

Doodsons in the USA

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From census, city directories, US social security and death records, and other historical record information
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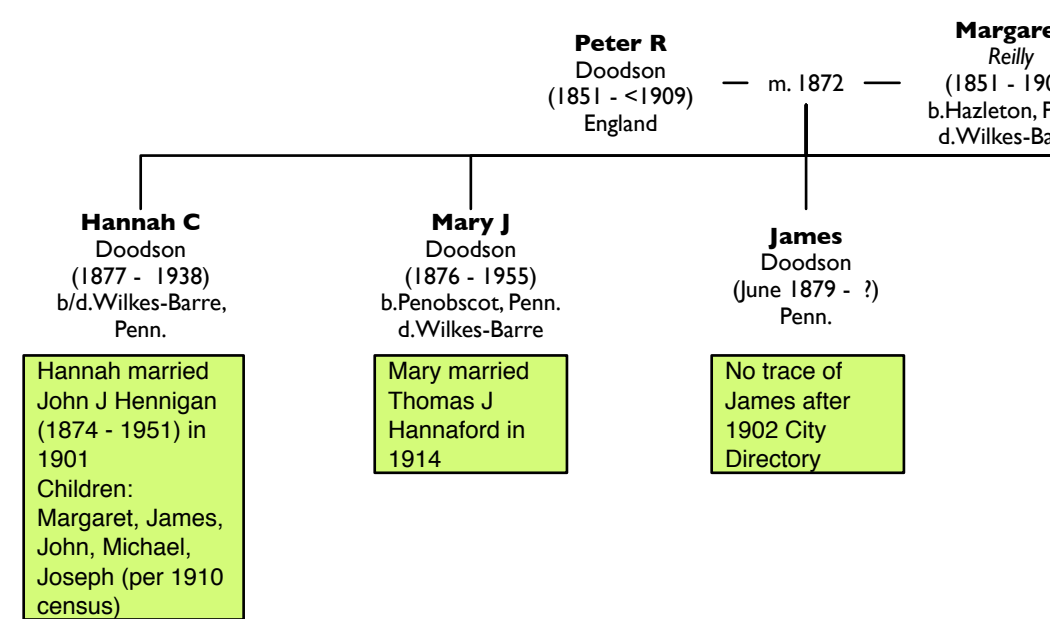
Key:
Entries in bold type - given (Christian) names
Entries in italic type - spouse surnames



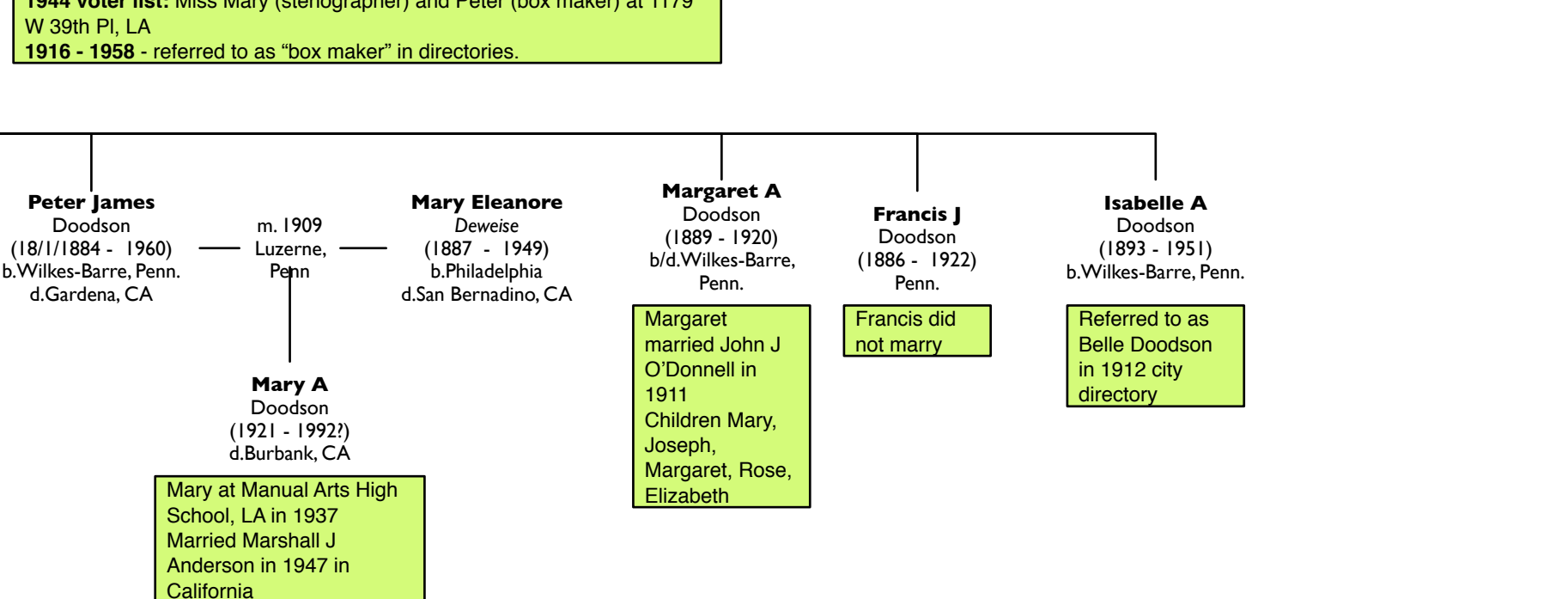
Doodsons tracked back to other English trees

