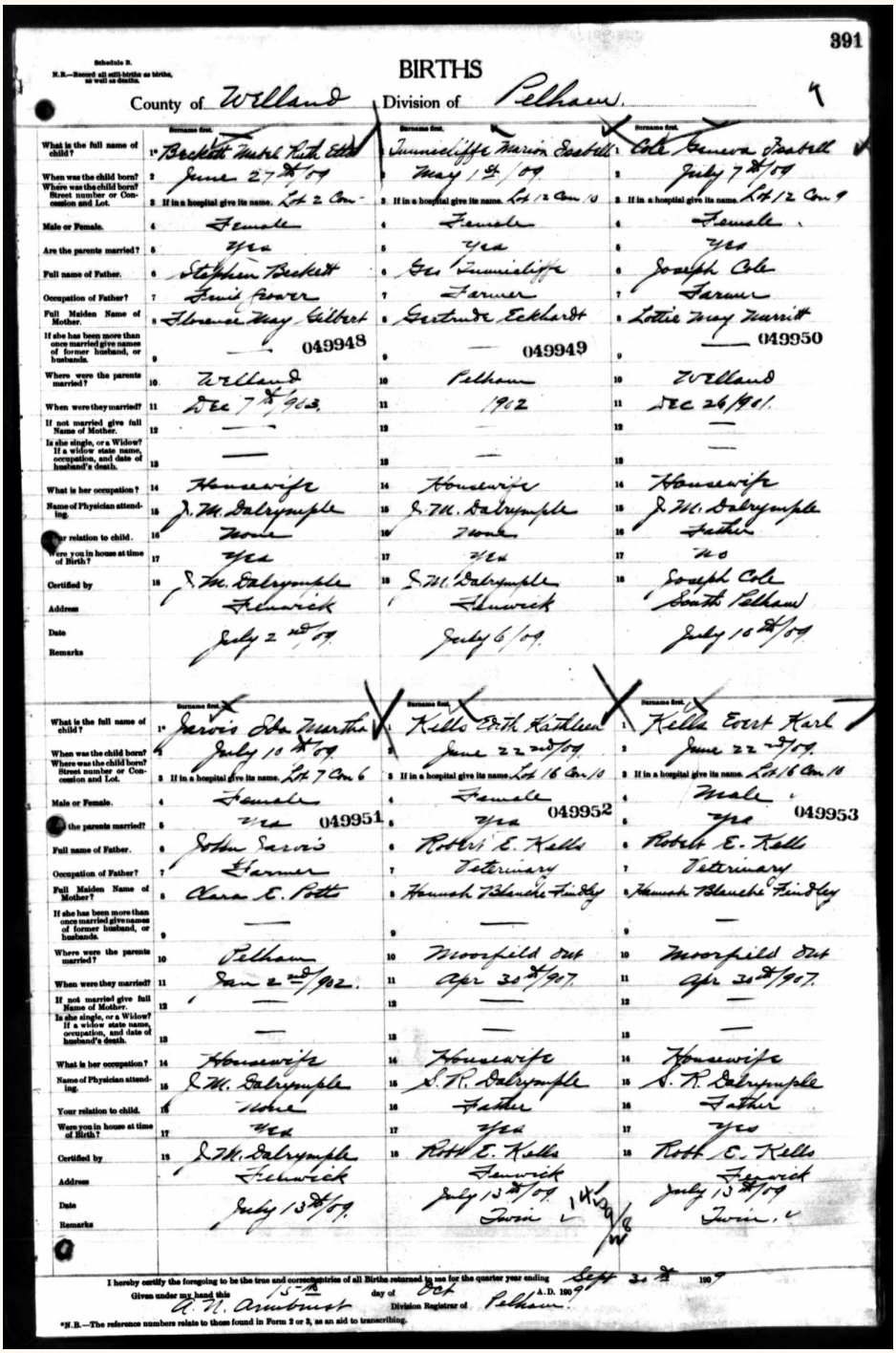
Marion's birth entry



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Schedule B.

N.B.—Record all still-births as births, as well as deaths.

BIRTHS

County of Welland Division of Pelham

		Surname first.	Surname first.	Surname first.
What is the full name of child?	1*	Beckett Mabel Ruth Ethel	Tunnicliffe Marion Estabell	Cole Geneva Isabell
When was the child born?	2	June 27th 09	May 1st 09	July 7th 09
Where was the child born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	3	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 2 Con -	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 12 Con 10	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 12 Con 9
Male or Female.	4	Female	Female	Female
Are the parents married?	5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full name of Father.	6	Stephen Beckett	Geo Tunnicliffe	Joseph Cole
Occupation of Father?	7	Sand Shaver	Farmer	Farmer
Full Maiden Name of Mother.	8	Eleanor May Gilbert	Gertrude Eckhardt	Lottie May Merritt
If she has been more than once married give names of former husband, or husbands.	9	— 049948	— 049949	— 049950
Where were the parents married?	10	Welland	Pelham	Welland
When were they married?	11	Dec 7th 03.	1902	Dec 26/01
If not married give full Name of Mother.	12	—	—	—
Is she single, or a Widow? If a widow state name, occupation, and date of husband's death.	13	—	—	—
What is her occupation?	14	Housewife	Housewife	Housewife
Name of Physician attending.	15	J. M. Dalrymple	J. M. Dalrymple	J. M. Dalrymple
Your relation to child.	16	Mother	Mother	Father
Were you in house at time of Birth?	17	Yes	Yes	No
Certified by	18	J. M. Dalrymple Fenwick	J. M. Dalrymple Fenwick	Joseph Cole South Pelham
Address				
Date		July 2nd 09	July 6/09	July 10th/09
Remarks				

		Surname first.	Surname first.	Surname first.
What is the full name of child?	1*	Jarvis John Martha	Kells Edith Kathleen	Kells Evert Karl
When was the child born?	2	July 10th 09	June 22nd 09	June 22nd 09.
Where was the child born? Street number or Concession and Lot.	3	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 7 Con 6	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 16 Con 10	If in a hospital give its name. Lot 16 Con 10
Male or Female.	4	Female	Female 049952	Male 049953
Are the parents married?	5	Yes 049951	Yes	Yes
Full name of Father.	6	John Jarvis	Robert E. Kells	Robert E. Kells
Occupation of Father?	7	Farmer	Veterinary	Veterinary
Full Maiden Name of Mother?	8	Clara E. Potts	Hannah Blanche Findley	Hannah Blanche Findley
If she has been more than once married give names of former husband, or husbands.	9	—	—	—
Where were the parents married?	10	Pelham	Moorefield Ont	Moorefield Ont
When were they married?	11	Jan 2nd/02.	Apr 30th/07	Apr 30th/07
If not married give full Name of Mother.	12	—	—	—
Is she single, or a Widow? If a widow state name, occupation, and date of husband's death.	13	—	—	—
What is her occupation?	14	Housewife	Housewife	Housewife
Name of Physician attending.	15	J. M. Dalrymple	J. R. Dalrymple	J. R. Dalrymple
Your relation to child.	16	Mother	Father	Father
Were you in house at time of Birth?	17	Yes	Yes	Yes
Certified by	18	J. M. Dalrymple Fenwick	Robt E. Kells Fenwick	Robt E. Kells Fenwick
Address				
Date		July 13th/09	July 13th/09	July 13th/09
Remarks			Twin	Twin.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Births returned to me for the quarter year ending Sept 30th 1909

Given under my hand this 15th day of Oct A.D. 1909

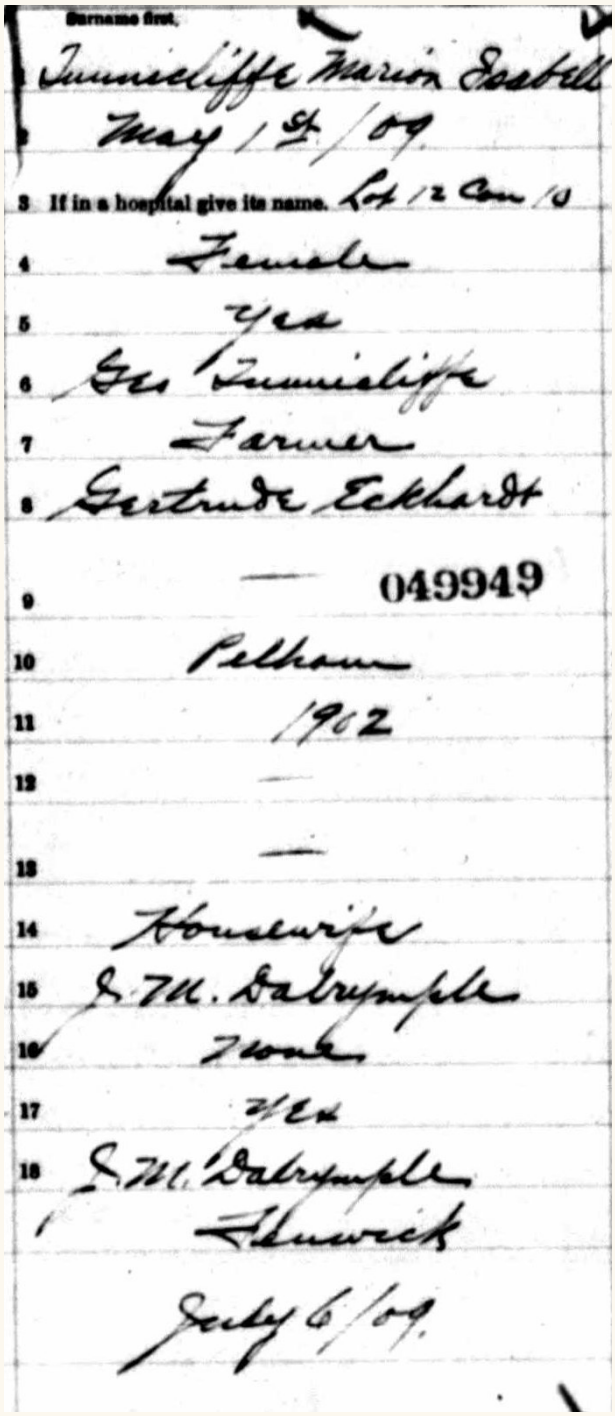
A. H. Armbrust Division Registrar of Pelham.

*N.B.—The reference numbers relate to those found in Form 2 or 3, as an aid to transcribing.

The upper-middle column records Marion's birth on May 1, 1909 to George Tunnicliffe and Gertrude Eckardt in Pelham. George is described as a farmer.

Archives of Ontario, via Ancestry. 1909, Pelham, Welland County, birth register p. 391, upper middle, no. 049949.

Marion's birth entry


Surname first.
Tunnicliffe Marion Isabell
May 1st 09
If in a hospital give its name. Lot 12 Con 10
Female
Yes
Geo Tunnicliffe
Farmer
Gertrude Eckhardt
049949
Pelham
1902
Housewife
J. M. Dalrymple
Yes
J. M. Dalrymple
Fenwick
July 6/09.

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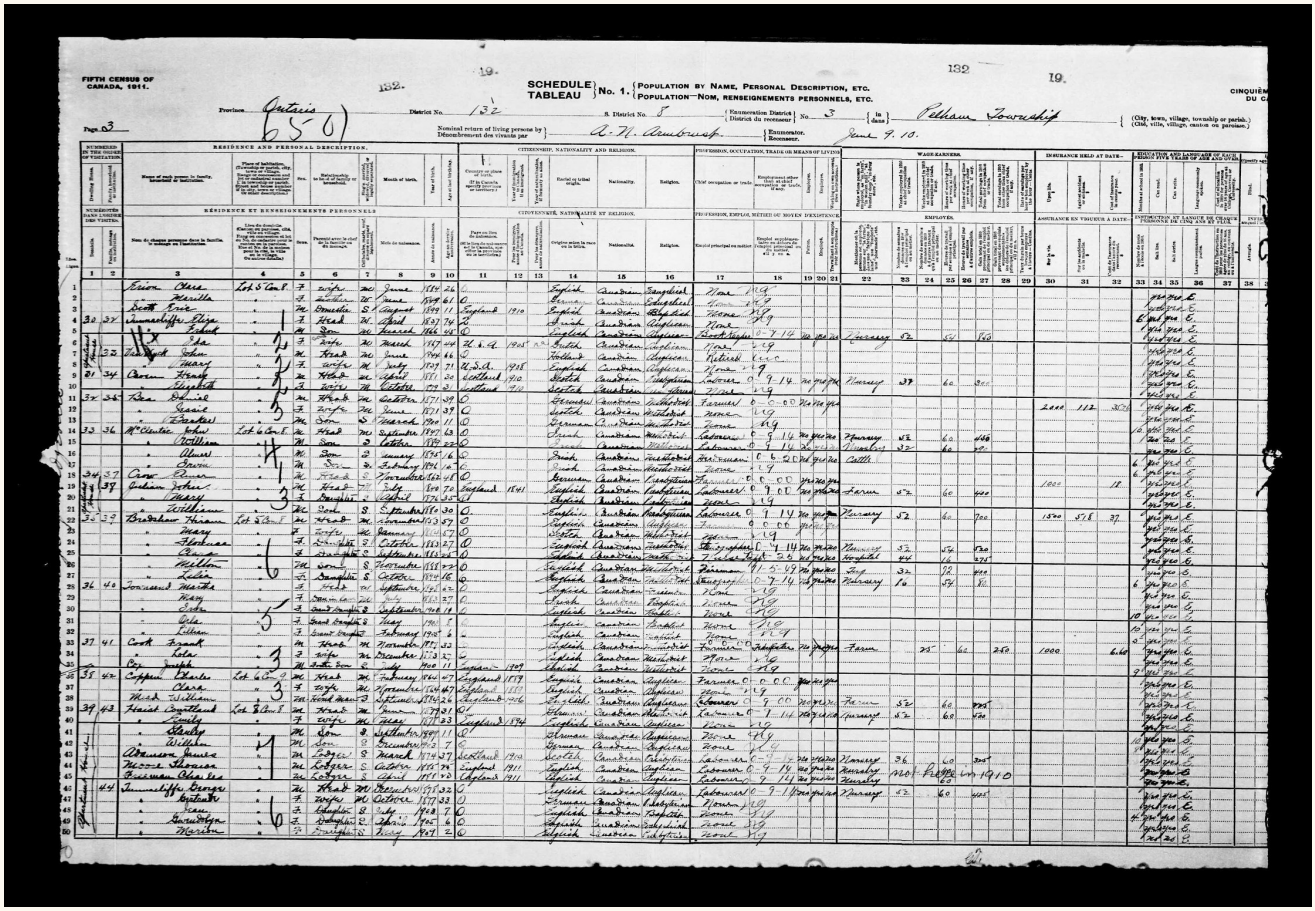
Florence and George with their first three daughters



FIFTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1911. — SCHEDULE / TABLEAU No. 1. {POPULATION BY NAME, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, ETC. / POPULATION—NOM, RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS, ETC.}

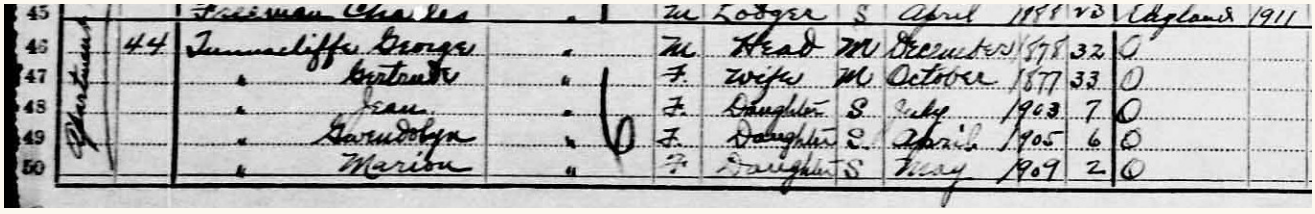
Province: Ontario — District No.: 132 — S. District No.: 5 — Enumeration District / District du recenseur: No. 3 — in the town / dans: Pelham Township — (City, town, village, township or parish.) (Cité, ville, village, canton ou paroisse.)

Nominal return of living persons by / Dénombrement des vivants par: A. M. Armbrust — Enumerator. / Recenseur. — June 7. 10.

RESIDENCE AND PERSONAL DESCRIPTION. — CITIZENSHIP, NATIONALITY AND RELIGION. — PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, TRADE OR MEANS OF LIVING. — WAGE EARNERS. — INSURANCE HELD AT DATE. — EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES OF EACH PERSON FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS.

Dwelling House	Family	Name of each person in family, beginning with the head of family or householder	Relationship to head of family or householder	Sex	Month of birth	Year of birth	Age last birthday	Citizenship	Nationality	Religion	Chief occupation or trade	Employer	Employee	Months employed	Wages received	Insurance held at date	Assurance en vigueur à date	Education	Can read	Can write	Language commonly spoken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
30	37	Tunnacliffe Eliza	Head	M	April	1837	74																														
		Frank	Son	M	March	1867	44																														
31	35	Tunnacliffe John	Head	M	June	1867	44																														
		Mary	wife	M	July	1869	71																														
31	34	Dixon Frank	Head	M	April	1881	30																														
		Elizabeth	wife	M	October	1879	32																														
32	36	Rea Daniel	Head	M	October	1871	39																														
		Isaac	Son	M	March	1901	10																														
33	36	McClellan John	Head	M	September	1847	63																														
		Willian	Son	M	October	1880	30																														
		Albert	Son	M	January	1895	16																														
		Owen	Son	M	February	1904	7																														
34	37	Cree Edward	Head	M	November	1862	48																														
34	39	Graham John	Head	M	July	1870	40	England	1891																												
		Mary	Daughter	F	August	1874	36																														
		Williams	Son	M	September	1876	34																														
32	39	Brickhaus Hiram	Lot 6 Con 5	M	November	1853	57																														
		Mary		F	January	1857	54																														
		Clarissa		F	October	1883	27																														
		Ella		F	February	1885	26																														
		Milton		M	November	1888	22																														
		Lulie		F	October	1894	16																														
36	40	Townsend Martha	Head	F	September	1841	69																														
		Mary		F	March	1883	27																														
		Lola		F	September	1898	12																														
		Ella		F	July	1901	9																														
		Lillian		F	February	1908	3																														
37	41	Cook Frank	Head	M	November	1871	39																														
		Lola		F	December	1873	37																														
		Ira Jack	Son	M	May	1901	9																														
38	42	Capper Charles	Lot 6 Con 7	M	February	1841	70	England	1877																												
		Clara		F	November	1846	64	England	1877																														
		Mark William		M	September	1876	34	England	1906																														
39	43	Hazel Scotland	Lot 8 Con 5	M	June	1878	32																														
		Emily	wife	M	May	1878	33	England	1894																														
		Stanley	Son	M	September	1900	10																														
		Willard	Son	M	December	1903	7																														
		Thomson James	Lodger	M	March	1874	37	Scotland	1910																												
		Moore Thomson	Lodger	M	October	1880	30	England	1911																												
		Freeman Charles	Lodger	M	April	1881	29	England	1911																												
44	44	Tunnacliffe George	Head	M	December	1877	33																														
		Gertrude	wife	M	October	1877	33																														
		Jean	Daughter	S	July	1903	7																														
		Gwendolyn	Daughter	S	April	1905	6																														
		Marion	Daughter	S	May	1909	2																														

George and Gertrude Tunnacliffe appear at the bottom of this Pelham census page with their three eldest daughters.



45		Freeman Charles		M	Lodger	S	April	1881	29	England	1911			
46	44	Tunnacliffe George	"	M	Head	M	December	1877	33			0		
47		" Gertrude	"	F	wife	M	October	1877	33			0		
48		" Jean	"	F	Daughter	S	July	1903	7			0		
49		" Gwendolyn	"	F	Daughter	S	April	1905	6			0		
50		" Marion	"	F	Daughter	S	May	1909	2			0		

Lines 48–50 record Jean, born July 1903, Gwendolyn, born April 1905, and Marion, born May 1909. The enumerator gave their ages as seven, six and two.

Library and Archives Canada, Fifth Census of Canada, Welland, Ontario, district 132, Pelham subdistrict 19, page 3, family 44, lines 46–50, image e002034143.

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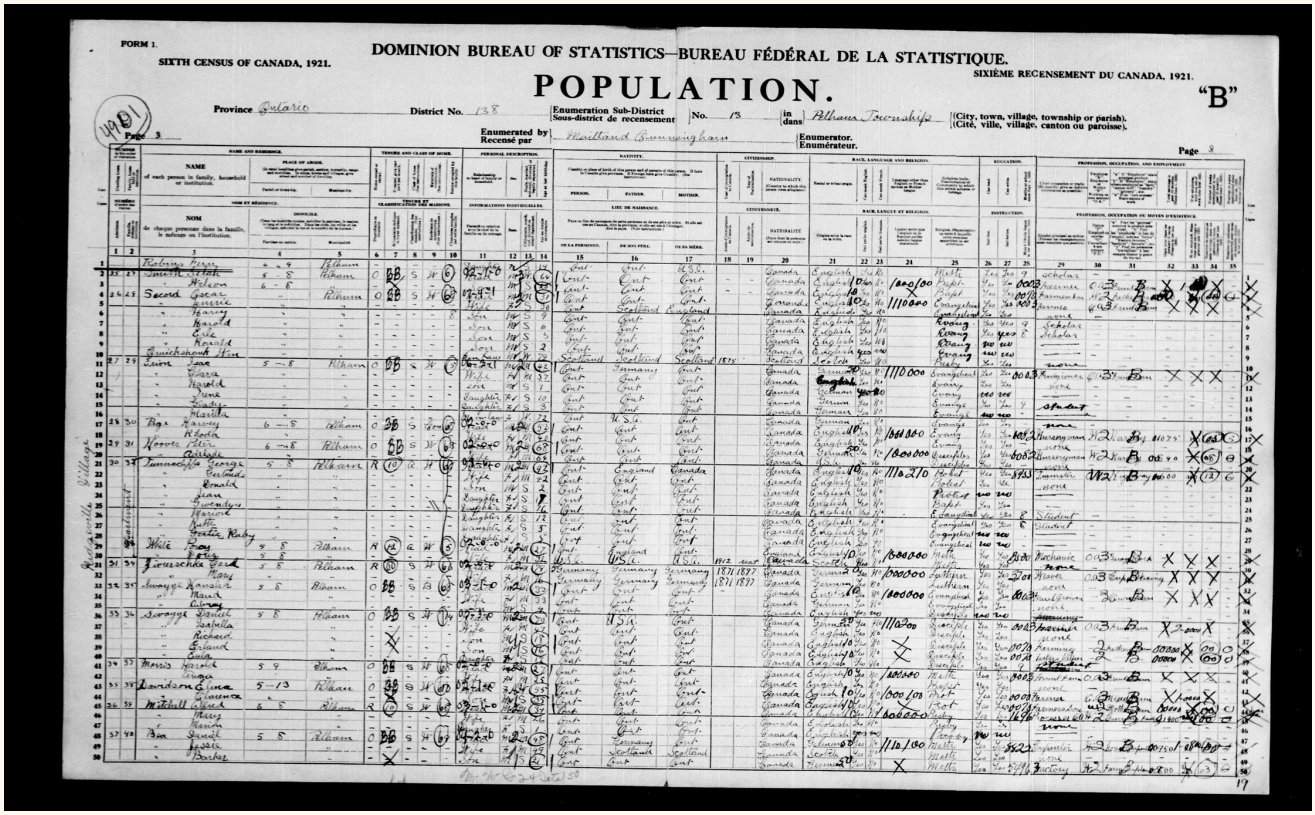
The twins and their siblings at home



FORM 1.

SIXTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1921.

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE.

SIXIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1921.

POPULATION.

"B"

Province Ontario District No. 138 Enumeration Sub-District / Sous-district de recensement No. 13 in dans Pelham Township (City, town, village, township or parish). (Cité, ville, village, canton ou paroisse).

Enumerated by / Recensé par Maitland Cunningham Enumerator. Enumérateur.

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The 1921 Pelham Township census. George Tunnacliffe appears on line 21, with his daughters on the lines below. Ruby and Ruth were five.



Lines 21–28 place George and Gertrude in the Pelham household with their children. Ruth and Ruby are the two five-year-old daughters near the bottom of the detail.

Sixth Census of Canada, Library and Archives Canada, e003046550.

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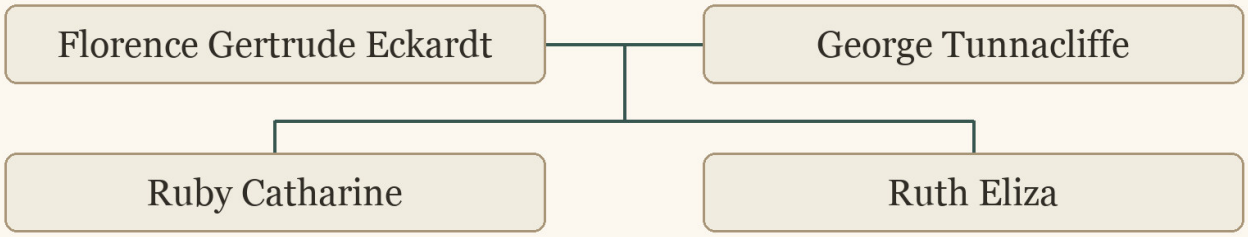
The twins’ parents and their two daughters



Florence Gertrude Eckardt and George Tunnacliffe, parents of the twins Ruby Catharine and Ruth Eliza.

Graphic from Joseph’s edited family manuscript. Names come from the family and cited records.

Edgar and Minnie's wedding portrait and license notice



Minnie Thoms Joos and Edgar Elmer Tunnacliffe in their wedding portrait. Jamestown, North Dakota, April 1913. Edgar was George Tunnacliffe's brother.

Stalley Studio. Windermere District Historical Society, Windermere Valley Museum and Archives, C716.

Edgar and Minnie's wedding portrait and license notice



JAMESTOWN WEEKLY ALERT.

Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19

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Tooth Powder.....25c Two for 26c	Blood Tablets .....25c Two for 26c	Worm Syrup .....25c Two for 26c	Arnica Salve .....25c Two for 26c
Tooth Paste .....25c Two for 26c	Little Liver Pills ....25c Two for 26c	Diarrhoea Remedy ....25c Two for 26c	Rexall Chewing Gum....5c Two for 6c
Cold Cream .....25c Two for 26c	Blemish Soap .....25c Two for 26c	Corn Solvent .....25c Two for 26c	Witch Hazel Ointment..25c Two for 26c
Comp. Licorice Powder, 16c Two for 11c	Soothing Syrup .....25c Two for 26c	Hat Cleaner .....16c Two for 11c	Cold Tabs .....25c Two for 26c
Grippe Pills .....25c Two for 26c	Tea, Liver and Kidney..25c Two for 26c	Foot Powder .....25c Two for 26c	Varieties of odors: Hyacinth, Carnation, Russia Violet, White Lilac, Crabapple.
Bronchitis .....16c Two for 11c	Toothache Drops ....25c Two for 26c	A. B. C. Seltzer.....16c Two for 11c	One ounce .....50c Two ounces 51c
	Ear Ache Drops .....25c Two for 26c	Used sales as Bromo Seltzer	

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Well, then, just listen to this proposition:

Before you order a "mail order" separator write to the concern and tell them that you want to try their machine out against a De Laval, with the privilege of sending their machine back if you decide that the De Laval is better worth what we ask you for it than their machine is worth what they ask.

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We'll be glad to furnish you a De Laval for such a trial any time you like and let you be the judge.

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JAMESTOWN LOCAL NEWS

Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wertz who have been residing at Missoula, Mont., are expected home today and will remain in Jamestown.

M. R. Isham of Minneapolis is in the city looking after his many customers.

Mrs. Hans Madsson entertained a small party of ladies at whist at her rooms on Main street last evening.

The Elks had an installation ceremony at their hall last evening, installing the newly elected officers. A pleasant social session followed.

D. Mason of Buchanan, was in the city today preparing to remove to Indianola, Ia., having rented his farm to Frank Latta of Jamestown.

Geo. E. Miller of the North Dakota Agricultural college was in the city today getting samples of seeds on sale by local dealers, for testing.

Word has been received that Mrs. H. G. Bachman, who was operated upon Thursday at Northwood, N. D., is getting along nicely. She was accompanied to that place by her daughter Beulah.

A car of supplies for the flood and tornado sufferers in the eastern states was eastbound today in a through freight from Outlook, Wash. The car was prominently labeled, showing the assistance rendered destitute people in the eastern states by citizens of the far west.

Conductor Charles E. McAllister has been transferred from the Bismarck switching crew to the north line. Conductor Davis of Jamestown now handles the morning and evening Mandan-Bismarck train and the switching in the latter city.—Mandan News.

Frank Beals is on the sick list at the Andrews hotel in Minneapolis, where he has been the past week or ten days under a physician's care. Mrs. Beals and daughter arrived several days ago from Boston, where they have been spending the winter, and are now with Mr. Beals. He expects to be able to return home next week.

The San Diego Tribune reports that O. L. Churchill has begun the erection of a four story concrete building at the corner of Ninth and C streets. It is a corner location 50x140 feet. The first floor will contain stores and hotel office. The hotel will occupy the upper three stories. The structure is estimated to cost about $70,000.

State Sunday School Supt. E. E. Barnhart of the Baptist church left yesterday for the northwestern part of the state, after spending a few days in the city and attending the union meetings. He will conduct Sunday school institutes next week at Saline and Glenburn, in Renville county, also at Coal Harbor,—Powell's Lake, Kenmare and Williston, holding schools for teachers and explaining Sunday school educational methods. Supt. Barnhart expects to return before the annual convention of the Stutsman county Sunday schools, which meets at Jamestown, May 9, 10, 11 and 12, at the M. E. church.

A pretty dancing party was enjoyed at Orlady hall ast evening by the members of the Wo Ca Da club and their guests, the affair being a return ball given by the gentlemen to the ladies. It was the fifth and last dance of the club series. Supper was served at midnight by the gentlemen. Music was by Tunstall's orchestra. The dances will be resumed in the fall.

Work for the excavation on a new modern residence for W. H. France has been begun on south Fifth avenue opposite the Catholic church property. Mr. France expects to make his home here in the future, although still retaining his store at Sanborn. The new house will be a handsome addition to the dwellings of the city, and the residences will be occupied as soon as finished. Contractor Will Schmitz has the work in hand.

John Schroeder, contractor for the new Midland depot at Jamestown, has practically completed the structure and yesterday was fitting the water pipes on the roof for watering engines, when the city water and sewer are extended that far. The brick platform will also be laid, now that the frost is leaving the ground. Contractor Schroeder, who has been residing at Jamestown since last October, also will erect a new addition at the rear of the Eddy-Procter store on Fifth avenue.

Dodgers advertising the fourth annual college play to be presented at the opera house next Friday night, April 18, were seen today. The play selected this season, "Why Smith Left Home," by George Broadhurst, was one of the best of its season. It is a farce in three acts. The cast includes twelve characters, the parts being taken by college students, who are rehearsing daily under direction of Prof. and Mrs. Cartwright. Seats will be on sale at Wonnenberg & Avis' Thursday.

The grand opera season for Minneapolis will begin this spring with five performances at the auditorium beginning April 22. The first opera will be "Thais." Many music lovers of North Dakota will no doubt attend this series of performances by the Chicago Grand Opera company. Among the singers it will be noted, is Miss Edna Darch, who sings with Madam Premstad in the opera "Die Walkure." Miss Darch is a former Fargo girl who has made good. She also sings with Mary Garden in the French opera, "Thais."

Monday

Mr. and Mrs. James Lydon were Sunday visitors at Valley City, leaving Saturday evening to attend the dance given by the Valley City traveling men.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Carney and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hermingshaus leave on No. 8 this evening for St. Paul to attend the Scherman-Kuhn wedding which will occur there the 16th.

Mrs. Otto Turk arrived Saturday from Chehalis, Wash., where she and her daughter, Miss Muriel, have been spending the winter, and where the latter is now attending high school. Mrs. Turk is arranging for the reopening of the Turk studio and may possibly reside here.

Mrs. Marie Spokesfield is seriously sick at the residence of her son, Walter Spokesfield, on Eighth avenue south.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sherman left last night for Lockport, N. Y., on receipt of news of the sudden death of Mr. Sherman's father.

Miss May Warren of Minneapolis is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Hempstead, and expects to spend the summer here.

Michael O'Tool, a well known resident of Pingree, died at a local hospital in Fargo, Friday last. The funeral was held at Savage, Minn. A widow and two children survive the deceased.

Mrs. L. B. McLain and son left Yesterday for Minneapolis. They will visit with Mrs. Glasgell, who has been spending the winter in that city and who expects to return home with Mrs. McLain.

Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Movius will entertain the M. E. Ladies Aid society Tuesday afternoon, April 15, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Porter, 312 Eighth avenue south. This is a business meeting and all members are urged to be present.

W. R. Hilton of the Wonder store has received books just of the press giving complete descriptions of the Ohio and Indiana floods, and the Omaha tornado, two of the most spectacular and terrible disasters in many years. Actual photographs illustrate the volumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bailey returned last week from an extended trip to the Pacific coast and southern points. They left here in January, going to the coast and later to California, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma, and returned by the way of Omaha and the Twin Cities.

There were a good many suckers caught at the city dam yesterday, just west of the mill. The warm weather has honeycombed the ice in the river, and the ice is now rapidly disappearing. A good many boys were out with rifles and snares after the festive gopher, and the reward of two cents for each tail stimulates the kids to unusual activity, and many a gopher bit the dust. The crocuses are out, and the sudden advent of summer weather has set all the birds singing their merriest songs.

One of the railroad grading teams started on a brisk runaway from the N. P. freight tracks this morning, the wagon being loaded with heavy iron pipe. The runaways came down Main street with the pipe rattling and banging behind the scared team. The horses were stopped, however, by Fred Peterson and others, who headed them into a telegraph pole without doing any damage. The pipe will be used to carry water from the Brockman and Wells artesian well, to the railroad graders' camp on the Midland road near by. The need of a large amount of fresh water for the camp will be supplied by the well. There will be some 80 head of horses to be watered, besides other uses for the water supply for several months.

Tuesday.

Kenneth Cadieux returned yesterday from a several days visit at Fargo.

Ernest Gyr is able to be out again after an eleven days' convalescence at the Jamestown hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

D. B. Scott of Cummings, N. D., returned home yesterday afternoon, having been called here to attend the funeral of Fred M. Wanner.

D. Buchanan, Jr., of Chippewa Falls, Wis., left on No. 2 for his home, after spending a few days with his niece, Mrs. Fred Wanner, and family.

The Seventh Day Adventist camp meeting will be held this year in Bismarck, the last week in June. The meeting will be held east of the capitol grounds.

Today's heat was excessive, the mercury mounting as high as 90 in the shade. The sudden rush of hot weather is unusual and many think is a weather breeder.

Mrs. Don Hughes is recovering at the City hospital from a severe operation undergone Saturday from a hemorrhage of the fallopian tube. Dr. Hoit is in charge.

A marriage license has been granted to Edgar E. Tunnsclife of Wilmer, B. C., and Mrs. Minnie E. Joos of Jamestown. They expect to reside in British Columbia.

Invitations have been issued by the Jamestown high school basketball team, claimants for the 1913 championship, for a social dancing party, to be held Friday evening, April 18, at Orlady hall.

Harry Ames and family have left for Plaza, Mountrail county, where Mr. Ames will enter the general merchandise store of the Zimmerman Co., the new firm being conducted under the name of Simonsen-Ames Co.

Kennedy Scott, of Rio, Wis., and D. A. Scott of Ritzville, Wash., father and brother of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, started this afternoon for Rochester, Minn., where Mr. Kennedy Scott will undergo a slight operation on his face.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the residence of Mrs. Britt on Second avenue south yesterday. There was a good attendance and the usual interesting program. India was the subject of discussion from a missionary point of view.

H. M. Clark, one of the sub-contractors under Friederick & Barnard, who are building the Midland railroad extension, has arrived from Blackduck, Minn., with his outfit, and will commence work at once near Reeves' Spur. Mr. Clark was here about three years ago under Contractor P. F. Sullivan.

There were three insanity cases in the county court today. One was not heard by the commission, as it developed to be a case of boons rather than insanity. The second case was dismissed as there was not sufficient testimony to warrant a commitment to the asylum. The third case had a hearing this afternoon.

Wednesday.

Clerk Ed Oprecht of the Gladstone returned yesterday from a short business trip to Fargo and Grand Forks.

Mrs. H. E. Spading and daughter Viola left on No. 2 for a six weeks visit with relatives at Walla Walla, Wash.

Rev. J. G. Morrison, for several years pastor at Jamestown, was renewing acquaintances in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wertz and Kenneth arrived yesterday afternoon over the Leeds & Northern from Missoula, Mont.

Mrs. H. G. Bachman and daughter Beulah arrived last night from the hospital at Northwood, N. D., where the former has been recovering from a severe operation.

W. P. Gilchrist of the Schomburg Land and Loan company, has returned from a business trip to southern Minnesota, and reports good prospects for an excellent land business this season.

Henry LaBrash of Wimbledon, who was in the city yesterday, states that the roads are rapidly drying up and soon the road to Spiritwood lake will be good. The lake itself still contains enough water for taking action thereon. A guardian has been acting for Mr. Miroski, looking after his affairs, and he was formerly employed at Noel's feed and sale stable.

Louis Fine has a new arrival at the family residence, a fine boy of regulation weight.

Mrs. John Tunstall left last evening for Bellingham, Wash., called by the illness of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Martin, who is in a hospital suffering from blood poisoning caused by an abcess on her arm.

Rev. Hess: Commencing Sunday, May 4, there will be English services every other Sunday morning, with German services alternating every other Sunday evening, at the St. Johns Lutheran church.

Taylor Crum, the well known attorney and resident of Fargo, will speak at the Jamestown Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, on the subject of "Lawyers and Some Other Things." Every man is invited to attend.

