

A STITCH IN TIME: FEMALE DESCENDANTS OF POLLY HOLMES (1805–1839) OF MADISON COUNTY

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*“Ye fair that cast on this an eye
By me a pattern take and
Spend your time industriously
And such a sampler make
Polly Holmes her work done
In the year 1824”*

Polly was about nineteen years old when she stitched these sentiments, an alphabet, and more onto a nine-by-seventeen-inch cloth sampler. Now somewhat faded, it is treasured and preserved by a great-great-great granddaughter, who received it from her mother, Eloise (Bassett) Scholes (1920–2011).¹ Family connections suggest that Eloise may have received it from her mother’s unmarried older sister, Frances Laura Burdick (1885–1969), but the precise provenance is uncertain. Documentation is lacking, some likely candidates died young, and the sampler may have “skipped” a generation or not followed a particular line of descent. Still, the sampler was surely passed down through the generations outlined in the following genealogical summary.

In the twenty-first century, a 193-year-old hand-stitched sampler might appear as a mysterious, out-of-context heirloom. But in Polly’s day decorative needlework signified literacy, propriety, and refinement, and indicates that she likely attended school. Betty Ring writes that samplers were “with few exceptions the products of school instruction. . . . Until about 1840, every girl who had received the slightest education had made a sampler and was thereby prepared to mark the linens of her future household.”²

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¹ The sampler is now in possession of the author’s wife, who received it from her mother Eloise (Bassett) Scholes (1920–2011).

² Betty Ring, *Girlhood Embroidery: American Samplers & Pictorial Needlework, 1650–1850* (New York: Knopf, 1993), xvii, 24. For more information, see Anne Sebba, *Samplers: Five Centuries of a Gentle Craft* (New York: W. W. Norton, 1979). Maureen Daly Goggin, “Stitching (in) Death: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century American and English Mourning Samplers,” in Maureen Daly Goggin and Beth Fowkes Tobin, eds., *Women and the Material Culture of Death* (New York: Routledge, 2016), 63–90.

In 1824 women had minimal rights at law and were mostly confined to the home. Their education centered on vocational and moral training, preparing them for marriage and keeping a home.

Over time, the cultural role of decorative needlework evidently shifted: from being a mark of established social position, it became more frequently an instrument of social advancement . . . [and] samplers, family registers, and other decorative needlework served as ‘passports to gentility.’³

Needlework also served as a survival skill that sustained many female-headed households in the face of disaster, disease, or male abandonment.

Beyond those necessities, “To inscribe one’s name on a material object assured some sort of immortality.”⁴ The sentiment Polly inscribed was not original, but her stitching allowed her to speak to her posterity without speaking out of turn. Polly was a Holmes who married into the Denison family; as a matter of course her children were Denisons and her daughters became Yorks and Crandalls. Tracing Polly’s female descendants, “ye fair,” reminds us of what we have in common with the 1820s: most families are still defined by male surnames.⁵

Through this sampler, passed down through generations of daughters, Polly (Holmes) Denison still speaks to her descendants. Because women are the traditional keepers of the family lore, tracing the sisters and daughters, departing from male-line research, often leads to treasure troves of genealogical information. Focusing on female lines does not deny or alter the historical facts of male domination, but it does provide a fresh perspective and remind us that family lore and mementos are often preserved and protected in the female lines.

FIRST GENERATION

1. **POLLY¹ HOLMES** was born about 1805–1806 and died 8 January 1839, aged 33.⁶ The daughter of Seth Holmes,⁷ she married cabinetmaker **WILLIAM RILEY DENISON** 15 March 1829. He was born 1 June 1807 in Brookfield, Madison County, son of Joseph and Desire (Wilcox) Denison, and died there 12 April

3 Susan P. Schoelwer, *Connecticut Needlework: Women, Art, and Family, 1740–1840* (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 2010), 14.

4 Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Creation of an American Myth* (New York: Random House, 2001), 117.

5 Schoelwer commented on these genealogical difficulties in *Connecticut Needlework* (note 3), 7. In order to investigate family connections in the samplers, she researched their creators’ ancestry back to the maternal grandmother’s birth family when possible, and deposited the resulting charts in “relevant object files” at the Connecticut Historical Society.

6 Polly Denison marker, Brookfield Rural Cemetery, Brookfield, Madison Co., memorial 21,029,789, digital image (findagrave.com). E. Glenn Denison, Josephine Middleton Peck, and Donald L. Jacobus, *Denison Genealogy: Ancestors and Descendants of Captain George Denison* (Stonington, Conn.: Pequot Press, 1963), 163.

7 Seth Holmes was Polly’s father because he was her children’s grandfather. In 1851, twelve years after Polly’s death, he named grandchildren “Joseph Dennison,^(s) Cynthia York,^(s) Jeruah Dennison,^(s) & Francis Dennison,” bequeathing \$5 to each (Seth Holmes will, 14 Oct. 1851, proved 2 July 1855, Madison Co. Surrogate’s Court, Will Book E:74–77; digital image [familysearch.org], citing Family History Library microfilm [FHL] 408,507). The identification of Polly’s mother is beyond the scope of this article.

1887.⁸ The two families were already linked by the 1825 marriage between Polly's brother Henry Holmes and William's sister Almira Denison.⁹

William married second before 1842 (first-known child)¹⁰ as her second husband Jerusha P. (Church) Campbell, "a sister of Wait Church."¹¹ Jerusha was born in Jefferson or Herkimer County about 1804–1806¹² and died in Brookfield 28 March 1883, aged 77, having been "an invalid for many years."¹³ In 1850 William was a "chair maker" with \$600 in real estate.¹⁴ In later years he was a carpenter, a day laborer, a farmer, and by 1880 an aged "gardener" in the household of second wife Jerusha's son-in-law Nelson Parr.¹⁵

Children of Polly¹ (Holmes) and William Riley Denison, all likely born in Brookfield:¹⁶

- i. JOSEPH RILEY² DENISON was born about 1830, perhaps 30 August.¹⁷ He died after 1850, when he was enumerated as a wagonmaker in the Town of Tully, Onondaga County.¹⁸
2. ii. CYNTHIA MARIA² DENISON was born 27 January 1832 and died 29 May 1869. She married 3 November 1850 GILBERT R. YORK.

8 William Riley's obituary named his first wife as Polly Holmes, sister of Harvey Holmes: "Death of W. Riley Denison," *Brookfield [N.Y.] Courier and the Reporter*, 21 Apr. 1887, p. 3, col. 4. Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 163. His marker gives a birth year of 1806 (Wm. R. Denison marker, Brookfield Rural Cemetery, Brookfield, Madison Co., memorial 21,029,773, digital image [findagrave.com]). For William's mother's name, see Lucius W. Denison entry, *The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-Made Men, Minnesota Volume* (New York and Chicago: American Biographical Publishing, 1879), 259–60.

9 Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 163. Almira Holmes marker, Brookfield Rural Cemetery, Brookfield, Madison Co., memorial 21,030,031, digital image (findagrave.com), for "Almira Denison Holmes."

10 Wm. R. Denison household for Harriet A. Denison, age 7, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., p. 36, dw. 613, fam. 620.

11 "Death of W. Riley Denison" (note 8).

12 Wm. R. Denison household for Jerusha, age 46, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., p. 36, dw. 613, fam. 620. Riley Dennison household for Jerusha, age 50, born Jefferson Co., 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., Election District [Elec. Dist.] 2, unpaginated, dw. 109, fam. 116. William R. Dennison household for Jerusha, age 54, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., p. 80, dw. 680, fam. 687. Wm. R. Dennison household for Jerusha, age 59, born Herkimer Co., 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., Elec. Dist. 2, p. 6, dw. 55, fam. 66. William R. Dennison household for Jerusha, age 64, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., p. 20, dw. 327, fam. 358. William Denison household for Jerusha, age 69, born Herkimer Co., 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., Elec. Dist. 2, p. 16, dw. 158, fam. 195. Nelson Parr household for Jerusha Dennison, age 75, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., Enumeration District [ED] 46, p. 22, dw. 231, fam. 272.

13 "In Brief" (Mrs. Riley Denison death notice), *Brookfield Courier and the Reporter*, 5 Apr. 1883, p. 2, col. 6.

14 Wm. R. Denison household, 1850 U.S. census, Madison Co. (note 12).

15 All in the Town of Brookfield, Madison Co.: Riley Dennison household, 1855 N.Y. state census (note 12); William R. Dennison household, 1860 U.S. census (note 12); Wm. R. Dennison household, 1865 N.Y. state census (note 12); William R. Dennison household, 1870 U.S. census (note 12); William Denison household, 1875 N.Y. state census (note 12); Nelson Parr household for William R. Denison, 1880 U.S. census (note 12).

16 An undocumented account gives exact birth dates for all four children, as if taken from a family Bible or other family record (William Riley Denison entry [geni.com/people/William-Riley-Denison/6000000053346555154]: Joseph Riley, 30 Aug. 1830; Cynthia Maria, 27 Jan. 1832; Jervah, 25 Feb. 1834; Frances Letitia, 1 Apr. 1837). Only Cynthia's can be corroborated, but the others are reasonable.

17 See note 16. Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 163. No plausible match for him was found in 1855, 1860, or 1865 as Joseph, Joseph Riley, J. R., or Riley Denison/Dennison.