Peter probably from Glossop Tree 4 - but no direct proof
(likely parents: Peter Doodson and Hannah Smith)

Notes:
Peter - arrived in USA 1868 according to the 1880 census, but no trace found on immigration records
1880 census: recorded as Dodson, 108 Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre
1895 Wilkes-Barre City Directory - Peter (labourer) and James (slate-picker) living at 132 Kidder Street, Mary living at 113 S. Franklin
1900 census - Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, PA. 168 Kidder Street. Margaret's parents shown as born in Ireland. Peter and James - coal miners. Hannah living in same house with husband John Hennigan,
1902 Wilkes-Barre City Directory - Peter, James and Mary all at 168 Kidder Street
1910 census - Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, PA. Francis shown as head of household, with Mary, Margaret and Isabelle. At Bruneau Street, Wilkes-Barre. Hannah married to John Hannehan - also living in Wilkes-Barre
1920 census: Isabelle living with Margaret (husband John O'Donald) and family at 259 Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre (near Luzerne). Francis boarding with William Daurand and family at Bertels Lane, Wilkes-Barre (near Luzerne)
1930 census: Isabelle in Luzerne, PA, living with sister Mary. Hannah married (Henlghan), Mary also married (Hannaford) - both still in Luzerne



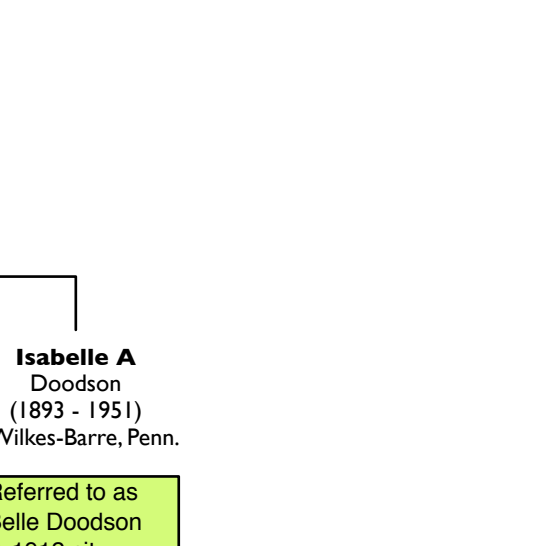
Peter James and Mary
Note: Peter does not appear on the 1890 census for some reason, but he is definitely son of Peter and Margaret, as he appears at 168 Kidder Street in the 1905 and in 1909 City Directory at same address as Margaret (mother - widow), Mary and Margaret (sisters)
1900 census: Peter was deaf, and attended the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Mt Airy, Penn. DOB recorded incorrectly as 1895
1909 marriage - shows his birth date as 23/1/1884, Wilkes-Barre
1918 (Sept 1918) WW1 Draft Card lists Mary as wife and home as in Philadelphia, though Peter was listed in the LA city directory in 1914
1920 census: Peter boarding in Philadelphia, Penn. Parents shown as born in England. Occupation - "box maker" in factory
LA voter lists and city directories: Peter J Doodson on voter list in LA, CA
1930 census: Mary in Norwalk State Hospital for the Insane, Los Angeles
1940 Census: Mary in Patton State Hospital for the Insane, Highland, San Bernardino, California
1940 voter list: "Miss Mary Doodson" on voter list in 1940 (and also on war service registration card in 1940, at same address as Peter)
1944 voter list: Miss Mary (steno-grapher) and Peter (box maker) at 1179 W 33th Pl, LA
1916 - 1958 - referred to as "box maker" in directories.