A letter received by R. E. Wallace from Jack Gray of Toledo, O., states that next fall the former pioneer of Spiritwood lake expects to revisit his old haunts and renew acquaintances. Mr. Gray will also visit Spokane, where his sons are in the automobile business and doing well.

The insanity commission passed upon the case of Peter Miroski yesterday and after hearing the case was dismissed, as there was not sufficient grounds for taking action thereon. A guardian has been acting for Mr. Miroski, looking after his affairs, and he was formerly employed at Noel's feed and sale stable.

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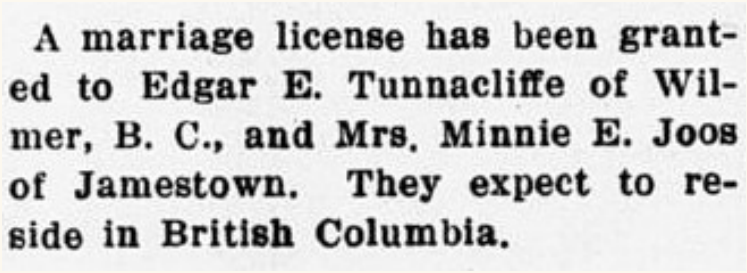
The complete newspaper page carrying Minnie and Edgar's marriage license notice, April 17, 1913, page 7.

Jamestown Weekly Alert, Chronicling America, Library of Congress and ND State Historical Society.

Edgar and Minnie's wedding portrait and license notice



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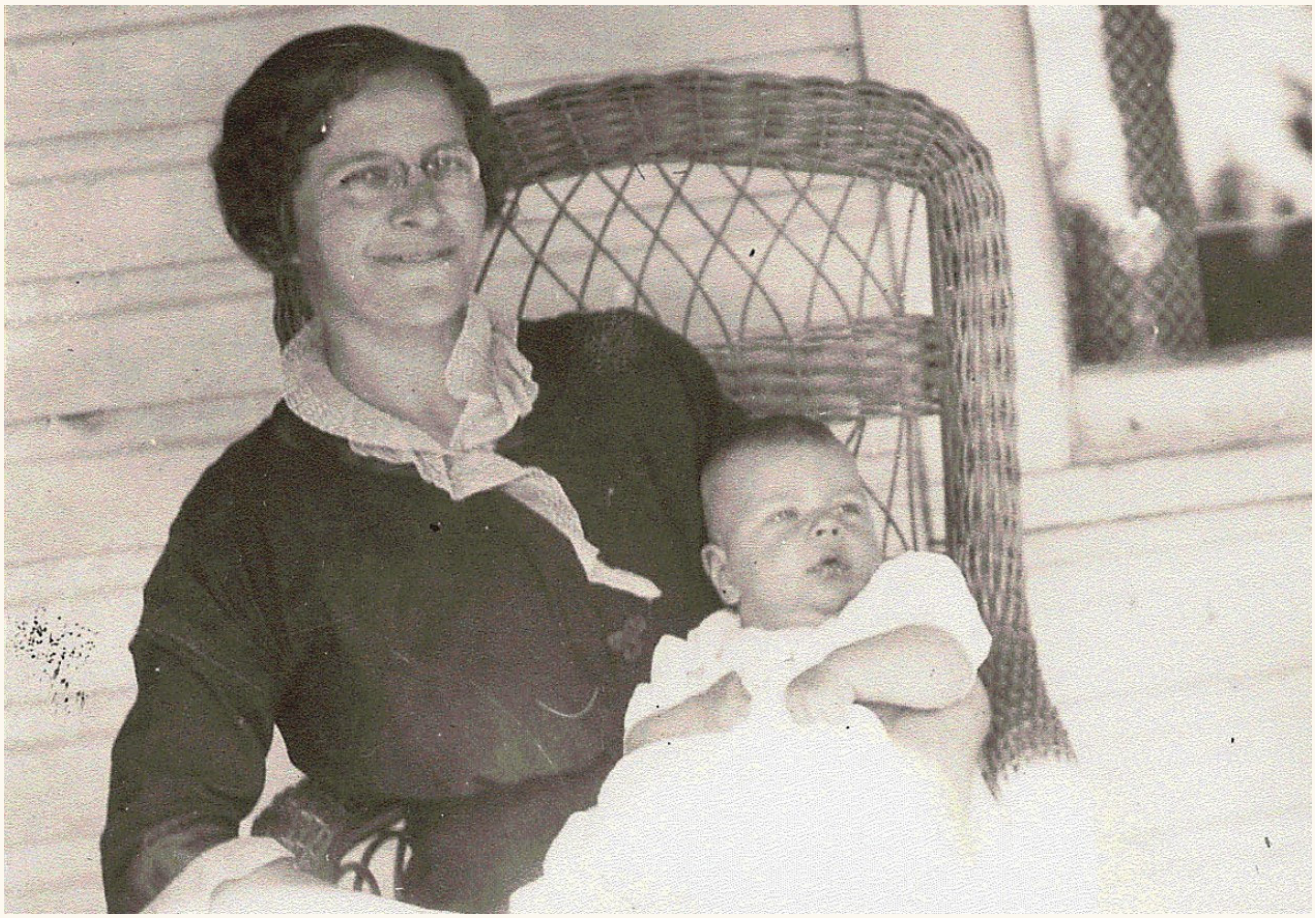
Minnie and Edgar's marriage license notice in the Jamestown Weekly Alert, April 17, 1913.

Jamestown Weekly Alert, Chronicling America, Library of Congress and ND State Historical Society.

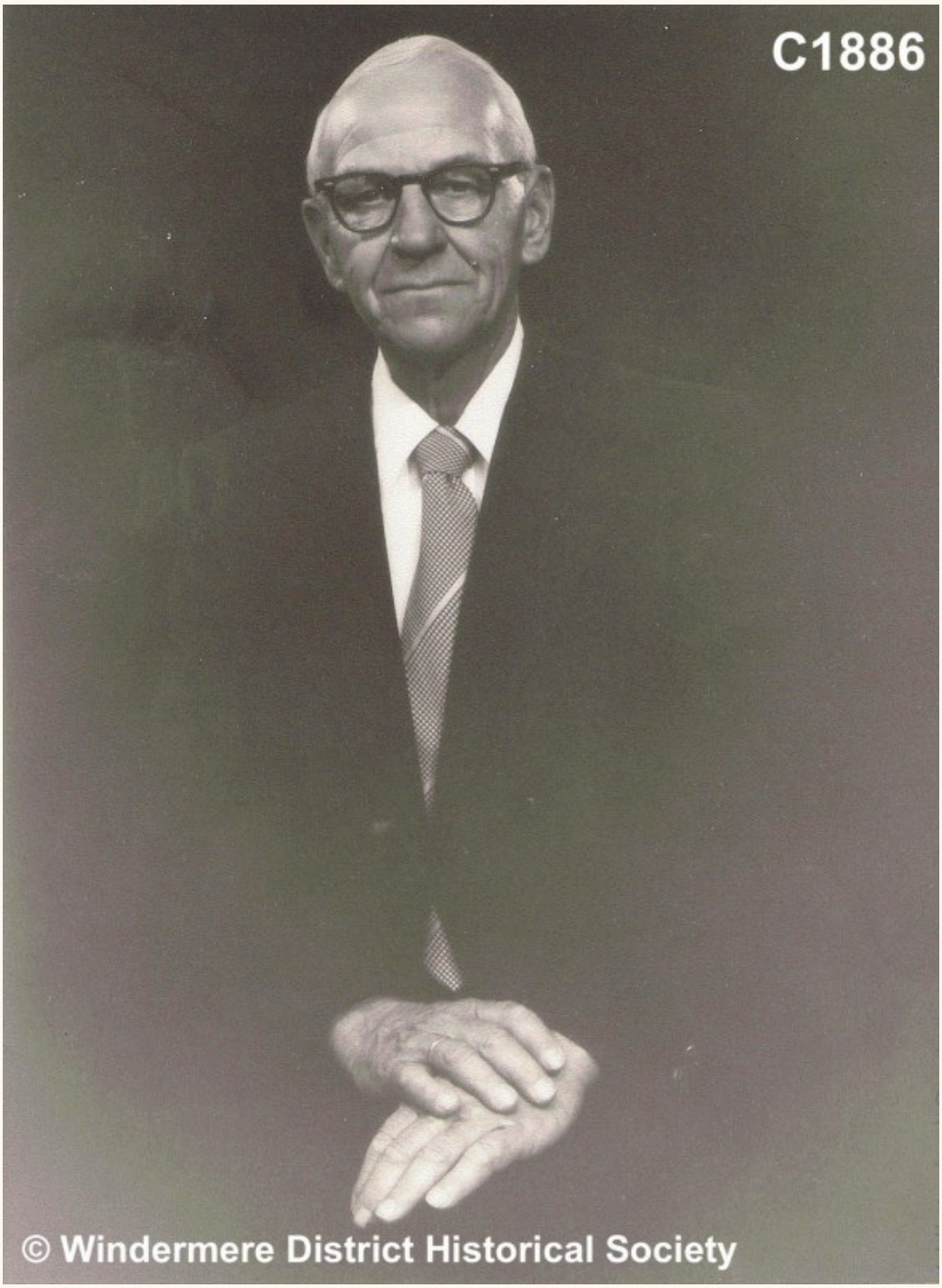
Minnie with her son Marvin



Minnie with her son Marvin in 1915.

Windermere District Historical Society, Windermere Valley Museum and Archives. Museum newsletter, November 2019.

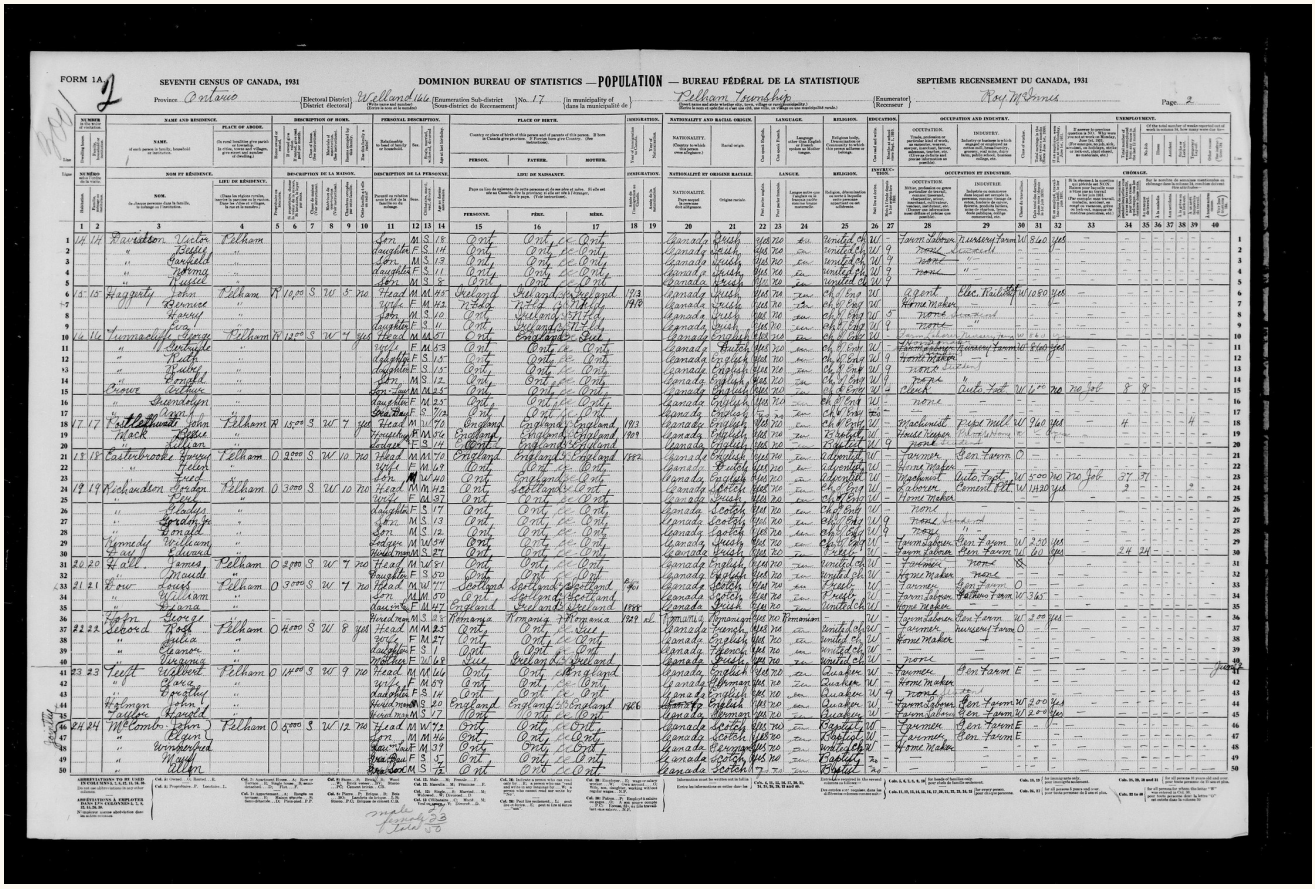
Marvin as mayor



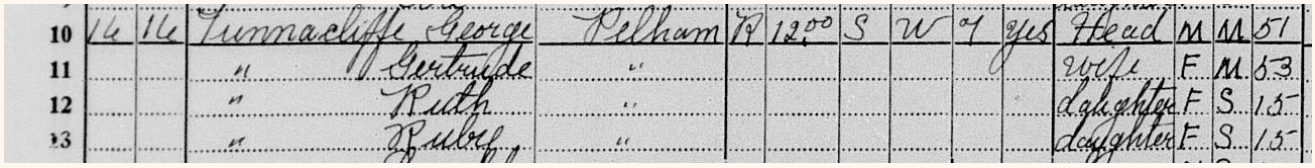
Marvin Tunnacliffe, Minnie and Edgar's son, photographed as mayor. The museum identifies Marvin as mayor. The portrait's year is unknown.

Windermere District Historical Society, Windermere Valley Museum and Archives, C1886.

Ruby and Ruth at fifteen



The complete 1931 census sheet for the family in Pelham Township, Welland District, Ontario.



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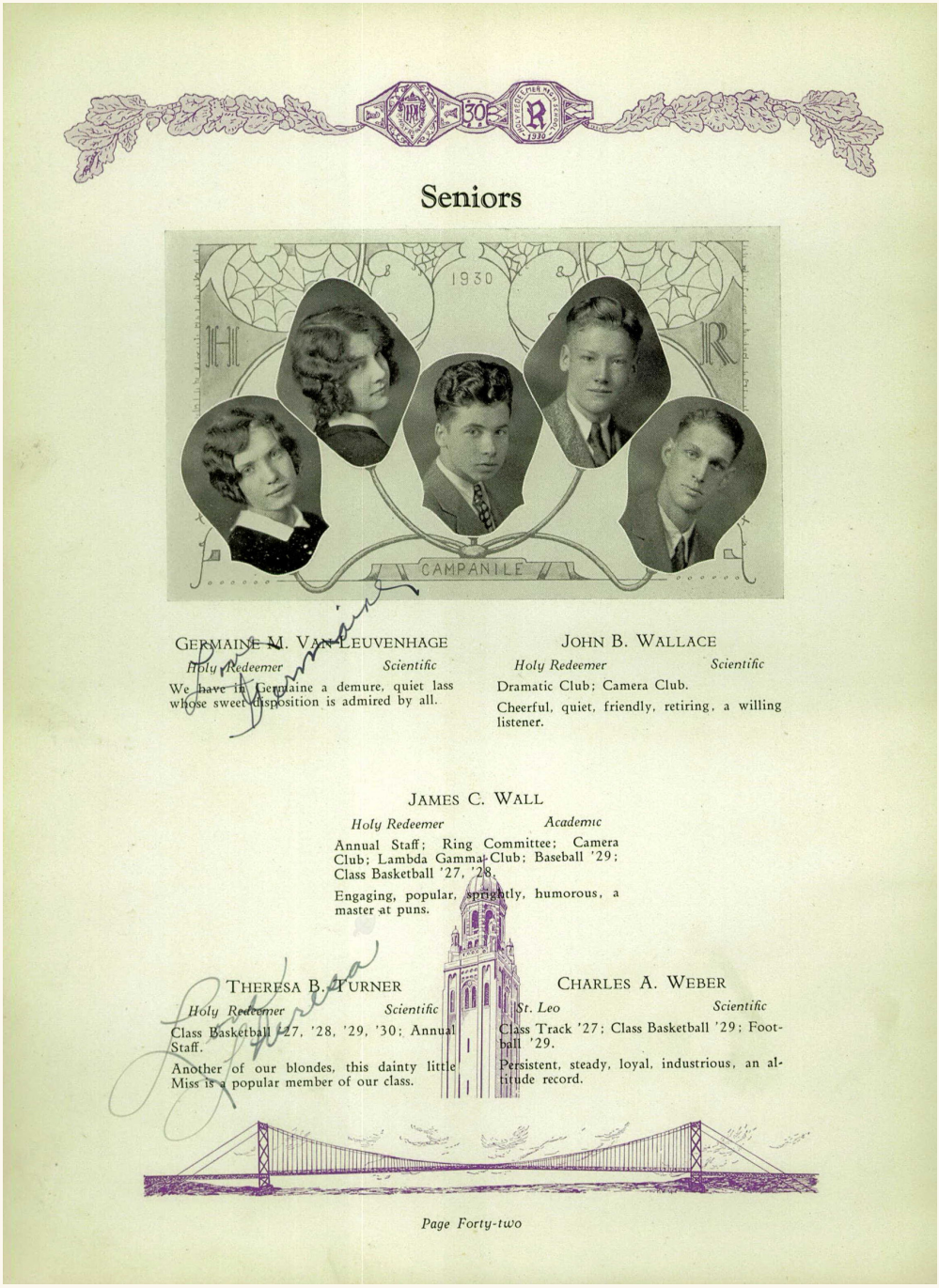
Ruby, in the family photograph



Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe Wallace. David Weir shared this portrait in 2022. Its sitting date and photographer are unknown.

David Weir, Van Wyck family tree, Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

John’s name in his Detroit senior yearbook



Seniors

GERMAINE M. VAN LEUVENHAGE

Holy Redeemer *Scientific*

We have in Germaine a demure, quiet lass whose sweet disposition is admired by all.

JOHN B. WALLACE

Holy Redeemer *Scientific*

Dramatic Club; Camera Club.

Cheerful, quiet, friendly, retiring, a willing listener.

JAMES C. WALL

Holy Redeemer *Academic*

Annual Staff; Ring Committee; Camera Club; Lambda Gamma Club; Baseball ’29; Class Basketball ’27, ’28.

Engaging, popular, sprightly, humorous, a master at puns.

THERESA B. TURNER

Holy Redeemer *Scientific*

Class Basketball ’27, ’28, ’29, ’30; Annual Staff.

Another of our blondes, this dainty little Miss is a popular member of our class.

CHARLES A. WEBER

St. Leo *Scientific*

Class Track ’27; Class Basketball ’29; Football ’29.

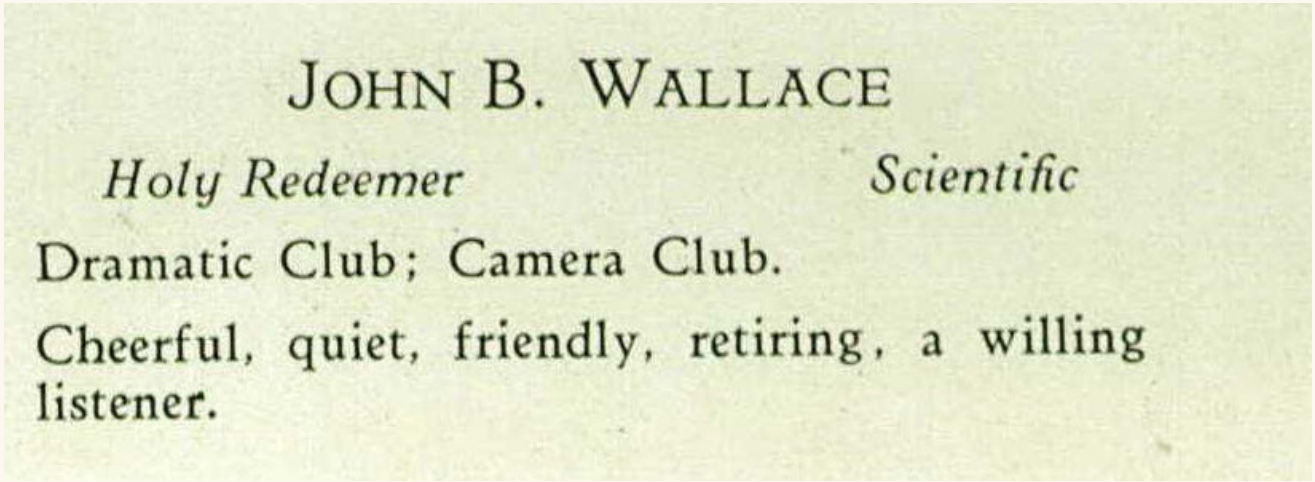
Persistent, steady, loyal, industrious, an altitude record.

Page Forty-two

The complete senior-class page with John B. Wallace’s entry, Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit, 1930. The page names John, but the five faces in the group photograph have no individual labels.

Holy Redeemer High School, senior class, p. 42, via Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

John’s name in his Detroit senior yearbook



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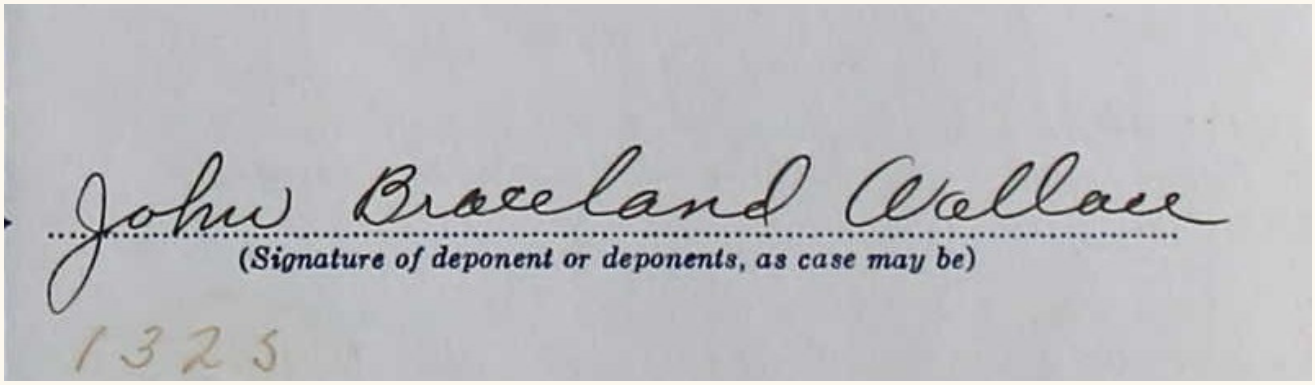
John B. Wallace’s yearbook entry lists the Dramatic Club and Camera Club. Classmates called him “a willing listener.”

Holy Redeemer High School, senior class, p. 42, via Ancestry. Photographer unknown.

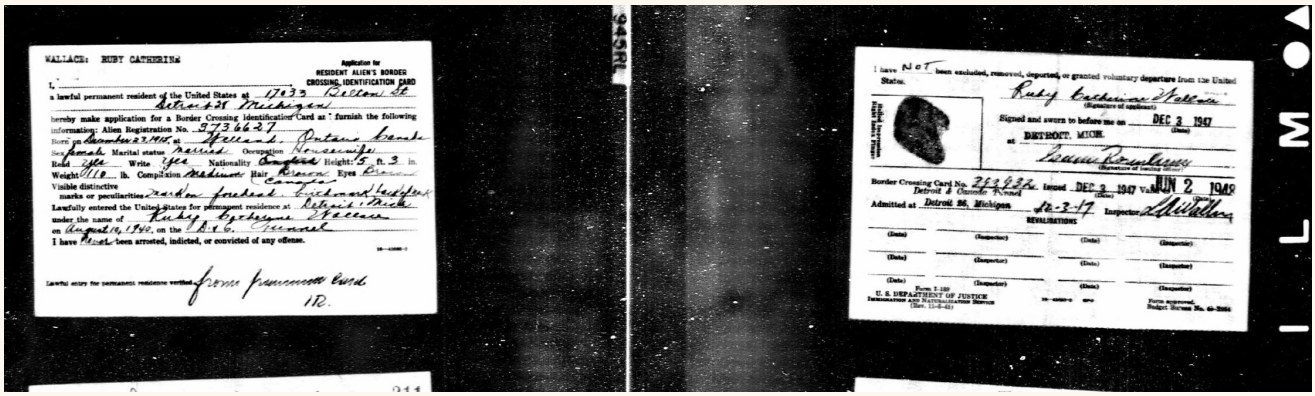
John's wedding signature



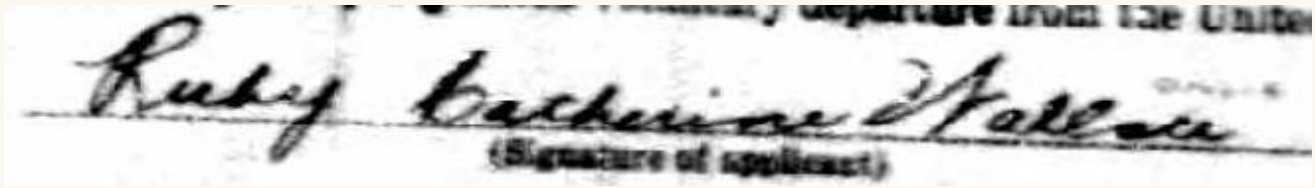
John Braceland Wallace's signature on his marriage affidavit, June 17, 1940.

Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826–1944, image 7921_09bf6d4b_0209-00208, via Ancestry.

Ruby's border record and signature



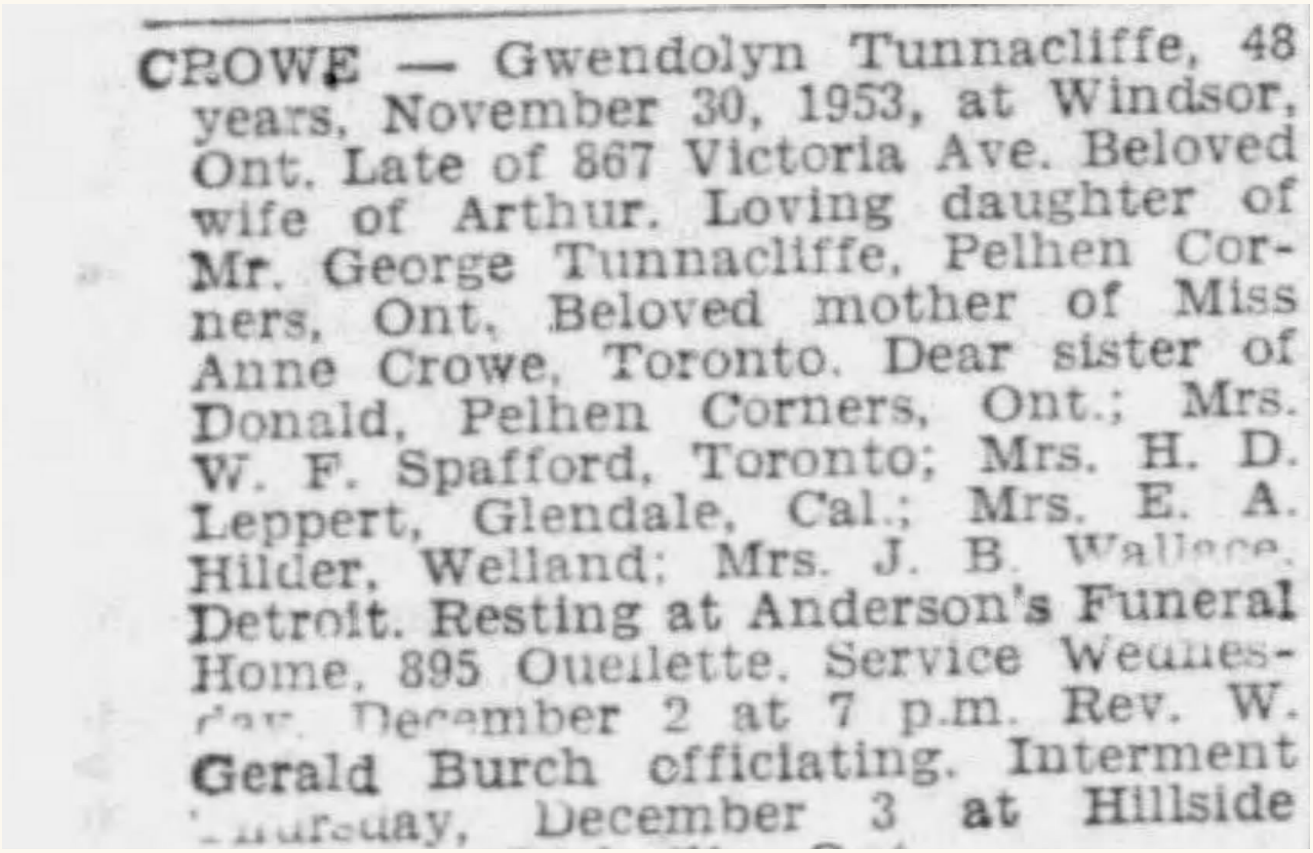
The front and back of Ruby's border-crossing card, with her signature on the reverse.



Ruby wrote "Ruby Catharine Wallace" on her Detroit border-card application on December 3, 1947.

U.S. immigration border-crossing identification card, NARA microfilm M1478, roll 112, via Ancestry.

Gwendolyn's obituary and her sisters' married names



CROWE — Gwendolyn Tunnacliffe, 48 years, November 30, 1953, at Windsor, Ont. Late of 867 Victoria Ave. Beloved wife of Arthur. Loving daughter of Mr. George Tunnacliffe, Pelhen Corners, Ont. Beloved mother of Miss Anne Crowe, Toronto. Dear sister of Donald, Pelhen Corners, Ont.; Mrs. W. F. Spafford, Toronto; Mrs. H. D. Leppert, Glendale, Cal.; Mrs. E. A. Hilder, Welland; Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Detroit. Resting at Anderson's Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette. Service Wednesday, December 2 at 7 p.m. Rev. W. Gerald Burch officiating. Interment Thursday, December 3 at Hillside

Gwendolyn Crowe's death notice identifies her father, husband Arthur, daughter Anne and siblings in Pelham Corners, Toronto, Glendale, Detroit and Welland. She died in Windsor on November 30, 1953, aged 48. The bottom edge of the interment notice is missing.

The Windsor Star, Windsor, Ontario. Newspaper publisher's clipping no. 68431012, 1700 × 1097 pixels. The original page number is absent from the clipping and the last interment line extends beyond its lower edge.

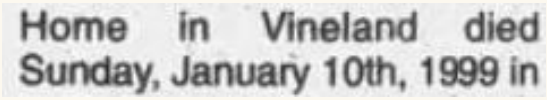
Ruby and Ruth in the death notices


Canada, twin sister Ruth Hilder
of Welland, Ontario, Canada,

Ruby's Nevada obituary names her surviving twin, Ruth Hilder of Welland, Ontario. Excerpt published May 13, 1994.

Reno Gazette-Journal, via Newspapers.com.

Ruth's final notice


Home in Vineland died
Sunday, January 10th, 1999 in

Ruth Hilder's death notice places her in Vineland, Ontario, on January 10, 1999.

The Welland Tribune, January 13, 1999, via Newspapers.com.

Ruth and Edwin Hilder in the obituary index


Survived By:
Partner – Ruth (Tunnacliffe)
Children – Rev. Herbert E.

The obituary index entry for Edwin Hilder names his wife Ruth and his son Herbert.

Welland Public Library obituary index, VIA, Guardian Express.

Roses and white flowers



Original AI-assisted family-book artwork prepared for Joseph Valenzuela.

Woodward Avenue on a Detroit summer day



Woodward Avenue seen from the Maccabees Building in Detroit, July 1942. Mary was three months old that summer.

Arthur S. Siegel, FSA/OWI color collection, Library of Congress, LC-DIG-fsac-1a35406.

Hill Street and Olympic Boulevard



Hill Street at Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, 1960.

Herald Examiner Collection, Los Angeles Public Library. Photographer uncredited in the manuscript.

The Glendale Community Hospital postcard



Glendale Community Hospital, 800 South Adams Street, around the 1960s. Stephani's birth hospital is still unknown.

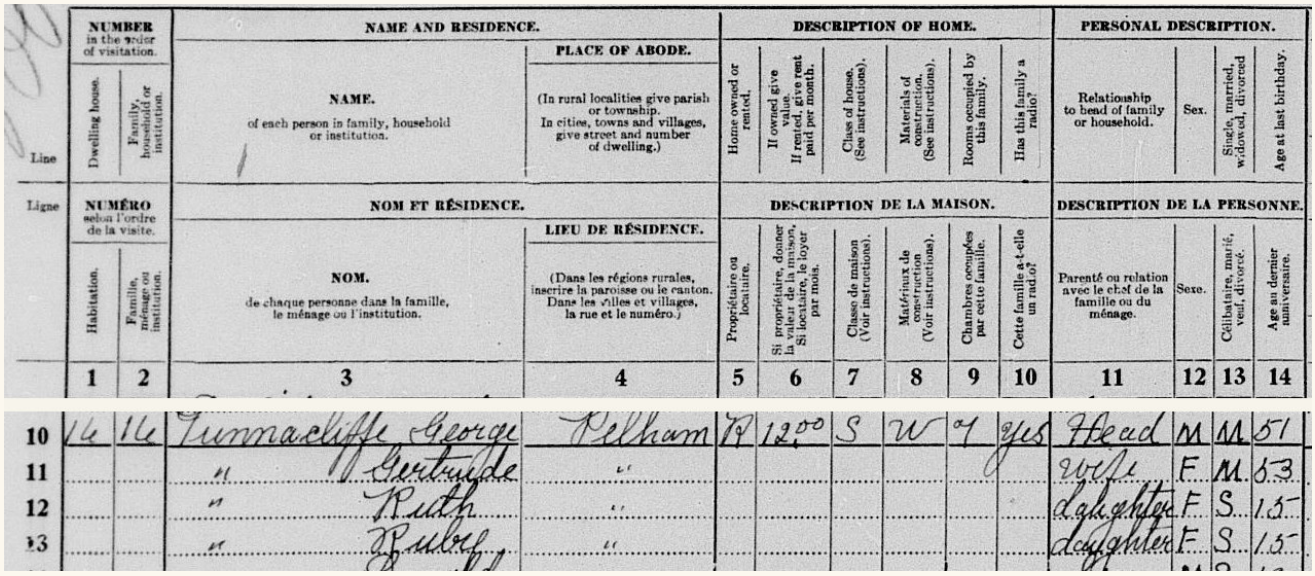
Colourpicture Publishers, postcard P16757. Scan of this copy by A1BookDealer. Valley Relics Museum holds a matching card, VR/PC/HS/6.

1981 · Game Three at Dodger Stadium



Game account from Major League Baseball.

The family owned a radio in Pelham



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Ligne	NUMÉRO selon l'ordre de la visite. Habitation.	NUMÉRO selon l'ordre de la visite. Famille, ménage ou institution.	NOM ET RÉSIDENCE. NOM. de chaque personne dans la famille, le ménage ou l'institution.	NOM ET RÉSIDENCE. LIEU DE RÉSIDENCE. (Dans les régions rurales, inscrire la paroisse ou le canton. Dans les villes et villages, la rue et le numéro.)	DESCRIPTION DE LA MAISON. Propriétaire ou locataire.	Si propriétaire, donner la valeur de la maison. Si locataire, le loyer par mois.	Classe de maison (Voir instructions).	Matériaux de construction (Voir instructions).	Chambres occupées par cette famille.	Cette famille a-t-elle un radio?	DESCRIPTION DE LA PERSONNE. Parenté ou relation avec le chef de la famille ou du ménage.	Sexe.	Célibataire, marié, veuf, divorcé.	Age au dernier anniversaire.
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10	16	16	Tunnacliffe George	Pelham	R	12.00	S	W	7	yes	Head	M	M	51
11			" Gertrude	"							wife	F	M	53
12			" Ruth	"							daughter	F	S	15
13			" Rudolf	"							daughter	F	S	15

The 1931 radio question and the Tunnacliffe family lines, aligned for reading.

Seventh Census of Canada, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Library and Archives Canada, e011696512.

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Mary's death notice



Mary Smith

Mary G. Smith, 48, died Nov. 8 hospital. She was a three-year r North Las Vegas.

A change girl in the gaming ind was born April 8, 1942, in Detroit

She is survived by her daughte anie, Cindy Gaughan and Windy and sons, Michael Gaughan Gaughan, Kevin and Timmy, all of mother, Ruby Wallace; and sister, lace, both of Carson City; and four dren.

Services and burial are private. tuary downtown handled arrangem

Mary's 1990 death notice. The public preview shows Cindy, Michael, Kevin and Timmy in the list of her children. The edges of the published column are clipped in this excerpt. This partial clipping gives an incomplete list of her children.

Las Vegas Review-Journal, November 15, 1990, death notice headed "Mary Smith." Public archive preview courtesy of Las Vegas Review-Journal Archives and NewsBank. The full sheet requires archive access.

Auntie Anne’s reunion table



Inspired by an illustration in Joseph Valenzuela’s The Day You Got Here, page 11.

Beneath the magnolia



Original AI-assisted illustration created for Joseph Valenzuela's family book.

From the Elbe to the Rouge

One Atlantic crossing, a winter in New York, and a second start in Upper Canada.

The Atlantic crossing



From the American coast to Markham



Dashed lines connect stops schematically. Exact sailing tracks and the paths of individual families are unknown.