18 Charles W. Davis household for Joseph R. Denison (in wagonmaker Joseph D. Dennison's dwelling), 1850 U.S. census, Town of Tully, Onondaga Co., p. 159 (*verso*), dw. 122, fam. 125.

- iii. JERUAH/JERUSHA² DENISON was born about 1834–1835, perhaps 25 February 1834. In 1855 she was a twenty-year-old milliner living at home.¹⁹ She may have married DANIEL/DAVID BALL and died in 1858.²⁰
3. iv. FRANCES LETITIA² DENISON was born about 1837–1838 and died 15 February 1899. She married 2 May 1855 CHARLES WELCOME CRANDALL.

SECOND GENERATION

2. **CYNTHIA MARIA² DENISON** (Polly Holmes¹) was born in Brookfield, Madison County, 27 January 1832, and died 29 May 1869. She married 3 November 1850 **GILBERT RAY YORK**, son of Ichabod and Freelope (Gardner) York.²¹ Gilbert was born in Madison County²² “on the farm a half mile south of the Waterman schoolhouse” 26 November 1827, and died of acute pneumonia in Brookfield 24 December 1917. He was buried with Cynthia in Cazenovia’s Evergreen Cemetery.²³ He married second before 1870 Sarah Ann Dewey, who was born about 1834–1835 in Madison County, and died after the 1880 census (when she was enumerated) and before 22 July 1887 (when the executor of Sarah D. York’s estate notified creditors).²⁴ She was likely daughter of Marcus B. and Ann N. ([–?–]) Dewey, living with her parents in Cazenovia, Madison County, in 1865.²⁵

19 See note 16. Riley Dennison household for Jeruah, age 19, 1855 N.Y. state census, Madison Co. (note 12).

20 Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 163, says David Ball. Jerusha reportedly died 18 Mar. 1858, aged 24, wife of Daniel Ball, and was buried in Section 5B, lot 8, Madison Street Cemetery, Town of Hamilton, Hamilton, N.Y.; she was Jerusha in the interment records and Jeruah in the Goodrich reading (Ball entry, Victor B. Goodrich, “Burials in the Madison Street Cemetery” [typescript 1984, transcribed 2009 by Anita M. Ingalls]). Also buried in the lot is a Ball couple old enough to have been Daniel’s parents (see madisoncountynyork.com/Cemeteries/Hamilton/Madison/MadIndex.htm). The underlying Goodrich typescript is said to reside at the Hamilton Public Library, but does not appear in its online catalog.

21 Exact birth and death dates from Cynthia M. Denison marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia, Madison Co., memorial 105,772,983, digital image (findagrave.com). Gilbert’s 1917 obituary places her death 29 May 1867 (“Obituary: Gilbert Ray York,” *Brookfield Courier*, 2 Jan. 1918, p. 1, col. 1). Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 221, gives the implausible birth year of 1838 (implying she married at age 12). More contemporary sources imply an earlier date. In 1850 she was reported age 19 (Wm. R. Denison household, 1850 U.S. census, Madison Co. [note 12]), and in 1855, age 23 (Gilbert R. York household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Cazenovia, Madison Co., Elec. Dist. 2, unpaginated, dw. 120, fam. 130).

22 Gilbert R. York household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Madison Co. (note 21). According to Everett Riley York’s death cert., Washington (state), 14 Dec. 1940, #1,607 (FHL 2,023,822), his father Gilbert was born in Brookfield.

23 “Obituary: Gilbert Ray York” (note 21). Gilbert Ray York marker, Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia, Madison Co., memorial 105,772,733, digital image (findagrave.com); reportedly buried in Section H, Lot 360.

24 Gilbert York household for Sarah, age 36, born N.Y., 1870 U.S. census, Village of Cazenovia, Madison Co., p. 82 (*verso*), dw. 65, fam. 66. Gilbert R. York household for wife Sarah, age 41, born Madison Co., 1875 N.Y. state census, Village of Cazenovia, Madison Co., p. 23, dw. 225, fam. 260. Gilbert R. York household for wife Sarah, age 46, born N.Y. to N.Y.-born parents, 1880 U.S. census, Village of Cazenovia, Madison Co., ED 50, sheet 28, dw. 301, fam. 332. “Notice to Creditors” of Sarah D. York’s estate by executor Jabez C. Tillotson, *Cazenovia* [N.Y.] *Republican*, 20 Oct. 1887, p. 4, col. 8. Gilbert and Sarah had apparently parted ways.

25 Marcus B. Dewey, age 56, household for wife Ann, age 52, and daughter Sarah, age 32, 1865 N.Y. state census, Cazenovia, Madison Co., Elec. Dist. 3, p. 2, dw. 14, fam. 16. The FindAGrave memorial 105,774,226 for “Sarah A. Dewey York” bears no relationship to the image posted there.

In 1855 Cynthia and Gilbert were farming in Cazenovia and living in a “plank” house worth \$300; he was a landowner and they had lived in the town just two years.²⁶ Gilbert’s wealth rose to \$5000 by 1870 as he worked variously as farmer, stone cutter, and shoe merchant.²⁷ In 1875 their children were dispersed: Irving “traveling in Europe”; Nettie J. teaching school; Minnie F. a student at “C. S.” (perhaps Cazenovia Seminary); and Everett a store clerk.²⁸ After 1880 Gilbert spent five years managing a sheep ranch near Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. In 1889 he took a position in the U.S. Interior Department—“until a change of administration [the 1892 election of Democrat Grover Cleveland] led to his dismissal as a Republican and the appointment of an ex-Confederate soldier from North Carolina in his stead.” After that Gilbert stayed with son Ervine and summered in Brookfield.²⁹

Children of Cynthia Maria² (Denison) and Gilbert R. York, all probably born in Cazenovia.³⁰

- i. ERVINE DENISON³ YORK was born 14 June 1853 and died in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, 5 December 1929.³¹ He married first 3 November 1875 MINERVA A. WHITE, daughter of Milton White; she died in 1877. Ervine married second 20 June 1887 in Washington, D.C., DR. ALICE MARGARET MAGNON.³² Margaret was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, 10 June 1857, daughter of Noel and Mary Anna (McCarton) Magnon,³³ and died in Glendale 23 March 1946.³⁴ She held a medical degree from George Washington University, authored numerous articles, and was active in the Congregational Church and the women’s suffrage movement.³⁵

In 1863 Ervine studied at Cazenovia Seminary.³⁶ Later, as an attorney, he pioneered “the use of shorthand in the courts of northeastern Pennsylvania”; served as private secretary to U.S. Supreme Court justices; did legal work in St. Paul, New Mexico, and New York City; and was “for twenty years closely

26 Gilbert R. York household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Madison Co. (note 21). House value was the median for the neighborhood, as defined by the facing census pages.

27 Gilbert R. York household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Cazenovia, Madison Co., p. 7, dw. 51, fam. 54. Gilbert R. York household (not indexed, probably due to legibility problems), 1865 N.Y. state census, Village of Cazenovia, Madison Co., p. 174, dw. 234, fam. 242, and Schedule of Industry Other Than Agriculture, p. 63, line 14, where the pagination is irregular. Gilbert York household, 1870 U.S. census, Madison Co. (note 24), where, based on their ages, Ervine appeared as Irwin, Jeruah as Nettie, and Florence as Minnie.

28 Gilbert R. York household, 1875 U.S. census, Madison Co. (note 24).

29 “Obituary: Gilbert Ray York” (note 21).

30 Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 221.

31 “Obituary: Ervine Denison York,” *Brookfield Courier*, 25 Dec. 1929, p. 1, col. 2, reprinted from *News-Press* [Glendale, Calif.], 9 Dec. 1929.

32 Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 221, 535. “Obituary: Ervine Denison York” (note 31). Ervine Denison York–Alice Margaret Magnon marriage cert., Dist. of Columbia, 20 June 1887, #10,356 (FHL 2,025,891).

33 Alice Margaret Magnon York entry, John William Leonard, ed., *Women’s Who’s Who of America: A Biographical Dictionary . . . 1914–15* (New York: American Commonwealth Co., 1914), 911. Ervine D. York household for Margaret M., 1900 U.S. census, Queens Borough, Ward 3, New York City, ED 665, sheet 18A, dw. 288, fam. 324.

34 Dr. Margaret York entry, memorial 110,039,626 (findagrave), which includes her obituary transcribed from *Los Angeles Times*, 23 Mar. 1946, p. 8 (no col. given). The entry notes that she was cremated and the location of her ashes is unknown.