William from "Old Bummy" tree

1880 census: William at Whitestown, Oneida, NY living with John and Rachel Thomason (both born in England).
William - tailor
arr. USA, NY 13/12/1879 "City of Berlin"
John Thomason was William's sister Nancy's son (with Peter Thomason).
William returned to the UK

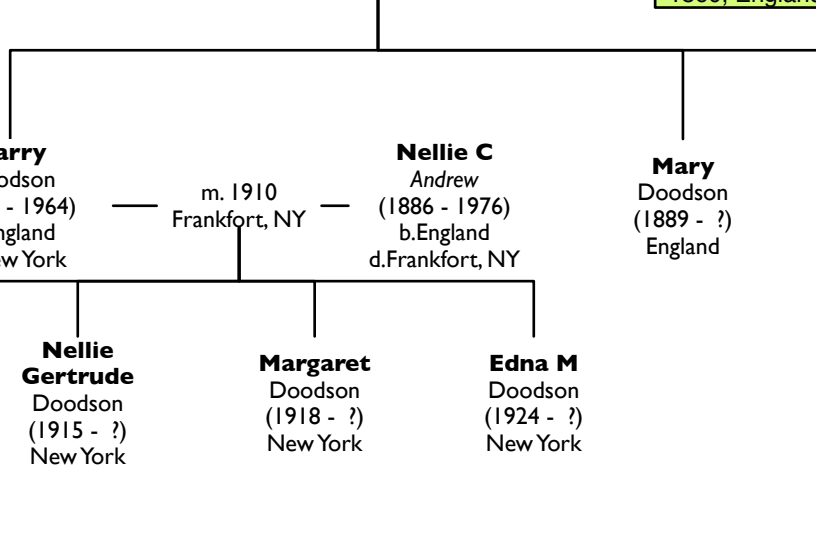
William Doodson (1811 - ?) England



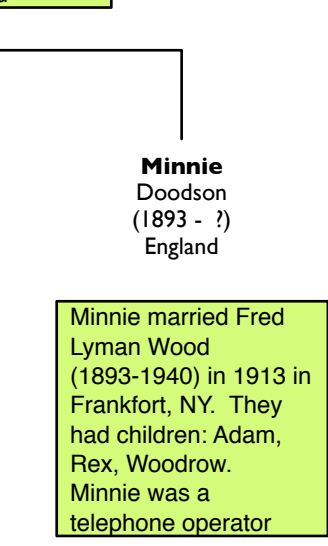
Henry, Mary, Harry and Mary from Reuben family tree

1910 census: Henry and family in Lyons, Wayne, NY state. All recorded as arriving in USA in 1908. Henry and Harry - blacksmith, Mary senior - music teacher
1920 census: Harry and family at 362 Reese Road, Frankfort. Harry immigration 1909. Nellie 1910. Both naturalised in 1919
1930 census: Harry, Nellie and family at 510 Reese Road, Frankfort, Herkimer, New York state. Harry - machinist. Harry's mother (Mary J) given as being Irish.
1940 census: not found

Henry Doodson (1856 - ?) England



Mary Jane (1854 - ?) Ireland



Origins not yet identified

1870: Vinna (black) - living in Natchez, Missouri
No other trace of her before or after.

Vinna Doodson (1843 - ?) Mississippi

1870: Both Mary and Lizzie in St Louis Hotel, St Louis, MS, with Prussians, Swiss, Austrians etc
No other trace of either before or after.

Mary Doodson (1828 - ?) Ireland

1880 census: John Doodson - occ. carpenter; lived in Hempstead, Queens, NY, in premises with dozens of carpenters, plasterers etc
No other trace of him before or after.