The ship

May–July 1792

1 Altona on the Elbe
May 2, 1792
Under the Danish crown. The Catharina sailed from today's Hamburg, Germany.

2 Newport, Rhode Island
July 1792
The ship stopped for fresh drinking water. Newport was a port in the United States.

3 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 1792
The ship reached Philadelphia. The list of passengers was endorsed August 3.

The first settlement

1792–1793

4 Lycoming, Pennsylvania
Autumn 1792
After Philadelphia, the settlers cut a road north through mountainous country.

5 Painted Post, New York
Winter 1792–93
Some spent the winter here. Others pushed on toward the Genesee River.

6 Williamsburg, New York
Winter 1792–93
Two huts sheltered part of the group. Settlers petitioned Berczy in August 1793.

A second beginning

1794

7 Newark, Upper Canada
1794
Today's Niagara-on-the-Lake. Here they learned their destination would be Markham.

8 York, Upper Canada
1794
The settlers went on to the town we now know as Toronto, on Lake Ontario.

9 Markham Township
1794
Families settled north of York. Many spent that first winter in the woods.

GEOGRAPHY Natural Earth • Historical stops from the Markham Museum, Pennsylvania passenger list, Cowan, Stagg and Duncan.

Your dad, George Howard Smith

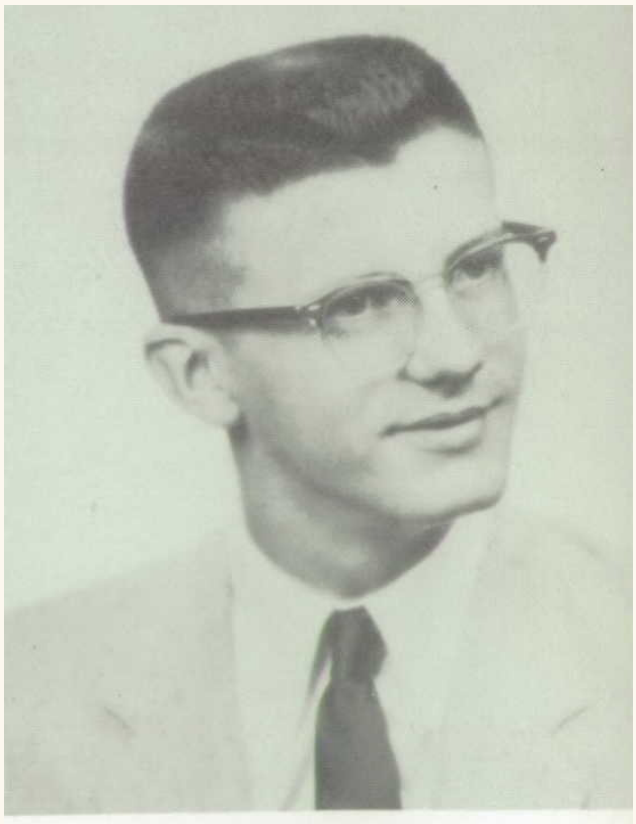
At the back of this book, I wanted to leave you a place where you could come straight to your dad. Here he is as a schoolboy in Springfield, and here he is again, years later.

The whole yearbook page



George H. Smith is in the lower right corner of this 1958 page. His name is printed beside his portrait.

George at Cathedral



Your dad's senior portrait, enlarged from the page. Beside it, the school lists the variety show, glee club and track.

One more photograph from that spring shows George with his Cathedral basketball team and their city CYO trophy. Joseph identifies his grandfather as the player kneeling third from the left. The complete photograph and an enlargement are on page 169.

Cathedral Boys High School, Cathedralogue, Springfield, Illinois, 1958, image 40. Ancestry, U.S. School Yearbooks. https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/1265_b911431-00039?pid=1425692613

Catholic News Archive, Springfield diocesan newspaper, March 2, 1958, team photograph and caption https://www.thecatholicnewsarchive.org/?a=d&d=CTS19580302-01.2.64

George, years later



Your dad, years later, with silver hair, glasses and a purple shirt. Patricia Leonberger Hooper shared this portrait two days after he died.



The Smith family marker at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville, Illinois. George's name is engraved beside Jewell's. At the foot of the stone are the words "Together Forever."

In the 1950 census, nine-year-old George appears four lines below his father, Howard. The census taker recorded Howard's occupation as "Bookbinder" and his industry as "Printing Company."

Patricia Leonberger Hooper, contributor. Find a Grave, George Howard Smith, memorial 111890456, photo 81802606, added June 6, 2013.
https://images.findagrave.com/photos/2013/156/111890456_137054798280.jpg

Diane & John, contributors. Find a Grave, George Howard Smith, memorial 111890456, photo 161222089, added September 25, 2017.
https://images.findagrave.com/photos/2017/267/111890456_1506398901.jpg

U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 census, Springfield, Illinois, sheet 20, lines 24 and 28. Stephani's years in printing come from Joseph's family account.
https://nara-1950-census.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/1950census/43290879-Illinois/43290879-Illinois-087984/43290879-Illinois-087984-0020.jpg

Mom, next year I'm making you a book about your dad's side of the family. I thought the Smiths were going to have a hard time topping a ship and a chest in a museum. Then I found out your grandpa Howard was a bookbinder. You spent years in printing, and here I am making a book for you. I'm keeping the keys to the DeLorean. You still get the front seat.

George's obituary records his service in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

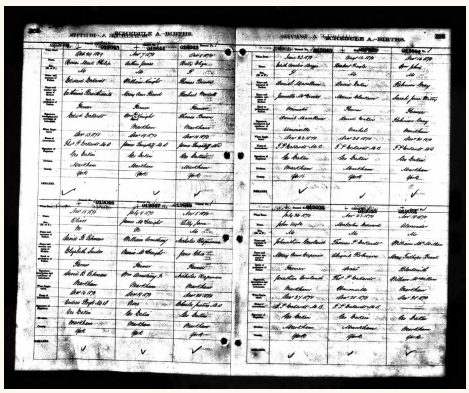
What ran in the family

A farmer, a doctor and one new baby

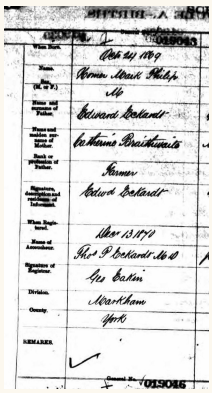
There's a column on the old records that I've come to love. It asks what a person did for a living. Follow that column long enough and every so often two people from our family turn up on the same piece of paper.

Take Homer Eckardt, born in Markham in October 1869. His father, Edward, gave his occupation as farmer. Over in the space for the doctor is another Eckardt. You can still make out "Tho P Eckardt M D." Edward's older brother was Dr. Thomas Philip Eckardt. It looks very much as if the man who came to attend Catherine at the birth was the baby's own uncle.

Years later the census gives Edward a more particular job. He was a fruit grower in Pelham. His daughter Florence took a different path. When she married George Tunnacliffe in 1903, her occupation was written down as "Office Work." George gave his as nurseryman. He raised plants for a living. She's the one whose handwriting we can still find on their twin daughters' birth records.



At the upper left, Edward registered the birth of his son Homer, born October 24, 1869.



The entry names Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite. The attending doctor's name reads "Tho P Eckardt M D."

Ontario Registrar General, Archives of Ontario. Markham birth register, 1870, MS 929/3, frame 0778.
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8838/images/ONMS929_3-0778?pid=1979948

Edward's orchard work · Library and Archives Canada, 1891 census, Pelham, p. 14, household 81
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1274/images/30953_148156-00351?pid=2553341

Florence and George's occupations · Ontario marriage register, 1903, MS 932/112, frame 0674
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Florence registers the twins · Ontario birth register, Pelham, December 1915, frame 00571
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The family at work · p. 175

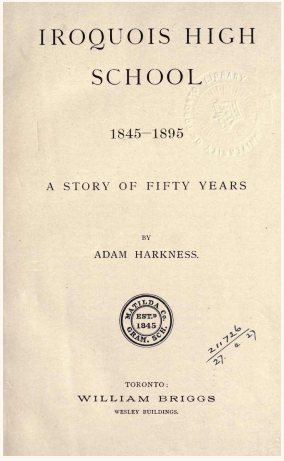
The postmaster who wrote a picture book

Your third-great-grandfather Adam Harkness was the postmaster in Iroquois, Ontario. In 1895, former students met in his office to plan a history of their high school. Adam had never gone there himself. Three of his children had. That part I understand. I got interested in another person's school because my mother went there.

Philip Carman's daughter lent Adam her father's papers about the school. Adam checked the board minutes, the principal took charge of the illustrations, and in 1896 out came a book. Adam called the writing "a labor of love." I went looking for a way to tell you what making this book felt like and found somebody in our family who'd already put it into words.



Adam Harkness faces the reader at the front of his own book. Beneath his portrait is his signature.



The title page describes fifty years of school life and names Adam Harkness as the author. Toronto, 1896.

Adam Harkness, Iroquois High School, 1845–1895 (William Briggs, Toronto, 1896). University of Toronto, Robarts Library. Frontispiece.
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The history in Adam's own words · Adam Harkness, preface, pp. iii–iv
https://archive.org/details/iroquoishighscho00harkuoft/page/n8/mode/1up

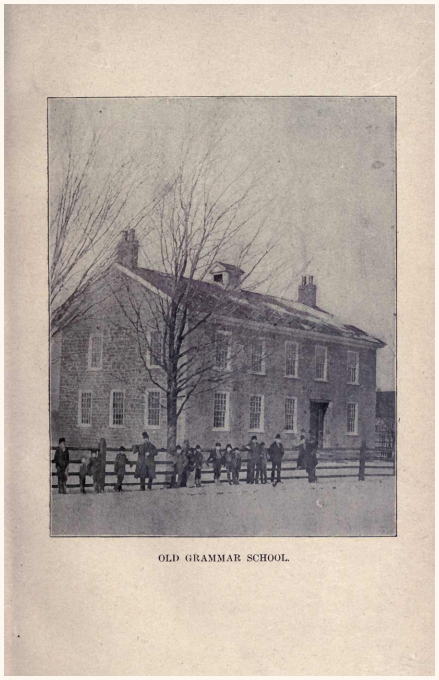
Former students meet in Adam's office · Harkness, chapter XV, pp. 127–129
https://archive.org/details/iroquoishighscho00harkuoft/page/127/mode/1up

Adam's daughter Cora · Ontario marriage register, 1879, MS 932/31, frame 1392
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7921/images/ONMS932_31-1392

When the lights came on

In Adam's book there's a photograph of pupils outside the old grammar school. More than a century later, you can still pick out the faces in the front row. Somebody decided those kids were worth remembering. Every time I turn back to Mary's Latin Club picture, I'm glad somebody in Glendale thought so, too.

Six years later, Adam was one of the three commissioners who oversaw completion of the town's electric plant. I'm an electrician who made his mother a picture book. I'd have happily spent an afternoon with that postmaster.



OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Pupils outside the old grammar school in Iroquois. Adam included this photograph in his 1896 school history.



In 1901 a by-law was carried to install and operate "a municipal electric light and power plant".

In January 1902 the first Board of Water, Light and Heat Commissioners consisting of C. E. Cameron, chairman, W.A. Coulter and Adam Harkness (Reeve) was elected and under their direction the building and plant was completed that year (1902). The Board remained the same until the death of Mr. Harkness in June 1904 when L. N. Tanney was added. Mr. Cameron having been elected reeve, retained the chairmanship of the commission. As soon as it was installed under municipal ownership the system has shown a surplus over expenses and at the same time furnished adequate fire protection and excellent light

The newspaper names Adam Harkness among three commissioners overseeing the electric plant when it was completed in 1902.

Adam Harkness, Iroquois High School, 1845–1895 (William Briggs, Toronto, 1896). University of Toronto, Robarts Library. Illustration of the Old Grammar School.
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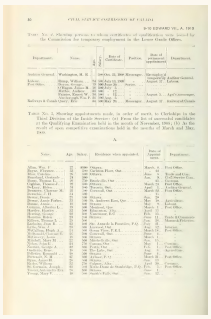
R. Martin, "Iroquois Hydro System," The Iroquois Post and Matilda Advocate, August 11, 1966, p. 1. Dundas County Archives.
https://archive.sdgcounties.ca/uploads/r/dundas-county-archives/1/d/b/1db42f329bae7499cdb7840976c87fd734d4345cfa023da4a914c91bc0552a6c/1966-08-11.pdf

Mary's school picture · Glendale High School Latin Club, yearbook, p. 93
https://stephani1963.com/read/#latin-club

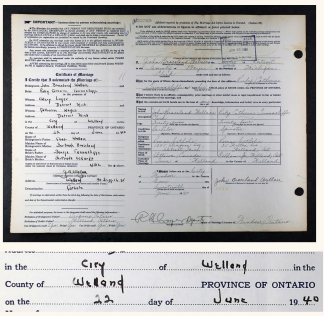
Two Gertrudes went to work

In Ottawa, Frances Gertrude Braceland took a civil service examination in 1908. Find "Braceland, Gertrude" on the appointments list. She was twenty-four and started in January 1909 at $500 a year. By 1911 the list gives her $900. In 1912 she married Charles Arthur Wallace. On the marriage record, each of them gave the same occupation. Civil servant.

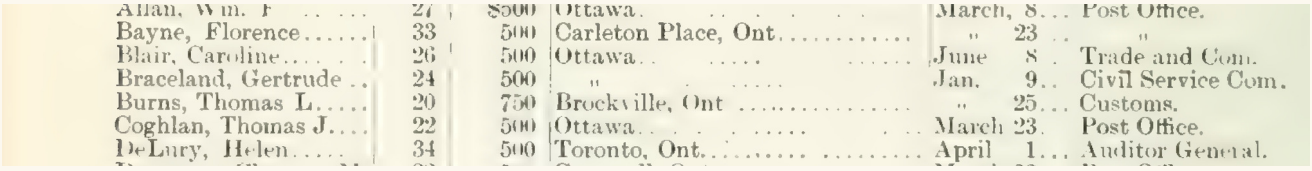
Back in Pelham, the woman who did office work had Gertrude in her name, too. She was Florence Gertrude Eckardt, Ruby's mother. The woman who took the exam in Ottawa was John's mother. When Ruby and John married in Welland in 1940, the names of those two working women finally landed on the same wedding paper. One Gertrude on the bride's side, one on the groom's. Both belong to you.



The appointment list places Gertrude Braceland in the Civil Service Commission after the November 1908 examination.



Ruby Tunnacliffe and John Wallace married in Welland on June 22, 1940. The registration identifies the mothers on both sides.



Allan, Wm. F	27	$500	Ottawa	March	8	Post Office.
Bayne, Florence	33	500	Carleton Place, Ont	"	23	"
Blair, Caroline	26	500	Ottawa	June	8	Trade and Com.
Braceland, Gertrude	24	500	"	Jan.	9	Civil Service Com.
Burns, Thomas L	20	750	Brockville, Ont	"	25	Customs.
Coghlan, Thomas J	22	500	Ottawa	March	23	Post Office.
DeLury, Helen	34	500	Toronto, Ont.	April	1	Auditor General.

Gertrude's line records her age as 24, her annual salary as $500, and her appointment date as January 9, 1909.

Civil Service Commission of Canada, First Annual Report, Table 3, part A, printed p. 80.
https://archive.org/details/1910v44i18p31_0679/page/n81/mode/1up

Ontario Registrar General, marriage registration, Welland County, June 22, 1940, image 00208.
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7921/images/7921_09bf6d4b_0209-00208?pid=114808126

Her later salary and position · Civil Service List of Canada, 1911, p. 341
https://archive.org/details/1912v46i21p30_0865/page/341/mode/1up

Charles and Frances · Ontario marriage register, 1912, MS 932/207, frame 0376
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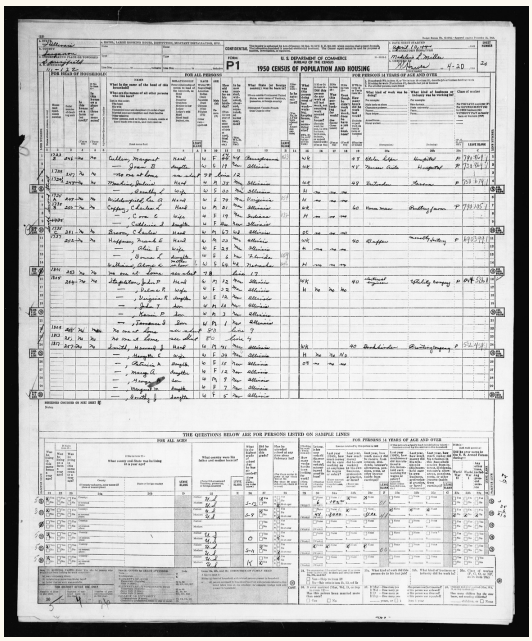
Two cards on October 16 · p. 173

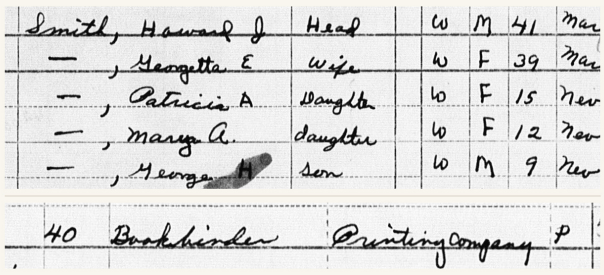
Forty hours in Springfield

Find your father on the 1950 census. George is nine. Four lines above him is Howard, your grandfather. The census taker asked how many hours Howard had worked the week before. Forty. Under occupation, the census taker wrote "Bookbinder." In the next column, "Printing Company." One ordinary week in Illinois, still legible all these years later.

We can follow him through three censuses. In 1930 his job was recorded as printer. In 1940 it was bookbinder, and he reported working all fifty-two weeks of the year before. By the time George was nine, Howard had appeared in the printing trade on census sheets twenty years apart.



Look for Howard on line 24, near the bottom of the main list. His son George is on line 28.



The upper detail shows Howard and his household. The lower detail records forty hours, "Bookbinder" and "Printing Company."

U.S. Census Bureau, Springfield, Illinois, 1950. ED 116-22, sheet 20, lines 24–28. National Archives.
https://nara-1950-census.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/1950census/43290879-Illinois/43290879-Illinois-087984/43290879-Illinois-087984-0020.jpg

Howard as printer · U.S. census, Springfield, 1930
https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/87667296

Howard as bookbinder · U.S. census, Springfield, 1940
https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/records/140237682

Two cards on October 16 · p. 173

The book in your hands

A book looks perfectly sensible once the pages are numbered and you can turn them. A binder saw it earlier than that. A printing handbook from Howard's working years describes a sheet folded into sixteen or thirty-two pages. The folded sections had to be gathered in order and sewn together. A picture printed separately had to go in at just the right place. Somewhere between a stack of printed paper and a book a child could carry home, there was a job like your grandfather's.

In 1792 Philip's name went onto a passenger list in Philadelphia. In 2026 the Phillies picked your youngest boy, Matthew, in the draft. And two hundred and thirty-four years after Philip stepped ashore, the bookbinder's granddaughter gets a book about that journey from her oldest boy.



Washington, D.C., March 1936. At left, staff check the finished books. In the center they sew bindings. At right, workers at the Government Printing Office finish them.

Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Collection. Keith F. Shovlin, "125 years of binding, Part Two," April 17, 2025.
https://blogs.loc.gov/preservation/2025/04/125-years-of-binding-part-two/

How a book was bound · U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 1126, p. 327
https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/files/docs/publications/bls/bls_1126_1953.pdf#page=36

Philadelphia in 1792 · Strassburger and Hinke, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, vol. III, p. 50
https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniagerm44stra/page/50/mode/1up

Philadelphia in 2026 · Minor League Baseball, Matt Quintanar, draft record
https://www.milb.com/player/matt-quintanar-825578

Stephani's printing work · Joseph Valenzuela's family recollection in this book
https://stephani1963.com/read/#george-howard-smith

Your grandfather Howard bound books. You went into printing without knowing he'd been there. And now here I am, giving you a book.

Out of everybody in our family, you'll know just what to look for when you get this book in your hands. I hope you'll find something we missed, Mom. A name you used to call somebody. A story one of these pictures brings back. Something my girls won't hear anywhere else.

THE SHORT VERSION

How far back can we go?

For Stephani and the family who call her Mom and Grandma

On your father George's side, the trail reaches a man born in Ireland around 1782. On your mother Mary's side, we can read the line a minister wrote when two of your ancestors married on March 27, 1792.

George's Irish family	Owen Mathews and Rose Garlantey were your third-great-grandparents. An Illinois census puts Owen's age at 78 in 1860. Their daughter Elizabeth's death record names them both.
George's other lines	Charles and Margaret Smith appear with their children in Chicago in 1910. William Bryant and Mary Johnson married in Kentucky in 1866. Bernard Shanley was born in Ireland around 1840.
Mary's Wallace family	John Walliser of Matilda and Christina Fell of Edwardsburgh were your fifth-great-grandparents. Seven parent-to-child links connect you to their wedding in what is now Ontario. The council names Christina's father, Frederick Fell, your sixth-great-grandfather.
Mary's other lines	Hugh Corrigan was born in Ireland around 1808. John Tunnacliffe was born in Yorkshire around 1809–1812. Adam Harkness's own marriage identifies his parents as John and Kate.

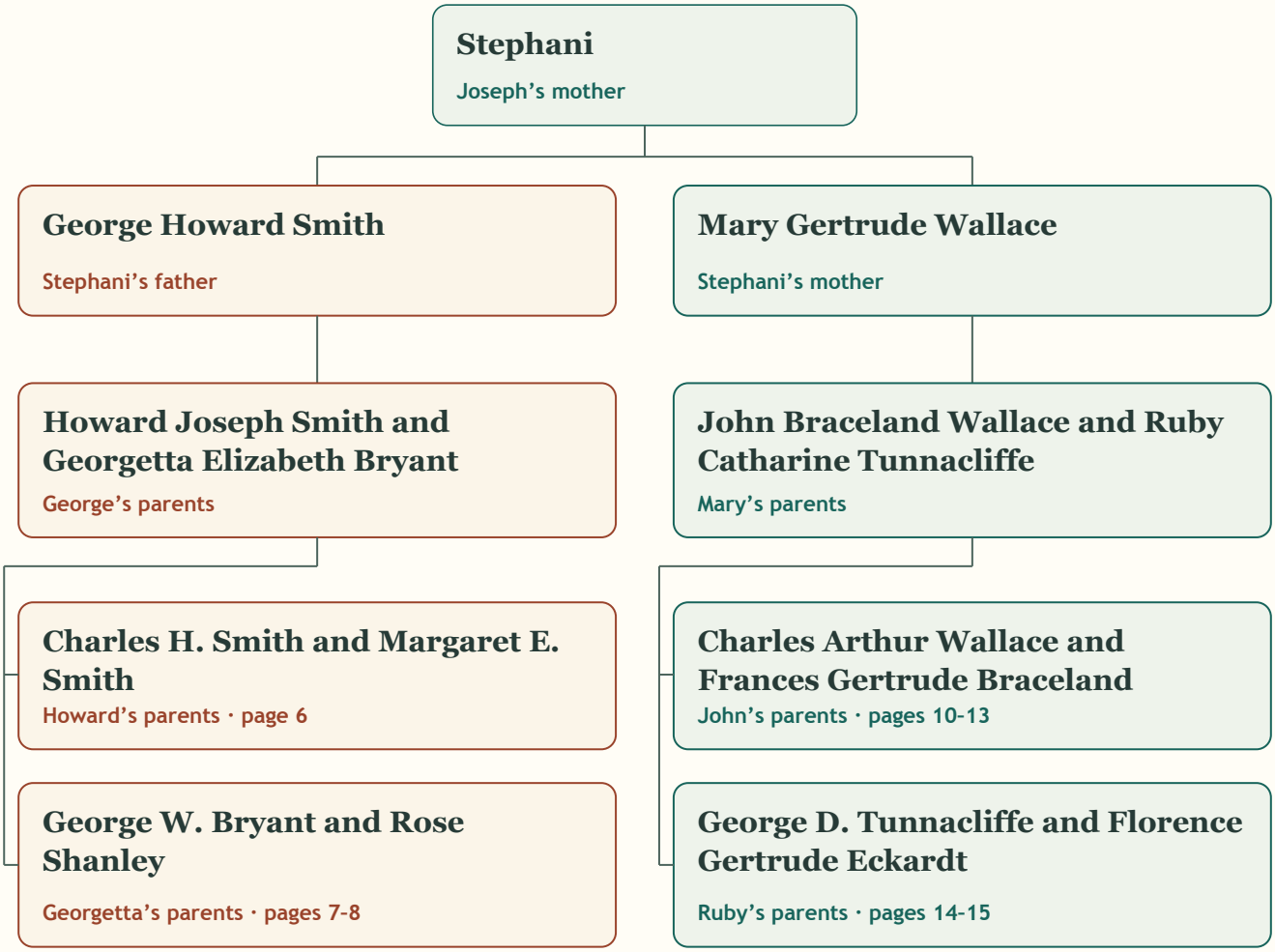
Owen in 1860 **Elizabeth's parents** **John and Christina's wedding** **Adam's original 1888 marriage**

Page 2 shows who belongs to whom. Pages 3–4 show where they lived. Pages 5–16 tell their stories. Pages 17–19 list how far each branch goes and which records could take it farther.

FAMILY MAP

Start with Stephani

Read down each column. Every paired box names a couple. The two boxes at the bottom of a column are the parents of the people immediately above them.



THE TWO OLDEST TRAILS

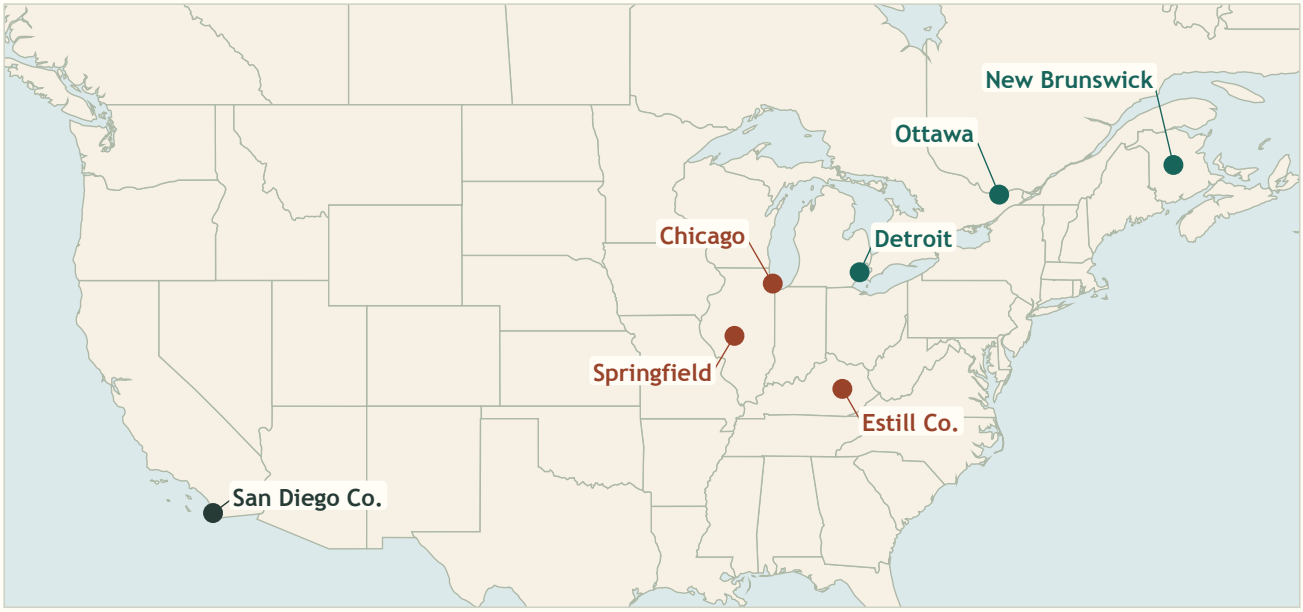
George › Georgetta › Rose Shanley › Elizabeth Mathews › Owen and Rose. Mary › John Braceland Wallace › Charles Arthur Wallace › Marvin › John Benjamin › Anthony › John Walliser and Christina Fell › Christina's father, Frederick Fell.

Follow either side of Stephani's family tree p. 176

PLACE MAP / NORTH AMERICA

Where the families came together

Rust marks George’s family. Green marks Mary’s. The dark marker locates the California wedding that joined them. Pins show towns or approximate county and province centers.



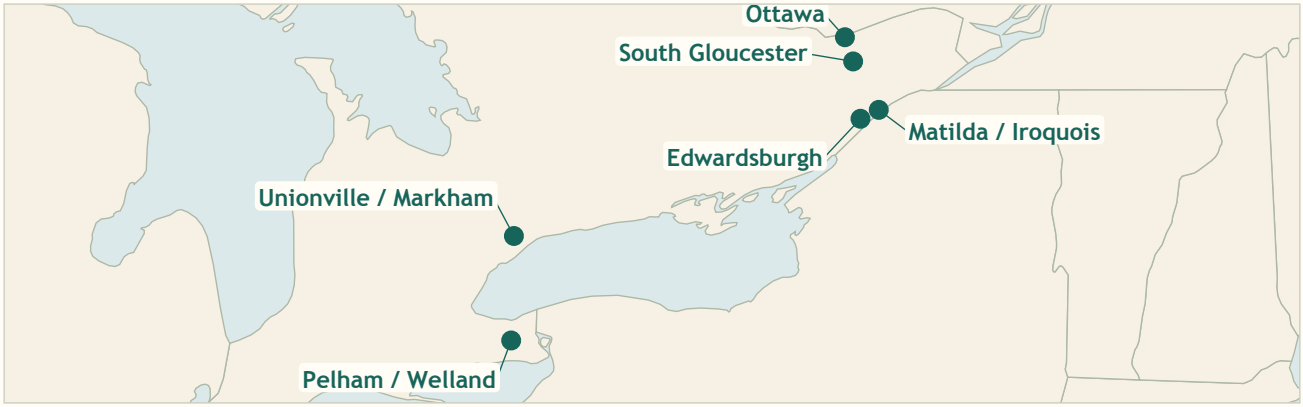
Kentucky › Illinois	William and Mary married in Estill County in 1866. Their Kentucky-born son George W. married Rose Shanley in Springfield in 1905.
Chicago › Springfield	Howard was born in Chicago in 1908. His household lived near Springfield by 1920. His son George was born in Springfield in 1940.
Ontario › Detroit	John was born in Ottawa. Ruby was born in Pelham. At their 1940 Ontario wedding John lived in Detroit, where Mary was born in 1942.
California	George and Mary married in San Diego County in 1960. Their daughter Stephani was born in Los Angeles County in 1963.

Modern boundaries courtesy of Natural Earth. Connecting places in the text describe events across generations. Travel dates are given where a record identifies them.

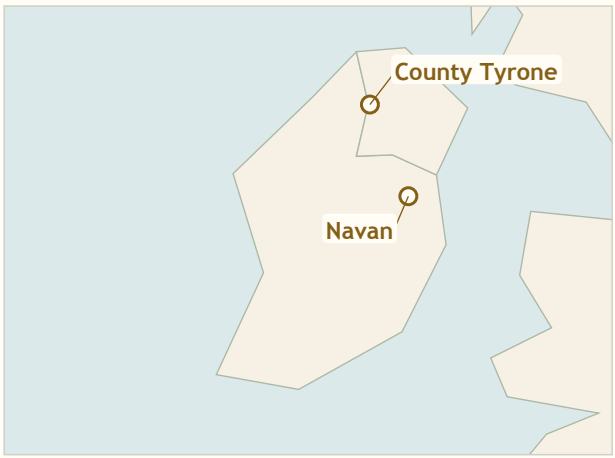
PLACE MAP / ONTARIO AND OVERSEAS

A closer look at the old places

A filled pin marks a place named in a family record. An open gold pin marks a proposed locality. County and township pins represent areas.



Ontario. John and Christina's residences in 1792 lie along the St. Lawrence. Ottawa holds the Bracelands' civil-service records. Pelham holds Ruby's birth registration.





Ireland and Yorkshire

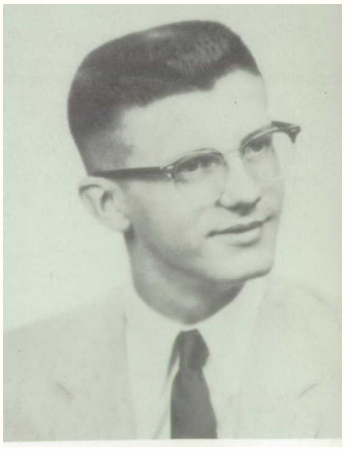
Ireland is documented for Owen Mathews, Rose Garlantey, Bernard Shanley, Hugh Corrigan and Catherine McHugh. Navan in County Meath is a Mathews family lead. County Tyrone comes from a biography of the Harkness family. In England, John Tunnacliffe's death return names Yorkshire. Skirlaugh belongs to the separate Braithwaite inquiry.

John's Ontario death Andrew Harkness biography Skirlaugh baptism

GEORGE / STEPHANI'S FATHER

The boy on the census sheet

George Howard Smith · Springfield, Illinois · June 13, 1940 – June 4, 2013



George grew up in a printer's household. In 1950 he was nine. His name sits on line 28 of the Springfield census, between his sisters Mary and Margaret. Four lines above him, the enumerator recorded exactly what his father did for a living.

Eight years later, the Cathedralogue printed George's portrait. Beside it, the school listed track, glee club and the variety show.

George H. Smith, Cathedral High School, Springfield, 1958. Portrait cropped from the yearbook page bearing his name.

The man Joseph remembers

Joseph remembers visiting George and Sharon in Costa Mesa and receiving a Chicago White Sox jacket at Christmas. A 1993 residence record puts George and Sharon in Costa Mesa the year Stephani turned thirty. His obituary records 32 years as an engineering technician for Orange County and later service as a church volunteer in Jerseyville.

George's yearbook Springfield census, sheet 20 Costa Mesa residence George's obituary

TWO GENERATIONS IN PRINT

The 1950 census records Howard's forty-hour week as a bookbinder. Joseph remembers Stephani working in printing, too. A bookbinder's granddaughter now has a book made for her by her son.

GEORGE / HIS FATHER'S FAMILY

Howard's parents in Illinois

Stephani › George › Howard Joseph Smith › Charles H. Smith and Margaret E. Smith.

A wedding names the missing parents

On September 23, 1929, Howard married Georgetta Elizabeth Bryant at Blessed Sacrament in Springfield. Entry 9 names his parents, indexed as Carolus H. Smith and Margaritta E. Smith. The groom's baptism column identifies St. Malachy in Chicago. Howard's 1970 parish burial independently gives his parents as Charles and Margaret and his birth as June 5, 1908.

Original wedding register, entry 9 Burial entry Howard's Chicago birth on draft card

Three households follow the same boy

Chicago's 1910 census lists one-year-old Howard and baby Mildred with Charles and Margaret. Both children appear with the couple in Woodside in 1920 and again in 1930. The last census calls Charles a construction carpenter and Howard a printer. By 1950 Howard was a bookbinder, the same industry Stephani later worked in.

1910 Chicago household 1920 Woodside household 1930 Charles 1950 Springfield family

What can be said about their own parents

Charles was born about 1880–1882. The 1910 household gives Indiana, while the 1920 and 1930 households give Ohio. Margaret was born about 1883 in Illinois. Three censuses place her father's birth in Ireland. Her mother's birthplace alternates between England (1910 and 1930) and Ireland (1920). The family's next identifying record is Howard's baptism at St. Malachy. It may preserve Margaret's maiden name.

Margaret in 1910 Margaret in 1920 Margaret in 1930

In the 1910, 1920 and 1930 households, Mildred's presence alongside Howard helps distinguish this family from other Chicago Smiths. A girl who died in Chicago in 1914 cannot be the Mildred enumerated with them in 1920 and 1930.

Mildred with Howard, 1910 Mildred in 1920 Mildred in 1930 Chicago parish collection

GEORGE / HIS MOTHER'S IRISH FAMILY

Owen, Rose and their daughter Eliza

Stephani › George › Georgetta › Rose Shanley › Elizabeth Mathews › Owen Mathews and Rose Garlantey.

Rose Shanley's Irish family

Rose, who worked in a Springfield watch factory, married coal worker George W. Bryant at St. Joseph on August 2, 1905. The register gives her parents as Bernard Shanley and Elizabeth Matthews. Their own wedding is recorded on February 1, 1870, in Springfield as Bernardum Shanley and Elizam Mathews. Bernard's 1900 census gives February 1840 in Ireland. The parish put him at 65 when he died in February 1904.

1905 church marriage · 1870 church marriage · Rose at the watch factory · Bernard in 1900 · 1904 burial

Owen Mathews and Rose Garlantey

Elizabeth's 1929 Illinois death index gives her parents as Owen Mathews and Rose Garlantey, both Irish-born. The family memorial also spells Rose's surname Gartlany. In 1860, O. Mathews, 78, lived with Rose, 57, and Eliza, 18. In 1870 Rose, 68, lived with the newly married Barney and Eliza Shandly. Together these records put Owen's birth around 1782 and Rose's around 1802–1803. Elizabeth's death record gives December 25, 1840, while her 1900 census gives December 1849. The earlier households favor the early 1840s.

1929 death and parents · 1860 Owen · 1860 Rose and Eliza · 1870 newlyweds with Rose · 1900 Eliza

Reading three names in one household

Illinois gives us two snapshots ten years apart. In 1860 the surname Mathews gathers Owen, Rose and young Eliza in one home. In 1870 it is older Rose who appears under the roof of Eliza and her new husband. Finally, a death entry gives the names of Eliza's parents. The three records let us recognize the daughter under both surnames.

How close can we get to her Irish parish?

A memorial for Julia, identified there as the couple's daughter, proposes Navan. The National Library of Ireland's Catholic baptism films for Navan have a gap between May 1813 and September 1842. Elizabeth's likely birth falls in it. A contributed tree supplies earlier parents for Owen. An Irish entry tying those names to the Illinois family is still missing.