35 Alice Margaret Magnon York entry, *Women’s Who’s Who of America* (note 33), 911.

36 *First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary, 1825–1875* (New York: Nelson & Phillips, 1877), 662.

identified with the development of a railway and bank in the republic of San Domingo in the West Indies.³⁷ His genealogy manuscripts on the York, Denison, and allied families are in the New York Public Library.³⁸

Ervine and Margaret had three children: Everett Magnon, Willard Denison, and Cynthia Magnon.³⁹ In the 1920s and 1930s Margaret lived about a mile from her husband's first cousin Fannie Fern Darling.⁴⁰

- ii. EVERETTE MERLE³ YORK was born 6 April 1855, died 25 February 1858.⁴¹
- iii. JERUAH ANNETTE "NETTIE"³ YORK was born 6 November 1856, and died in 1878, three months after her marriage. In 1870 she studied at Cazenovia Seminary. In 1874 she taught in the Waterman district, and later attended Oberlin College.⁴²
4. iv. FLORENCE A.³ YORK was born 8 February 1859 and died in Philadelphia 26 January 1947. She married 31 December 1889 LOWNDES TAYLOR.
- v. EVERETT RILEY³ YORK was born 25 June 1860 and died in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, 14 December 1940.⁴³ He married 15 June 1887 in Washington, D.C., CURRENCE BOSTWICK FITCH.⁴⁴ She was born 20 August 1865 in Washingtonville, Orange County, daughter of Col. Butler and Anna (Moffatt) Fitch, and died of cancer 12 April 1948 at 301 North Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma.⁴⁵ In 1873 Everett was a student in Cazenovia Seminary.⁴⁶ An attorney, he served two terms in the Washington state legislature.⁴⁷ They had four children: Florence L., Arthur F., Helen D., and Anna M.⁴⁸
- vi. FRANCIS ELLA³ YORK was born 26 December 1861 "and died an infant."⁴⁹

3. **FRANCES LETITIA² DENISON** (Polly Holmes¹) was born about 1837–1838, perhaps 1 April 1837, in Madison County.⁵⁰ She died 15 February 1899, aged 61 years, 1 month, at 312 B Street Northeast, Washington, D.C., of chronic bronchitis and "exhaustion," and was buried the 17th in Congressional Cemetery

37 "Obituary: Ervine Denison York" (note 31).

38 Ervine Denison York, "Denison book; the ancestry and family connections of the Denisons of Brookfield, N.Y." (partially typed manuscript, not dated; Milstein Division, New York Public Library, New York City).

39 Alice Margaret Magnon York entry, *Women's Who's Who of America* (note 33), 911.

40 For instance, Dr. Margaret M. York voter registration, California Great Register of Voters, Verdugo Precinct, Los Angeles Co., Calif., 1105 N. Central Ave., 1924, p. 2, and Glendale City Precinct 6, 1105 N. Central Ave., 1930, p. 1 (ancestry.com). Fannie Fern Darling voter registration, California Great Register of Voters, Glendale City Precinct 7, Los Angeles Co., Calif., 1425 N. Columbus Ave., 1926, p. 1, and Glendale City Precinct 9, 1425 N. Columbus Ave., 1930, p. 1 (ancestry.com).

41 "Obituary: Gilbert Ray York" (note 21), which includes his son's death date.

42 Her father's obituary says she died in 1878, three months after her marriage, but gives no other details ("Obituary: Gilbert Ray York" [note 21]). *First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary* (note 36), 662.

43 Everett Riley York death cert., State of Washington, 14 Dec. 1940, #1,607 (FHL 2,023,822). Franklin Harper, ed., *Who's Who on the Pacific Coast 1913* (Los Angeles: Harper Publishing, 1913), 629.

44 Everett Riley York–Currence Bostwick Fitch marriage cert., Dist. of Columbia, 15 June 1887, #10,347 (FHL 2,025,891).

45 Currence Fitch York death cert., State of Washington, 12 Apr. 1948, #6,701 (FHL 2,032,684). Butler Fitch household for Currie B. Fitch, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Delhi, Delaware Co., ED 68, p. 10B, dw. 93, fam. 102.

46 *First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary* (note 36), 662.

47 Harper, *Who's Who on the Pacific Coast, 1913* (note 43), 629.

48 Everett R. York household, 1910 U.S. census, Tacoma, Pierce Co., Wash., ED 217, sheet 10B, dw. 236, fam. 240.

49 "Obituary: Gilbert Ray York" (note 21).

50 See note 16. Denison, et al., *Denison Genealogy* (note 6), 163. Welcome B. Crandall household for Charles and Frances, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Brookfield, Madison Co., Elec. Dist. 2, dw. 144, fam. 146.

there.⁵¹ She married 2 May 1855 in Brookfield **CHARLES WELCOME CRANDALL**, son of Welcome Babcock and Emily (Dowse) Crandall.⁵² Charles was born 30 October 1833 in Brookfield; died of “Pulmonary Oedema” at 936 Argyle, Baltimore, Maryland, 9 January 1905, aged 71; and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.⁵³ Charles married second, as her second husband, in Lansdowne, Baltimore County, Maryland, 16 October 1899 Mrs. Ella (Bartlett) Middlekauf.⁵⁴ Ella was born 30 September 1863 in Easton, Talbot County, Maryland,⁵⁵ daughter of Tench T. and Laura ([–?–]) Bartlett, and died after 24 September 1934 (when she filed for a remarried widow’s pension).⁵⁶

Charles enlisted 31 December 1863 in Company D, 22nd Wisconsin Infantry.⁵⁷ Six weeks later, on 11 February, his active service ended when he “fell upon a log imbedded in the ice,” causing “severe injury of spine” and “palpitation of heart.” After months in hospitals, he was discharged with a certificate of disability 19 October 1864.⁵⁸ He filed for a pension 25 October 1879, and his widow on 17 January 1905.⁵⁹

After the war, the Crandalls divided their time between rural Wisconsin and Chicago, without prospering in either place. In 1870 he was a “painter and carpenter” living in a Chicago apartment.⁶⁰ In 1874–1875, he paid tax on three

51 Mrs. Frances L. Crandall death cert., Dist. of Columbia, 15 Feb. 1899, #123,621, in Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737, service of Charles W. Crandall (Co. D, 22nd Wis. Inf., Civil War), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . , 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group [RG] 15, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo. (because the file was still open after 1934, it is filed in St. Louis). This file includes Charles’s original application, Ella’s widow’s pension application, and her application as a remarried widow (Ella A. Haley), which outlines her marital history and Charles’s.

52 Charles W. Crandall dependents circular, Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51); Rev. Joshua Clark officiated. For parents, see John Cortland Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island and His Descendants* (New Woodstock, N.Y.: privately printed, 1949), 496.

53 Chas. W. Crandall death record, City of Baltimore, 9 Jan. 1905, official transcript dated 16 Jan. 1905, in Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51). “Local Matters” [Charles W. Crandall obituary], *Brookfield Courier*, 1 Feb. 1905, p. 3, col. 3, citing *Sabbath Recorder* [Plainfield, N.J.], 23 Jan. 1905, vol. 61, No. 4, p. 61. For a transcription of the *Sabbath Recorder* obituary and evidence that it was written by Charles’s son-in-law Rev. Clayton A. Burdick, see C. W. Crandall marker, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington Co., Va., memorial 49,172,027, digital image (findagrave.com). Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 496, gives the wrong birthplace and death date and place.

54 Ella A. Crandall, “Widow’s Declaration for Pension,” 16 Jan. 1905, and Baltimore Co. Clerk of the Circuit Court affidavit, 30 Jan. 1905, Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51); Rev. R. R. Murphy officiated. “Local Matters” [Charles W. Crandall obituary] (note 53).

55 Ella A. Haley, “Declaration for Remarried Widow’s Pension,” 24 Sep. 1934, Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51). In 1900 she was reported born Sep. 1862 (Charles W. Crandall household for Ella M., 1900 U.S. census, Lansdowne, Joshua Twp., Baltimore Co., Md., ED 57, sheet 19A, dw. 369, fam. 375).

56 Laura N. Bartlett deposition, 8 Nov. 1911, and Ella A. Haley Declaration for a Remarried Widow’s Pension, 24 Sep. 1934, Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51).

57 Charles W. Crandall compiled service record, Co. D, 22nd Wis. Inf., Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers, NARA, Washington D.C.

58 Charles W. Crandall, Certificate of Disability for Discharge, 6 Oct. 1864 at “Branch Harvey USA Gen. Hospital,” Madison, Wis., Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51).

59 Ella A. Crandall widow’s pension file #XC922,737 (note 51), which includes Charles’s original pension application #317,924, cert. #194,219.

60 Chas. W. Crandall household, 1870 U.S. census, Chicago, Ward 5, Cook Co., Ill., p. 6, dw. 32, fam. 46.

acres in the Town of Walworth, Walworth County, Wisconsin; later in the decade their personal property was valued between \$25 and \$80.⁶¹ In 1877 he bought land in Walworth for \$100.⁶² In 1880 he was a house painter (unemployed six months), while daughter Hattie, age 16, taught school (unemployed four months).⁶³ Back in Chicago in the middle 1880s, around the time daughter Hattie married, Charles and Jacob W. Been operated a retail grocery at 254 Ogden Avenue.⁶⁴ Charles and Frances mortgaged their Wisconsin property twice to C. W. McPherson of Harvard, McHenry County, Illinois, and then sold it.⁶⁵ Charles's brother R. A. Crandall paid Charles's Wisconsin taxes in 1883 and 1884.⁶⁶

Charles traveled back to Brookfield and then to Florida later in the 1880s.⁶⁷ Charles, Frances, and daughter Fannie Fern were residents of Washington, D.C., from about 1892 until Frances's death in 1899.⁶⁸ Charles and his second wife lived in or near Baltimore until his death in 1905.⁶⁹

Children of Frances L.² (Denison) and Charles Welcome Crandall, both born in Walworth, Wisconsin:

5. i. HARRIET ELOISE "HATTIE"³ CRANDALL was born 2 February 1862 and died in Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island, 11 May 1910. She married 1 October 1884 in Chicago REV. CLAYTON ADELBERT BURDICK.
6. ii. FANNIE FERN³ CRANDALL was born 20 May 1864 and died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, probably 13 April 1955. It appears that she married first, before 1887 (first-known child) FRANK IRA DARLING; and second, about 1900, [—?] BROWN.