John Doodson (1840 - ?)

1900 census: Venas in Warren, Tenn - boarder, farm labourer.
No other trace of her before or after.

Venas (?) Doodson (1878 - ?) Tenn.

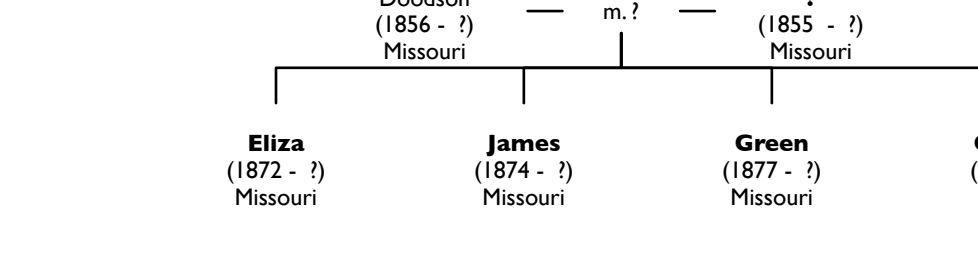
1880 census: Wallace (b1855), Jane (b1857), ? (b1867) and Peter (b1868) listed as stepchildren of Edmond and Susan Melton. Living in Fayette, Tennessee, and recorded as being born in Tennessee. All recorded as Black.
No other trace of them before or after.

Wallace Doodson (1855 - ?) Tenn.



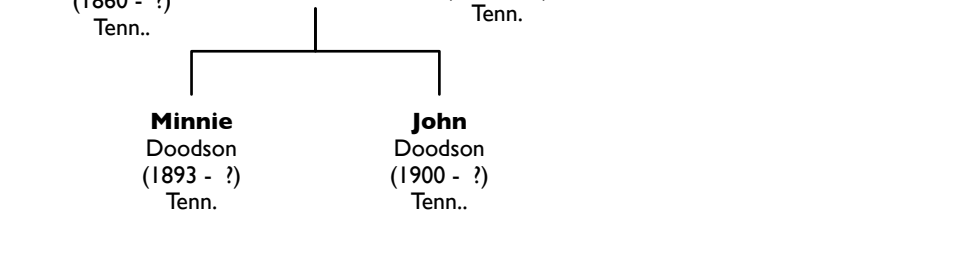
1880 census: Canaan, Gasconade, Missouri. Both Daniel and Rebecca's parents recorded as being born in Tennessee.
1910 - recorded as Datson, Bourbon, Gasconade
1920 - recorded as Dotson, Bush Creek, Gasconade, Missouri
Green and family living next door to Daniel and Rebecca
1930 - Bush Creek, Missouri
Daniel's grave in Owensville, Gasconade County showed he was born 1851, died 1921 and was actually Daniel DOTSON.

Daniel Doodson (1856 - ?) Missouri



1920 census: Jessie and family living in Knox, Tennessee. Jessie and John - farmers. Both Jessie and Rebecca shown with parents born in Tennessee. But only recorded in 1920 as Doodson. Later as Dodson

Jessie Doodson (1860 - ?) Tenn.



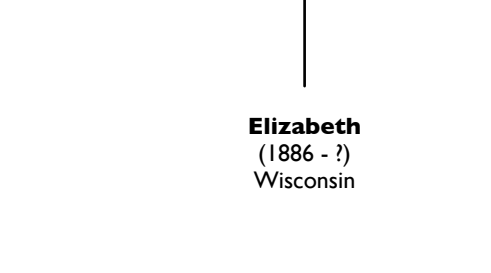
1920 census: George boarding at Bristol, Liberty County, Florida. Recorded as being black, farm labourer, both parents born in Florida.
Likely to be Goodson, not Doodson
No other trace of him before or after.