Julia's memorial · Navan parish films

GEORGE / HIS MOTHER'S KENTUCKY FAMILY

A wedding in Estill County

Stephani › George › Georgetta › George W. Bryant › William M. Bryant and Mary F. Johnson.

William Bryant and Mary F. Johnson

George W.'s 1905 wedding names William Bryant and Mary F. Johnson. His 1920 census says he and both parents were Kentucky-born. A county marriage index pairs William M. Bryant with Mary F. Johnson on October 25, 1866, in Estill County. In 1870 a William, Mary and two-year-old George lived next door to Estill County in Madison County. In 1900 George appears in Springfield with a Kentucky-born mother indexed Mary I. or F. Bryant. The family memorials in Chatham associate William Marion Bryant with Mary F. Johnson.

Estill marriage Madison household George with mother in 1900 George's 1920 household Mary's memorial index

What the marriage book actually shows

On the register, the couple shares a row near the bottom of the left-hand page. Their marriage date is October 25, 1866. The facing columns record the ceremony and witnesses. The register gives us the bride's surname in Kentucky, decades before her son's Illinois church wedding supplied it again. The displayed page has no field identifying the couple's parents.

Estill County marriage book · p. 22

Two promising Kentucky households

In 1860 Wm M. Bryant, 12, lived with Abel Bryant and Louisa in Whitley County. Another child's record names Louisa Duncan, and William Marion's memorial names Abel. In Estill County, Mary F. Johnson, also 12, lived with Wm and Polley Johnson. The 1860 census omitted relationships. Abel and Louisa are a strong lead. Wm and Polley remain candidates. An 1880 Marrowbone boy named George W. Bryant had different parents, F. J. and Susan E.

Whitley household Louisa Duncan in child's record William's memorial Estill household Marrowbone namesake

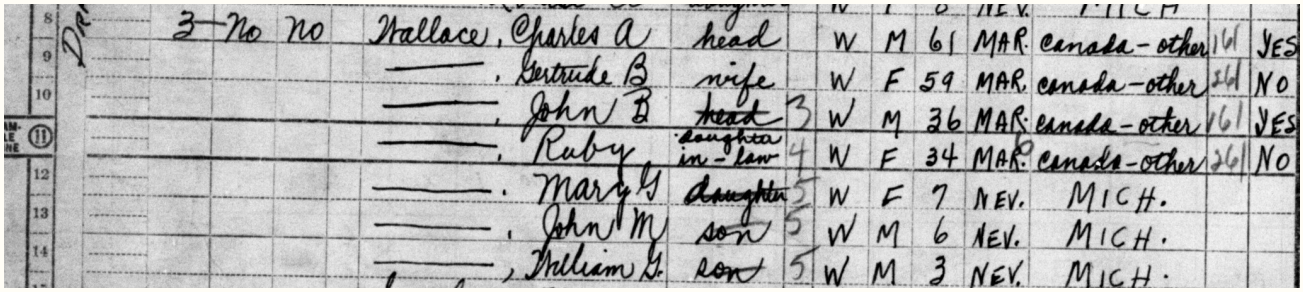
A QUESTION THE RECORDS CAN ANSWER

If a separate bond, consent or estate record identifies either spouse as a child of the candidate parents, the Kentucky line can move back a generation. A matching name and age in an 1860 household leave that relationship open.

MARY / STEPHANI'S MOTHER

Three generations on one census sheet

Mary Gertrude Wallace · Detroit, Michigan · April 8, 1942 – November 8, 1990



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10		John B	head	3	W	M	36	MAR.	canada-other	161	YES
11		Ruby	daughter in-law	4	W	F	34	MAR.	canada-other	261	NO
12		Mary G	daughter	5	W	F	7	NEV.	MICH.		
13		John M	son	5	W	M	6	NEV.	MICH.		
14		William G	son	5	W	M	3	NEV.	MICH.		

Detroit, April 1950. Lines 8–14, household 3, enumeration district 85-1635. Read down from Charles and Gertrude to John, Ruby and seven-year-old Mary. United States census, National Archives.

From Ottawa and Pelham to a Detroit household

John Braceland Wallace was born in Ottawa on May 10, 1913. Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe was born in Pelham on December 23, 1915, the same day as her twin, Ruth Eliza. On June 22, 1940, John and Ruby married in Welland. John already gave Detroit as his home. Ten years later the U.S. census put Mary in the same Detroit household as both parents and her father's parents.

John's birth · Ruby's birth · John and Ruby marry · Read the census sheet

Two grandmothers named Gertrude

Mary's father was the son of Frances Gertrude Braceland. Mary's mother was the daughter of Florence Gertrude Eckardt. Mary lived with Frances Gertrude as a child. Florence Gertrude had died in 1931, more than ten years before Mary was born. A name from both sides of the family survived in Mary Gertrude Wallace.

Ottawa marriage · Florence's death

The grandmother Joseph knew

Mary married George on November 25, 1960. She was eighteen. Later documents place her in Nevada, where her obituary names her mother Ruby. Joseph remembers watching Jeopardy! with Mary and crushing cans for her in the backyard. She was forty-eight when she died. The census preserves the little girl. Joseph's memory preserves what it felt like to be her grandson.

California wedding index · Mary's obituary · Nevada death entry

MARY / HER FATHER'S WALLACE FAMILY

Seven generations to a wedding

Follow the family back from a little girl in Detroit to the couple who married in Upper Canada.

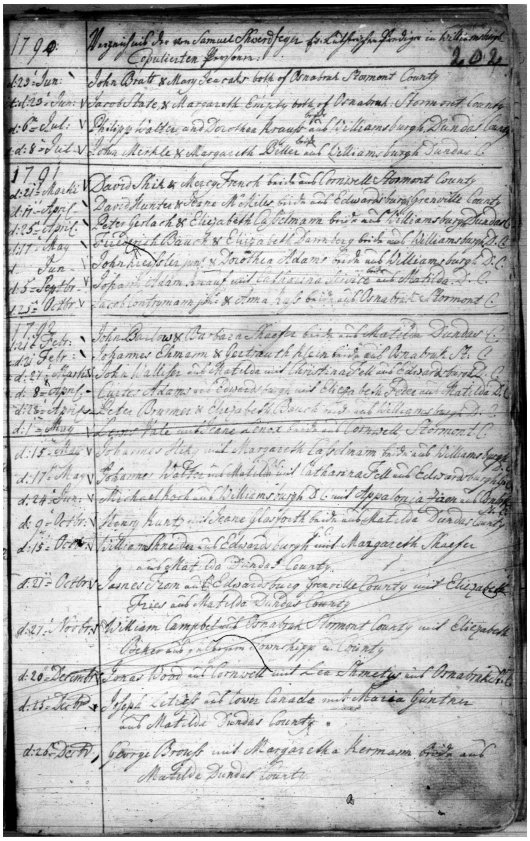
Mary Gertrude	The 1950 census names Mary in the household of John and Ruby, alongside her grandparents Charles and Gertrude.
John Braceland	His 1913 Ottawa birth names his parents, Charles Arthur Wallace and Frances Gertrude Braceland.
Charles Arthur	His 1912 Ottawa marriage names his father Marvin Wallace and mother Cora Harkness. Both Charles and his bride worked in government service.
Marvin	His 1879 marriage to Cora names his parents Benjamin Wallace and Jane McNarin. The preceding generations appear under several spellings.
John Benjamin	His 1914 death names Anthony and Mary. His parish entry gives September 17, 1820, as his birth date and calls him John Benjamin Walliser.
Anthony	His 1818 marriage identifies Mary Tuson. His own birth and baptism in 1793 name John and Christina as his parents.
John and Christina	Their March 27, 1792, marriage supplies Christina's surname, Fell. The original handwriting is reproduced on the next page.

Detroit census **John's Ottawa birth** **Charles's marriage** **Marvin's 1879 marriage** **Benjamin's 1914 death** **John Benjamin's baptism** **Anthony and Mary marry** **Anthony's baptism**

MARY / A PAGE FROM THE FAMILY ARCHIVE

March 27, 1792

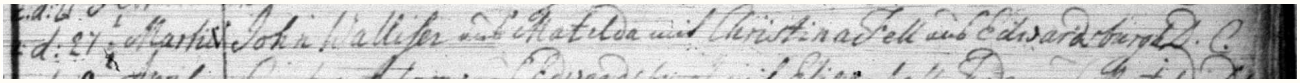
John Walliser of Matilda and Christina Fell of Edwardsburgh



Look halfway down the page for 1792. Count down three entries. The date runs along the left margin. John's name follows it. The words after Christina's name take us to her own community.

In English, the line identifies John Walliser from Matilda and Christina Fell from Edwardsburgh. That places each of them in a particular township before the wedding. The council names Christina's father, Frederick Fell. Christina's mother, John's parents and both birthplaces are still unknown.

The University of New Brunswick's catalogue identifies the minister for these years as the Lutheran pastor S. Schwerdfeger. The originals are held by the Anglican Diocesan Archives in Ottawa.



Enlargement of the March 27 entry, with the next line partly visible. Register of the parishes of Williamsburg, Matilda, Osnabruck and Edwardsburgh, book A, p. 202. Digital image by Bower-McBurney Genealogy.

A son on the next year's page

Antonius was born April 27, 1793, and baptized July 14. The dates are three months apart. Twenty-five years later he is the Anthoney Walliser who marries Mary Tuson of Matilda. The spelling changes again in the records of their son.

Open the full 1792 page **1793 baptism** **1818 marriage** **John Benjamin, book A** **Register catalogue · UNB**

MARY / THE FAMILIES WHO MARRIED INTO WALLACE

Jane, Cora and the Iroquois postmaster

John Benjamin married Jane McNarin. Their son Marvin married Cora Harkness. These marriages lead to two distinct groups of ancestors.

Jane’s parents emerge on another death sheet

Jane Wallace’s March 8, 1918, Matilda death entry calls her a widow and names Christopher (surname written in a McNarin/McNairn form) and Mary Corrigan as her parents. Annie Wallace of Iroquois supplied the information. The entry gives Ireland as Jane’s birthplace. The cemetery memorial gives Ontario. A baptism identifying the same parents would settle that disagreement. Mary Corrigan’s relationship to the Ottawa Corrigans is unknown.

Jane’s original death entry Jane’s memorial index Marvin’s parents

Cora’s mother, Louisa Graham

Cora’s 1879 marriage identifies Adam Harkness and Louisa Graham as her parents. Adam farmed in Matilda. Their son John Graham Harkness grew up there. His mother died on January 23, 1873, shortly before his eighth birthday. Louisa’s own parents remain unidentified.

Cora names both parents Adam’s 1861 census John Graham Harkness biography Louisa’s cemetery index

Adam himself named his parents

An 1888 marriage answers a question the earlier atlas left open. The Iroquois groom is a widowed postmaster, born in Matilda. He married Harriett Elizabeth Sipes on May 16. In the parents’ lines appear John Harkness and Kate Harkness. That matches the given names preserved through his brother. Dr. Andrew Harkness’s biography supplies Catherine’s maiden surname, Fetterly, and describes John as an emigrant from County Tyrone. Adam’s own entry supplies the parent link. The county and maiden name come from the biography.

Adam’s original 1888 marriage Transcribed marriage entry, reel 62 Andrew’s biography

A book by Stephani’s ancestor

Adam later wrote Iroquois High School, 1845–1895: A Story of Fifty Years, published in Toronto in 1896. His son John Graham became a lawyer and a historian. A scan of Adam’s book survives. Stephani can turn the pages of a book written by her own third-great-grandfather.

Read Adam’s 1896 book John Graham’s biography

MARY / HER OTTAWA AND NEW BRUNSWICK FAMILIES

A daughter in the civil-service list

Stephani › Mary › John Braceland Wallace › Frances Gertrude Braceland › Patrick Braceland and Ellen Corrigan.

David Braceland and Frances Sullivan

Patrick and Helen's Catholic wedding in South Gloucester names Patrick's parents as David Braceland and Francisse Sullivan. The civil marriage uses Brasland and says Patrick was born in New Brunswick. The church gives February 24, 1873, and the civil index February 25. The 1911 Ottawa census lists Patrick, Ellen and daughter Gertrude together. It calls him a Post Office civil servant and gives December 1842 and New Brunswick for his birth. His 1915 burial age fits about 1843. The marriage age suggests about 1848. No town in New Brunswick is established.

Patrick's church marriage Civil marriage 1911 Ottawa household 1915 burial Daughter's 1912 marriage

Hugh Corrigan and Catherine McHugh

Helen or Ellen's church marriage names Hugh and Catherine. Her mother's surname is indexed there as McLeow. Ellen's original 1932 Ontario death registration identifies her parents as Hugh Corrigan and Catherine McHugh and gives Ireland as the birthplace of both. The 1861 Osgoode census has Hugh Corigon, a farmer aged 53, born in Ireland about 1808. The Metcalfe memorial points to an 1881 death. An Irish county for Hugh and Catherine still needs a parish or contemporary family record.

Helen's wedding entry Ellen's original death certificate 1861 Osgoode census Metcalfe memorial

Frances Gertrude left a paper trail of her own

The 1901 Ottawa census gives July 13, 1884, as her birth date. Canada's Civil Service Commission listed her after the November 1908 examination. Her January 9, 1909, appointment paid $500. The 1911 list gives the same appointment date and a salary of $900. In 1912 she and Charles both wrote "civil servant" on their marriage return. The 1915 list places Charles in the Department of the Interior's Land Patents Branch.

1901 Ottawa census 1909 commission report, p. 80 1911 list, p. 341 1915 list, p. 28

Two Corrigan women appear in Mary's ancestry. Ellen descends from Hugh and Catherine McHugh. Mary Corrigan is named as Jane McNarin's mother. No record reviewed establishes a shared parent between these branches.

MARY / HER MOTHER RUBY'S FAMILY

From Yorkshire to Pelham

Stephani › Mary › Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe › George D. Tunnacliffe › John Tunnacliffe and Eliza Jane Moyres.

John Tunnacliffe of Yorkshire

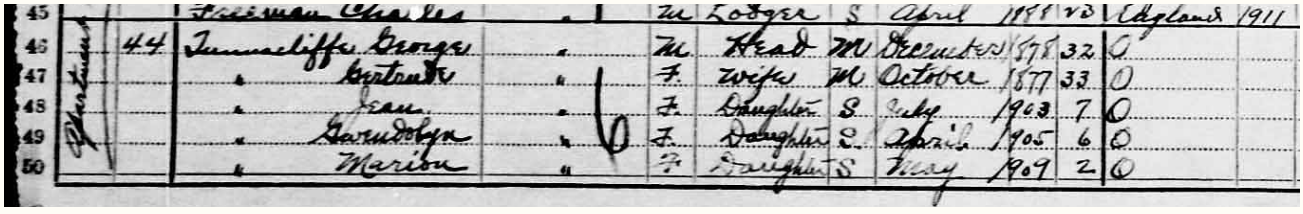
George's 1903 wedding identifies John and Eliza as his parents. In 1871 and 1881, John was in Pelham and his age implied birth around 1812. When he died on September 19, 1889, his death was registered at age 80 and his birthplace was given as Yorkshire. That moves the search from all England to a specific historic county, with a working birth range of about 1809–1812. The register does not supply his parish or parents.

John's 1889 death · 1871 Pelham census · 1881 household including George · George's 1903 marriage

Eliza Jane Moyres and the changing birthplace

Edgar Elmer's 1873 Ontario birth registration supplies his mother's full name, Eliza Jane Moyres. George's later marriage gives a De Moyles variant. Eliza appears with the same husband and older children in 1871 and 1881. The first census places her birth around 1838 in Quebec. The second gives about 1836 in Ontario. Both list Irish origin. The region and her parents need a marriage, baptism or detailed death record. Ruby's own 1915 birth is documented in Pelham.

Edgar names Eliza · Eliza's 1871 census · Eliza's 1881 census · Ruby's birth



Pelham, Ontario, 1911. The family appears under another spelling of Tunnacliffe. George and Gertrude appear above their children. Library and Archives Canada, 1911 census.

A surname that the clerk could still recognize

George married Florence Gertrude in 1903 and Della Barrow in 1940. Both marriage records place him in the same family. The later record calls him George De Moyles Tennacliffe and supplies De Moyles for his mother. His brother Edgar's birth entry supplies Moyres. Searching both versions protects Eliza's branch from disappearing behind a single spelling.

1903 marriage return · 1940 remarriage · 1911 census sheet

MARY / OTHER SURNAMES THROUGH FLORENCE

Braithwaite, Hegler and Koepke

Ruby’s mother was Florence Gertrude Eckardt. These three families enter through marriages on Florence’s side. Each keeps its own place in Stephani’s ancestry.

Mark Mell Braithwaite and the Skirlaugh baptism

Catherine Braithwaite’s 1869 marriage identifies Mark and Elizabeth as her parents. Mark Mell Braithwaite married Elizabeth Eckardt on June 20, 1843, in Ontario’s Home District. Mark’s death and census entries agree on an English birth around 1821–1822. In Skirlaugh, Yorkshire, a Mark Mell Braithwaite was baptized February 10, 1822, to John and Mary. The distinctive full name, age and country make this a strong identification. A will, sibling or migration record linking the Skirlaugh family to Ontario would confirm it. Mary’s maiden surname is open.

Catherine’s marriage Mark and Elizabeth marry Mark’s 1885 Ontario death Skirlaugh baptism, film 990525

Susannah Hegler and Ann Elizabeth Koepke

Susannah Hegler married Philip Eckardt Jr. in 1829. Her household in the 1871 census gives Ontario as her birthplace, around 1808. Her parents remain open. Farther up the Eckardt trunk, Ann Elizabeth Koepke (1778–1849) is a separate surname. Historical research identifies her father as Friedrich Koepke. That attribution comes from the earlier family study and the historian, and the competing accounts of her voyage remain unresolved.

Susannah with Philip, 1871 Markham municipal research Eckardt log-house history

Two Yorkshire searches, two different questions

John Tunnacliffe has a county named on his Canadian death record and an estimated birth range. Mark Mell Braithwaite has a Yorkshire parish, a dated baptism and named parents in England. The outstanding question for Mark is whether the baptized infant became the Ontario husband of Elizabeth. A family will naming him in Canada, or a sibling documented in both places, would answer that question. John needs his first parish identification.

Mark’s Ontario marriage Skirlaugh register index John’s death return

AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

Mark’s wife was Elizabeth Eckardt. Their daughter Catherine Braithwaite later married into the Eckardt family. Susannah Hegler and Ann Elizabeth Koepke belong to other marriages farther up that tree.

THE FAMILY AT WORK

What came down to Stephani

A census enumerator, a government payroll clerk and a school historian each left a different kind of family inheritance.

Rose recorded at a watch factory

In 1900, before she married George W. Bryant, Rose Shanley worked at a Springfield watch factory. Sangamon County historians describe the scale of the local trade. At its peak the Illinois Watch Company employed about 1,300 people and produced about 800 watches a day. Those figures describe the industry around Rose. Her exact employer, station and tools are still unknown.

Rose's 1900 occupation Sangamon County watch history

Frances in an office, Ruby on a census form

Frances Gertrude earned a civil-service appointment through an examination in Ottawa. Forty years later, a Detroit enumerator selected her daughter-in-law Ruby for extra questions. Ruby reported completing twelfth grade and living in the same house a year earlier. Through Ruby's answers and Frances's employment record, we can read something about these women beyond whom they married.

Civil Service Commission report Ruby's supplemental census line

Three ways to make a book

In Iroquois, Adam Harkness gathered fifty years of a school's history into a book. In Springfield, Howard Smith earned his living binding books at a printing company. In California, his granddaughter Stephani worked in printing, a detail Joseph remembers. Now her son has gathered their names between the covers of a book for her.

Read Adam's 1896 book Howard's work on line 24

FOR STEPHANI

If you could spend one afternoon at work beside any one of them, would you choose Rose at the watch factory, Frances in her first Ottawa office, Adam writing his school history, or your grandfather Howard at the bindery? What would you ask first?

REFERENCE / GEORGE'S FAMILY

How far each line reaches

Generations are counted from Stephani. A parent is one generation back, a grandparent two, a great-grandparent three. "About" marks an estimated birth year.

Smith · 3	Charles H. Smith, born about 1880–1882, and Margaret E. Smith, born about 1883. Their son Howard names both at his marriage. Charles's own birthplace alternates between Indiana and Ohio.
Margaret's family · 4	An unnamed Irish-born father appears consistently in Margaret's census answers. Her mother's birthplace varies between Ireland and England. Margaret's birth surname remains open.
Bryant · 4	William M. Bryant appears with Mary F. Johnson in the 1866 Estill County register. The 1860 Whitley household and a later memorial make Abel Bryant and Louisa Duncan the leading candidates for William's parents.
Johnson · 4	Mary F. Johnson's Kentucky marriage and her son's Illinois marriage identify her. Wm and Polley Johnson share a household with a same-name girl of the right age in Estill County in 1860. Parentage remains open.
Shanley · 4	Bernard Shanley was born in Ireland around 1839–1840. His 1870 Springfield marriage and his daughter Rose's 1905 marriage connect him to Stephani. His Irish parish and parents are open.
Mathews · 5	Owen Mathews reported an Irish birthplace and age 78 in 1860, implying about 1782. Elizabeth's death identifies him as her father. Peter Mathews and Anne O'Neil appear in a contributed tree only.
Garlantey · 5	Rose Garlantey, also written Gartlany in a memorial, was born around 1802–1803 in Ireland. She appears in Illinois in 1860 and 1870. Her daughter Elizabeth's death names her.

REFERENCE / MARY'S FAMILY

How far each line reaches

The oldest dated record and the earliest estimated year answer different questions. A known parent can also be identified by name before their birth year is known.

Walliser / Fell · 8	John and Christina married in 1792. Their son Anthony was born in 1793. The council named Christina's father, Frederick Fell, in 1800. Earlier New York origins and the couple's birth years remain unconfirmed.
Tuson · 6	Mary Tuson of Matilda married Anthony in 1818. She appears as John Benjamin's mother. Search Tousant as well. Her parents remain unidentified.
McNarin · 6	Jane Wallace's 1918 death names Christopher and Mary Corrigan. Jane was born about 1827–1828. Ireland and Ontario compete as her birthplace.
Harkness · 6	Adam's 1888 wedding names John and Kate. His brother's biography identifies Catherine Fetterly and gives County Tyrone for John. The older John's birth around 1786 rests on a memorial.
Graham · 5	Louisa Graham was born about 1840 according to a cemetery index. Her son's biography dates her death to 1873. Her parents remain open.
Braceland / Sullivan · 5	David Braceland and Frances Sullivan appear as parents in Patrick's 1873 marriage. Patrick's reported birth is about 1842–1848 in New Brunswick. Locality and his parents' origins are open.
Corrigan / McHugh · 5	Hugh Corrigan, born about 1808, and Catherine McHugh, both born in Ireland. Daughter Ellen's 1932 death names them. Their Irish counties remain open.
Tunnacliffe / Moyres · 4	John, born about 1809–1812 in Yorkshire, and Eliza Jane, born about 1836–1838 in Canada. Eliza's reported province varies. For Braithwaite, Hegler and Koepke, see page 15.

RESEARCH NOTES

The records that could take us farther

These are specific gaps at the far end of otherwise traceable branches. The source names throughout the companion are clickable. Some collections require a reader account.

1. Chicago and Kentucky

For Howard, inspect the St. Malachy baptism register around June 1908 for his parents and sponsors. If it omits Margaret's maiden name, compare his sister Mildred's Chicago baptism or birth registration. In Estill County, the 1866 marriage page has been located. A separate surviving bond, consent or probate file would be more informative about William and Mary's parents.

Chicago Catholic parish registers Archdiocese research guide Estill County marriage book · p. 22

2. Edwardsburgh, Matilda and Dundas

The 1792 register now places Christina in Edwardsburgh. The 1800 land index identifies her by both surnames in Dundas. The council named Christina's father, Frederick Fell, and recommended 200 acres. A patent or land register could show whether she received them. John Wallace entries in a 1790 land schedule are earlier candidates. The name alone cannot identify the husband in the 1792 register.

Read the council's decision · p. 162 Christina Fell's 1800 petition index Archives of Ontario petition guide
1790 schedule reference, RG 1 L4

3. Ireland, Yorkshire and New Brunswick

For the Mathews family, Julia's place of birth could supply an independent test of Navan. For Tunnacliffe, a Canadian marriage or immigration record naming his Yorkshire parish would narrow the English search. For Patrick Braceland, compare baptisms under Brasland and Braceland in New Brunswick from 1842 to 1848, using both parents' names. For Catherine Fetterly, seek her own marriage or baptism before assigning her parents.

Navan film coverage Patrick's marriage Adam's original 1888 marriage

READING THIS AS A FAMILY

A register records what someone wrote down. A census age gives an estimate. A biography or memorial can point to the next document. Joseph's memories belong beside those sources because he can tell us things a clerk never would have thought to ask.

Aunt Cindy and the Gaughans

Aunt Cindy, on the page about my mom growing up, your name is the last one in a list. A list is a small place to put somebody who means as much to me as you do. Cynthia Gaughan is what a researcher will find. Aunt Cindy is who I hope my kids and their kids will remember. I love you, and I'm glad I get to tell you that while you can read it for yourself.

You and Robert Peyton had two children. That makes Mary the grandmother of my brothers and me and of both my Peyton cousins. Alec, if we opened this book side by side to that picture of the Glendale Latin Club, we could both point to the same page and say, "That's our grandma."

That trail belongs to all of Mary's children. Follow her father's Wallace line back seven generations from Stephani or Cindy and you land on the wedding of John Walliser and Christina Fell on March 27, 1792. The minister who wrote down their names could hardly have pictured a family in California still reading his handwriting.

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Joseph Valenzuela, family recollection of his aunt and cousins, November 2026.

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The names Grandma left us

My mom remembered five boys and three girls. Kevin, Timmy, Ricky, Michael and Patrick were the boys. Stephani, Wendy and Cindy were the girls. Grandma's newspaper notice gives us a little detail I'd never have thought to look for. We spell my uncle's name Ricky. The paper printed Rickey Gaughan.

Three Los Angeles County birth entries put Gaughan and Wallace together. They name Cynthia in 1967, Wendy in 1969 and Michael in 1970. Then, in Clark County, Nevada, two people appear on one marriage license dated September 21, 1991. There's my aunt, Cynthia Ann Gaughan, alongside Robert Wayne Peyton.

Farther back, the paper trail needs a first name for Cindy's father. Nevada's license form at the time called for his name and where he was born. There's a clue for later, too. In 1923 the Irish priest Patrick Woulfe recorded Gaughan and Gahan as spellings of Ó Gácháin in County Mayo. Whether that was home to this particular family is still unproven.

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FROM THE FAMILY CALENDAR

Two dates I almost missed

On June 22, 1940, Ruby Tunnacliffe and John Wallace got married in Welland, Ontario. Across the border in Springfield, Illinois, a baby named George Howard Smith was nine days old. Nobody signing that wedding register would have had a reason to think about a newborn in Illinois. Twenty years later he married the bride and groom's daughter Mary. Those two June dates belong to opposite sides of your family, Stephani, right up until they meet in you.

Your grandpa John Braceland Wallace was born in Ottawa on May 10, 1913. Sixty-eight years later, on May 10, 1981, his granddaughter spent her first Mother's Day with me.

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Joseph Valenzuela, "Our mom," p. 24 · the family's first Mother's Day
stephani1963.com/read/#scene-21

IROQUOIS, ONTARIO · 1896

The postmaster who took the pen

Anthony, Marco, Matthew, here's somebody I wish the four of us could have met. His name was Adam Harkness. He was the postmaster in Iroquois, Ontario, and our fourth-great-grandfather through our grandma Mary. In 1896, exactly 130 years before I made this book for Mom, he put his name on the cover of one himself.

Adam hadn't planned on writing it. John Carstairs, the former student picked to tell the story of the school's first fifty years, became principal in another town. The committee asked old students for memories. The money to print the book was coming in faster than the stories. So Adam took the job.

A neighbor opened her father's papers to him. He worked through school-board minutes and accounts, and drew on people he remembered. Three of his own children had gone to that school. Meetings took place in his office. His son John helped look after the money. Adam called the writing "a labor of love." I know what he meant.



Adam's portrait and signature face the title page of the book he wrote.

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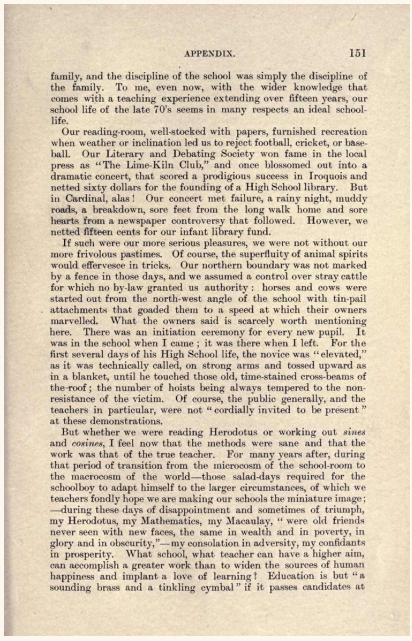
The fifteen-cent tour

On page 151 of Adam's book the kids put on a show. In Iroquois their literary and debating club cleared sixty dollars to start a school library. Naturally, they took the act to Cardinal. That night it rained. The roads turned to mud. There was a breakdown, a long walk home and, afterward, an argument in the newspaper. The take for the library came to fifteen cents.

The fellow telling this on himself was John Carstairs, the very man who was supposed to write the book. He remembered playing baseball at school, too. Matthew, you were the Phillies' sixteenth-round pick in 2026. I like that one of the things our fourth-great-grandpa thought worth putting on paper was that, on a good day in Iroquois, those kids played ball.

I'm glad Adam left in the fifteen cents. Anybody making a speech at a school reunion could remember the sixty dollars. The boy who had to walk home remembered both.



APPENDIX. 151

family, and the discipline of the school was simply the discipline of the family. To me, even now, with the wider knowledge that comes with a teaching experience extending over fifteen years, our school life of the late 70's seems in many respects an ideal school-life.

Our reading-room, well-stocked with papers, furnished recreation when weather or inclination led us to reject football, cricket, or base-ball. Our Literary and Debating Society won fame in the local press as "The Lime-Kiln Club," and once blossomed out into a dramatic concert, that scored a prodigious success in Iroquois and netted sixty dollars for the founding of a High School library. But in Cardinal, alas! Our concert met failure, a rainy night, muddy roads, a breakdown, sore feet from the long walk home and sore hearts from a newspaper controversy that followed. However, we netted fifteen cents for our infant library fund.

If such were our more serious pleasures, we were not without our more frivolous pastimes. Of course, the superfluity of animal spirits would effervesce in tricks. Our northern boundary was not marked by a fence in those days, and we assumed a control over stray cattle for which no by-law granted us authority; horses and cows were started out from the north-west angle of the school with tin-pail attachments that goaded them to a speed at which their owners marvelled. What the owners said is scarcely worth mentioning here. There was an initiation ceremony for every new pupil. It was in the school when I came; it was there when I left. For the first several days of his High School life, the novice was "elevated," as it was technically called, on strong arms and tossed upward as in a blanket, until he touched those old, time-stained cross-beams of the roof; the number of hoists being always tempered to the non-resistance of the victim. Of course, the public generally, and the teachers in particular, were not "cordially invited to be present" at these demonstrations.

But whether we were reading Herodotus or working out *sines* and *cosines*, I feel now that the methods were sane and that the work was that of the true teacher. For many years after, during that period of transition from the microcosm of the school-room to the macrocosm of the world—those salad-days required for the schoolboy to adapt himself to the larger circumstances, of which we teachers fondly hope we are making our schools the miniature image;—during these days of disappointment and sometimes of triumph, my Herodotus, my Mathematics, my Macaulay, "were old friends never seen with new faces, the same in wealth and in poverty, in glory and in obscurity,"—my consolation in adversity, my confidants in prosperity. What school, what teacher can have a higher aim, can accomplish a greater work than to widen the sources of human happiness and implant a love of learning! Education is but "a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" if it passes candidates at

John S. Carstairs's school recollections on page 151, including football, cricket and baseball.

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The same page enlarged. Look for the two sums the club earned for its library.

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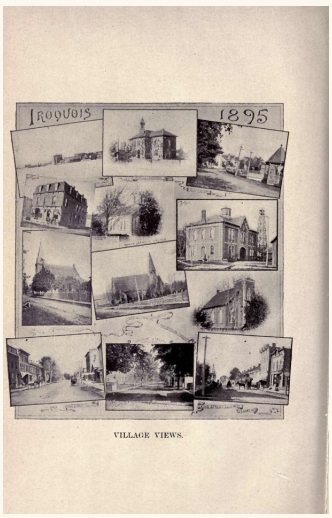
Minor League Baseball · Matt Quintanar's 2026 Philadelphia draft entry www.milb.com/player/matt-quintanar-825578

The day the houses moved

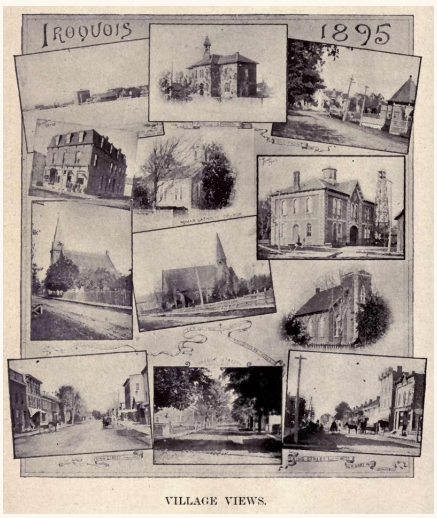
Look at the small photographs gathered under the name of Adam's town in his book. There are shopfronts and church steeples, and streets you could use to find your way home. The plate says 1895. For somebody born much later, those pictures turned out to be quite a gift. The town itself moved.

In the 1950s, the St. Lawrence Seaway and power project forced Iroquois to relocate inland. Ontario Hydro showed reporters what a hundred-ton house mover could do. It could carry a house a mile and a half to the new town with the family sitting on the front porch.

Open the aerial photograph from 1958. The old Iroquois and the new Iroquois fit in the same frame. Then come back to Adam's page and look at those streets again. For the space of a photograph, you can still take the old way home.



The full "Village Views" plate dated 1895 in Adam's school history.



Detail from the same plate. Compare the streets with the 1958 aerial photograph linked below.

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A town in two places · p. 174

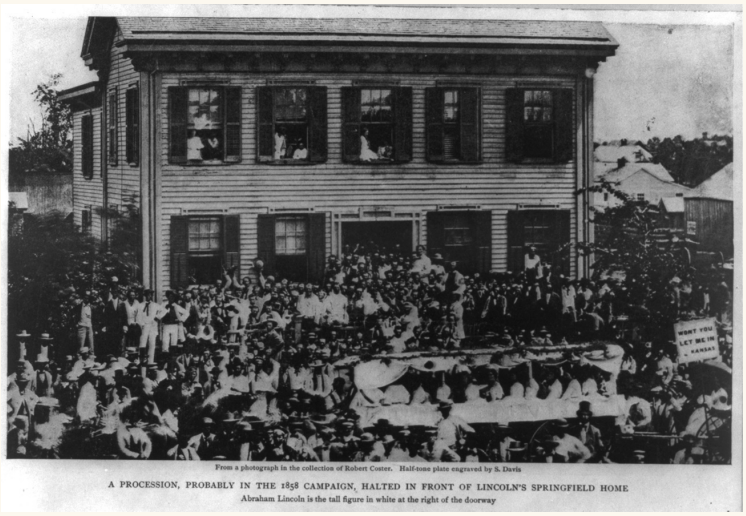
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS · AUGUST 1860

The photograph Lincoln watched develop

While Grandma Mary's people were making a life in Ontario, another branch of Mom's family was living in Abraham Lincoln's Springfield. The 1860 census puts Owen Mathews, an Irish-born laborer of seventy-eight, in a home with Rose, fifty-seven, and their daughter Eliza, eighteen. Owen and Rose were our fourth-great-grandparents through Mom's dad, George.

That August a parade went past Lincoln's house. Photographer William Shaw caught a float carrying thirty-three women, one for each state. Behind them rode a woman representing Kansas, still a territory. Shaw later recalled that Lincoln lent him the root cellar for a darkroom, helped him set it up and stayed to see the image appear.

The census and the photograph tell us two different things about that summer. The photograph shows what a crowd saw outside Lincoln's house. The census tells us eighteen-year-old Eliza was living in that city with her parents. Whether she went to the parade is one detail we don't have. Springfield was her hometown before it was anybody's history lesson.



The parade passed Lincoln's Springfield home on August 8, 1860. The women on the float represented the states of the Union.

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www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/1860-rally.htm

The clock over the lunch tables

Ten years after Lincoln's election, a census taker found Rose living with Eliza and her new husband, Bernard Shanley. By 1900 their daughter, also named Rose, was twenty-seven and living with her parents on North Twelfth Street. In the space for her occupation somebody wrote just two words. "Watch Factory." That young woman was our great-great-grandmother.

The photograph below was made in 1914 at the Illinois Watch Factory. I love the detail somebody caught on the left wall. The women have come in for lunch, there's a piano against the back wall, and even in the lunchroom there's a clock. The census gives us Rose's trade. The photograph gives us a look inside the industry in her city. It doesn't identify Rose or her employer.

By then this Springfield company could check its time against the stars. Its observatory used a telescope to time their passage. Imagine explaining that at the dinner table. Before a railroad man could trust the watch in his pocket, somebody back in Illinois was keeping an eye on the sky.



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department stores, and a five-and-ten-cent store. In most of these cases one week was given to employes who had worked a year or more. Other factories visited either gave no vacations or else allowed them without pay.