61 Charles W. Crandall entry, 1874 Walworth Town tax roll, p. 53; University of Wis. Whitewater, Special Collections, Area Research Center [UWWARC], Walworth Series 55, Walworth County tax rolls 1849–1995; similarly, 1875, p. 49; 1877, p. 4; 1878, p. 5; 1880, p. 64; 1881, p. 48.

62 Angeline L. Clarke to Charles W. Crandall, Walworth Co. Deeds 62:9–10, 1 Oct. 1877, recorded 7 May 1878, for property in Section 22, Township 1N, Range 16E.

63 Chas. Crandall household, 1880 U.S. census, Walworth, Walworth Co., Wis., ED 237, p. 4D, dw. 23, fam. 24.

64 "The Courts: A Firm of Retail Grocers Object to Being Closed Out," *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 17 Jan. 1883, p. 15, col. 3. Interestingly, city directories include him only in 1884, when he was called a "painter" and lived at 714 W. Van Buren (*Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago 1884* [Chicago: Chicago Directory Co.], 350).

65 Charles W. and Frances L. Crandall to C. W. McPherson, Walworth Co., Wis., Mortgages 52:241, 13 Dec. 1883, witnessed by Chicago notary public J. M. Culler 17 Dec. 1883; similarly, Mortgages 53:329, 5 Nov. 1884, witnessed by J. F. Griffin, Chicago notary public, 11 Nov. 1884, Walworth Co. Register's office, Elkhorn, Wis. Both mortgages were satisfied 9 Aug. 1889. Charles W. and Frances L. Crandall to Wm. R. Bonham, Walworth Co. Deeds 69:527–29, 22 Oct. 1885, recorded 24 Nov. 1885, witnessed by Walter T. Dwight, Chicago notary public. Bonham was later executor of Charles's father's estate.

66 Charles W. Crandall entry, 1883 Walworth Town tax roll, pp. 48 and 79; similarly 1884, p. 41, UWWARC (note 61).

67 "Death of W. Riley Denison" (note 8).

68 "Local Affairs . . . In Brief," *Brookfield Courier*, 14 Jan. 1891, p. 3, col. 3. Mrs. Frances L. Crandall, Washington D.C. death cert. #123,621, Ella A. Crandall widow's pension file #XC922,737 (note 51). Charles W. Crandall entries, *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia 1892* (Washington, D.C.: William H. Boyd, 1892), 334; similar title for (1895), 327; (1896), 325; (1897), 325; and (1898), 335. His obituary stated that he lived in D.C., but did not specify when ("Local Matters" [Charles W. Crandall obituary] [note 53]). Additional documentation is under Fannie Fern³ Crandall below.

69 See note 53. Charles W. Crandall household, 1900 U.S. census, Lansdowne, Joshua Twp., Baltimore Co., Md., ED 57, sheet 19A, dw. 369, fam. 375.

THIRD GENERATION

4. **FLORENCE A.³ YORK** (Cynthia Maria Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born in Cazenovia, Madison County (parents' residence) 8 February 1859, died of arteriosclerosis in Philadelphia 26 January 1947, and was buried in West Chester Friends Cemetery, Chester County, Pennsylvania.⁷⁰ She married 31 December 1889 **LOWNDES TAYLOR**, son of Richard Baker and Anna (Lamborn) Taylor. Lowndes was born in West Goshen, Chester County, 4 August 1853, died in Philadelphia 20 April 1936, and was buried in West Chester Friends Cemetery.⁷¹

Florence graduated from high school, an achievement rarer then than a college degree is today.⁷² As "Minnie," she attended Cazenovia Seminary in 1872.⁷³ With her younger daughters, she crossed at least two oceans. In early September 1914, at the beginning of World War I, Florence, Anne, Agnes, and Elinor returned from Liverpool to Philadelphia.⁷⁴ They were in Europe in 1922 and 1927, and visited Yokohama, Japan, in 1925.⁷⁵

Lowndes graduated from Swarthmore College in 1873. Later he was purchasing agent for the Colorado Coal and Iron Company, and town-site agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad during the construction of the main line.⁷⁶ In 1902 he owned ninety-eight acres in West Goshen.⁷⁷

Children of Florence A.³ (York) and Lowndes Taylor, all born in Pennsylvania:⁷⁸

- i. ARCHER⁴ TAYLOR was born in Philadelphia 1 August 1890 and died 30 September 1973. He married first 9 September 1915 ALICE JONES, who was born

70 A. Florence Taylor death cert., Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., 1947, #9,264, digital image in A. Florence Taylor entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery, West Chester, Chester Co., Penn., memorial 33,356,720, no digital image of marker (findagrave.com). The entry includes her death cert. and her transcribed obituary from *Daily Local News* [West Chester, Penn.], 27 Jan. 1947, no p. or col. given.

71 Alpheus H. Harlan, *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family* (Baltimore: Lord Baltimore Press, 1914), 589. Lowndes Taylor death cert., Pa. Deaths, 1936, #37,290, digital image (ancestry.com), with daughter Anna Taylor Noble as informant. Also, unnamed male Taylor birth record, Chester County, Pa., Births, 4 Aug. 1853, #527, p. 89; digital image (ancestry.com).

72 Florence Taylor household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Penn., ED 51-2091, p. 9A, dw. 182. Nationwide in 1880, 2.5% of 17-year-olds graduated high school; in 2010, roughly 27% of those over age 18 held a bachelor's degree or more, according to *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1975), 379, 385.

73 *First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary* (note 36), 823.

74 Florence, Anne, Agnes, and Elinor Taylor entries, SS *Haverford*, 14 Sept. 1914, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (NARA T840, roll 128); digital image (ancestry.com).

75 Florence Taylor, U.S. Passport Application #190,471, 13 June 1922; digital image (ancestry.com). Florence and Elinor Taylor entries, SS *Finland*, 3 Sept. 1922, New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957 (NARA T715, roll 3171), p. 35. Florence, Agnes, and Elinor Taylor entries, SS *Shinyo Maru*, 21 July 1925, Honolulu, Hawaii, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1900–1959 (NARA A4156, roll 133), p. 147, #113; SS *City of Los Angeles*, left Honolulu 1 Aug., arrived in Los Angeles 7 Aug. 1925, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Pedro/Wilmington/Los Angeles, Calif. (NARA M1764, roll 10), #97; SS *Volendam*, 30 Nov. 1927, New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957 (NARA T715, roll 4177), p. 198.

76 *Alumni Historical Catalogue 1873–1892* (Swarthmore: Swarthmore College Press, 1905), 6.

77 Lowndes Taylor entry, "Farmers of Chester County," in *Boyd's Chester County, Pennsylvania, Directory, 1902–1903* (Philadelphia: C. E. Howe, 1902), 876.

78 Lowndes Taylor household, 1900 U.S. census, West Goshen, Chester Co., Penn., ED 119, p. 26A, dw./fam. 22. This record states that Aurora and Eleanor were (impossibly) born Sept. 1895 and Jan. 1896, respectively. None of the four girls have consistent ages in other records. The unsourced Find A Grave source (note 90) says Aurora was born 22 Sept. 1894, but that implies that Florence gave birth to three singleton daughters within 27 months, between 13 July 1892 and 22 Sept. 1894. Birth dates reported in the text are a combination of sources, as cited.

24 May 1885 in Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, to J. R. and Mary (Bynon) Jones, both natives of Wales. Alice died of “bronchial asthma” and “pulmonary collapse” in Minersville 16 June 1930.⁷⁹ Archer married second 17 June 1932 HASSELTINE BYRD. She was born 17 November 1905 in Little Springs, Franklin County, Mississippi, and died 8 March 1993 in California.⁸⁰ Her parents were probably Willie L. and Estelle ([–?–]) Byrd.⁸¹ An activist and researcher, Hasseltine held advanced degrees in law and social work.⁸²

Archer was internationally renowned for his studies of folklore, proverbs, and riddles, and chaired Germanic Literature departments at the University of Chicago and the University of California at Berkeley.⁸³ On 28 March 1933 he and Hasseltine arrived in New York City after a one-month voyage from Bombay on the S.S. *President Polk*.⁸⁴ Archer had three children with Alice, and two with Hasseltine.⁸⁵

7. ii. ANNE⁴ TAYLOR was born 13 July 1891 and died 23 December 1982. She married about 1920 WILSON FRENCH STICHTER.
- iii. AGNES⁴ TAYLOR was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, 27 August 1893,⁸⁶ and died January 1969.⁸⁷ She married 8 January 1932 in Philadelphia RALPH B. H. NOBLE.⁸⁸ In 1935 and 1940 she and her child lived in her widowed mother’s household at 2006 Shunk Street, Philadelphia, and Agnes was a secretary in a private school.⁸⁹
- iv. AURORA⁴ TAYLOR was born perhaps 22 September 1894 and died in 1903, possibly 29 January.⁹⁰
- v. ELINOR⁴ TAYLOR was born in West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, 2 January 1896, died at Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey, 6 December 1971, and was buried in Roseland Friends Cemetery, West Chester, Chester County,

79 See his biography in Wolfgang Mieder, “Archer Taylor the Paremiologist,” *De Proverbio: An Electronic Journal of International Proverb Studies* 2 (1996) (stors.tas.gov.au/au-7-0050-00011736). Alice Jones Taylor death cert., Pa. Deaths, 16 June 1930, #61,912; digital image (ancestry.com).