George (1902 - ?) Florida



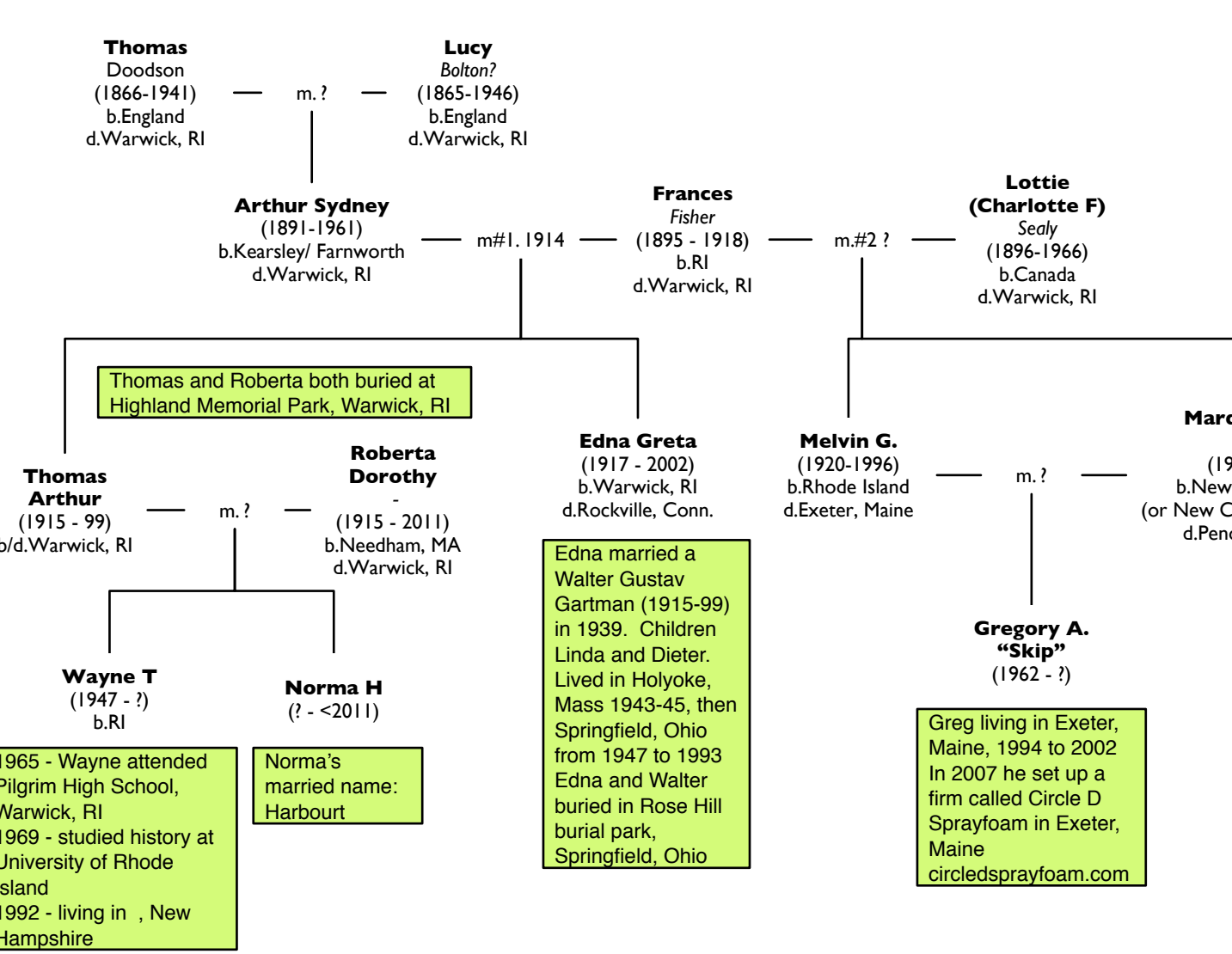
1910 census: Elizabeth (widow) and daughter Elizabeth living in Chapman Street, St Louis, Minnesota. Elizabeth senior's parents given as born in Ireland, she came to USA in 1851. Elizabeth junior - teacher in public school
No other trace of either before or after.