A considerable number of employers provided lunch and rest rooms for their workers, especially where many women were employed. These were found at the two laundries visited, at two of the department stores, in a telephone office, and in one large factory. Doubtless similar provisions were made at some

LUNCH AND REST ROOM

This room at the Illinois Watch Company's factory represented the principal type of service remotely approaching welfare work which at the time of the survey investigations was being carried on in the Springfield industrial establishments. But few factories supplied even these accommodations, and where they were provided they were for the use of women workers only

work places not visited. Usually the lunch room was merely a place where the workers could go to eat luncheons brought from home; but one telephone company supplied a light luncheon free and employed a matron to look after the lunch and rest rooms. At the street railway car barns, where men are often idle waiting assignments, a library, club rooms, and baths were maintained. Aside, however, from these limited activities Springfield employers had done very little in the way of welfare work. There was a disposition on the part of some to increase activities; but judg-

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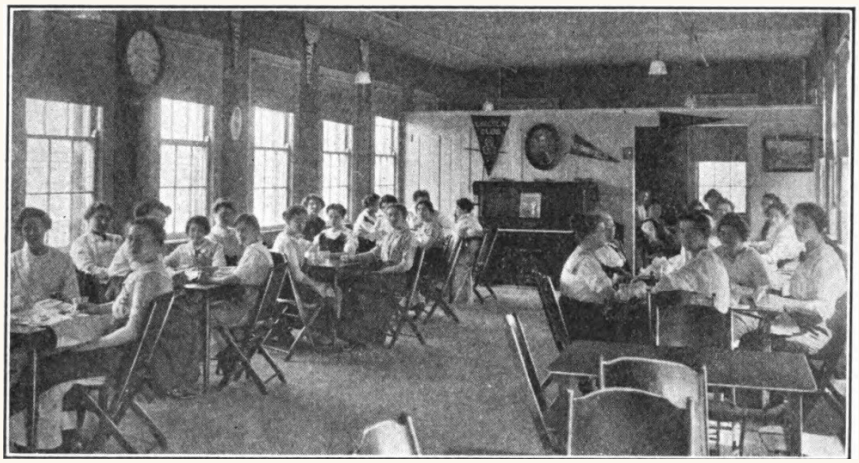
Page 137 of the 1916 report reproduces the 1914 photograph of women in the factory lunchroom.



The same photograph enlarged. The clock is on the left between the windows. The piano stands against the back wall.

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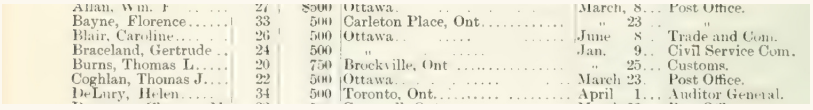
The young woman Grandma knew as Grandma

In Ottawa, another of our great-great-grandmothers sat for a civil-service examination in November 1908. Find Gertrude Braceland's name in the commission's first annual report. Read across the row. She was twenty-four, appointed January 9, 1909, at five hundred dollars a year. Two years later the official list put her at nine hundred. When she married Charles Arthur Wallace, both of them gave their occupation as civil servant.

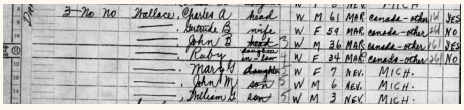
Now turn to a census sheet in Detroit. Find seven-year-old Mary living with her parents, John and Ruby, and her grandparents Charles and Gertrude. The young woman who earned that first paycheck in Ottawa had grown up to be the grandmother under Grandma Mary's roof.

I remember Mary and me watching Jeopardy! together once. That's the part I can tell. The census lets me see something I never could from beside her television. My grandma had once been the little kid in the room, with a grandma of her own.



Allan, Wm. F.	27	800	Ottawa	March	8	Post Office.
Bayne, Florence	33	500	Carleton Place, Ont.	"	23	"
Blair, Caroline	26	500	Ottawa	June	8	Trade and Com.
Braceland, Gertrude	24	500	"	Jan.	9	Civil Service Com.
Burns, Thomas L.	20	750	Brockville, Ont	"	25	Customs.
Coghlan, Thomas J.	22	500	Ottawa	March	23	Post Office.
DeLury, Helen	34	500	Toronto, Ont.	April	1	Auditor General.

Gertrude's entry in the appointments table, including her age and salary. The full report page is linked below.



Household 3 starts at line 8. Charles and Gertrude, John and Ruby, and the children appear on one sheet. Mary was seven.

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Civil Service Commission of Canada, First Annual Report, p. 80 · full appointment page
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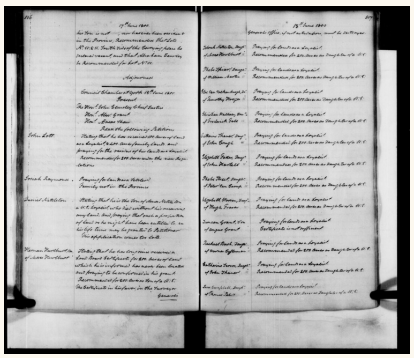
Joseph Valenzuela's recollection of watching Jeopardy! with Mary.

Two lines for Christina

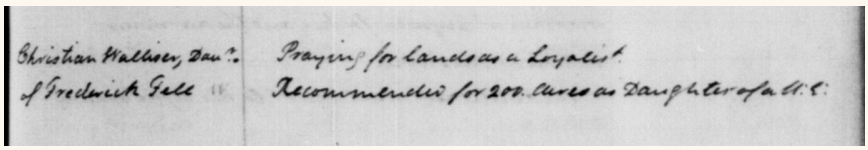
The minister who recorded Christina Fell's wedding on March 27, 1792, gave us two places. Christina came from Edwardsburgh. John Walliser came from Matilda. Their son Anthony was born the following spring. The wedding entry gave us no name for Christina's father.

Eight years later, on June 18, 1800, Christina asked Upper Canada's Executive Council for land. Open the land book to page 507 and look at the fourth entry on the right. The clerk calls her Christian Walliser. Below her name you can read the words "of Frederick Fell." Across from them, the clerk records a recommendation of two hundred acres because she was the daughter of a United Empire Loyalist.

A recommendation leaves the fate of those acres open. The relationship is there in the ink. Christina is our sixth-great-grandmother. Frederick Fell is our seventh-great-grandfather. We went looking for a piece of land. Christina gave the four of us a grandfather.



Christina's entry is fourth from the top on the right-hand page, numbered 507.



The clerk used Christian Walliser and identified Frederick Fell as her father. The two lines on the right record her request and the recommendation.

Sources

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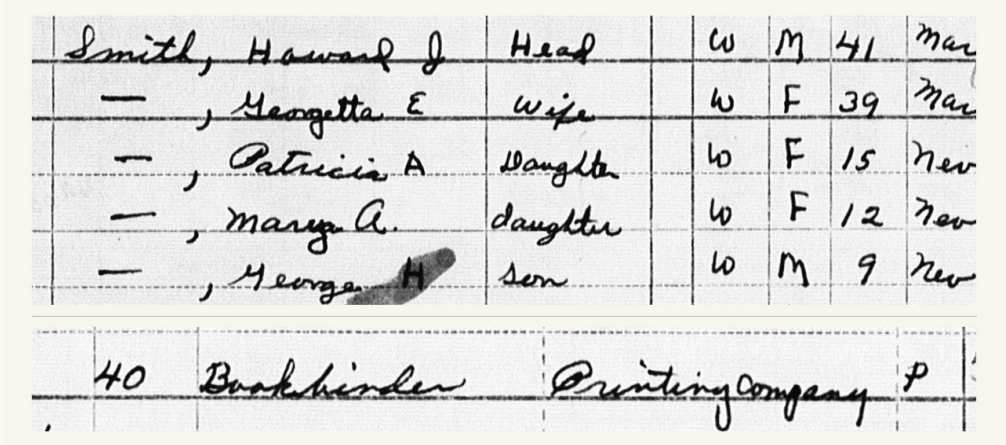
What I'd put in Howard's hands

There's one last thing my brothers ought to know about Adam's son. John Graham Harkness, the son who helped with the money for his dad's school history, went on to write a history of his own. In July 1946, a newspaper office in Cornwall put a copy on display. Six hundred and one pages about three Ontario counties. Fifty years had gone by since his dad's book came out.

Across the family, Mom's grandpa Howard Smith was working in a Springfield print shop. In 1950, beside his name, the census taker recorded forty hours and wrote "Bookbinder." I remember Mom working in printing, too. And here we are in 2026. One of her boys has made a book for her, and the other three can open it to a page about the man who knew how to hold those pages together.

Anthony, Marco, Matthew, if we could put one copy in Howard's hands, I'd like to hear what he thought of the binding. Then I'd show him the woman on the cover. "That's your granddaughter, Stephani. She's our mom. We made sure her name was in this one."



Smith, Howard J	Head		W	M	41	Mar
— , Georgetta E	wife		W	F	39	Mar
— , Patricia A	Daughter		W	F	15	New
— , Marya A.	daughter		W	F	12	New
— , George H	Son		W	M	9	New
40	Bookbinder	Printing Company		P		

Howard's name and occupation on line 24 of the Springfield census. George, his son and Stephani's father, is listed in the same household.

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Joseph Valenzuela's recollection of Stephani's work in printing.

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Altona, beside the Elbe

The Elbe at Altona during the years of the voyage. Officers surveyed this shore between 1789 and 1796, under Gustav Adolf von Varendorf. The 1792 passenger return names Hendrick (Henry) Trautman as captain. Historian George W. J. Duncan describes Philip as coming from Saxony. His home parish and his parents' names are still open.



The officers' survey of the river and both towns, 1789–96.

Gustav Adolf von Varendorf · period survey

George W. J. Duncan · Philip of Saxony, printed page 10

Parks Canada · the eastern arm of the Toronto Carrying Place Trail

The things a household left behind



A lid from a child's tea set and pieces of dolls survived in the soil. Children played here across generations. These finds belonged to a site occupied by several families.



The excavation recovered a bone toothbrush and 281 buttons of ivory, shell, glass and metal. The objects tell us something about life around this house even when we cannot name the person who held them.

William D. Finlayson · excavation report, plates 3.2–3.3, printed pages 37–38

Minnie, Edgar and Marvin

Minnie gave local schoolteachers a room and meals. In 1955 she and Ethel Cleland, a friend she had known since 1911, boarded a freighter in Vancouver. They went through the Panama Canal, reached Dublin and Paris, and came home on July 26 after six months away.

Edgar was the skip who called the shots for his curling team in 1920. In 1939 he supervised the committee developing the public bathing beach in Invermere.

Before the mayor's portrait, there were pilot's wings, a radio-repair shop and a local orchestra. Marvin earned his RCAF wings in 1943 and later repaired radios in Invermere.



Minnie Joos and Edgar Tunnacliffe, Jamestown, April 1913.

Windermere Valley Museum · Valley History, August 2001, page 1

Cranbrook Herald, February 19, 1920 · the curling skip

Nelson Daily News, May 24, 1939 · the bathing beach

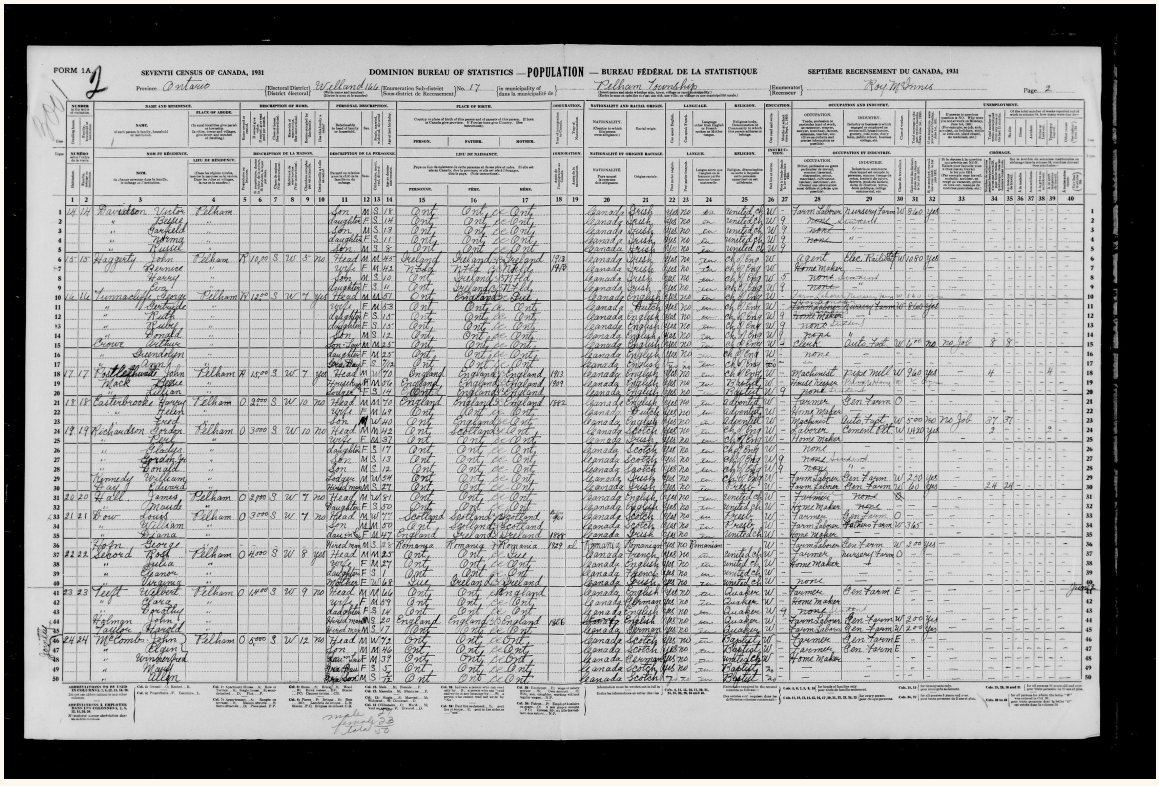
Nelson Daily News, March 20, 1943 · Marvin earns his pilot's wings

An aunt at fifteen

Ruby and Ruth were fifteen. Their sister Gwen and her husband Arthur had a seven-month-old daughter, Ann. The twins were already someone's aunts. The family reported seven rooms in a wooden house and rent of twelve dollars a month. This little Ann belonged to Gwen's generation of children. Mary's sister Anne comes later in the story.

Ruby helped out at St. Teresa of Avila in Carson City.

Ruth worked for the Wabasso Cotton Company and belonged to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church throughout her life. Her notice names her son Herbert and granddaughters Ruth and Jane.



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Province Ontario — [Electoral District] Welland (East) — [Enumeration Sub-district] No. 17 — [in municipality of] Pelham Township — [Enumerator] Ray McInnis — Page 2

The 1931 Pelham household. The recorded ages, rooms and rent are still legible on the return.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics · Pelham, Welland, 1931, e011696512

Ruby's death notice · Carson City, May 13, 1994

Ruth's death notice · Welland, January 1999

The Windsor Star, 1953 · Marion in Glendale and Ruby in Detroit

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS · MARCH 2, 1958

George and his teammates



Cathedral CYO Team Displays Second Place Trophy

SHOWN DISPLAYING the Springfield City CYO second place basketball trophy are members of the Cathedral parish team. Kneeling are, from left, James Sugent, Vic Mulacek, George Smith. Middle row: Bill Mullen, Ferdi Sugent, Coach Art Evans, Rev. Irvin R. Will, pastor of the Cathedral; Eddie Ashton, and Rev. Casimir Gierut, assistant pastor, and spiritual director of Cathedral CYO. Back row: Dan Sullivan, Don Harris, Pat Ryan, Mike Moley, Bill Comerford.

Springfield, Illinois, 1958. The newspaper identifies the three boys kneeling, from left, as James Sugent, Vic Mulachey and George Smith. Joseph identifies George as his grandfather.



The kneeling row, enlarged from the photograph above. George is third from the left. The glasses and the grin are easier to see here.

The Western Catholic edition of Our Sunday Visitor, volume 46, no. 44, page 8

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS · 1955

A page for the Class of 1958



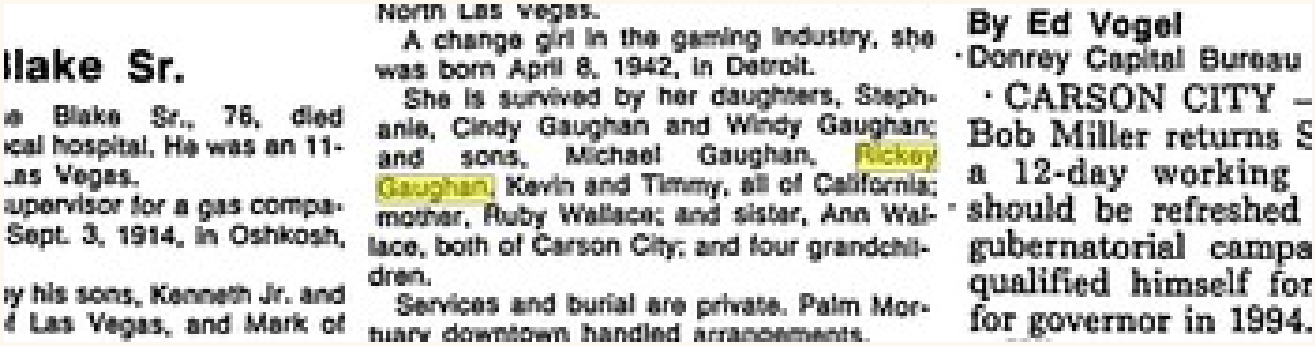
Three years earlier, the school yearbook pictured the class of 1958. The roster includes G. Smith. Joseph's grandfather was in that graduating class. The initials alone leave the individual face uncertain.

George H. Smith · 2013 obituary and service in the U.S. Marine Corps

LAS VEGAS · NOVEMBER 1990

The names Grandma left us

As an adult Mary worked as a change attendant in the Las Vegas gaming industry. It is one small answer the newspaper saved about what Grandma did when she headed out the door for work.



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y his sons, Kenneth Jr. and
f Las Vegas, and Mark of

North Las Vegas.

A change girl in the gaming industry, she was born April 8, 1942, in Detroit.

She is survived by her daughters, Stephanie, Cindy Gaughan and Windy Gaughan; and sons, Michael Gaughan, Rickey Gaughan, Kevin and Timmy, all of California; mother, Ruby Wallace; and sister, Ann Wallace, both of Carson City; and four grandchildren.

Services and burial are private. Palm Mortuary downtown handled arrangements.

By Ed Vogel
·Donrey Capital Bureau

· CARSON CITY –
Bob Miller returns S
a 12-day working
should be refreshed
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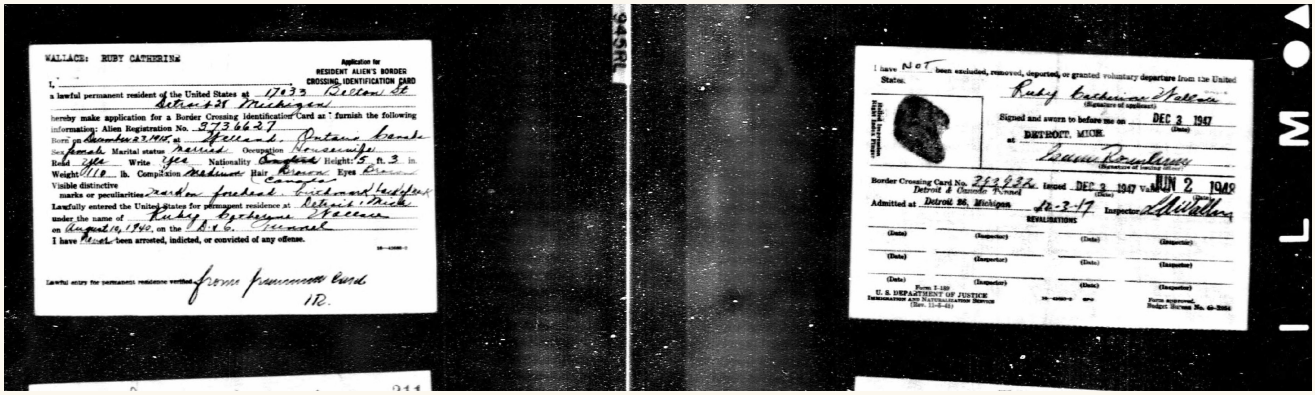
qualified himself for
for governor in 1994.

Grandma Mary's notice, as printed. The paper used Rickey and Windy. We use Ricky and Wendy, the spellings Joseph uses with his family.

Las Vegas Review-Journal, November 15, 1990 · family and occupation

Seven Saturdays to Detroit

Ruby married John on June 22, 1940. Seven Saturdays later, on August 10, she entered Detroit through the tunnel. The reverse records her signature and fingerprint in December 1947. John had crossed years earlier. On February 24, 1925, the eleven-year-old came to Detroit with his mother to join his father, Charles. His Ottawa baptismal register gives his birth as May 10, 1913, and his baptism as May 18.



Ruby Catharine Wallace's border record, front and reverse.

Ottawa baptismal register · John Braceland Wallace, May 18, 1913

U.S. border manifest · John, February 24, 1925

U.S. border record · Ruby Wallace, 1940 entry and 1947 card

Two cards on October 16

On October 16, 1940, two men stood before different registrars. In Detroit, John Braceland Wallace worked for Service Steel and gave his mother Gertrude as the person who would always know his address. Ten years later his little girl Mary lived with Gertrude on that very street. In Springfield, Illinois, Howard Joseph Smith gave his wife Georgetta as his contact. Their families were a state apart. One man would become Stephani's grandfather through Mary, the other through George. Both signed their draft cards on the same day.

Howard was about twenty-one when the 1930 census called him a printer. In 1940 the bookbinder reported forty-four hours during the census week and all fifty-two weeks worked in 1939. In 1950 his answer for the census week was forty hours.

Gertrude's father, Patrick Braceland, ran the elevator at Ottawa's Russell House hotel and later packed supplies for the Post Office. His daughter's name eventually appeared in the government's own civil-service list. Two generations of one family worked behind the letters that Canadians sent each other.

John Braceland Wallace · Detroit registration card, October 16, 1940
Howard Joseph Smith · Springfield registration card, October 16, 1940
R. L. Polk / A. S. Woodburn · Ottawa City Directory, 1890–91
Government of Canada · Civil Service List, 1905
U.S. Census Bureau · Howard Smith in 1930
U.S. Census Bureau · Howard Smith in 1940

See both original draft cards together · p. 210

A town in two places



Iroquois Remembered

Images of the Past

Red & White Inflation Fighting Specials

Tennis clinic Friday

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BONUS! $10 VALUE

U.C.O. BRINSTON

GALAXY HAIR STYLING

The complete Iroquois Post page, August 20, 1980, looking back at the move.

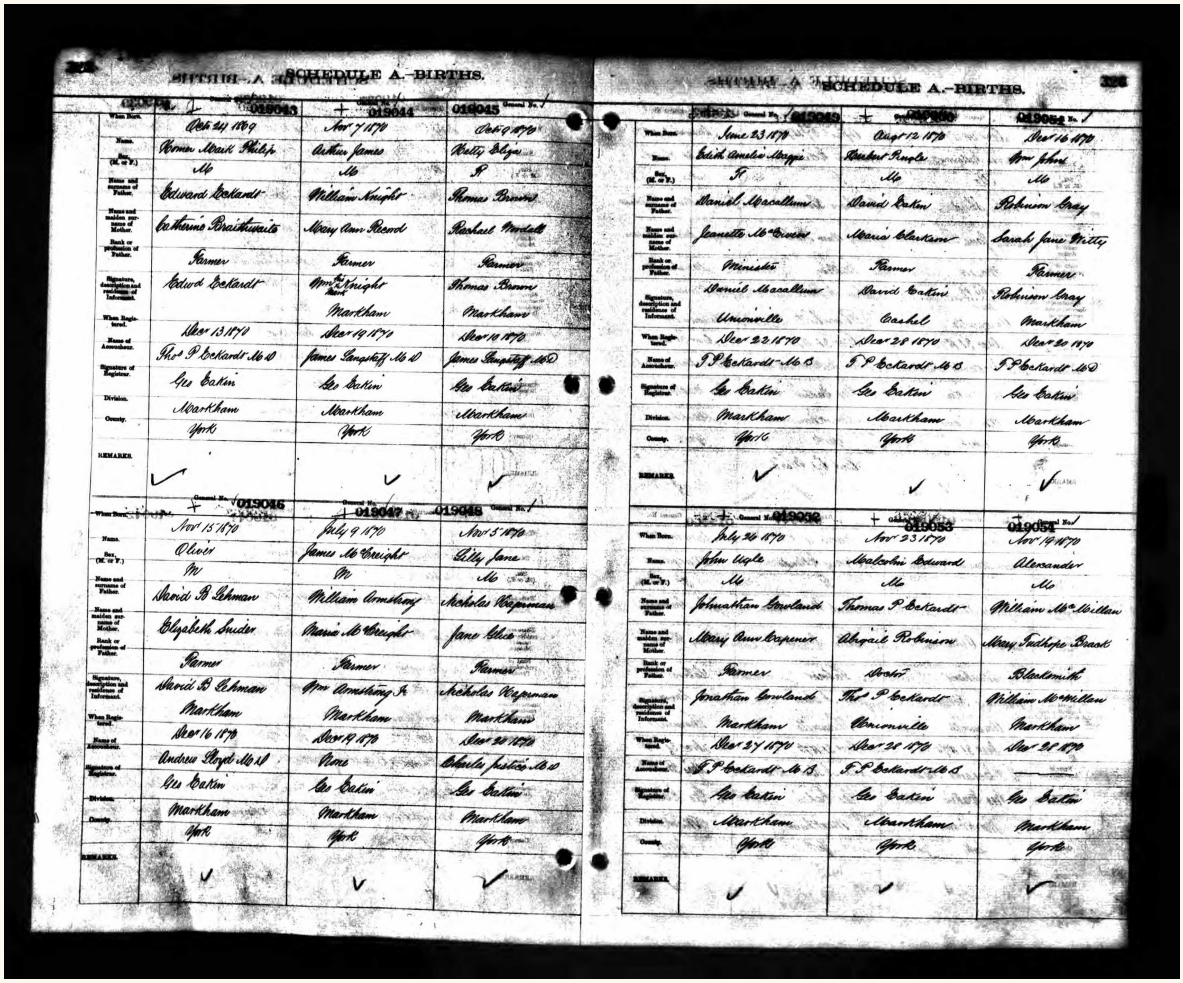


Ontario Hydro's 1958 photograph of the two towns, enlarged.

Dundas County Archives · The Iroquois Post, August 20, 1980, page 5

The family at work

Ten years before he delivered his nephew Homer, Thomas Philip Eckardt wrote his Harvard medical thesis on the pulse. Its title appeared in a Boston medical journal on March 17, 1859. On Florence's other side, her uncle Edward Ernest Braithwaite made medicine part of his work as a university president. In 1916 he and surgeon Edwin Seaborn went to Ottawa with an offer to equip and staff a hospital for the wounded. The War Office accepted a hospital of four hundred beds.



SCHEDULE A.—BIRTHS.

Homer's birth registration records the name of the doctor who attended. The full record and the enlargement are also on page 128.

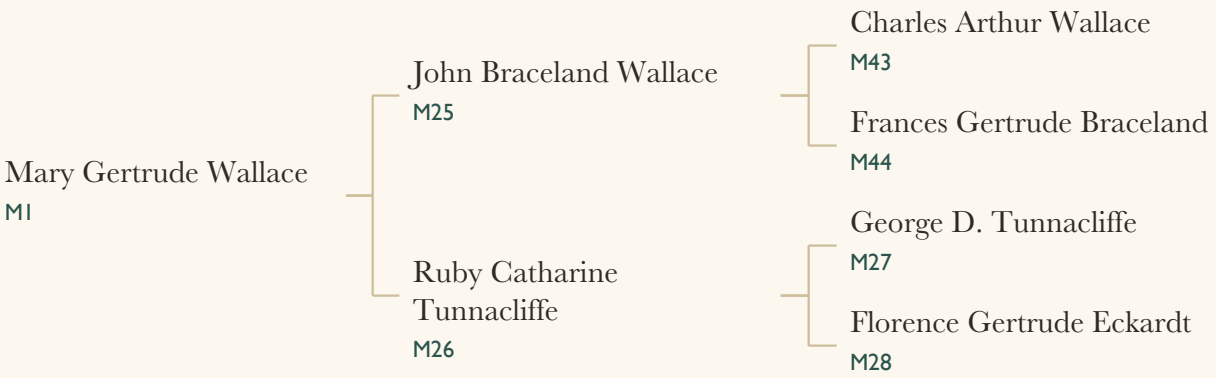
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, March 17, 1859 · Thomas's thesis, page 148

Western University Archives · No. 10 Canadian Stationary Hospital

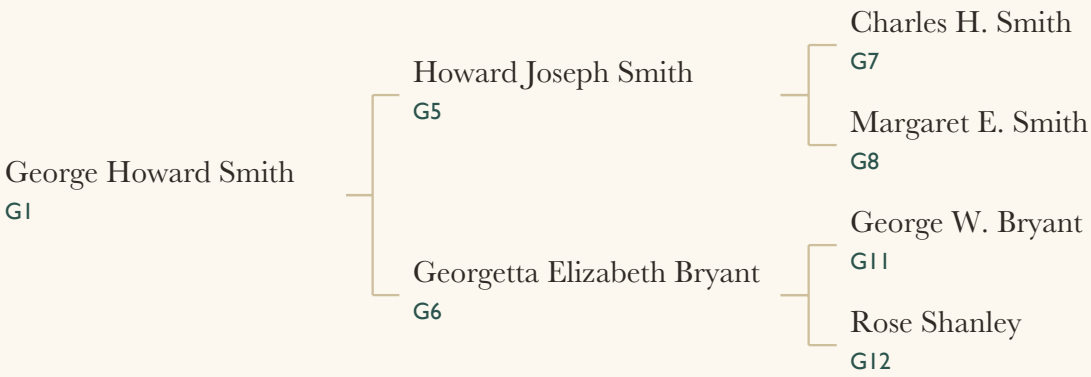
Stephani's family tree

Stephani Smith was born in Glendale on March 13, 1963. Begin with Stephani's mother, Mary, or her father, George. M and G lead to the two family registers. Each entry names the parents the records identify. A source number leads to its archive in the final pages.

Mary's family



George's family



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Mary's family

M1 **Mary Gertrude Wallace**

1942–1990

Stephani's mother was born in Detroit on April 8, 1942. In the 1950 census, both parents, both paternal grandparents and her younger brothers John and William appear in her household. She later attended Glendale High and married George Howard Smith in California in 1960. Both her grandmothers shared her middle name, Gertrude. She lived with Frances Gertrude in Detroit. Florence Gertrude had died in 1931, before Mary was born.

Parents John Braceland Wallace (M25) and Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe (M26)

Documented · Records 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

M2 **Peggy Grange**

married July 1, 1806

Married a James Tunnercliffe at Flamborough in 1806. The 1809 Bempton baptism names only James as father. Peggy's identity as the boy's mother, and his identity with George's father in Ontario, remain open.

Candidate · Records 7, 8

M3 **Ruth Eliza Tunnacliffe**

1915–1999

Ruby's twin, born December 23. Ruth married Edwin Albert Hilder in 1946; Ruby was matron of honor on her own sixth wedding anniversary.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 9, 10, 11

M4 **John Graham Harkness**

Cora's brother. He served thirty-one years as Crown attorney and lost the 1905 Cornwall mayoral election by one vote. His 601-page three-county history was published in 1946, fifty years after his father's school history. A St. Lawrence island was named after him.

Parents Adam Harkness (M29) and Louisa Theresa Graham (M30)

Documented · Records 12, 13

Mary's family

M5

Dr. Andrew Harkness

Adam's brother. His biography independently identifies their parents John Harkness and Catherine Fetterly and recalls the Tyrone origin of the family.

Parents John Harkness of County Tyrone (M31) and Catherine (Kate) Fetterly (M32)

Documented · Records 14, 15

M6

Edgar Elmer Tunnacliffe

born 1873

George's brother and Ruby's uncle. His 1873 birth registration preserves his mother's name as Eliza Jane Moyres. He married Minnie E. Joos in North Dakota in 1913. Local newspapers later reported his work and curling in Jamestown.

Parents John Tunnacliffe of Pelham (M33) and Eliza Jane Moyres / Moyles (M34)

Documented · Records 16, 17

M7

Edward Ernest Braithwaite

Catherine's brother and Florence's uncle was Western University's second president. He helped secure approval for a 400-bed military hospital in 1916. Western's archive includes musician Guy Lombardo's signed receipt for a benefit for the hospital in 1917.

Parents Mark Mell Braithwaite (M35) and Elizabeth Eckardt Braithwaite (M36)

Documented · Records 18, 19

M8

Maria (Mary) Koepke

Ann Elizabeth's sister married George Pingel, the chest owner's son. Their 1803 Markham household lists daughters Anna and Amalia. The museum chest is connected to this branch by marriage.

Parent Friedrich Koepke (M37)

Documented · Records 20, 21, 22

M9

George Pingel / Pingle

Husband of Maria Koepke and son of the chest owner, according to Duncan's history. The 1803 Markham census records his family separately from Philip and Elisabeth's on the same manuscript page.

Parent Jochim Pingel (M38)

Documented · Records 20, 21, 22, 23

Mary's family

M10 Jean Ladell Tunnacliffe

born 1903

Ruby's older sister was born July 17, 1903. Her Ontario birth entry names George and Gertrude, and she appears in the 1911 Pelham census with her younger sisters.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 24, 25

M11 Eve Gwendolyn Tunnacliffe Crowe

1905–1953

Ruby's sister was born April 13, 1905. Her 1953 notice names her husband Arthur Crowe, their daughter Anne and siblings living in Canada, California and Detroit.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 26, 27

M12 Marion Tunnacliffe

born 1909

Ruby's sister was born May 1, 1909. Her father is described as a farmer in the birth registration; in 1911 she is two in her parents' Pelham household.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 25, 28

M13 Donald Tunnacliffe

born about 1918–1919

Ruby and Ruth's younger brother. Canadian household census records supply the approximate birth year.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 29, 30

M14 Homer Mark Philip Eckardt

born 1869

Born October 24. His birth return gives both parents and names Dr. Thomas P. Eckardt as the attending practitioner, consistent with his father's physician brother.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 31, 32

Mary's family

M15 **Clarence Eckardt**

born about 1871–1872

Florence's older brother, recorded in the 1881 Markham household with Homer, Florence and Maude.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 32

M16 **Maude (Maud) Eckardt**

born 1880

Florence's sister. Her name appears as Maud with Eva's as a witness to Florence's Ridgeville wedding in 1903.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 32, 33, 34

M17 **Jessie Eckardt**

born 1881

Florence's sister. The evidence in the family censuses follows the sisters from their parents' household; in 1901 Jessie was a teacher.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 33, 35

M18 **Eva Eckardt**

born 1883

Florence's sister and one of the two siblings who signed as witnesses at the 1903 wedding in Ridgeville.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 34, 35

M19 **W. Roy Eckardt**

born 1885

Edward and Catherine's son was born on November 21, the same day as his twin sister Wilhelmina. Their birthdays appear together in the 1901 census.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 35

Mary's family

M20 **Wilhelmina E. Eckardt**

born 1885

Florence's younger sister and W. Roy's twin. The 1901 census gives both their birthdays as November 21, 1885.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 35

M21 **Sarah Ann Eckardt**

born 1832

She appears with her parents and her brothers Thomas and Edward in the Markham 1851 census.

Parents Philip Eckardt Jr. (M41) and Susannah Hegler (M42)

Documented · Records 36

M22 **Dr. Thomas Philip Eckardt**

born 1833

Edward's older brother became a physician. Ontario recorded a Thomas P. Eckardt, M.D., at the 1869 birth of Edward's son Homer.

Parents Philip Eckardt Jr. (M41) and Susannah Hegler (M42)

Documented · Records 31, 36

M23 **Andrew Eckardt, son of Philip Jr.**

born 1837

The City of Markham's account identifies Andrew as a child of Philip Jr. and Susannah who died young. He belongs to a different generation from the Andrew born in 1811 in Philip Sr.'s family.

Parents Philip Eckardt Jr. (M41) and Susannah Hegler (M42)

Documented · Records 36

M24 **Barbara Ann Eckardt**

born 1840

A daughter of Philip Jr. and Susannah, identified in the municipal history as having died young.

Parents Philip Eckardt Jr. (M41) and Susannah Hegler (M42)

Documented · Records 36

Mary's family

M25 **John Braceland Wallace**

1913–1970

Born May 10 in Ottawa. By his June 1940 wedding to Ruby in Welland, he was a clerk living in Detroit. The Ontario birth date matches the California death index dated January 16, 1970.

Parents Charles Arthur Wallace (M43) and Frances Gertrude Braceland (M44)

Documented · Records 37, 38, 39

M26 **Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe**

1915–1994

Ruby and Ruth Eliza were born in Pelham on December 23, 1915, and registered separately by their mother. Ruby married John in 1940. Exactly six years later she stood beside her twin at Ruth's wedding.

Parents George D. Tunnacliffe (M27) and Florence Gertrude Eckardt (M28)

Documented · Records 9, 10, 38

M27 **George D. Tunnacliffe**

Nursery worker George married Florence in Ridgeville on March 20, 1903. They raised Jean Ladell, Eve Gwendolyn, Marion, twins Ruby and Ruth, and Donald. George later married Della Barrow. The 1940 return spells his middle names De Moyles.

Parents John Tunnacliffe of Pelham (M33) and Eliza Jane Moyres / Moyles (M34)

Documented · Records 30, 40, 41

M28 **Florence Gertrude Eckardt**

1876–1931

Born October 1 in Markham, Florence later worked as an office clerk. Her sisters Eva and Maud witnessed her 1903 marriage to George. At nine she gained twin siblings, Roy and Wilhelmina. In 1915 she registered her own twins, Ruby and Ruth. She died September 16, 1931.