80 David Krogh, ed., *University of California: In Memoriam, 1993* (Berkeley: University of California, 1993), 191–93.

81 Willie L. Byrd household for Haselline [Hesseltine] Byrd (age 4, born Mississippi), 1910 U.S. census, East Baton Rouge Co., Baton Rouge, La., Ward 1, ED 15, sheet 4A, dw. 69, fam. 71.

82 Krogh, *University of California: In Memoriam, 1993* (note 80), 191–93.

83 Mieder, “Archer Taylor the Paremiologist” (note 79).

84 Taylor entries, “List of U.S. Citizens,” 28 Mar. 1933, S.S. *President Polk*, p. 183 (NARA T715, roll 5309); digital image, “New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957” (ancestry.com).

85 Mieder, “Archer Taylor the Paremiologist” (note 79).

86 Lowndes Taylor household for Agnes, 1900 U.S. census, Chester Co., Penn. (note 78). Exact day from Harlan, *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family* (note 71), 589.

87 Agnes Taylor Noble entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery, West Chester, Chester Co., Penn., memorial 33,356,345, no digital image (findagrave.com), which states 1 Jan. 1969 without sourcing. Agnes Noble entry, Social Security Death Index [SSDI], “U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014” (ancestry.com); the original was not viewed.

88 Ralph B. H. Noble–Agnes Taylor marriage record, St. Luke & The Epiphany Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Marriages, p. 330; digital image, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey Church and Town Records, 1669–1999” (ancestry.com), with Armenia Florence Taylor (likely her mother) as witness.

89 Florence Taylor household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Penn. (note 72).

90 A. Florence Taylor entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery (note 70), which includes a transcription of her obituary giving Aurora’s death year. Lowndes Taylor household for Florence (5 children, 4 living), 1910 U.S. census, West Goshen Twp., Chester Co., Pa., ED 81, sheet 9B, dw. 190, fam. 195. Aurora Taylor entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery, West Chester, Chester Co., Pa., memorial 33,356,723, no digital image (findagrave.com), which is annotated: “entry made from a listing created by West Chester University Students.” Lowndes Taylor household for Aurora, born Sept. 1895, 1900 U.S. census, Chester Co., Penn. (note 78). See note 78 for discussion of the daughters’ birth date conundrum.

Pennsylvania.⁹¹ She never married. She graduated from Wellesley with a BA in 1920,⁹² and later reportedly taught school in Pleasantville, New Jersey.⁹³ In 1940 she was in her mother's household,⁹⁴ and she was living in Philadelphia in 1947, when her mother died.⁹⁵

5. **HARRIET ELOISE "HATTIE"³ CRANDALL** (Frances Letitia Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin, 2 February 1864; died in Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island, 11 May 1910; and was buried in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. She married in Chicago, Illinois, 1 October 1884 **REV. CLAYTON ADELBERT BURDICK**, son of Rev. Russell G. and Adaline (Campbell) Burdick.⁹⁶ Clayton was born 1 February 1858 in Utica, Dane County, Wisconsin; died 17 September 1936, aged 78, in Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island; and was buried in River Bend Cemetery.⁹⁷ He was a prominent Seventh-Day Baptist, a Sabbatarian denomination dating from the 1600s, not to be confused with Seventh-Day Adventists.⁹⁸ Rev. Clayton married second 5 October 1921 Emma Sheldon Langworthy,⁹⁹ daughter of Albert H. and Georgeanna (Sheldon) (Loveland) Langworthy. Emma was born 9 August 1877 and died 8 August 1941, both in Westerly.¹⁰⁰

Children of Harriet Eloise "Hattie"³ (Crandall) and Rev. Clayton Adelbert Burdick:

- i. **FRANCES LAURA⁴ BURDICK** was born 6 September 1885 in West Edmeston, Otsego County, died 6 July 1969 in Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico,¹⁰¹ and was buried in Bloomfield Cemetery, San Juan County.¹⁰² She graduated

91 Elinor Taylor marker (using traditional Quaker style with numbers for months), Rosedale Friends Cemetery, West Chester, Chester Co., Pa., memorial 33,356,724 (findagrave.com), which includes a digital image of her obituary, without identifying the newspaper. Her exact place of birth is given in her 1922 passport application (note 75).

92 Elinor Taylor B.A., *Wellesley College Bulletin: Calendar, 1920–1921*, 10 (Jan. 1921): 175; and Elinor Taylor picture and home address, *The Wellesley College Legenda: Class Book of 1920* (Wellesley, Mass.: Wellesley College, 1920), 171; both available at Wellesley College Digital Scholarship and Archive (repository.wellesley.edu).

93 Elinor Taylor obituary and grave marker (note 91).

94 Florence Taylor household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa. (note 72).

95 A. Florence Taylor entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery (note 70).

96 Hattie E. Crandall, wife of Clayton A. Burdick marker, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, Washington Co., R.I., memorial 117,095,633; digital image and transcribed obituary from *The Weekly Telephone* [Milton Junction, Wis.], 26 May 1910, p. 2, no col. given (findagrave.com). Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606.

97 Clayton A. Burdick marker, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, Washington Co., R.I., memorial 117,095,265; digital image and transcribed obituary from *Sabbath Recorder*, 12 Oct. 1936, p. 243 (findagrave.com).

98 Don A. Sanford, *A Choosing People: The History of the Seventh Day Baptists* (Nashville, Tenn.: Broadman Press, 1992).

99 "Death of Rev. Clayton A. Burdick," *Alfred* [N.Y.] *Sun*, 24 Sept. 1936, p. 1, col. 3, reprinted from *Providence Journal*, 17 Sept. 1936 (no p. or col. given).

100 "Local News and Personal Notes," *Brookfield Courier*, 23 Feb. 1921, p. 5, col. 2. Emma S. Langworthy marker, "wife of Clayton A. Burdick," River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, R.I., memorial 118,475,614, digital image and transcribed obituary, *Sabbath Recorder*, 1 Sept. 1941, p. 159, no col. given (findagrave.com).

101 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606. "Services Held Thursday for Frances Burdick," *Aztec* [N.M.] *Independent-Review*, about 11 July 1969, clipping with no page, column, or exact date; in author's possession.

102 Frances L. Burdick marker, Bloomfield Cemetery, San Juan Co., N.M., memorial 8,781,538 (findagrave.com), which gives only 1886 for her birth.

from Alfred University.¹⁰³ In 1916 she was of Westerly, Rhode Island, when she attended her first cousin Flora Iris Darling's wedding.¹⁰⁴ Frances taught school in Aztec from 1929 to 1949. All six of her pallbearers were former students.¹⁰⁵

- ii. GRACE ELAINE⁴ BURDICK was born 13 March 1887 in West Edmeston, Otsego County, died in 1956, and was buried in Bloomfield Cemetery, Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico.¹⁰⁶ She married in San Juan County 1 August 1917 JOHN CARLISLE BERGIN.¹⁰⁷ He was born 30 June 1893 at Colón, Isthmus of Panama (then part of the Republic of Columbia), and died in June 1968, son of Ralph William and Lottie (Combs) Bergin.¹⁰⁸

Beginning in March 1888 John's father, Ralph, served as "Receiving and Forwarding Agent" at Colón for the Panama Railroad and Steamship Line.¹⁰⁹ In 1900 John, two sisters, and Lottie were living with her widowed mother Margaret Combs in Kentucky. Lottie had been married nine years, but Ralph was not in the household.¹¹⁰ He was likely in Panama, where he was still working in 1911.¹¹¹ In 1917 John was farming in partnership with "R. W. Bergin," probably his father, near Bloomfield, and in 1920 he was still there, in the next household to his parents, Ralph W. and Lottie Bergin.¹¹² In 1925 Elaine and John were in Oklahoma, where a son was born. In 1930 they were farming in Blanco Town, San Juan County.¹¹³ In 1939 John served on an advisory committee of the Highway 55-44 Association, seeking improvements connecting San Juan Valley farmers to the rest of New Mexico.¹¹⁴

8. iii. RUTH ESTELLE⁴ BURDICK was born 26 April 1894 in Brookfield, Madison County, and died 25 March 1934. She married about 1919 CHARLES HEWARD DILKS.
9. iv. RACHEL MAY⁴ BURDICK was born 28 May 1895 in Brookfield, died 26 March 1945 in Alfred, Allegany County, and was buried at Alfred Rural Cemetery. She married 12 January 1918 LEON BURDETTE BASSETT.

103 "Services Held Thursday for Frances Burdick" (note 101).

104 Dr. John Paul Frey—Flora Iris Darling marriage note, *Washington* [D.C.] *Herald*, 9 Sept. 1916, p. 5, col. 5.

105 "Services Held Thursday for Frances Burdick" (note 101). Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606, which places her there in 1936.

106 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606. Elaine Burdick Bergin marker, Bloomfield Cemetery, San Juan Co., N.M., memorial 8,781,535, digital image (findagrave.com), which only gives 1887–1956.