Parents Edward Eckardt (M39) and Catherine Braithwaite (M40)

Documented · Records 5, 6, 9, 40

Mary's family

M29 **Adam Harkness**

1835–1904

Cora's father farmed in Matilda, became Iroquois's postmaster, then gathered the memories and minutes for a 50-year history of the local school, published in 1896. His own reminiscences locate his parents' farm on Matilda's third concession. His 1888 remarriage to Harriett Elizabeth Sipes names both of his parents.

Parents John Harkness of County Tyrone (M31) and Catherine (Kate) Fetterly (M32)

Documented · Records 12, 13, 15, 42, 43

M30 **Louisa Theresa Graham**

about 1840–1873

Cora's mother married Adam Harkness on October 14, 1857. George Maclean Rose's biography, published in Adam's lifetime, names Louisa's father and mother. Her son John's biography dates her death to January 23, 1873.

Parents John Graham of County Fermanagh (M45) and Olive Doran (M46)

Documented · Records 12, 42, 43

M31 **John Harkness of County Tyrone**

Adam's father. His son's account recalls his 1820 arrival from the north of Ireland and his 1826 settlement in Matilda with his wife. The 1886 biography identifies County Tyrone. His Irish parish is open.

Documented · Records 13, 15, 43

M32 **Catherine (Kate) Fetterly**

Named as Kate in her son Adam's 1888 marriage. Rose's biography of Adam gives her surname and identifies her father as Peter Fetterly. Her mother's identity is still an open question.

Parent Peter Fetterly (M47)

Documented · Records 14, 15, 43

Mary's family

M33

John Tunnacliffe of Pelham

about 1809–1812 – 1889

George's father died in Pelham on September 19, 1889. The Canadian death registration calls him a Yorkshire-born British pensioner. A likely matching soldier, Private no. 1020, was born in Benton and served in the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment. A Bempton baptism for a son of James is a strong lead to his father.

Parent James Tunnicliffe of Bempton (M48)

Documented · Records 8, 40, 44, 45

M34

Eliza Jane Moyres / Moyles

1837–1920

Her children's records use Moyres, Moyles and De Moyles. Son Frank supplied April 14, 1837, Quebec, for her birth and identified Daniel Moyles and Margaret Hall as her parents. A Quebec census with a girl of the right age calls Daniel's wife Isabella Hall. Eliza's exact baptism and her mother's given name remain open.

Parents Daniel Moyles (M49) and Margaret Hall (family identification disputed) (M50)

Documented · Records 16, 46, 47, 48

M35

Mark Mell Braithwaite

about 1821–1822 – 1885

Catherine's father was a Unionville merchant. He married Elizabeth Eckardt on June 20, 1843. A February 10, 1822 Yorkshire baptism names a Mark Mell Braithwaite, son of John and Mary of South Skirlaugh. A North American record explicitly identifying these parents would confirm the cross-Atlantic match.

Parents John Braithwaite of South Skirlaugh (M51) and Mary, wife of John Braithwaite (M52)

Documented · Records 49, 50, 51

M36

Elizabeth Eckardt Braithwaite

1827–1912

Catherine's mother married Mark Mell in 1843. Her 1912 Ontario death registration gives July 22, 1827, Unionville, for her birth and identifies her parents with handwritten forms of Gottlieb Eckart and Catherine Helmkey.

Parents Gottlieb Eckart / Eckardt (M53) and Catherine Helmkey / Helmke (M54)

Documented · Records 49, 52, 53

Mary's family

M37 **Friedrich Koepke**

Identified by the historical account as Ann Elizabeth's father. Through Maria, another daughter, the family became connected by marriage to the Pingels of the Markham chest. His older origins require an identifying parish or family record.

Reported · Records 20

M38 **Jochim Pingel**

on the 1792 passenger list

George's father travelled with his wife and five children. Markham Museum identifies his carved blanket chest and reads the inscription "Jochim Pingel 1757." Who made it and what the year commemorates remain open.

Documented · Records 20, 23, 54

M39 **Edward Eckardt**

born 1841

Edward married Catherine in 1869. Their children included Homer, Clarence, Florence, Maude, Jessie, Eva and twins W. Roy and Wilhelmina. The couple regained their Markham property in 1886 with both names on title. An 1891 census records Edward growing fruit in Pelham.

Parents Philip Eckardt Jr. (M41) and Susannah Hegler (M42)

Documented · Records 33, 35, 36, 52

M40 **Catherine Braithwaite**

Florence's mother. Her 1869 marriage identifies Mark and Elizabeth as her parents. Her brother Edward Ernest Braithwaite later served as president of Western University. In Catherine's own household, her twin son and daughter shared a birthday on November 21, 1885.

Parents Mark Mell Braithwaite (M35) and Elizabeth Eckardt Braithwaite (M36)

Documented · Records 18, 35, 52

Mary's family

M41 **Philip Eckardt Jr.**

birth year disputed; died 1874

In 1827 his father sold him one hundred acres. Philip Jr. and Susannah married in 1829 and raised Sarah Ann, Thomas Philip, Andrew, Barbara Ann and Edward. The adult's 1803 birth year in municipal history conflicts with the child Philip, aged five, in the 1803 household. Neither date identifies another mother.

Parents Philip Eckardt Sr. (M55) and Ann Elizabeth Koepke (M56)

Documented · Records 21, 36, 55

M42 **Susannah Hegler**

born about 1808

Susannah, wife of Philip Jr., appears with their children in Markham. The 1871 census indicates an Ontario birth around 1808. Sebastian Hegler and later Christian and Adam held land nearby, but none has been established as her father or brother.

Documented · Records 36, 56, 57

M43 **Charles Arthur Wallace**

John's father and Frances's husband. On their June 17, 1912 Ottawa marriage return, both gave their occupation as civil servant. In 1915 Charles was listed in the Department of the Interior's Land Patents Branch. He later lived with Mary in Detroit.

Parents Marvin Wallace (M57) and Cora Harkness (M58)

Documented · Records 1, 4, 58

M44 **Frances Gertrude Braceland**

born 1884

John's mother. Her Ottawa census gives July 13, 1884. She qualified for the Canadian civil service in 1908, began at $500 a year in 1909 and appears at $900 on the 1911 list. Mary shared her Detroit home in 1950.

Parents Patrick Braceland / Brasland (M59) and Ellen (Helen) Corrigan (M60)

Documented · Records 4, 59, 60, 61

M45 **John Graham of County Fermanagh**

Louisa Theresa Graham's father. Rose's 1886 biography names him and gives County Fermanagh in Ireland. No reviewed record yet identifies his parish or parents.

Reported · Records 43

Mary’s family

M46 **Olive Doran**

The 1886 biography names Olive as Louisa’s mother and describes her as the daughter of an Irish-American. It gives neither her father’s name nor his hometown.

Reported · Records 43

M47 **Peter Fetterly**

An 1886 biography calls Catherine his daughter and says Peter was a Loyalist of German descent who came from Schoharie, New York, to Canada in 1784. A Peter Fetterly appears as a blacksmith in a 1785 New York estate abstract. Records of Peter and Hannah/Anna in New York and Canada still require an identity link before naming Catherine’s mother.

Reported · Records 43, 62, 63, 64

M48 **James Tunnicliffe of Bempton**

Named as father in the January 23, 1809 baptism of John. The soldier’s birthplace Benton was an alternative name for Bempton. A document identifying the later Pelham pensioner as James’s son would finish the link. In 1806 a James Tunnercliffe married Peggy Grange at nearby Flamborough.

Candidate · Records 7, 8, 65

M49 **Daniel Moyles**

Eliza’s son named Daniel as his Irish-born grandfather. A Quebec census places an Irish-born yeoman of this name with an Eliza of the right age and a younger Elizabeth. The wife in that census is Isabella Hall.

Documented · Records 46, 47

M50 **Margaret Hall (family identification disputed)**

given name disputed

Eliza Jane’s son Frank identified his Irish-born grandmother as Margaret Hall in 1920. The likely family in the 1851–52 Quebec census has Isabella Hall. The common surname and competing given names are preserved here as a single unresolved maternal identification.

Conflict · Records 46, 47

Mary's family

M51 **John Braithwaite of South Skirlaugh**

A grocer named on his son Mark Mell's 1822 baptism. An 1823 directory also lists him as a grocer in South Skirlaugh. The distinctive name and age make his son a strong candidate for Catherine's Ontario father.

Candidate · Records 51, 66

M52 **Mary, wife of John Braithwaite**

Mother named at the 1822 baptism of Mark Mell Braithwaite in Yorkshire. Her birth surname is open. The Yorkshire child's identification as the later Canadian merchant is strong but still requires a joining record.

Candidate · Records 49, 51

M53 **Gottlieb Eckart / Eckardt**

Elizabeth's death registration names her father. A Markham source identifies the Unionville carriage maker Gottlieb Eckardt as Philip Sr.'s son. They are a strong match, pending a deed, baptism or estate tying the wheelwright himself to Elizabeth. On this interpretation Florence descended from Philip through both her parents.

Parent Philip Eckardt Sr. (M55)

Candidate · Records 53, 67, 68

M54 **Catherine Helmkey / Helmke**

Named by a handwritten variant on daughter Elizabeth's 1912 Ontario death registration. The family record connects her to Catherine Braithwaite through Elizabeth. Her birthplace and parents are open.

Documented · Records 53

M55 **Philip Eckardt Sr.**

birth disputed; died 1845

A passenger list calls him Pilip Ekhart, age 24 in 1792. Markham's 1803 census gives age 40. While Duncan associates him with Saxony, a great-grandson placed his birth in Pennsylvania in 1759. He farmed at Markham, worked on the Rouge and built a flat-bottomed barge. Parentage and birth parish remain open. The 1803 return names sons Philip, Henry and George at home; church history records daughter Marie's burial nearby in 1803. Other family histories name Gottlieb, Frederick, Andrew and Salem.

Documented · Records 20, 21, 22, 54, 69, 70

Mary's family

M56 **Ann Elizabeth Koepke**

1778–1849, family history

Duncan dates Ann Elizabeth's marriage to Philip Sr. to 1794. She and her sister Maria married into the Eckardt and Pingel families. The 1803 census places a five-year-old Philip in Elisabeth's home. A baptism or equivalent identifying her as the adult Philip Jr.'s mother is still missing. Counts of seventeen or eighteen children come from different family and historical accounts.

Parent Friedrich Koepke (M37)

Candidate · Records 20, 21, 22, 36

M57 **Marvin Wallace**

Marvin's 1879 marriage to Cora Harkness names his parents as Benjamin Wallace and Jane McNarin. In Ottawa in 1912, Charles named Marvin and Cora as his parents.

Parents John Benjamin Walliser / Wallace (M61) and Jane McNarin / McNairn (M62)

Documented · Records 4, 42

M58 **Cora Harkness**

Cora named Adam Harkness and Louisa Graham as her parents when she married Marvin Wallace in 1879. Her brother John Graham Harkness grew up in Matilda and became a historian. Cora was Charles Arthur Wallace's mother.

Parents Adam Harkness (M29) and Louisa Theresa Graham (M30)

Documented · Records 4, 12, 42

M59 **Patrick Braceland / Brasland**

born about 1842–1848; buried 1915

His 1873 South Gloucester marriage to Helen Corrigan identifies his parents. He reported a New Brunswick birthplace. He worked for the Post Office in Ottawa. The 1911 census suggests December 1842; his marriage age suggests around 1848. The family's New Brunswick parish remains open.

Parents David Braceland (M63) and Frances (Francisse) Sullivan (M64)

Documented · Records 71, 72, 73, 74

Mary's family

M60 **Ellen (Helen) Corrigan**

died 1932

Gertrude Braceland's mother. Her 1873 Catholic wedding names her parents. Her 1932 Ontario death registration supplies her mother's surname, McHugh, and records that both parents had been born in Ireland.

Parents Hugh Corrigan (M65) and Catherine McHugh (M66)

Documented · Records 71, 75

M61 **John Benjamin Walliser / Wallace**

1820–1914

Born September 17, 1820, and recorded as John Benjamin Walliser. His death names Anthony and Mary. He and Jane McNarin appear as the parents of Marvin Wallace in the younger man's marriage.

Parents Antonius (Anthony) Walliser (M67) and Mary Tuson / Tousant (M68)

Documented · Records 42, 76, 77

M62 **Jane McNarin / McNairn**

about 1827–1828 – 1918

Marvin's mother. Daughter Annie supplied the names Christopher McNarin and Mary Corrigan at Jane's death in Matilda, March 8, 1918. The return gives Ireland as her birthplace. Her cemetery memorial gives Ontario.

Parents Christopher McNarin / McNairn (M69) and Mary Corrigan, mother of Jane (M70)

Documented · Records 42, 78, 79

M63 **David Braceland**

The South Gloucester Catholic marriage entry identifies David as the father of New Brunswick-born Patrick. The civil record uses the spelling Brasland. An earlier locality or pair of parents for David remains open.

Documented · Records 71, 72

M64 **Frances (Francisse) Sullivan**

Patrick's 1873 wedding names Francisse Sullivan as his mother. His reported New Brunswick birth gives a province in which to search her household; it does not establish where Frances herself was born.

Documented · Records 71, 72

Mary's family

M65 **Hugh Corrigan**

born about 1808

Ellen identifies this Irish-born line. An Osgoode census lists an Irish-born farmer, Hugh Corigon, aged 53 in 1861. An online memorial points to an 1881 death at Metcalfe. His Irish county remains open.

Documented · Records 75, 80, 81

M66 **Catherine McHugh**

Ellen's 1932 death return names her mother and records an Irish birth. Her family's parish in Ireland and her own parents remain unverified. The South Gloucester church marriage index gives a different rendering of her surname.

Documented · Records 71, 75

M67 **Antonius (Anthony) Walliser**

born 1793

John and Christina's son was born April 27 and baptized July 14, 1793. He married Mary Tuson in 1818. He belongs to a later generation than the men describing service in the Revolutionary War.

Parents John Walliser (M71) and Christina Fell (M72)

Documented · Records 76, 82, 83

M68 **Mary Tuson / Tousant**

The parish register identifies Mary Tuson of Matilda as the bride of Anthony Walliser in 1818. Their son John Benjamin's baptism and later death help carry the descent forward. Her parents and birthplace are open.

Documented · Records 76, 77, 83

M69 **Christopher McNarin / McNairn**

Father named in Jane's 1918 death registration. The variant surnames reflect spellings in the family's Ontario records. Where Christopher was born and who his parents were remain open.

Documented · Records 78

Mary's family

M70 **Mary Corrigan, mother of Jane**

Jane's Ontario death registration identifies Mary Corrigan as her mother and Christopher McNarin as her father. Mary's connection, if any, to the Corrigans who married into the Braceland family has yet to be established.

Documented · Records 78

M71 **John Walliser**

married in 1792

The 1792 register places Christina Fell's groom in Matilda. A senior John of the same township applied for Loyalist recognition in 1834. His neighbors swore that he had been born and lived in the American colonies and had joined the British before 1783. Identifying the senior petitioner with Christina's groom remains a strong inference.

Parent Anthony Walliser, father named in 1834 (M73)

Documented · Records 22, 82, 84, 85, 86

M72 **Christina Fell**

born by May 23, 1779

Christina was living in Edwardsburgh at her 1792 wedding. In 1800 she named Frederick Fell as her father and declared under oath that she was married and at least twenty-one. The Council recommended 200 acres. Her mother and her precise birthplace remain open.

Parent Frederick Fell (M74)

Documented · Records 22, 84, 87, 88, 89

M73 **Anthony Walliser, father named in 1834**

In sworn testimony, two neighbors call John Walliser Senior of Matilda a son of Anthony Walliser. They also identify another contemporary petitioner, Anthony, as a son of an Anthony Walliser. The applicants likely were brothers. Connecting the older father to this particular family depends on identifying John Senior with Christina's husband.

Candidate · Records 22, 84, 85, 90

Mary’s family

M74

Frederick Fell

Christina identified him as her father in her own 1800 petition; the endorsement says officials located him on the United Empire Loyalist list. His own parents, birthplace and regiment remain unconfirmed.

Documented · Records 22, 87, 88

George’s family

G1

George Howard Smith

1940–2013

Stephani’s father grew up in Springfield, Illinois. His school yearbook lists track, glee club and the variety show. The 1958 basketball photograph names George Smith among the three boys kneeling. Joseph identifies him as his grandfather. George later worked 32 years as an engineering technician for Orange County.

Parents Howard Joseph Smith (G5) and Georgetta Elizabeth Bryant (G6)

Documented · Records 91, 92, 93, 94

G2

Mildred Smith

She appears in Chicago with their parents in 1910 and in Woodside in both 1920 and 1930. Her later presence distinguishes her from a same-name Chicago girl who died in 1914.

Parents Charles H. Smith (G7) and Margaret E. Smith (G8)

Documented · Records 95, 96, 97

G3

Katherine (Catherine) Mathews Harney

Her 1923 death record independently identifies her parents as Owen Mathews and Rose Gardloady. Her obituary names two sisters, Elizabeth Shanley of Springfield and Ellen Hill of Wichita.

Parents Owen Mathews (G9) and Rose Garlantey Mathews (G10)

Documented · Records 98, 99, 100

G4

Ellen Mathews Hill

Katherine’s obituary places Ellen in Wichita in 1923. In Springfield the 1871 baptismal register names Ellen Mathews and Thomas Hill as the parents of Eugene. An Irish-born widow of her name appears in the 1920 Wichita census.

Documented · Records 99, 101, 102

George’s family

G5

Howard Joseph Smith

1908–1970

Born in Chicago on June 5, 1908, Howard worked as a printer and a bookbinder. The Springfield census recorded a 40-hour week at a printing company. His 1929 marriage register names his parents and points to his baptism at St. Malachy in Chicago.

Parents Charles H. Smith (G7) and Margaret E. Smith (G8)

Documented · Records 91, 95, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109

G6

Georgetta Elizabeth Bryant

1911–1993

Georgetta was born in Springfield on April 10, 1911. She married Howard Joseph Smith there on September 23, 1929. Her Social Security entry identifies both parents.

Parents George W. Bryant (G11) and Rose Shanley (G12)

Documented · Records 91, 103, 110, 111

G7

Charles H. Smith

Born about 1880–1882

A construction carpenter, Charles lived with Margaret and their children Howard and Mildred. The 1910 census says Charles was born in Indiana. In 1920 and 1930 his birthplace is given as Ohio. His parents’ names remain unknown.

Where the record ends. Birth state uncertain between Indiana and Ohio. His parents are unidentified.

Documented · Records 95, 103, 107, 108

G8

Margaret E. Smith

Born about 1883

Margaret was born in Illinois. Three censuses give her father’s birthplace as Ireland. Her mother’s birthplace appears as England in two censuses and Ireland in the third. Her maiden name and her parents’ names remain open. Howard’s Chicago baptism is the most promising identified record.

Where the record ends. Maiden name unknown. St. Malachy registers, microfilm 1703795, items 3–6, are the exact Chicago baptismal collection. Its catalogue was located. Howard’s entry and Mildred’s entry have yet to be read.

Documented · Records 103, 106, 109, 112, 113, 114

George's family

G9

Owen Mathews

About 1782–April 12, 1868

Owen was 78 in Springfield's 1860 census. The gravestone he shares with Rose preserves Navan, County Meath, Ireland and gives his age at death as 85. He was living in Springfield the year Abraham Lincoln campaigned there. No family relationship to Lincoln is established. That census describes him as a laborer with $700 in real estate and $100 in personal property.

Where the record ends. Navan, County Meath on a family monument. A search in the surviving baptism pages around 1782 has yet to identify his baptism; the parish registers have a later gap covering Eliza's likely birth.

Owen Mathews of Ardee, County Louth. An 1786 baptism names Peter Mathews and Anne Neil as the parents of an Owen. It conflicts with the approximate birth year and Navan, County Meath on the Springfield couple's stone. The Ardee parents are outside the established line.

Abraham Lincoln in Springfield. The 1860 census places the Mathews family in the same city where Lincoln campaigned. His activities there are documented by the National Park Service. An encounter or kinship has not been established.

Documented · Records 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123

G10

Rose Garlantey Mathews

About 1798–1803 to March 28, 1871

Her daughters' Illinois death records preserve different spellings of her birth surname, Garlantey and Gardloady. The shared stone at Calvary Cemetery names Navan, County Meath, and gives Rose's death at 72. The 1860 and 1870 censuses suggest she was several years younger. In 1870 she was listed first in her Springfield household. The enumerator put $1,200 of real estate on her line, above her newly married daughter and son-in-law.

Where the record ends. The stone and both daughters' death entries give a stronger basis for searching Irish records. Rose's parents remain unknown.

Documented · Records 98, 115, 117, 120, 122, 124, 125, 126

George's family

G11 George W. Bryant

Born about 1867–1868

Born in Kentucky, George lived with William and Mary in Madison County in 1870 and with his widowed mother in Springfield in 1900. A coal worker, he married Rose Shanley in Springfield in 1905.

Parents William Marion Bryant (G13) and Mary F. Johnson (G14)

George W. Bryant of Marrowbone. In 1880 this Kentucky boy was in the household of F. J. and Susan E. Bryant. The Springfield groom's church marriage names William Bryant and Mary Johnson.

Documented · Records 111, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132

G12 Rose Shanley

Springfield, Illinois, 1900–1905 records

The 1900 census records her work at a watch factory. Five years later, her church marriage named Bernard Shanley and Elizabeth Matthews as her parents. The family records give a vivid picture of two generations in Springfield, one born in Ireland and one earning wages in Illinois.

Parents Bernard Shanley (G15) and Elizabeth "Eliza" Mathews (G16)

Documented · Records 110, 111, 133, 134, 135

G13 William Marion Bryant

October 1847–October 1, 1890

William learned blacksmithing from his father. At fifteen he enrolled in the Union army in Kentucky. An official roster placed father and son in the same company, Abel as first sergeant and William as wagoner. William mustered out in Lexington on December 26, 1864. Two years later he married Mary F. Johnson.

Parents Abel Bryant (G17) and Louisa Duncan (G18)

Captain William T. Bryant. The captain and Wagoner William M. Bryant are distinct entries on the same military roster.

Documented · Records 127, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140

George’s family

G14 **Mary F. Johnson**

Born August 29, 1848

The 1912 county history says Mary was born near Irvine, Kentucky, and names both parents and both grandfathers. Her marriage to William M. Bryant is recorded in the Estill County marriage book. Her birth family is visible together in the 1860 census.

Parents William Johnson (G19) and Polly Warner (G20)

Documented · Records 130, 132, 141, 142, 143, 144

G15 **Bernard Shanley**

About 1839–1840 to 1904

Bernard’s 1900 census gives February 1840 as his birth month in Ireland and 1865 as his immigration year. In 1870 the Springfield church recorded his marriage to Eliza Mathews. His 1904 parish burial gives age 65. His Irish parish and parents remain to be identified. In the 1870 census the enumerator recorded his work as a railroad laborer. Where the record ends. Irish origin. His townland, parish and parents are open.

Documented · Records 111, 134, 135, 145

G16 **Elizabeth “Eliza” Mathews**

About 1840–1842 to 1929

Born in Ireland, Eliza lived in Springfield with Owen and Rose before marrying Bernard Shanley. Her death record gives December 25, 1840. The 1860 census puts her birth around 1841–1842, while the 1900 census gives December 1849. The earlier household and the death entry favor the early 1840s. She gave 1859 as her year of immigration in the 1900 census.

Parents Owen Mathews (G9) and Rose Garlantey Mathews (G10)

Documented · Records 115, 116, 124, 125, 135, 146

George's family

G17 **Abel Bryant**

Died 1902

Abel was a blacksmith and served as first sergeant, Company C, 49th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. His pension card also lists Company G of the 32nd Kentucky and names his wife Louisa. Years later he was conducting religious meetings in Estill County. The Berea paper reported that he was buried at the Durham graveyard near Sand Gap.

Where the record ends. A memorial proposes William Bryant and Anna Eaton Davis as his parents. An original will, marriage consent or other explicit parent-child record has yet to be found.

Documented · Records 130, 136, 138, 140, 147

G18 **Louisa Duncan**

Whitley County, Kentucky, 1860

Louisa appears with Abel Bryant and William in the 1860 household. The record of another child supplies Duncan. Abel's pension uses Louisa. The 1912 biography used Eliza. Her father and mother remain unidentified.

Where the record ends. Birth surname supported, parents unknown.

Documented · Records 130, 138, 139, 140

G19 **William Johnson**

Madison and Estill counties, Kentucky, 1828–1860 records

William and William Warner both made their marks on the May 19, 1828 bond for William's marriage to Polly Warner. A minister returned the marriage on May 22. A 1912 biography identifies William's father as John Johnson.

Parent John Johnson (G21)

Documented · Records 130, 141, 143, 144

G20 **Polly Warner**

Madison and Estill counties, Kentucky, 1828–1860 records

Her 1828 marriage identifies her birth surname. Her daughter's 1912 biography gives her father as William Warner. The presence of a second William Warner on the bond is compatible with the biography; the bond itself does not give his relationship.

Parent William Warner (G22)

Documented · Records 130, 141, 143, 144

George’s family

G21 **John Johnson**

Madison County, Kentucky, family biography

The 1912 biography of his granddaughter Mary calls him English and places him near Muddy Creek in Madison County, Kentucky. The family account is the only identified source for the parent-child link and the English origin. A specific English parish remains unknown.

Where the record ends. Mary’s grandfather, reported in the 1912 biography. English origin is reported without a locality.

Reported · Records 130

G22 **William Warner**

Madison County, Kentucky, 1828

Mary’s 1912 biography names her maternal grandfather William Warner. A man of that name bound himself with William Johnson before Polly Warner’s marriage in 1828. The bond, preserved with both men's marks, offers an original record of the name alongside the groom.

Where the record ends. Mary’s grandfather, reported in the 1912 biography. A matching name also appears on Polly’s bond, without a relationship. Earlier ancestry is open.

Reported · Records 130, 143, 144

The river that led to Markham



The ports locate a crossing of the Atlantic. The detailed voyage map in the book also marks the inland stops.

May to July 1792

The Catharina left Altona on the Elbe on May 2. She stopped for drinking water in Newport, Rhode Island, before reaching Philadelphia in July. The passenger list was endorsed August 3.

Records 148, 149

Winter, then another beginning

The group split in New York. Some wintered at Painted Post while others reached Williamsburg on the Genesee. In 1794 the settlers went on by way of Newark, now Niagara-on-the-Lake, and York, now Toronto, to Markham Township.

Records 150, 151, 152

Old places with names we can use



County markers sit near the centers of Tyrone and Fermanagh. The open circles locate matching English baptisms under investigation.

Two counties, two families

Adam Harkness remembered his father coming from the north of Ireland in 1820 and settling with his wife in Matilda in 1826. An 1886 biography calls John Harkness a native of County Tyrone. It places a different man, John Graham, father of Adam's wife Louisa, in County Fermanagh. Owen and Rose Mathews's joint gravestone names Navan, County Meath.

Records 43, 117, 153

Two Yorkshire households

Bempton registered John, son of James Tunnicliffe, in January 1809. At Winchester in 1829 a farmer named John Tunnacliffe enlisted and gave his parish as Benton, another name for Bempton. The Canadian John died a British pensioner. At South Skirlaugh a different parish registered Mark Mell Braithwaite in 1822, son of John the grocer and Mary. Canada later records a man of the same distinctive name and corresponding age.

Records 8, 45, 51, 65

The townships along the St. Lawrence



Matilda and Edwardsburgh are historic townships. The 1792 register identifies the homes of the bride and groom. Schoharie belongs to the Fetterly account.

March 27, 1792

The minister wrote down two places when John Walliser married Christina Fell. John lived in Matilda and Christina in Edwardsburgh. Their descendant Marvin Wallace married Cora Harkness in 1879. On Cora's side, an 1886 biography says Peter Fetterly came to Canada from the Schoharie area of New York in 1784. His travels after that first arrival are harder to trace.

Records 42, 43, 84

New Brunswick, South Gloucester, Ottawa

Patrick Braceland reported a New Brunswick birth. His 1873 marriage to Ellen Corrigan places the couple at South Gloucester. Their daughter Frances Gertrude later worked in Ottawa, where she married Charles Arthur Wallace in 1912. Their son John was born there the following May.

Records 4, 71, 154

The roads into Springfield



The Kentucky wagon routes come from a later biography. The other pins mark census, church or city records.

From Ireland and Kentucky

Owen and Rose Mathews were already in Springfield with Eliza in 1860. Eliza married Bernard Shanley there in 1870. In Kentucky, William Marion Bryant drove Union wagons between Lexington, Richmond and Irvine according to his 1912 biography. He married Mary F. Johnson in Estill County in 1866. In Springfield in 1905, their son George W. Bryant married Eliza's daughter Rose Shanley.

Records 111, 116, 130, 155

A printer comes downstate

Howard Joseph Smith appears in Chicago as a little boy in the 1910 census. In 1920 he was living with his parents in Woodside Township, near Springfield. In 1929 he married Georgetta, the daughter of George W. Bryant and Rose Shanley. Their son George Howard Smith grew up in Springfield.

Records 91, 95, 107

Two crossings into Detroit



Both immigration records point to Detroit. The Ontario pins distinguish childhood and family places from ports of entry.

February 24, 1925

John Braceland Wallace was eleven when he crossed with his mother to join his father, Charles, in Detroit. His birth and baptism are in the Ottawa register. His border record gives the day of his arrival.

Records 154, 156

August 10, 1940

Ruby and Ruth, her twin, were born in Pelham in 1915. Ruby married John in Welland on June 22, 1940. Seven Saturdays later she entered Detroit through the tunnel. Her border card preserves both dates that matter here. The entry was in August 1940. She signed the card on December 3, 1947, when their daughter Mary was five.

Records 9, 38, 157, 158

Where the two sides met



The San Diego marker represents the county. The family places Stephani's birth in Glendale. The state birth index names Los Angeles County.

Two sisters on opposite sides of the country

In 1953 a family death notice placed Ruby in Detroit and her sister Marion in Glendale. By 1960 a Glendale directory put Ruby, John and Mary together in California. That narrows the moving window while leaving the day and route open.

Records 159, 160

November 25, 1960, then March 13, 1963

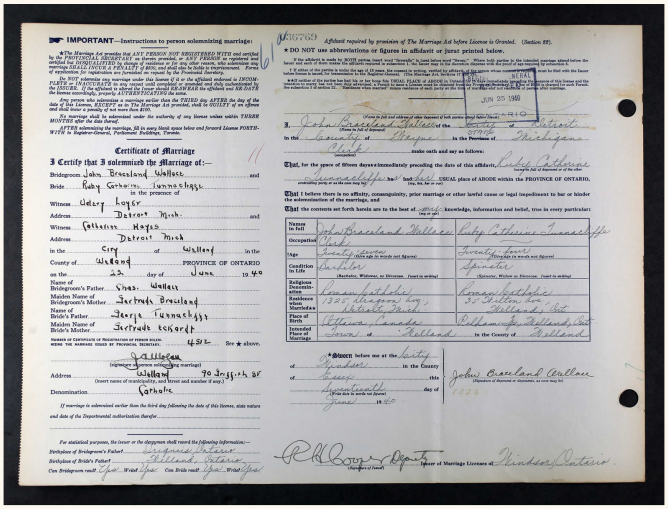
In San Diego County, Mary Gertrude Wallace married George Howard Smith, the boy from Springfield. In Glendale, two years and a little over three months later, they welcomed Stephani. The lines that began in so many different places finally arrive at the same little girl.

Records 2, 161

The name on both sides of Mary's family

Read across Grandma Mary's family tree. Her mother, Ruby, was the daughter of Florence Gertrude Eckardt. Her father, John, was the son of Frances Gertrude Braceland. Mary Gertrude Wallace carried a name you could find in either grandmother's house. Florence died before Mary was born. Frances lived to share a home with her in Detroit.

There's another name hiding in plain sight. Look at the boy on the 1925 border card. His middle name, Braceland, was his mother's family name. The woman traveling beside him had a whole family history written into her little boy's name. We have Joseph's own words for the next naming in this story. He chose Stephanie for his first daughter because it was his mom's name.

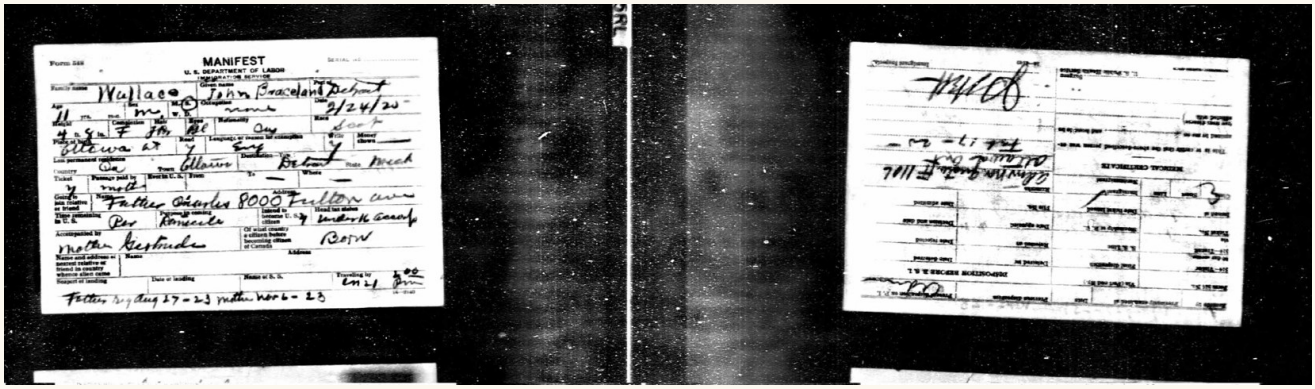


in the City of Welland in the
County of Welland PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
on the 22 day of June 19 40

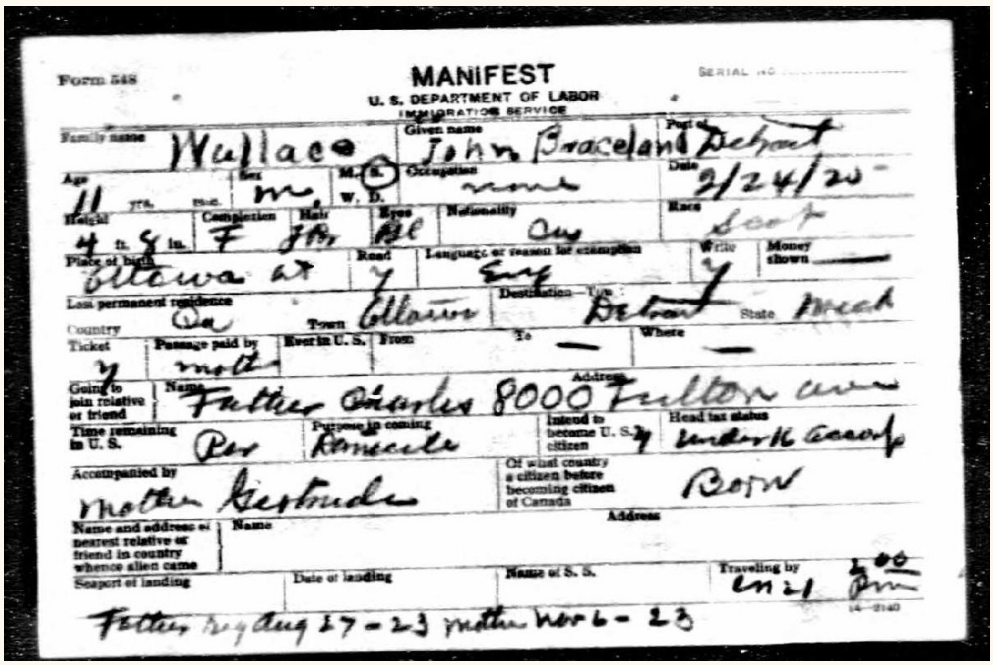
Ruby and John's 1940 marriage registration identifies the mothers of the bride and groom. Each woman would become a grandmother to Mary.

The name John wrote down

On February 24, 1925, an immigration officer recorded eleven-year-old John Braceland Wallace at Detroit. In the narrow space for the person accompanying him are two words, "mother Gertrude." His father, Charles, is also named on the card.



John's 1925 Detroit manifest, complete microfilm frame. U.S. immigration records, NARA M1478, roll 112, image 1941.

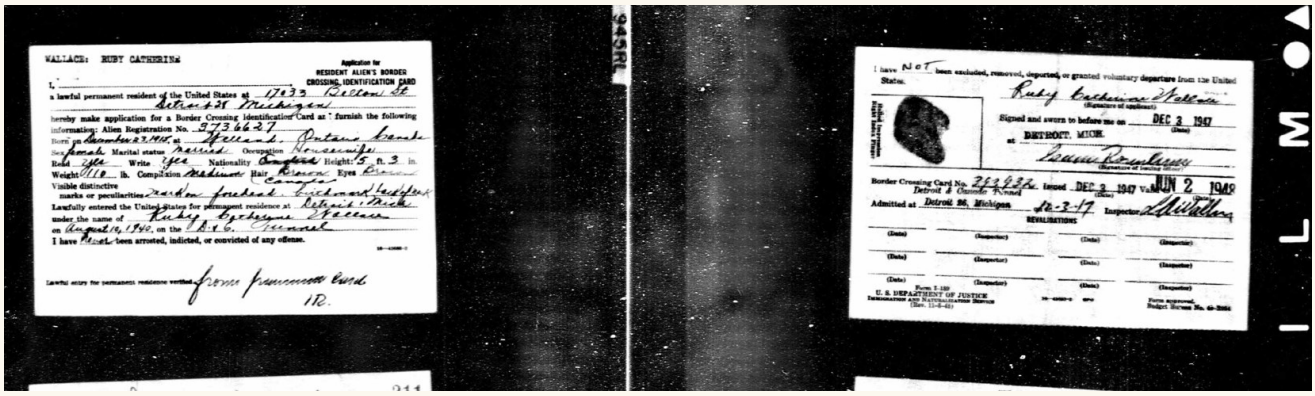


The front of John's card. His age, the date and his parents' names are together on this side.