107 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606. John Carlisle Bergin draft registration, World War I, 5 June 1917, Pct. 6, San Juan Co., N.M., Selective Service Registration Cards, World War I, RG 147, NARA; digital image (ancestry.com). John Carlisle Bergin—Grace Elaine Burdick marriage entry #316, San Juan Co., N.M., Marriage Book, 2 Feb. 1913 to July 1920, transcribed by Totah Tracers Genealogical Society; database (rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nmttgs/databaseindex.htm).

108 John Bergin marker, Bloomfield Cemetery, San Juan Co., N.M., memorial 8,781,541, digital image (findagrave.com). John Bergin index entry, June 1968, SSDI (note 87); the original was not viewed. No death cert. was viewed.

109 Ralph William Bergin entry, *Society of the Chagres, 1911 Year Book* (Mount Hope, C.Z. [Canal Zone]: Quartermaster's Department, 1911), 41–42.

110 Margaret Combs household for John Burgin [Bergin], 1900 U.S. census, Precinct 11, Bullitt Co., Ky., ED 14, sheet 11B, dw. 207, fam. 211. The three children were born in the "Republic of Columbia."

111 Ralph William Bergin entry, *Society of the Chagres, 1911 Year Book* (note 109).

112 John Carlisle Bergin draft registration (note 107). Ralph W. and John C. Bergin households, 1920 U.S. census, Bloomfield, San Juan Co., N.M., ED 117, p. 8B, [dw. not given], fams. 203 and 204.

113 John Bergin household, 1930 U.S. census, Blanco Town, San Juan Co., N.M., ED 8, sheet 5B, dw. 101, fam. 103.

114 "Highway Group Elects Officers," *Albuquerque* [N.M.] *Journal*, 16 Oct. 1939, p. 1, col. 2; p. 10, col. 1.

6. **FANNIE FERN³ CRANDALL** (Frances Letitia Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born 20 May 1864 in Walworth County, Wisconsin (parents' residence),¹¹⁵ and died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, 13 April 1955.¹¹⁶ Fannie's marital history is obscure and poorly documented; no marriage records have been found. It appears that she married first before 1887 (first-known child)¹¹⁷ pension attorney **FRANK IRA DARLING**, who was born 25 December 1853 in Mason, Ingham County, Michigan, the son of Ira Oracle and Cordelia (Case) Darling, and died 30 December 1897 in Pennsylvania in melodramatic circumstances.¹¹⁸ No divorce record has been found. When Fannie's father Charles W. Crandall died in 1905, she was named as "Mrs. Fannie P. Brown" of Washington, D.C.,¹¹⁹ implying that she married second before that date a man of that name, but no such man has been identified.¹²⁰ Something happened, however:

- Fannie F. Darling appeared in Washington, D.C., doing clerical work 1892–1900.¹²¹
- From 1901 to 1906, she did not appear, but Fannie/Fanny (F.) Brown did. She did the same kind of work,¹²² and was repeatedly connected with Fannie F. Darling's daughter Flora.¹²³

115 Charles W. Crandall dependents circular 4 June 1898, in Ella A. Crandall widow's pension file #XC922,737 (note 51). Chas. Crandall household for Fannie, age 16, 1880 U.S. census, Walworth Co., Wis. (note 63).

116 Fanny Fern Darling entry, California Death Index 1940–1997, naming father as a Crandall and mother as a "Dennison." The birth date in the index is identical to that given by Charles W. Crandall in 1898 (Charles W. Crandall dependents circular 4 June 1898, in Ella A. Crandall widow's pension file #XC922,737 [note 51]). The original death cert. was not viewed. Fanny Fern Crandall Darling entry, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif., memorial 85,375,622, no digital image (findagrave.com), which gives the same death date.

117 Flora Darling Frey death cert., Los Angeles Co., Calif., 24 June 1948, #9,214, Los Angeles Co. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

118 "Darling, Harry Jerome" entry, *American Ancestry: Giving the Name and Descent in the Male Line of Americans Whose Ancestors Settled in the United States Previous to the Declaration of Independence, A.D. 1776, Vol. 11* (Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1898), 75–76. For exact death date, Frank I. Darling marker and newspaper article attributed to the 6 Jan. 1898, *Ingham County [Mich.] News* (stating that Frank died "last Thursday," which would be 30 Dec. 1897), Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason, Mich., memorial 38,040,618, digital images (findagrave.com). Two wives—unknown to one another, each with children—showed up at Darling's funeral to mourn him ("His Double Life," Grand Rapids [Mich.] Herald (Grand Rapids, Michigan), 7 Jan. 1898, p. 5, col. 1). Neither wife was Fannie.

119 "Local Matters" [Charles W. Crandall obituary] (note 53). John Cortland Crandall likely relied on this obituary in Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 496.

120 No Franc* or Fann* Crandall or Darling appears marrying a Brown between 1890 and 1910 in relevant available indexes: "District of Columbia, Select Marriages 1830–1921" (ancestry.com); West Virginia Culture and History index (www.wvculture.org/vrr/); Library of Virginia's incomplete Marriage Records Collection Search Page (lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/marriage-records); and Howard County, Maryland's marriage compilation 1860–1939 (for Crandall, Crandell, Crandle, and Darling).

121 Fannie F. Darling appeared in Washington, D.C., directories 1892–1893, 1895–1898, and 1900: *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1892* (Washington, D.C.: William H. Boyd, 1892), 348; similar titles for (1893), 343; (1895), 340; (1896), 339; (1897), 338; (1898), 349; (1900), 368.

122 Fanny/Fannie Brown, sometimes with the middle initial F., entries: *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1901* (Washington, D.C.: William H. Boyd, 1901), 277; similar titles for (1902), 284; (1903), 266; (1904), 269; (1905), 266; and (1906), 286. According to "Stenographers Elect Officers," *Washington [D.C.] Post*, 21 Oct. 1905, p. 26, col. 5, "Mrs. Fannie F. Brown" was elected first vice-president of the Stenographers, Typewriters, Bookkeepers, and Assistants' Association.

123 "The World of Society," *Washington [D.C.] Evening Star*, 2 Nov. 1903, p. 5, col. 6, reports that Mrs. Georgia Doxen and Miss Flora Darling hosted a party at 918 I St. (Fannie Brown lived at 919) on Halloween 1903. "Crowds at Ocean City: All the Hotels at the Popular Resort Are Well Patronized," *Baltimore [Md.] Sun*, 27 Aug. 1905, p. 7, col. 7, among those from Washington staying at the Oceanic Hotel were Mrs. Fannie F. Brown, Miss Grace Poole, and Miss Flora Darling. In 1905 Fannie

- In 1910 Fannie F. Darling reappeared doing the same type of work in the patent office and pension bureau; in 1916 she was listed as the widow of Frank I. Darling. An appearance was never made by Mr. Brown.¹²⁴

In her 60s and 70s Fannie was an artist living in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, with her daughter and son-in-law.¹²⁵ Her first cousin Ervine Denison York and family were about a mile away at 1105 North Central.¹²⁶

Child of Fannie Fern³ (Crandall) and Frank Ira Darling:

- i. FLORA IRIS⁴ DARLING was born in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, 10 September 1887, and died of myosarcoma in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, 24 June 1948.¹²⁷ She married 4 September 1916 in Washington, D.C., physician JOHN PAUL FREY, and was attended by her first cousin “Miss Frances Burdick, of Westerly, R.I.”¹²⁸ John was born in the District of Columbia 7 November 1885 and died in Los Angeles 4 February 1970.¹²⁹ In 1919 he was chief of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases in the District of Columbia Health Office.¹³⁰ In June 1925, he and Dr. R. S. McKnight advertised their Laboratory of Clinical Pathology at Clara Barton Hospital in Los Angeles to fellow professionals.¹³¹ He and Flora and her mother were reportedly all buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles County.¹³² No children.

FOURTH GENERATION

7. ANNE⁴ TAYLOR (Florence A. York³, Cynthia Maria Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born in Pennsylvania 13 July 1891, died 23 December 1982, and was buried

F. Brown and Flora Darling both lived at 3040 Q N.W., *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1905* (note 122), pp. 266 and 357.

¹²⁴ Fannie F. Darling entries, *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1910* (Washington, D.C.: William H. Boyd, 1910), 460; similarly (1916), 366.

¹²⁵ Fannie Fern/Mrs. Fannie F. Darling voter registrations, California Great Register of Voters, Glendale City Precinct 7, Los Angeles Co., Calif., 1425 N. Columbus Ave., 1926, p. 1; same address, Precinct 9, 1930, p. 1; Precinct 8, 1934, p.1; Precinct 15, 1936, p. 1; Precinct 15, 1938, p. 1; Precinct 15, 1944, p. 1; Precinct 15, 1946, p. 1; Precinct 15, 1952, p. 1; digital images (ancestry.com). Fannie, Flora, and John registered Republican.

¹²⁶ See note 40. Proximity was estimated using Google maps.

¹²⁷ Flora Darling Frey death cert. (note 117). Censuses confirm Flora's birth state: John P. Frey household for Fannie, 1920 U.S. census, Washington, D.C., Pct. 10, ED 271, sheet 11A, dw. 99, fam. 215. Similarly, John P. Frey households, 1930 U.S. census, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif., ED 19-964, sheet 3B, dw. 123, fam. 124, and 1940 U.S. census, ED 19-192, sheet 9A, dw. 178. Flora Iris Darling Frey entry, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif., memorial 85,403,536, digital image (findagrave.com).