Records 156

The name John wrote down

Fifteen years later it was Ruby's turn. Her card records an August 10, 1940, arrival through the Detroit–Windsor tunnel, seven weeks after she married John. The road tunnel opened in 1930. John had already crossed the border as a boy five years before Ruby's route even existed. Her signature on the surviving card came later, in 1947. See Ruby's full card and find their crossings on the map.



Ruby's entry through the Detroit–Windsor tunnel is recorded on her border card. The complete plate is also on page 172.

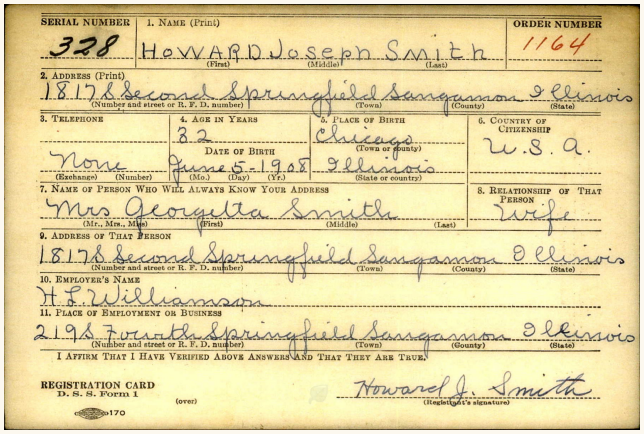


A souvenir postcard from about 1938 pictures the bridge, tunnel and ferry between Windsor and Detroit. Mike Skreptak Collection, Leddy Library, University of Windsor. Public domain.

Records 162, 163

October 16, 1940

President Roosevelt had set Wednesday, October 16, as the first registration day under the new draft law. That is how the same question came to two branches of the family on the same day. In Springfield, Illinois, Howard Joseph Smith gave his wife Georgetta's name as the person who would always know his address. In Detroit that same day, John Braceland Wallace gave his mother Gertrude's. When Mary turned up on the 1950 census, there was Gertrude again, living under the same roof. On one card you can read the name of Stephani's grandmother. On the other, the name of her great-grandmother. Read the presidential proclamation in the Federal Register.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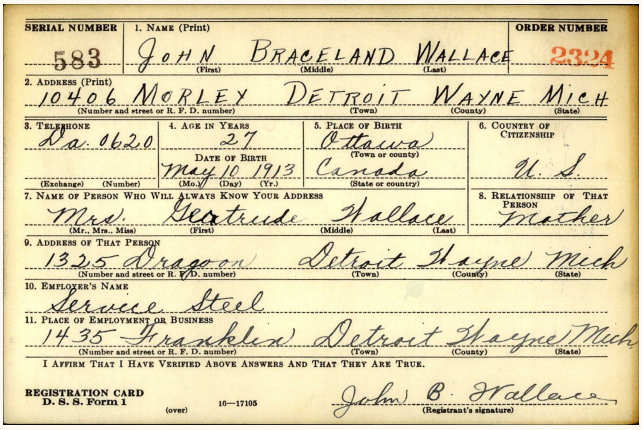
3. TELEPHONE None | 4. AGE IN YEARS 32 | DATE OF BIRTH June 5 1908 | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago Illinois | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Georgetta Smith | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1817 S Second Springfield Sangamon Illinois
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME H.S. Williamson
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 219 S Fourth Springfield Sangamon Illinois
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 170
Howard J. Smith (Registrant's signature)

Springfield, Illinois. Howard Joseph Smith's registration, front. His contact was his wife, Georgetta.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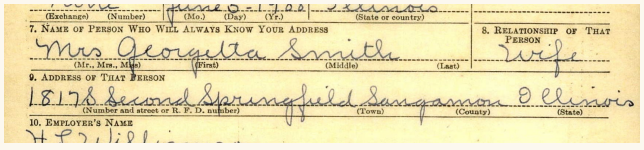
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Gertrude Wallace | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1325 Dragoon Detroit Wayne Mich
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Service Steel
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1435 Franklin Detroit Wayne Mich
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 10—17105
John B. Wallace (Registrant's signature)

Detroit, Michigan. John Braceland Wallace's registration, front. His contact was his mother, Gertrude.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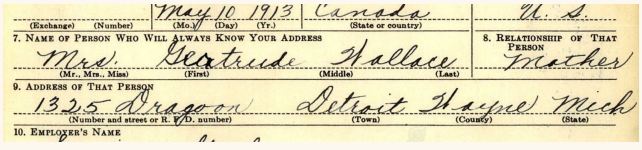
Detail of the contact field on Howard's card. The relationship reads "wife.".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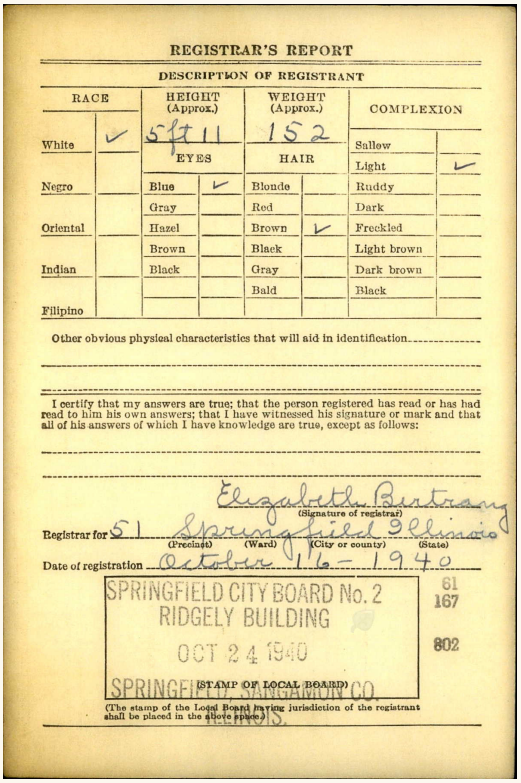
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME

John's contact field. Beside Gertrude Wallace's name is the word "mother.".

Records 105, 164, 165

The backs of their cards



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

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		EYES	HAIR	Light	✓
Negro		Blue ✓	Blonde	Ruddy	
		Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental		Hazel	Brown ✓	Freckled	
		Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian		Black	Gray	Dark brown	
			Bald	Black	
Filipino					

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification

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:

Elizabeth Bertram
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for 51 Springfield Illinois
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration October 16 – 1940

SPRINGFIELD CITY BOARD No. 2
RIDGELY BUILDING
OCT 24 1940
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON CO.
ILLINOIS.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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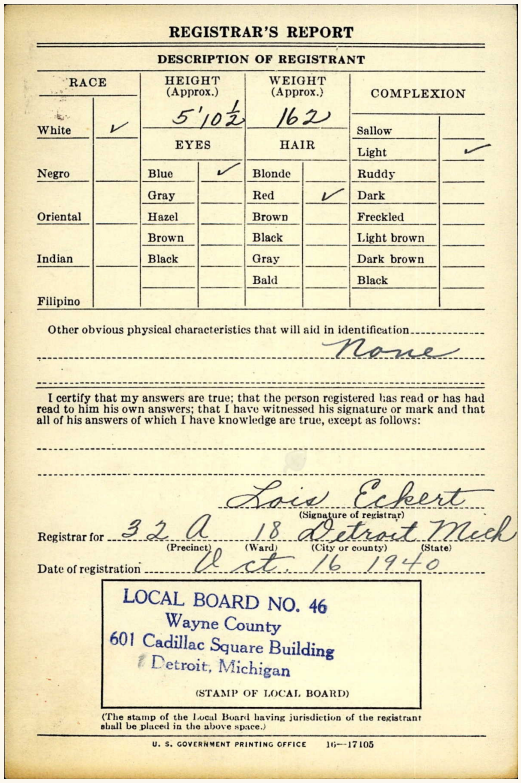
Howard's card, reverse. Local Board No. 2, Sangamon County, Illinois.



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Lois Eckert
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for 32 A 18 Detroit Mich
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration Oct. 16 1940

LOCAL BOARD NO. 46
Wayne County
601 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit, Michigan
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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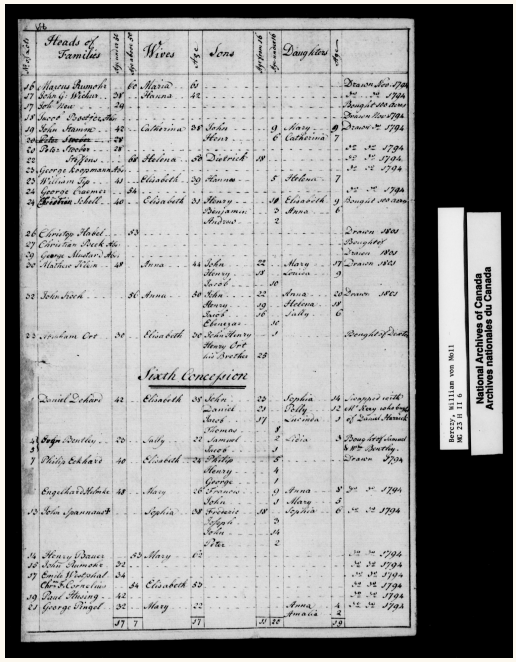
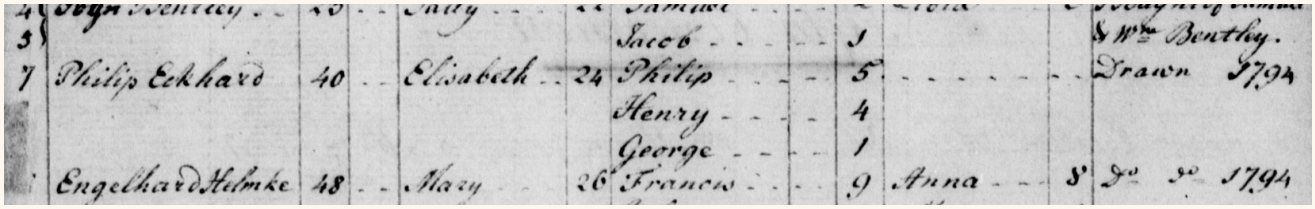
John's card, reverse. Local Board No. 46, Wayne County, Michigan.

Two sisters on one sheet

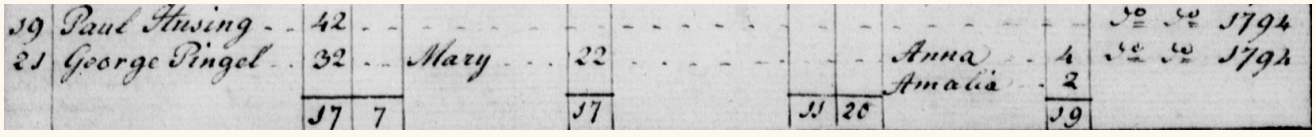
In Markham in 1803, Elisabeth was recorded in Philip Ekhard's household with three boys. Near the bottom of that same page, Mary was in George Pingel's household with two girls. This is where the people from the chest story turn up again as families with small children.



Markham, 1803. The complete Sixth Concession census sheet. William Berczy fonds, Library and Archives Canada, H-2298, frame 135.



Philip and Elisabeth's household, with their boys Philip, Henry and George.

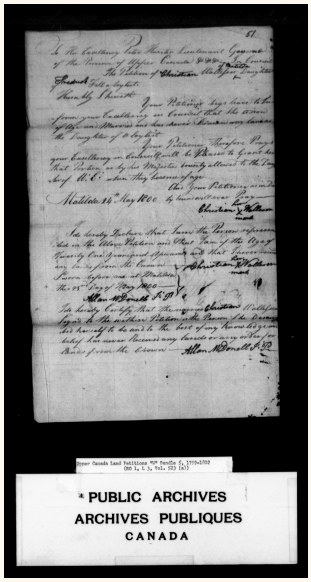


George and Mary Pingel's household. Their two daughters are recorded in the right-hand column.

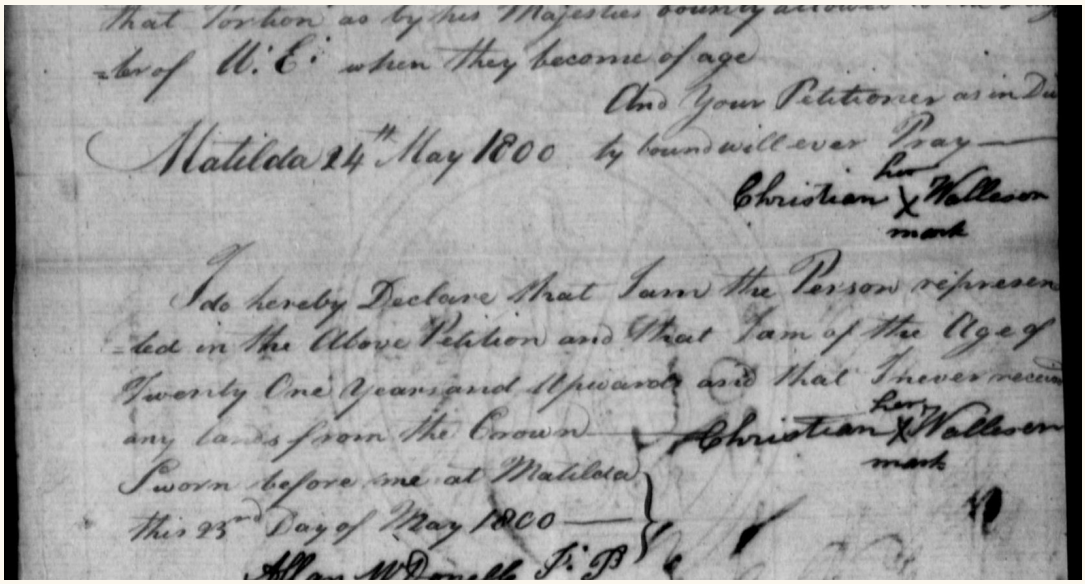
Records 21

Christina's own marks, Matilda, 1800

Christina named her father, Frederick Fell, in her application for land. The clerk left a space between "her" and "mark." Twice on this sheet, in the petition and in her oath, you can see Christina's X.



Christina Fell Walliser's land application. Library and Archives Canada, Upper Canada Land Petitions, W5/51.

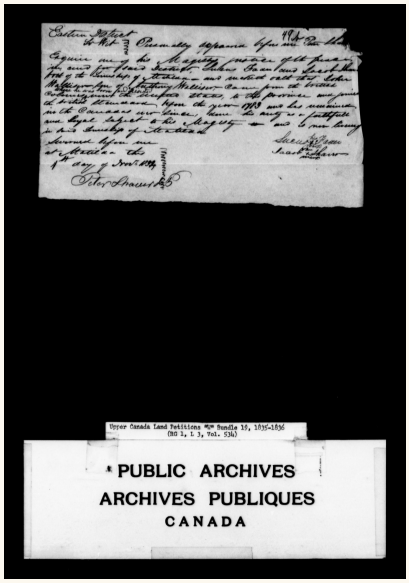


Detail of the petition and oath bearing Christina's marks.

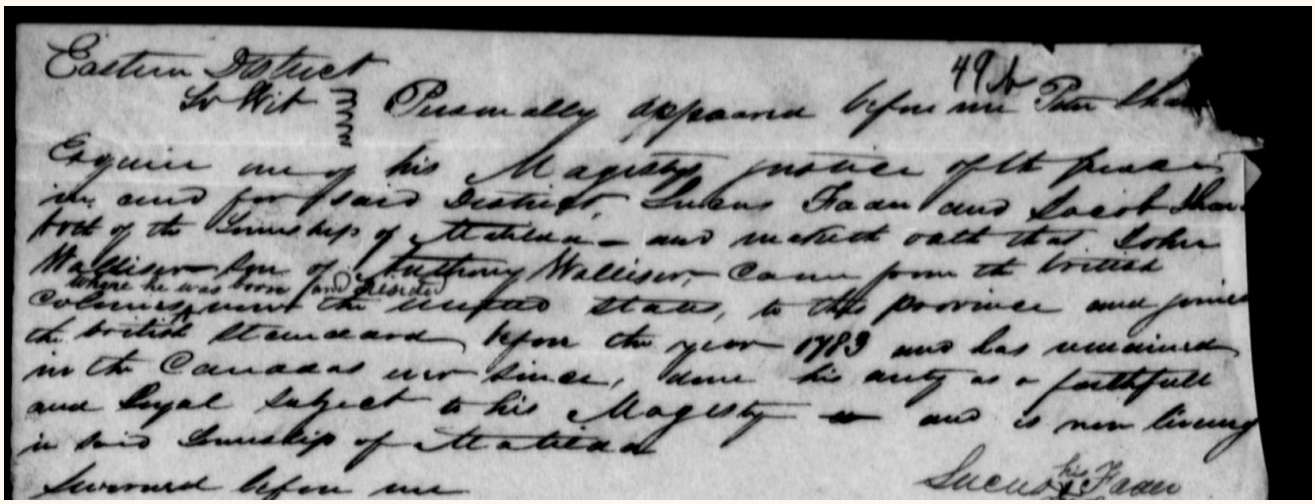
Records 87

John Walliser's father in a witness statement, 1834

Two witnesses named the Matilda petitioner John Walliser as a son of Anthony. The surname, township and generation fit Christina's husband. The witnesses did not name his wife. That last identification is still open.



The witnesses' statement of November 1, 1834. Library and Archives Canada, Upper Canada Land Petitions.

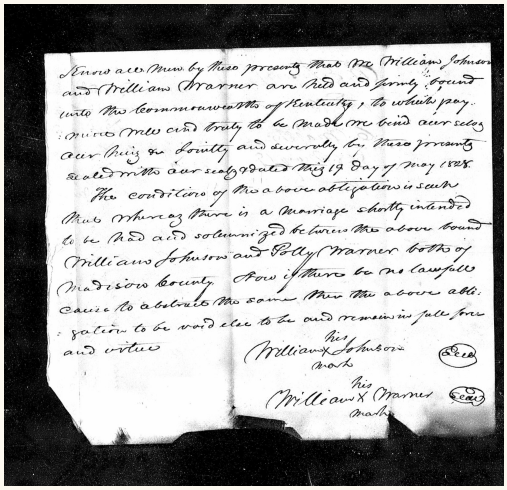


Detail of the 1834 statement identifying the petitioner John and his father Anthony.

Records 85

At a Kentucky wedding, and after a Kentucky war

In Madison County on May 19, 1828, William Johnson and William Warner made their marks on a marriage bond. Three days later a minister recorded William Johnson's marriage to Polly Warner. Each paper tells a different part of those three days.



Know all Men by these presents that We William Johnson and William Warner are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to which pay-ment well and truly to be made We bind our selves our heirs & Jointly and severally by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 19 day of May 1828.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound William Johnson and Polly Warner both of Madison County Now if there be no lawfull cause to obstruct the same then the above obligation to be void else to be and remain in full force and virtue

his
William X Johnson
mark

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William X Warner
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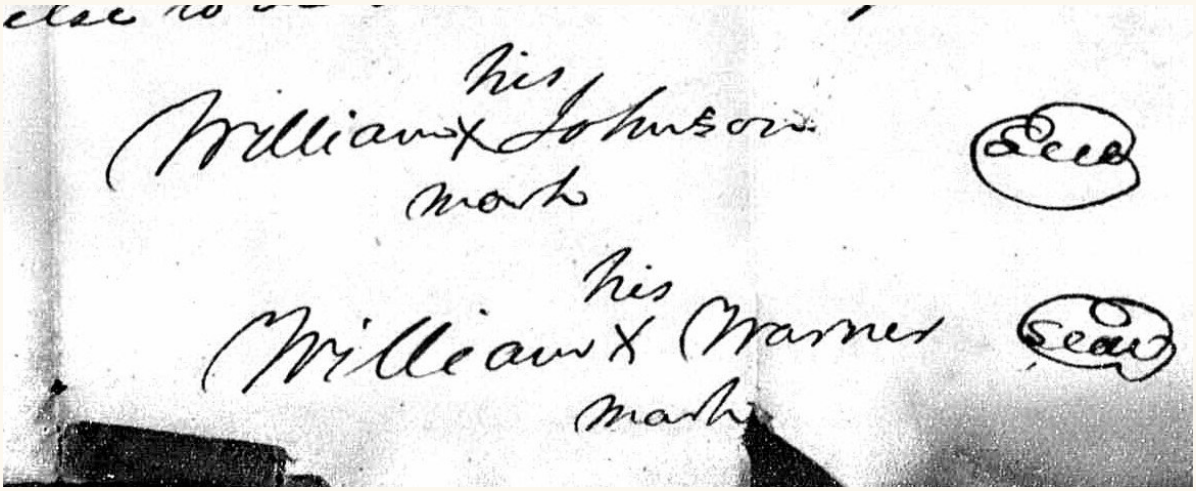
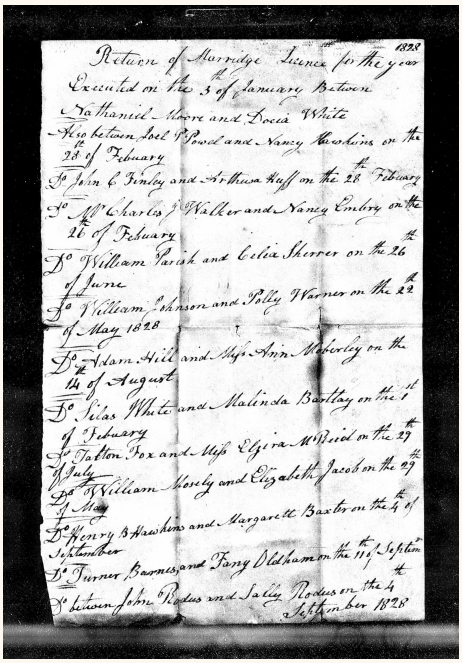
May 19, 1828. The full marriage bond, Madison County, Kentucky.



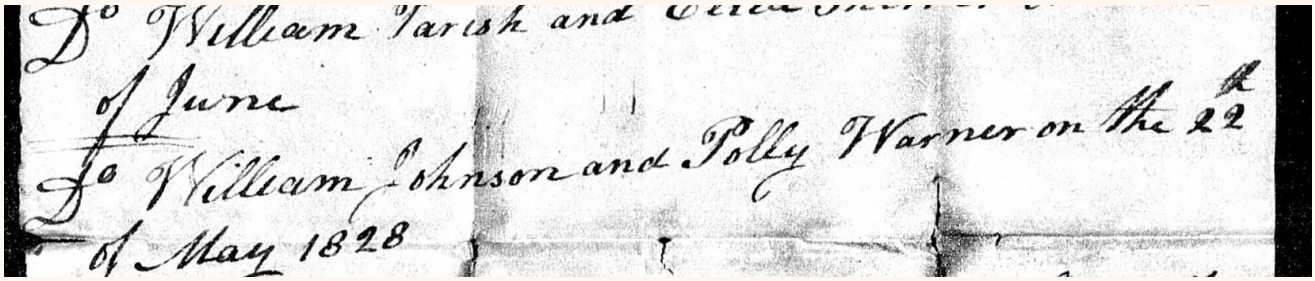
Detail of the names and marks on the bond.

Records 144

At a Kentucky wedding, and after a Kentucky war


1828
Return of Marriage Licence for the year
Executed on the 3 of January Between
Nathaniel Moore and Docia White
Also between Joel Powel and Nancy Meadows on the
28 of Febuary
Do John C Finley and Arthusa Huff on the 28 Febuary
Do Alfd Charles J Waller and Nancy Embry on the
21 of Febuary
Do William Parish and Celia Skirver on the 26
of June
Do William Johnson and Polly Warner on the 22
of May 1828
Do Adam Hill and Miss Ann Moberly on the
14 of August
Do Silas White and Malinda Bartlay on the 1
of Febuary
Do Tolton Fox and Miss Elgira M Reid on the 27
of July
Do William Mosely and Elizabeth Jacob on the 27
of May
Do Henry B Hawkins and Margarett Baxter on the 4 of
September
Do Turner Barnes and Fany Oldham on the 11 of Septem
Do between John Rodes and Sally Rodes on the 4
September 1828

May 22, 1828. The minister's return of marriages, Madison County, Kentucky.


Do William Parish and
of June
Do William Johnson and Polly Warner on the 22
of May 1828

Detail of the entry for William Johnson and Polly Warner.

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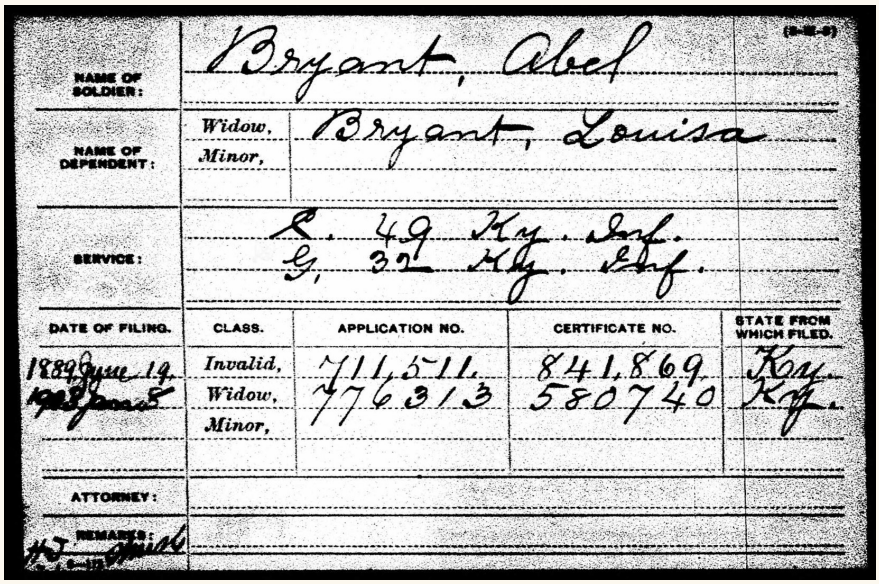
A father and son in Company C

William Marion Bryant was fifteen when he enrolled. The Kentucky roster names him as a wagoner and his father Abel as a first sergeant in the same company. Years later the pension clerk put Abel's military units and his widow Louisa on a single card. Kentucky Adjutant General, roster, page 494 · Sangamon County family biography, page 1083


NAME OF SOLDIER: Bryant, Abel

NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow, Bryant, Louisa
Minor,

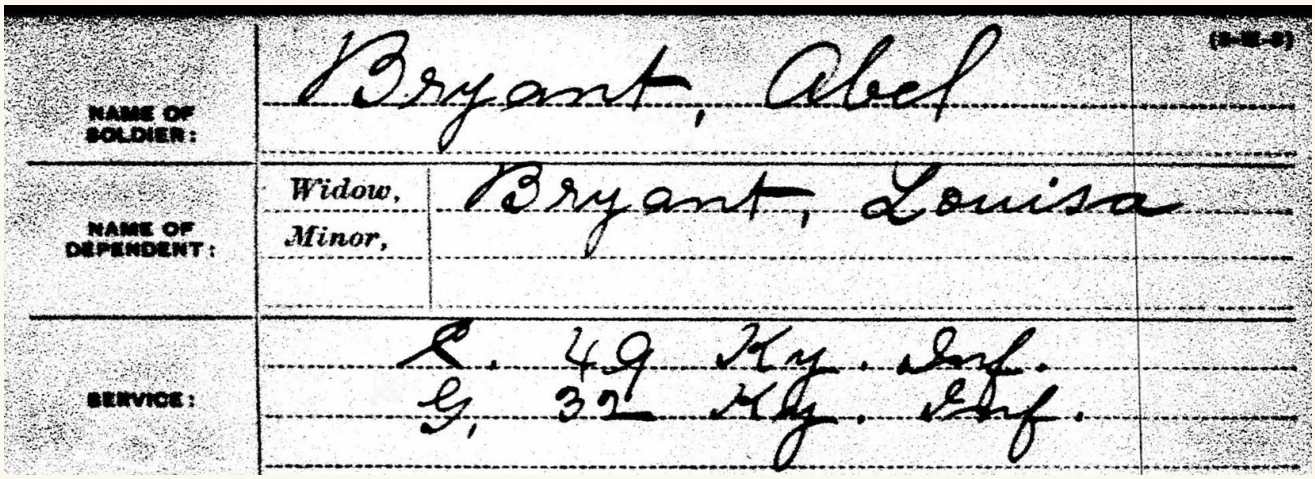
SERVICE: Pvt. 49 Ky. Inf.
Sgt. 32 Ky. Inf.

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1889 June 19.	Invalid,	711,511.	841,869.	Ky.
1905 June 8	Widow,	776313	580740	Ky.
	Minor,			

ATTORNEY:

REMARKS:

Federal Civil War pension index card for Abel Bryant and his widow Louisa, National Archives.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NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow, Bryant, Louisa
Minor,

SERVICE: Pvt. 49 Ky. Inf.
Sgt. 32 Ky. Inf.

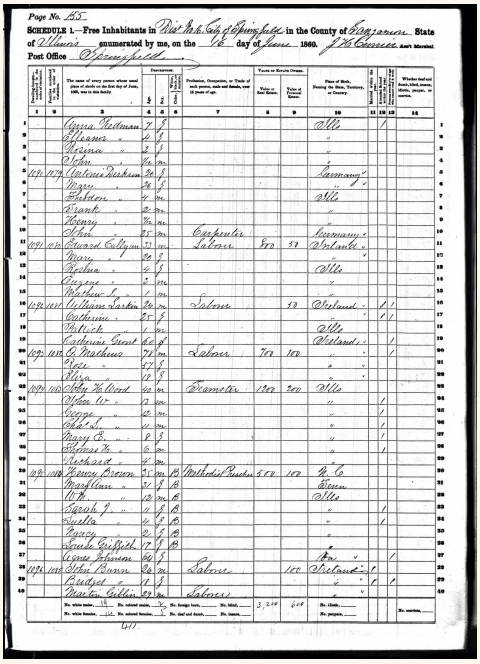
Detail of the Bryant pension card and Abel's military service.

Records 130, 136, 140

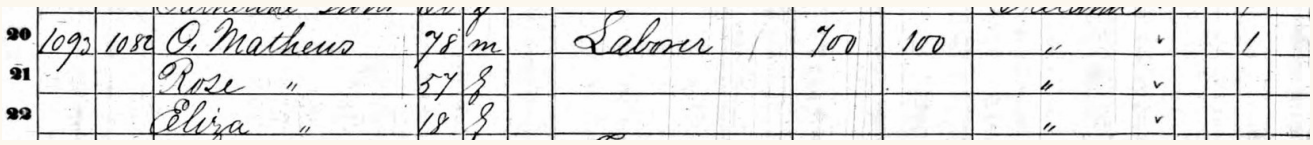
What the census taker entered beside Rose's name

Look down the 1860 Springfield page. Owen Mathews, Rose and their daughter Eliza shared a household the summer Abraham Lincoln campaigned for president from the same city. The census taker entered $700 in real estate beside Owen.

Ten years later, the first person in household 400 was Rose herself. Beside her name the enumerator wrote $1,200 in real estate. On the next lines came her daughter Eliza and Eliza's husband, Barney Shanley, a railroad laborer. The column tells us who was credited with the property. It leaves open which piece of land it was and who moved in with whom.



Springfield, Illinois, 1860 U.S. census. The sheet with Owen, Rose and Eliza Mathews.



Owen, Rose and Eliza in the enumerator's handwriting.

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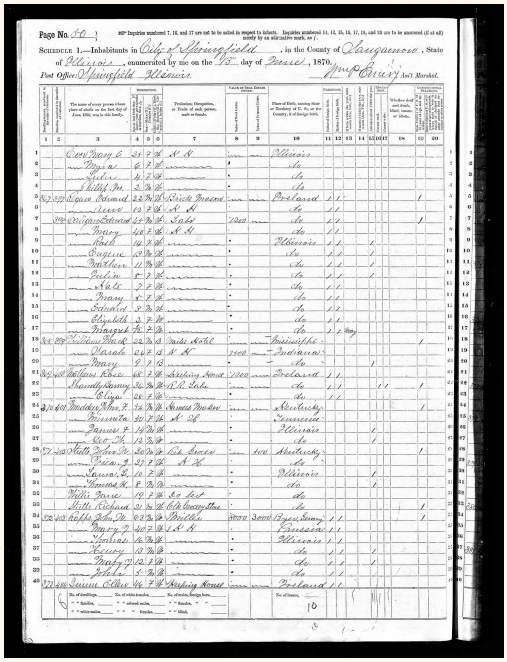
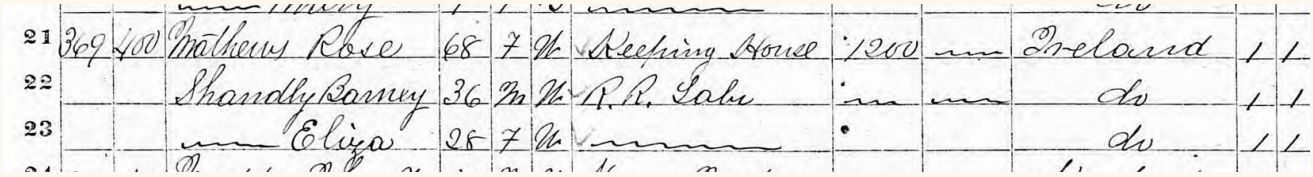
What the census taker entered beside Rose's name



Springfield, Illinois, 1870 U.S. census. Household 400 begins with Rose.



Rose's name and property valuation. Eliza and Barney appear below her.

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A NOTE ON THE FAMILY TREE

Philip’s age in the passenger return

Four suggested AncestryDNA paths used 1759 for Philip. That year conflicts with his age of 24 on the 1792 passenger list. The suggestions do not establish his parents or his birthplace.

The family diagram on page 135 shows the established line through Markham.

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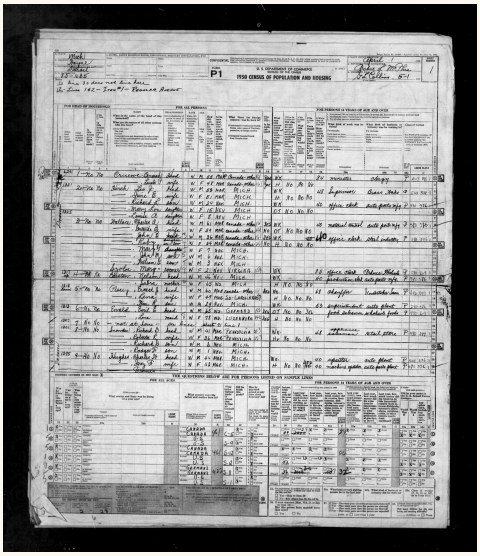
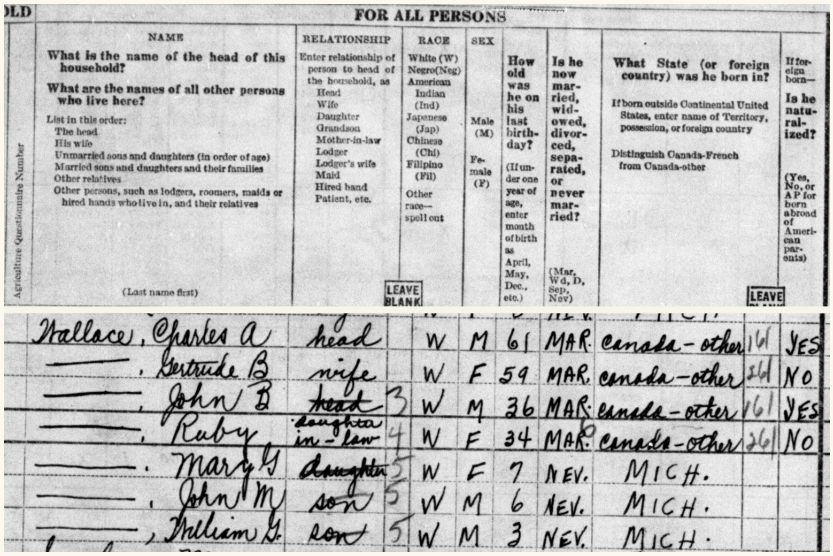
Pictures from the family tree



Detroit, 1950. Charles and Gertrude share the sheet with John, Ruby and seven-year-old Mary. U.S. National Archives.



NAME	RELATIONSHIP	RACE	SEX	How old was he on his last birthday?	Is he now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?	What State (or foreign country) was he born in?	If foreign born— Is he naturalized?
Wallace, Charles A	head	W	M	61	MAR.	canada-other	161 YES
——, Gertrude B	wife	W	F	59	MAR.	canada-other	161 NO
——, John B	head	W	M	36	MAR.	canada-other	161 YES
——, Ruby	daughter-in-law	W	F	34	MAR.	canada-other	161 NO
——, Mary G	daughter	W	F	7	NEV.	MICH.	
——, John M	son	W	M	6	NEV.	MICH.	
——, William G	son	W	M	3	NEV.	MICH.	

Detail. Detroit, 1950. Charles and Gertrude share the sheet with John, Ruby and seven-year-old Mary. U.S. National Archives.

Pictures from the family tree



Those in Latin Club are, from left, 1st row: Dik Hamacka, Harvey Hall, Jerry Hall, Jim Hall, Bill Hall, Joe Hetzell, Don Hodam, Bee Jones, Bruce Hill, Bruce Hodam, Bill Hodam. 2nd row: Sandra Bradley, Judy Bell, Beverly Gray, Barbara Wanke, Jeanne McLarrin, Betty Pratt, Libby Raphael, Julie Grover, Gretchen Maussnest, Candy Hughes, Joy Caldwell, Terry Aikins, Shelly Stimson, Mary Wallace, Mary Salyer, Penny Mooleny-zer. 3rd row: Lynne Lanning, Linda Sanford, Sandra Gutierrez, Dale Duke, Suzanne Gould, Pauline Ramsey, Barbara Lounsbury, Judy Hayhorne, Kathy Williams, Barbara Hamilton, Linda Williams, Diane Kinser, Johnson and Karin Smith.

Latin Club

Pointing to the city of Rome are the officers of Latin Club. Sandie Culbertson, Bruce Hill, Dee Hodam, and Don Williams.

Latin Club is a very active club of Glendale High. Under the guidance of Mrs. Charlotte Aasthine, the members learn more about Roman customs and take part in many activities throughout the year. Three scholarships are given by the club to deserving students. To supply the necessary funds, the club planned projects such as their successful cookie sale.

Discussing Roman history is the advisor of Latin Club, Mrs. Charlotte Aasthine, with club president Gretchen Maussnest.

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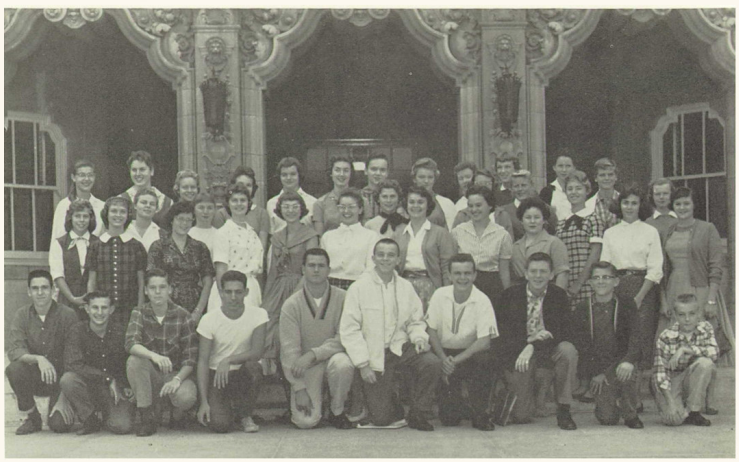
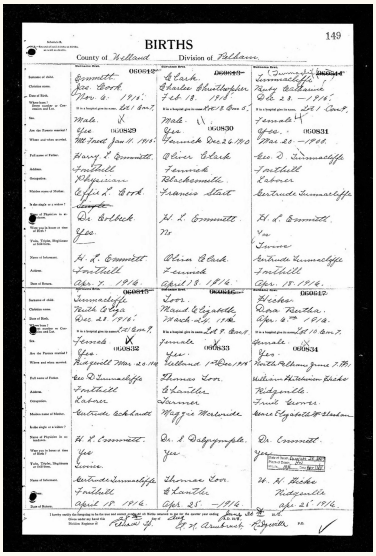
Mary's name appears on the Latin Club roster, Glendale High, 1960, p. 93. Her position in the group photograph is unconfirmed.



Julie Grover, Gretchen Maussnest, Candy Hughes, Joy Caldwell, Terry Aikins, Shelly Stimson, Mary Wallace, Mary Salyer, Penny Mooleny-zer. 3rd row: Lynne Lanning, Linda

Detail. Mary's name appears on the Latin Club roster, Glendale High, 1960, p. 93. Her position in the group photograph is unconfirmed.

Pictures from the family tree



BIRTHS

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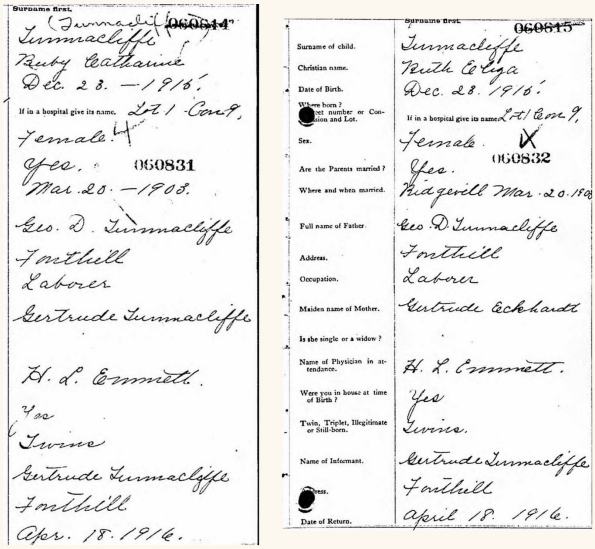
County of Welland Division of Fonthill

Florence registered Ruby and Ruth separately on this page of the 1915 Ontario birth register.



Surname first.

(Tunnacliff) 060814
Tunnacliffe
Ruby Catharine
Dec. 28. — 1916.
If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 Conc 9,
Female.
Yes. 060831
Mar. 28. — 1908.
Geo. D. Tunnacliffe
Fonthill
Laborer
Gertrude Tunnacliffe
H. L. Emmett.
Yes
Twins
Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Fonthill
Apr. 18. 1916.

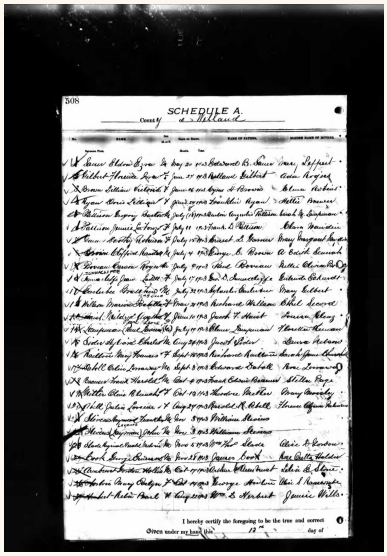
060815
Surname of child. Tunnacliffe
Christian name. Ruth Olga
Date of Birth. Dec. 28. 1916.
Where born? Street number or Concession and Lot. If in a hospital give its name. Lot 1 Conc 9,
Sex. Female. 060832
Are the Parents married? Yes.
Where and when married. Ridgeville Mar. 28. 1908
Full name of Father. Geo. D Tunnacliffe
Address. Fonthill
Occupation. Laborer
Maiden name of Mother. Gertrude Eckhardt
Is she single or a widow?
Name of Physician in attendance. H. L. Emmett.
Were you in house at time of Birth? Yes
Twin, Triplet, Illegitimate or Still-born. Twins.
Name of Informant. Gertrude Tunnacliffe
Address. Fonthill
Date of Return. April 18. 1916.

Detail. Florence registered Ruby and Ruth separately on this page of the 1915 Ontario birth register.

Pictures from the family tree

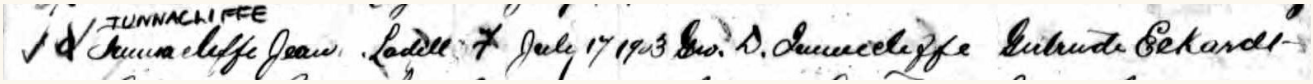


Edgar and Minnie in their wedding portrait, Jamestown, 1913.

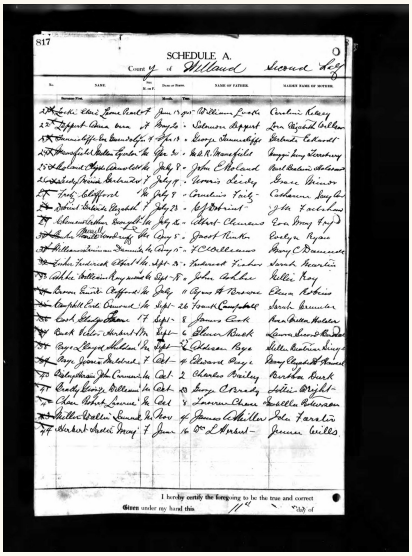


Ontario birth register for Jean Ladell, 1903.

Pictures from the family tree



Detail. Ontario birth register for Jean Ladell, 1903.



Ontario birth entry for Eve Gwendolyn, 1905.

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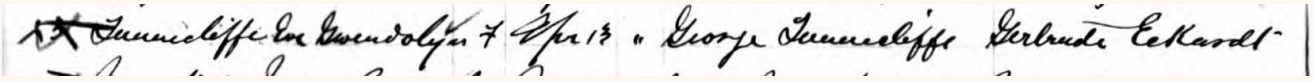
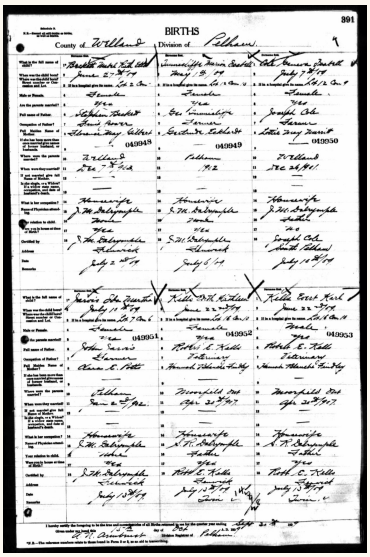
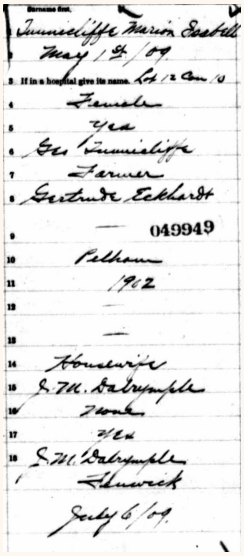


Detail. Ontario birth entry for Eve Gwendolyn, 1905.

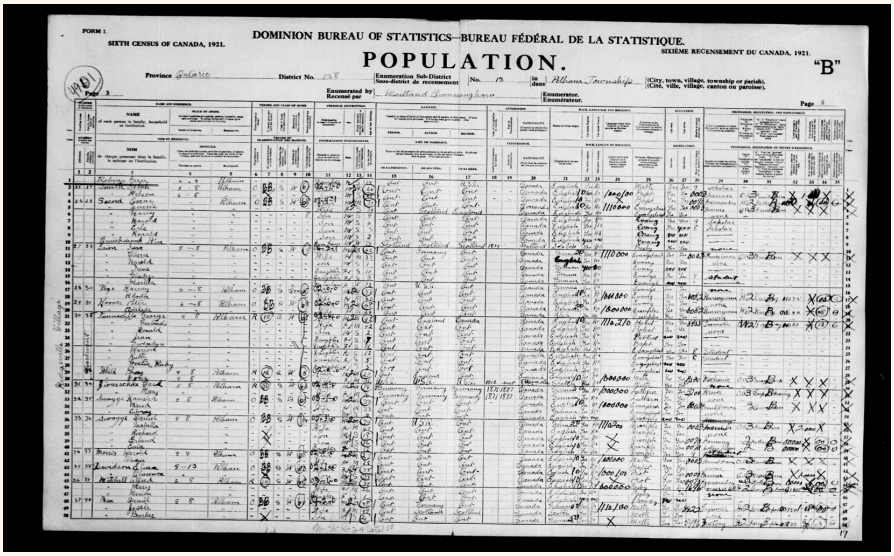


Marion's birth in the Ontario register, 1909.

Pictures from the family tree


Surname first.
Tunnacliffe Marion Estelle
May 12 09
2. If in a hospital give its name. Ont 12 Can 10
4 Female
5 Yes
6 Geo Tunnacliffe
7 Farmer
8 Gertrude Eckhardt
9 — 049949
10 Pelham
11 1902
12 —
13 —
14 Housewife
15 J. M. Dalrymple
16 Toronto
17 Yes
18 J. M. Dalrymple
1 Elsewhere
July 6/09

Detail. Marion's birth in the Ontario register, 1909.


FORM 1.
SIXTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1921.
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE.
SIXIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1921.
POPULATION.
"B"
Province Ontario District No. 138
Enumeration Sub-District / Sous-district de recensement No. 13 in the Township of Pelham
Enumerated by / Recensé par Maitland Cummings Bain
Enumerator. / Énumérateur.
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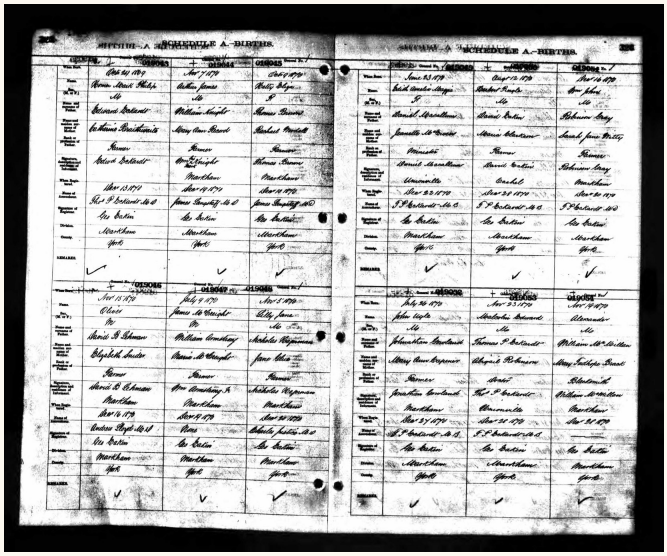
Tunnacliffe family enumerated in 1921, Pelham.

Pictures from the family tree



Detail. Tunnacliffe family enumerated in 1921, Pelham.



Homer's Ontario birth entry names his parents and attending physician.

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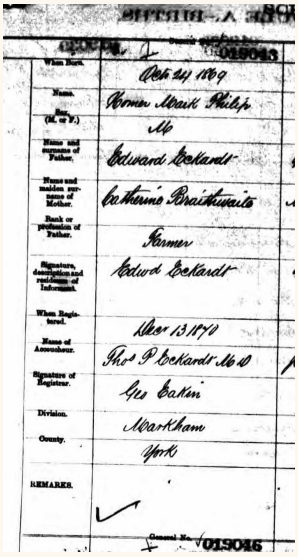
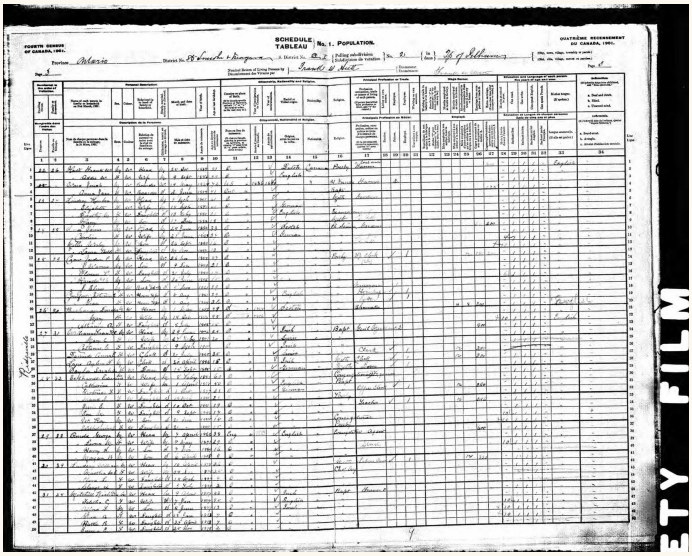


Registration District No. 019043
When Born: Oct 24 1869
Name: Homer Mark Philip
Sex (M. or F.): M
Name and surname of Father: Edward Eckhardt
Name and maiden surname of Mother: Catharine Braithwaite
Rank or profession of Father: Farmer
Signature, description and residence of Informant: Edwd Eckhardt
When Registered: Nov 13 1870
Name of Accoucheur: Thos P Eckhardt M D
Signature of Registrar: Geo Eakin
Division: Markham
County: York
REMARKS:
Certificate No. 019046

Detail. Homer's Ontario birth entry names his parents and attending physician.



SCHEDULE No. 1. POPULATION.
TABLEAU
FOURTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1901.
QUATRIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1901.
Province: Ontario
District: 89 Lincoln + Niagara
Sub-district: Grantham W. Part
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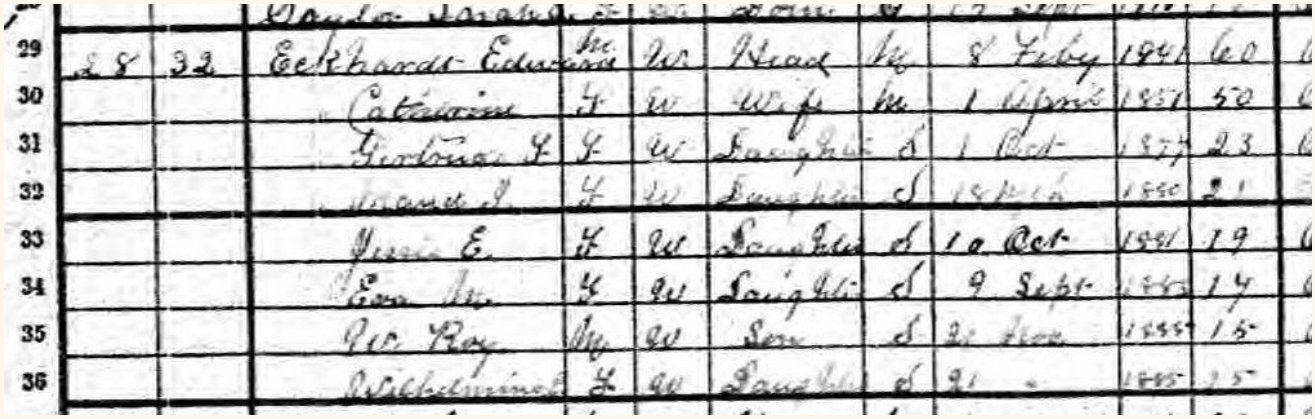
W. Roy and Wilhelmina share a birthday on the last two lines of Edward's family, 1901 Pelham census.

Pictures from the family tree



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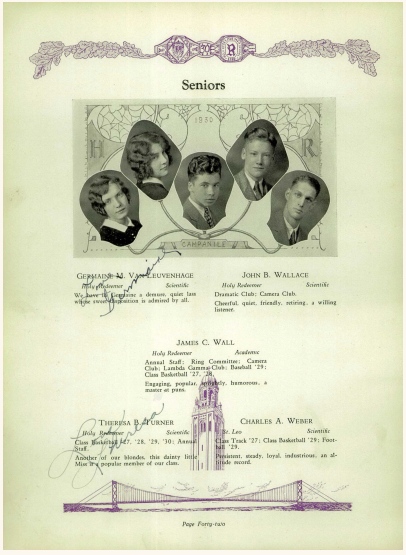

Seniors

GERMAINE M. VANDEUVENHAGE
Holy Redeemer *Scientific*
We have to recognize a demure, quiet lass whose sweet disposition is admired by all.

JOHN B. WALLACE
Holy Redeemer *Scientific*
Dramatic Club; Camera Club.
Cheerful, quiet, friendly, retiring, a willing listener.

JAMES C. WALL
Holy Redeemer *Academic*
Annual Staff; Ring Committee; Camera Club; Lambda Gamma Club; Baseball '29; Class Basketball '27, '28.
Engaging, popular, lovable, humorous, a master at puns.

THERESA B. TURNER
Holy Redeemer *Scientific*
Class Basketball '27, '28, '29, '30; Annual Staff.
Another of our blondes, this dainty little Miss is a popular member of our class.

CHARLES A. WEBER
St. Leo *Scientific*
Class Track '27; Class Basketball '29; Football '29.
Persistent, steady, loyal, industrious; an all-round record.

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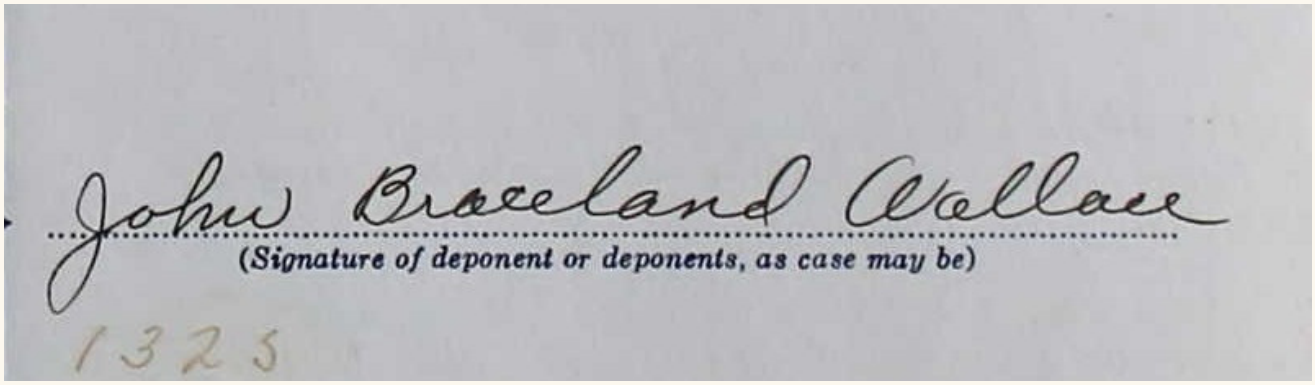
John's senior-class page at Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit, 1930.

Pictures from the family tree

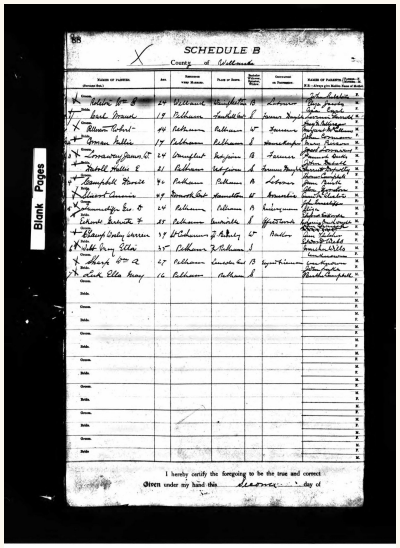


John's signature on his marriage affidavit, June 17, 1940.

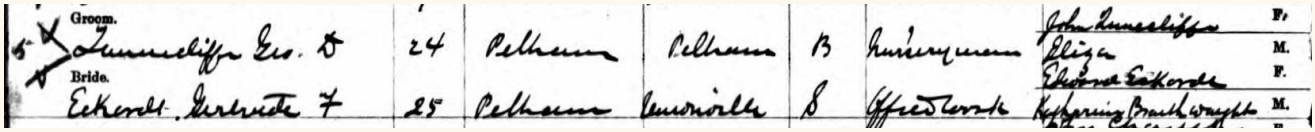


Family portrait of Ruby Catharine Tunnacliffe Wallace, shared by David Weir in 2022. Photographer and sitting date unknown.

Pictures from the family tree



The fifth couple are George D. Tunnicliffe and Gertrude F. Eckardt, nursery worker and office clerk. Welland marriage register, 1903.



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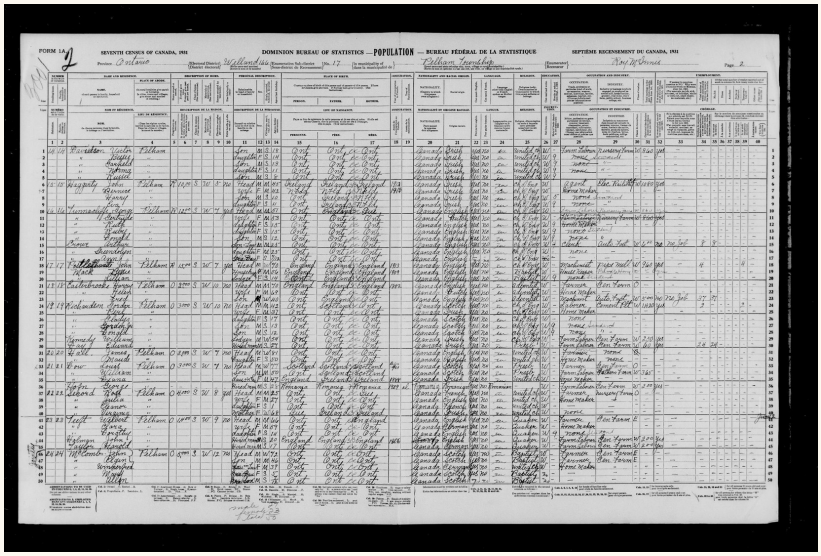
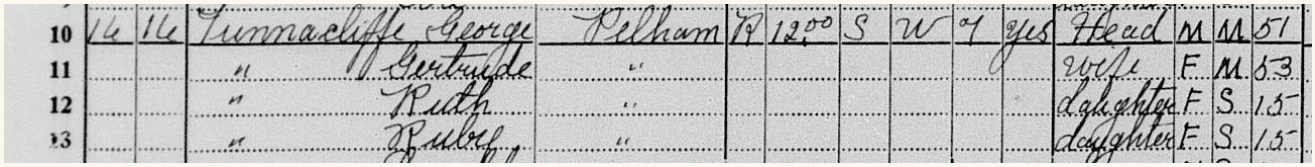


Pelham census, 1931. Ruth and Ruby are fifteen in their father's household.



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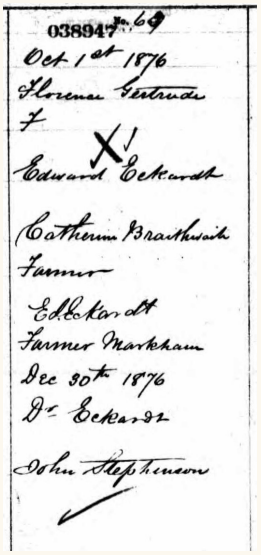
Pictures from the family tree



Florence Gertrude's birth names farmer Edward Eckardt and Catherine Braithwaite. Ontario birth register, 1876.



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Pictures from the family tree



Adam Harkness and his signature, frontispiece to his own school history, Toronto, 1896.



Old and relocated Iroquois in a 1958 aerial photograph, more than sixty years after Adam's book.

Pictures from the family tree



Detail. Old and relocated Iroquois in a 1958 aerial photograph, more than sixty years after Adam's book.



The Philip Jr. and Susannah Eckardt farmhouse, 60 Meadowbrook Lane. City of Markham heritage inventory.

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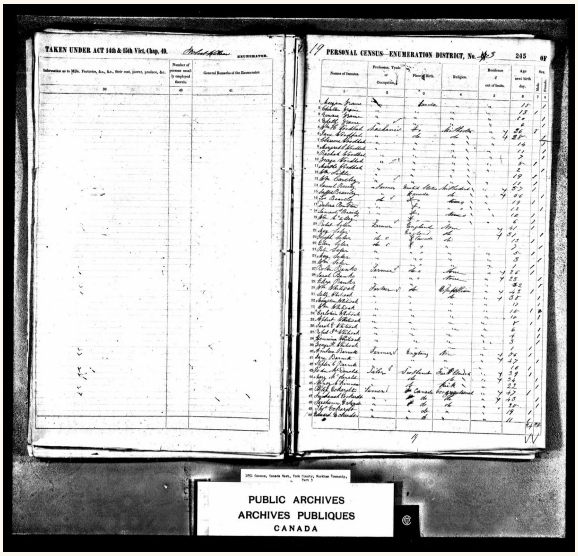
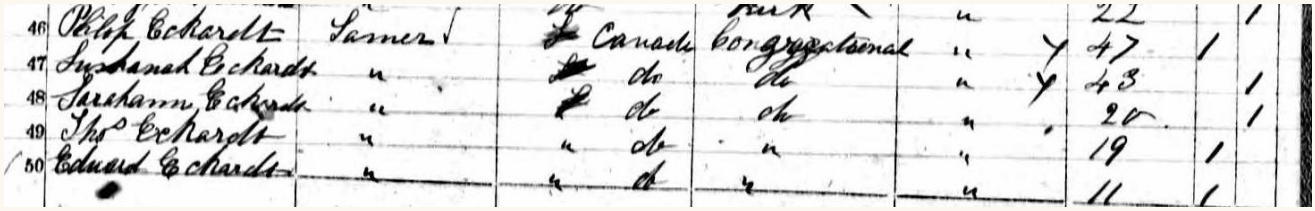


Philip, Susannah and their children appear at the bottom of the 1851 Canada census return for Markham. Ages are next-birthday ages.



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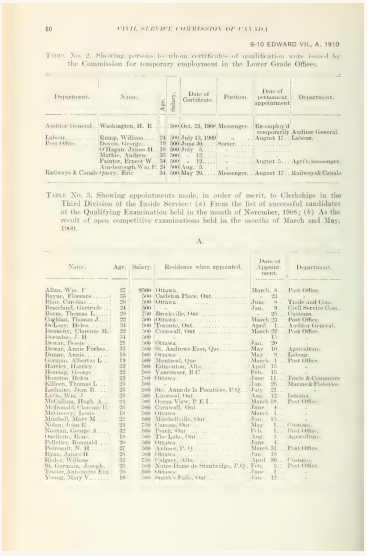

10 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA

9-10 EDWARD VII., A. 1910

TABLE No. 2, Showing persons to whom certificates of qualification were issued by the Commission for temporary employment in the Lower Grade Offices.

Department.	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Date of Certificate.	Position.	Date of permanent appointment	Department.
Auditor General.	Washington, H. R.		500	Oct. 23, 1906	Messenger.	Re-employ'd temporarily	Auditor General.
Labour.	Rimp, William	24	500	July 13, 1909	"	August 17.	Labour.
Post Office.	Dacon, George	19	500	June 30.	Sorter.		
	O'Hagan, James H.	18	500	July 5.	"		
	Mathie, Andrew	35	500	" 12.	"		
	Painter, Ernest W.	34	500	" 12.	"	August 5.	Agr'l'e, messenger.
	Ambrough, Wm F.	21	500	Aug. 5.	"		
Railways & Canals	Query, Eric	34	500	May 26.	Messenger.	August 17.	Railways & Canals

TABLE No. 3, Showing appointments made, in order of merit, to Clerkships in the Third Division of the Inside Service: (a) From the list of successful candidates at the Qualifying Examination held in the month of November, 1908; (b) As the result of open competitive examinations held in the months of March and May, 1909.

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Name.	Age.	Salary.	Residence when appointed.	Date of Appointment.	Department.
Allan, Wm. F.	27	$500	Ottawa.	March, 8.	Post Office.
Bayne, Florence	33	500	Carleton Place, Ont.	" 23.	"
Blair, Caroline	26	500	Ottawa.	June 8.	Trade and Com.
Bouchard, Gertrude	24	500	"	Jan. 9.	Civil Service Com.
Burns, Thomas L.	20	750	Brockville, Ont.	" 25.	Customs.
Cuthbert, Ethel M.	20	500	Ottawa.	March, 1.	Post Office.
DeLaney, Helen J.	34	500	Toronto, Ont.	April 1.	Auditor General.
Demeiry, Clarence M.	22	500	Cornwall, Ont.	March 22.	Post Office.
Dwindle, J. H.	24	500	"	" 15.	"
Dewar, Rosie	23	500	Ottawa.	Jan. 28.	"
Dewar, Annie Forbes	21	500	St. Andrews East, Que.	May 10.	Agriculture.
Dunn, Ethel	18	500	Ottawa.	May 10.	Interior.
Durnin, Alberta L.	19	500	Montreal, Que.	March 1.	Post Office.
Hartley, Hartley	23	500	Edmonton, Alta.	April 15.	"
Hoeting, George	22	500	Vancouver, B.C.	Feb. 15.	"
Hooton, Helen	23	750	Ottawa.	June 11.	Trade & Commerce
Killoren, Thomas L.	23	500	"	Jan. 26.	Marine & Fisheries.
Lavoie, Marie E.	20	500	Ste. Annede la Pocatiere, P.Q.	June 1.	"
Leslie, Wm. J.	23	500	Linwood, Ont.	Aug. 12.	Interior.
McCallum, Hugh A.	21	500	Green View, P.E.I.	March 28.	Post Office.
McDonald, Clarence E.	21	500	Cornwall, Ont.	June 4.	"
McIlwrey, Lottie	18	500	Ottawa.	March 1.	"
Mitchell, Mary M.	22	500	Marshallville, Ont.	Jan. 12.	"
Nesbitt, Cecile	21	500	Census, Ont.	May 1.	Customs.
Norman, Gertrude A.	24	500	Ottawa.	Feb. 1.	Post Office.
Ouellette, Rene	18	500	The Lake, Ont.	Aug. 3.	Agriculture.
Pelletier, Ronnald	28	500	Ottawa.	June 4.	"
Perreault, N. H.	27	500	Aylmer, P. Q.	March 31.	Post Office.
Ripse, Annie H.	26	500	Ottawa.	Jan. 19.	"
Rose, Ethel M.	20	500	Edmonton, Alta.	Feb. 15.	Customs.
St. Germain, Joseph	21	500	Notre Dame de Stanbridge, P.Q.	Feb. 3.	Post Office.
Tower, Antoinette Eva	28	500	Ottawa.	June 1.	"
Young, Mary V.	19	500	Smith's Falls, Ont.	Jan. 12.	"

The appointments page listing Gertrude Braceland after the November 1908 examination. Canada Civil Service Commission.



Restoration of the elder Eckardt log house at Upper Unionville, April 27, 2019.

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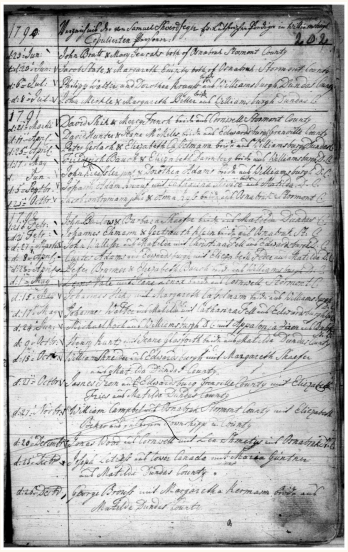
Ceramics and toys recovered at the log-house site, published excavation photographs.



The March 27, 1792 entry for John Walliser of Matilda and Christina Fell of Edwardsburgh. Lutheran register A, p. 202.

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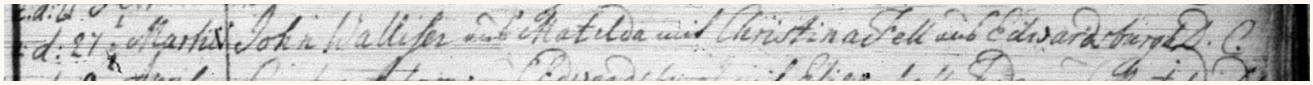
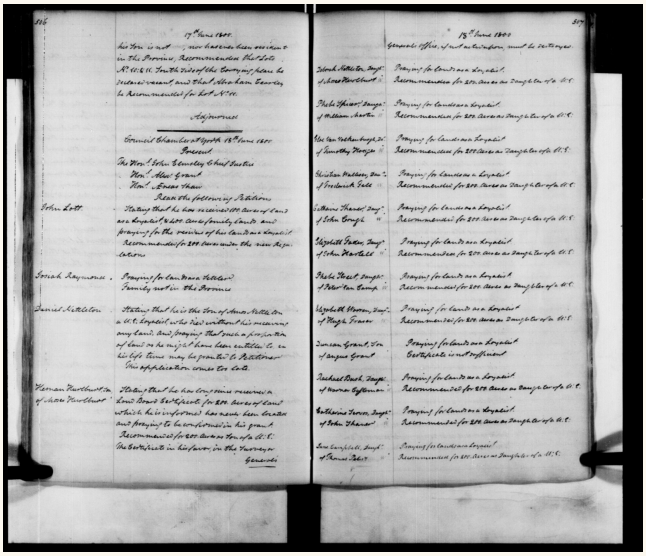


Detail. The March 27, 1792 entry for John Walliser of Matilda and Christina Fell of Edwardsburgh. Lutheran register A, p. 202.



Council minute calling Christina a daughter of Frederick Fell and recommending 200 acres, June 18, 1800. Library and Archives Canada.

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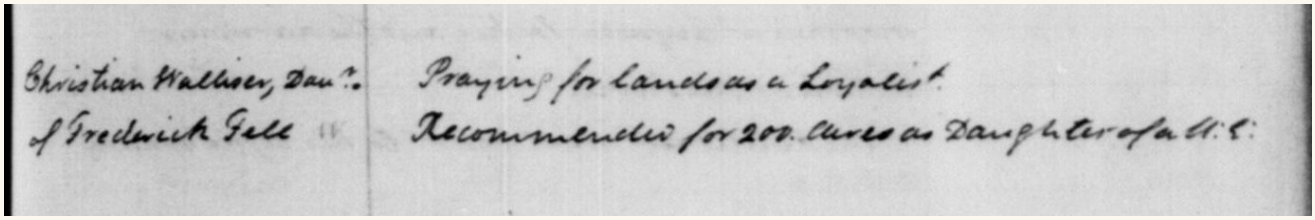

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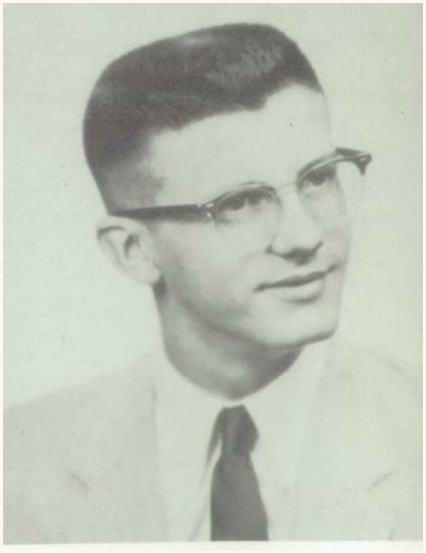

George's 1958 Cathedralogue portrait, Springfield, Illinois.

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Cathedral CYO Team Displays Second Place Trophy

SHOWN DISPLAYING the Springfield City CYO second place basketball trophy are members of the Cathedral parish team. Kneeling are, from left, James Sugent, Vic Mulacek, George Smith. Middle row: Bill Mullen, Ferdi Sugent, Coach Art Evans, Rev. Irvin R. Will, pastor of the Cathedral; Eddie Ashton, and Rev. Casimir Gierut, assistant pastor, and spiritual director of Cathedral CYO. Back row: Dan Sullivan, Don Harris, Pat Ryan, Mike Moley, Bill Comerford.

1958 Cathedral basketball team with printed identification; Joseph's grandfather is third from the left in the kneeling row.



Detail. 1958 Cathedral basketball team with printed identification; Joseph's grandfather is third from the left in the kneeling row.

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