¹²⁸ Dr. John Paul Frey—Flora Iris Darling marriage note, *Washington [D.C.] Herald*, 9 Sept. 1916, p. 5, col. 5; Flora was given away by “her mother, Mrs. Frances Crandall Darling,” and attended by her first cousin “Miss Frances Burdick, of Westerly, R.I.” He is not to be confused with the labor activist John P. Frey.

¹²⁹ John P. Frey index entry, “California, Death Index, 1940–1997” (familysearch.org) and J. Frey death index entry, SSDI (note 87); the originals have not been viewed. John Paul Frey entry, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Calif., memorial 85,403,548, no digital image (findagrave.com), in which the undocumented dates are the same as the index entries.

¹³⁰ John Paul Frey, “List of New Members Proposed for Election to the A.P.H.A.,” *American Journal of Public Health* 9 (June 1919): 457.

¹³¹ Advertisement, *California and Western Medicine* 23 (June 1925): 107.

¹³² Fanny Fern Crandall Darling entry, Forest Lawn Memorial Park (note 116); Flora Iris Darling Frey entry (note 127); John Paul Frey entry (note 129). They are in the Sanctuary of Guidance, Iris Terrace, Lot 0, spaces 12,637 (John), 12,630 (Flora), and 12,623 (Fannie).

with her husband in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.¹³³ She married 16 August 1920 **WILSON FRENCH STICHTER**.¹³⁴ He was born in Iowa 25 May 1876 and died 6 April 1969, son of Silas Lindley and Emma Kate (Wilson) Stichter.¹³⁵ In 1900 he was a “college teacher” living with his parents and siblings in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.¹³⁶ Anne graduated from Smith College in 1915.¹³⁷ In 1930 the family lived in Denver, where Wilson was an auditor for the telephone company.¹³⁸ They were at 466 High Street there in 1947.¹³⁹

Adopted child of Anne⁴ (Taylor) and Wilson French Stichter:

- i. JEAN⁵ STICHTER was born 12 February 1924.¹⁴⁰ Jean S. Sherman, “daughter of Anne Taylor and Wilson F. Stichter,” died 10 January 2003 in Slidell, Louisiana.¹⁴¹ She married in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, 5 July 1947 CAVEL VERNON SHERMAN of Los Angeles.¹⁴² He was born 12 September 1923 and died 31 August 2003. Cavel served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, 22 January 1943 to 5 October 1945.¹⁴³ He was son of Charles V. and Martha (Medenwald) Sherman. Although a divorce has not been found, Cavel was called divorced, married once previously, when he married second 2 November 1956 in Los Angeles County Irene S. Watt; they were divorced in Orange County, California, February 1976.¹⁴⁴ He married third 29 January 1977 in Orange County, California, Joyce L. Ast; they were divorced there within

133 Lowndes Taylor household for Anne, born July 1892, 1900 U.S. census, Chester Co., Pa. (note 78). Exact day from Harlan, *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family* (note 71), Lowndes [Lowndes] Taylor entry 2,647, p. 589. Her gravestone gives the birth year 1891: Anne Taylor Stichter marker, Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, Adams Co., Neb., memorial 148,519,058, digital image (findagrave.com), reportedly in Section J, Row R.

134 Wilson French Stichter–Anne Taylor marriage notice, in *The Smith Alumnae Quarterly* (Northampton, Mass.: Alumnae Association of Smith College, Nov. 1920), 257. Wilson F. Stichter household, 1930 U.S. census, Denver, Denver Co., Colo., ED 16–103, sheet 5A, dw. 25, fam. 26.

135 “Silas Stichter, Native of Lebanon, Died at Home in Hastings [sic], Nebraska,” *Lebanon* [Pa.] *Daily News*, 18 Dec. 1912, p. 13, col. 4–5, which lists his children, their residences, and his wife’s maiden name. Silas L. Stichter household for Wilson F., 1900 U.S. census, Hastings, Ward 2, Hastings Twp., Adams Co., Neb., ED 9, sheet 8A, dw. 169, fam. 177. Silas’s occupation was “capitalist.” Wilson F. Stichter marker, Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, Adams Co., Neb., memorial 148,519,253, digital image (findagrave.com).

136 Silas L. Stichter household, 1900 U.S. census, Adams Co., Neb. (note 135).

137 *The Smith Alumnae Quarterly* (note 134), 257.

138 Wilson F. Stichter household, 1930 U.S. census, Denver Co., Colo. (note 134).

139 A. Florence Taylor entry, Rosedale Friends Cemetery (note 70). *Denver City Directory 1947* (Denver: Denver Gazetteer Co.), 1675.

140 *The Smith Alumnae Quarterly* (note 134), 230. For adoption, Wilson F. Stichter household, 1930 U.S. census, Denver Co., Colo. (note 134).

141 Jean Stichter Sherman transcribed obituary, citing *Times Picayune* [New Orleans, La.], 12 Jan. 2003, no p. or col. given (genealogybank.com). Jean S. Sherman death index entry, SSDI (note 87); the original was not viewed.

142 Cavel V. Sherman–Jean Stichter marriage, 5 July 1947, Clark Co., Wash., B394, D1046; digital image, “Washington Marriage Records 1865–2004” (ancestry.com), which names the parents of each.

143 Cavel Sherman entry, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010 (fold3.com/page/626800242_cavel_sherman_1923/details).

144 Cavel V. Sherman–Irene S. Watt California marriage cert., Los Angeles Co. Marriages, Book 3,950, p. 54, cert. #30,653; digital image (familysearch.org). Cavel V. Sherman–Irene S. Watt divorce index entry, Feb. 1976, California Divorce Index (1966–1984), p. 3148, state file #20,533, digital image (ancestry.com).

two months.¹⁴⁵ He married fourth Helen Erlene Finn in Nevada 24 December 1986.¹⁴⁶

In 1947 Cavel was a messenger at the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.¹⁴⁷ In 1952 he and Jean lived at 6047 Yearling, Lakewood, Los Angeles County, California, where he was working for Zellerbach Paper.¹⁴⁸ Jean graduated from the University of Mexico. She lived in Slidell, Louisiana, for her last twenty-eight years and was a “retired vice president and treasurer of Dale Bonnette Associates.”¹⁴⁹

8. RUTH ESTELLE⁴ BURDICK (Harriet Heloise Crandall³, Frances Letitia Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born 26 April 1894 in Brookfield, Madison County;¹⁵⁰ died 25 March 1934 in Swedesboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey;¹⁵¹ and was buried in Lawnside Cemetery, Woodstown, Salem County, New Jersey.¹⁵² She married about 1919 **CHARLES HEWARD DILKS**.¹⁵³ He was born 1 November 1895 in Elmer, Salem County, New Jersey, to William and Alice (Unruh) Dilks,¹⁵⁴ and reportedly died in March 1984 at Wicomico, Maryland.¹⁵⁵ Charles married second by 1935, as her second husband, Mrs. Edna Nolte (Homan) Shoemaker, whose children with Joseph Willard Shoemaker¹⁵⁶ were of an age

145 Cavel V. Sherman–Joyce L. Ast California marriage index entry, 29 Jan. 1977, California Marriage Index (1960–1985), p. 1145, state file #21,936, digital image (ancestry.com). Cavel V. Sherman–Joyce L. Ast divorce index entry, Mar. 1977, California Divorce Index (1966–1984), p. 3148, state file #34,354, digital image (ancestry.com).

146 Cavel Vernon Sherman–Helen Erlene Finn, Nevada marriage index entry, 24 Dec. 1986, Carson City, Douglas Co., Nev., citing cert. #82,930; the original has not been viewed.

147 Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, *Annual Report–1946* (Portland, Ore.: Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, May 1947), 29.

148 Cavel V. Sherman entry, *Lakewood (Los Angeles County, Calif.) City Directory 1952* (Los Angeles: R. L. Polk, 1952), 319. Absent in 1954: *Luskey's 1954 Official Greater Lakewood and Los Altos Criss Cross City Directory* (Santa Ana: Directory Service Co., 1954), 225.

149 Jean Stichter Sherman transcribed obituary (note 141). This was probably Dale L. Bonnett & Associates, Inc., based in New Orleans in 1996. See World Trade Centers Association, *World Business Directory 1996*, vol. 3, p. 4424 (Detroit: Gale Research Inc., 1996).

150 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606.

151 Ruth E. Dilks death index entry, 25 Mar. 1934, “New Jersey, Death and Burials Index, 1798–1971,” database (ancestry.com), citing FHL 1,543,557; original not viewed.

152 Ruth E. Dilks marker (1894–1934), Lawnside Cemetery, Woodstown, Salem Co., N.J., digital image (billiongraves.com/grave/person/17564168).

153 Howard C. Dilks household, 1920 U.S. census, Woolwich Twp., Swedesboro Borough, Gloucester Co., N.J., ED 154, sheet 8A, dw. 196, fam. 218. Charles H. Dilks household, 1930 U.S. census, Swedesboro Borough, Gloucester Co., N.J., ED 31, sheet 20A, dw. 483, fam. 494, which says she married at age 24. For middle name, see Charles Heward Dilks World War II draft registration card, 25 Apr. 1942, Serial #U1743, Local Board 3, Gloucester, N.J., Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II, Fourth Registration, RG 147, NARA; digital image (ancestry.com).

154 For birthplace and date: Charles Heward Dilks World War II draft registration card (note 153). Howard Dilks, 1 Nov. 1895, Salem Co., N.J., Register of Births, 51:219 (FHL 494,233). The borough of Elmer was formed from portions of Pittsgrove and Upper Pittsgrove townships in 1893.

155 Charles H. Dilks marker (1895–1984), Lawnside Cemetery, Woodstown, Salem Co., N.J., digital image (billiongraves.com/grave/person/17564168). Charles Dilks death index entry, SSDI (note 87), which confirms the birth date of 1 Nov. 1895 and adds the month and place of death; the original was not viewed.

156 Eleanor A. and Henry K. Shoemaker were Charles’s step-children in 1940 (see Charles H. Dilks household, note 157). The same children were listed in Willard and Edna Shoemaker’s household, 1930 U.S. census, Swedesboro, Gloucester Co., N.J., ED 31, sheet 18B, dw. 440, fam. 451. Their marriage confirms her maiden name (Joseph Willard Shoemaker–Edna Nolte Homan marriage, 30 Oct. 1919,

with Hazel Elaine. In 1920, 1930, and 1933 the family was living in Swedesboro, where Charles was an executive in a basket factory.¹⁵⁷

Child of Ruth Estelle⁴ (Burdick) and Charles Heward Dilks:

- i. HAZEL ELAINE⁵ DILKS was born 8 October 1923 in Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey, and died 27 April 2002 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Louisiana¹⁵⁸ (not far from where her cousin Jean Stichter Sherman died the following year). Elaine married first in Swedesboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey, 31 March 1945 CHESTER WILLIAM AMBLER JR., who was born about 1924 in West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, son of Chester William Sr. and Eva Julia (Hewitt) Ambler.¹⁵⁹ Elaine married second before April 1970 BRUCE F. HARVEY.¹⁶⁰

9. **RACHEL MAY⁴ BURDICK** (Harriet Heloise Crandall³, Frances Letitia Denison², Polly Holmes¹) was born 28 May 1895 in Brookfield, Madison County,¹⁶¹ died 26 March 1945 in Alfred, Allegany County, and was buried in Alfred Rural Cemetery.¹⁶² She married 12 January 1918 **LEON BURDETTE BASSETT**, son of William Henry and Myrta Stella (Bliss) Bassett.¹⁶³ Leon was born in Alfred 9 April 1892,¹⁶⁴ and died there 19 July 1973.¹⁶⁵ Leon married second 4 April 1946 Virginia Foster.¹⁶⁶

Rachel and Leon both graduated in Alfred University's class of 1916; her father, Rev. Clayton Burdick, gave the invocation at the commencement. She

Trinity Episcopal Church, Woolwich Twp., Gloucester Co., N.J., pp. 224–25; digital image, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey Church and Town Records, 1708–1985” (ancestry.com). Edna Shoemaker Dilks was named as Elaine's stepmother in H. Elaine Dilks Ambler Harvey obituary (note 158).

157 *Alfred* [N.Y.] *Sun*, 7 Dec. 1933, p. 5, col. 4. Howard C. Dilks household, 1920 U.S. census, Woolwich Twp., Swedesboro Borough, ED 154, sheet 8A, dw. 196, fam. 218. Charlie H. Dilks household, 1930 U.S. census, Swedesboro, Gloucester Co., N.J., ED 31, p. 20A, dw. 483, fam. 494.

158 H. Elaine Dilks Ambler Harvey obituary, *Daily Star* [Hammond, La.], 29 Apr. 2002, no p. or col. given, “Harvey obituaries [transcriptions], Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana” (hammondstar.com or files.usgwarchives.net/la/tangipahoa/obits/obitssur/harvey.txt).

159 Chester William Ambler Jr.—Hazel Elaine Diete [Dilks] marriage, 31 Mar. 1945, Trinity Episcopal Church, Woolwich Twp., Gloucester Co., N.J., pp. 230–31; digital image, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey Church and Town Records, 1708–1985” (ancestry.com). For his age and birthplace, see Chester William Ambler World War II draft registration card, 26 Apr. 1942, Serial #U133, Local Board 4, Atlantic City, Atlantic Co., N.J., Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II, Fourth Registration, RG 147, NARA; digital image (ancestry.com). For mother's full name, see Ambler stillbirth death cert., Hershey, Dauphin Co., Pa., Deaths, 1917, #16,775; digital image, (ancestry.com).

160 Elaine Dilks Ambler index entry, “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007” (ancestry.com), which confirms her birth and death dates, names her parents, and notes her name change to Elaine Dilks Harvey in 1970.

161 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606.

162 Rachel M. Bassett marker, Alfred Rural Cemetery, Alfred, Allegany Co., memorial 117,095,035, digital image (findagrave.com), which includes her obituary transcribed from *Sabbath Recorder*, 14 May 1945, p. 372.

163 Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* (note 52), 606. Myrta is identified in Aaron Tyler Bliss, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America* (Midland, Mich.: privately printed, 1982), 528.

164 Leon Burdette Bassett World War I draft registration card, 5 June 1917, #134, Precinct 1, Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass.

165 Leon B. Bassett obituaries: “Obituaries: Leon B. Bassett,” *Patriot* [Cuba, N.Y.], 25 July 1973, p. 30, col. 1. “Obituaries,” *Alfred Sun*, 9 Aug. 1973, p. 2, cols. 4–5.

166 “Weds Alfred Man April 4th,” *Whitesville* [N.Y.] *News*, 11 Apr. 1946, p. 1, col. 3.

received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree cum laude, winning honors in modern languages.¹⁶⁷

A ceramic engineer and World War I veteran, Leon worked in industry for sixteen years, where he was credited with “major contributions to early enamel breakthroughs and the feasibility of infra-red heating elements.” The Depression dictated his return to Alfred, where he worked for the local telephone company run by his father before joining the Alfred University faculty in 1938. He was involved in organizing spectroscopy and radioisotope laboratories, and was a charter member of the Alfred Historical Society.¹⁶⁸

Children of Rachel May⁴ (Burdick) and Leon Burdette Bassett:

- i. HARRIET ELOISE⁵ BASSETT was born 12 July 1920 in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts,¹⁶⁹ and died 25 August 2011 in Geneseo, Livingston County.¹⁷⁰ A 1942 graduate of Alfred University with a BFA in industrial ceramic design,¹⁷¹ she married in Alfred 31 October 1942 JAMES BERT SCHOLES,¹⁷² son of Samuel Ray and Lois Elizabeth (Boren) Scholes. James was born 16 April 1921 in Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹⁷³ and died 16 November 2016 in Livingston County.¹⁷⁴ A World War II veteran,¹⁷⁵ he taught American literature for three decades (mostly at the State University of New York, Geneseo), and was active on the Rochester-area stage for another three.¹⁷⁶
- ii. WILLIAM LEON⁵ BASSETT was born 22 July 1925 in Winchendon and died 23 March 1996 in Wellsville, Allegany County. His career as a ceramic engineer “took him to many parts of the United States, from the Alfred University laboratory in Kingston, New York, to the Silicon Valley in California.”¹⁷⁷

167 “Commencement Day,” *Alfred Sun*, 14 June 1916, p. 1, col. 5, and p. 7, col. 4; also “Many Honors Under New System,” p. 2, col. 2. Graduation put Leon and Rachel near the top of their contemporaries educationally (see note 72).

168 Leon B. Bassett obituaries (note 165). “L. B. Bassett,” one-page handwritten account describing his research, patents, and instruction, in author’s possession.

169 Harriet Eloise Bassett birth record, Town of Winchendon, Mass., 1920, #97, Bk. 148, p. 281, copy in author’s possession, provided by the town clerk’s office.

170 Eloise B. Scholes, N.Y. Deaths, 2011, original certified copy without #, copy in author’s possession. “Scholes–Bassett” marriage, *Alfred Sun*, 5 Nov. 1942, p. 1, col. 5.

171 “Bachelor’s Degrees in Course . . . [Alfred University] New York State College of Ceramics, . . . Dept. of Industrial Ceramic Design . . . Harriet Eloise Bassett,” *Alfred Sun*, 4 June 1942, p. 6, col. 1.

172 James Bert Scholes–Harriet Eloise Bassett marriage record by Rev. Everett T. Harris, 31 Oct. 1942, in author’s possession (certified copy not obtained).

173 James Bert Scholes birth record, Town of Stamford, Conn., Births, 16 Apr. 1921, #393, Bk. 21, p. 144, copy in author’s possession, provided by the town clerk’s office.

174 James B. Scholes death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 2016, original certified copy without #, copy in author’s possession.

175 James B. Scholes Military Record and Report of Separation, Certificate of Service, 0-1110236, 1st Lieutenant, 266th Engineer Combat Battalion, active duty 3 Feb. 1943–24 Jan. 1946 (European Theater 13 April 1943–1 Nov. 1945), copy in author’s possession.

176 State University of New York Office of the Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer letter to Dr. James B. Scholes, 4 Mar. 1976, regarding Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1975–1976; James B. Scholes, SUNY Geneseo Career Service Award, 17 May 1985; Arts Leadership Award, Genesee Valley Council on the Arts, 1 Oct. 2005; copies in author’s possession.

177 “Obituary: William Leon Bassett,” *Alfred Sun*, 28 Mar. 1996, p. 4, col. 4. Leon B. Bassette [Bassett] household for William, 1930 U.S. census, Milton village, Rock Co., Wis., ED 44, sheet 12B, dw. 277, fam. 310.