Elizabeth (1879 - ?) Ireland



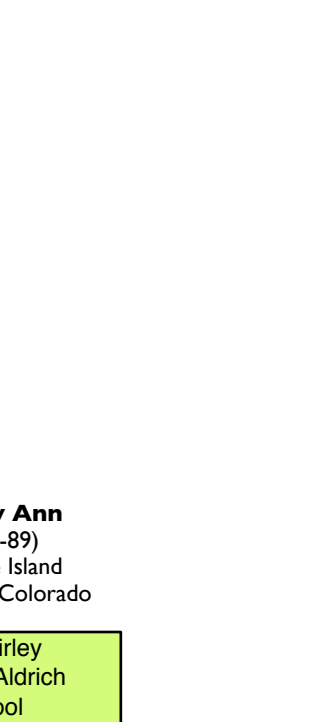
Thomas, Lucy, Arthur all from Kearsley/Australia tree

Thomas first arrived in the US at Boston, Aug 1896, headed for Pawtucket, RI. Occ. Carter. Visiting Geo. Howarth
1896: Lucy and Arthur arrived in the US at Boston (SS Pavonia) Nov 1896, headed for Providence, RI
In 1899 Thomas, Lucy and Arthur came into the US accompanied by Henry Doodson (b1878, occ. Collier). Henry appears to be son of Henry and Betty Doodson
1904: Thomas, Lucy and Arthur came into the US again, accompanied by "uncle" Robert Gould (b.1854 Kearsley). Thomas occ. Photographer. Headed for Dartmouth, RI
1920 census - Arthur, Lottie, Thomas, Edna - Warwick, RI, Arthur occupation - polisher; Lottie arrived from Canada 1916. Thomas and Lucy living next door on Ocapatusstet Road, Warwick, RI
1930 census: Thomas, Lucy and Arthur and Charlotte and family at 111 and 113 Cottage Street, Warwick, RI. Arthur - silversmith polisher.
1940 census: Thomas and Lucy at 46 Cottage Street, Warwick, RI. Thomas - carpenter. Arthur, Charlotte, Thomas, Melvin and Shirley all at 44 Cottage Street. Arthur - school janitor. Melvin - jewellery polisher. Same address in 1935
Melvin enlisted for US forces Aug 1942
Death dates for Thomas, Lucy, Arthur, Lottie from RI Historical Cemeteries records (and Findagrave.com), Melvin death date from veterans war graves



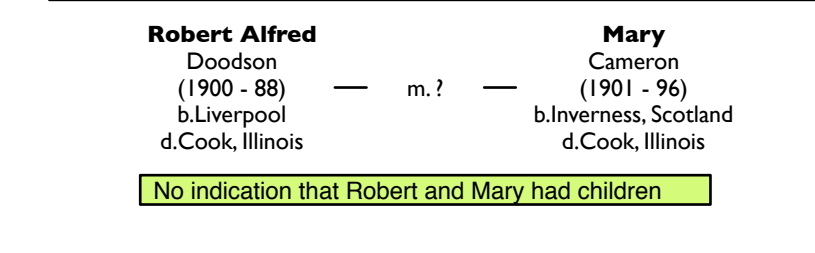
Sarah from Bolton 1911 tree

Sarah Ann married John Richard Grundy (b.1858) in 1879 in Bolton and they both emigrated to the USA. John in 1879, Sarah in 1880.
1880 US census: Sarah and John in Philadelphia
1930 US census: still in Philadelphia
They had children James, Frank, Elsie M



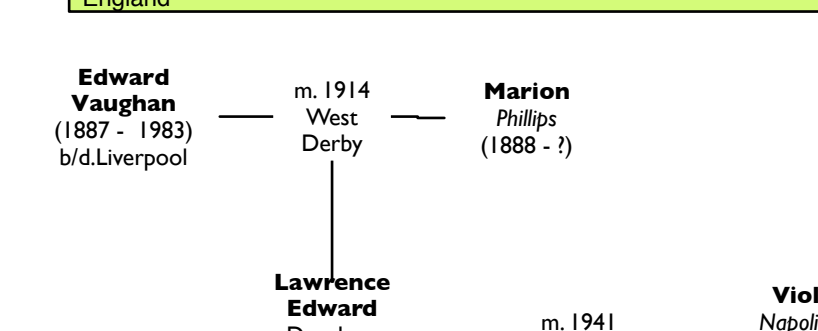
Robert from Toxteth Park tree
(parents - Henry and Elizabeth Doodson)

1923 - immigration at Boston - Robert Alfred Doodson on ship SS Samaria from Liverpool. Mother's UK address given as 2 Briar Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool. His intended destination was Chicago (friend's name given as H G Coxhead).
Robert naturalised US citizen in June 1929.
1940 Census: Robert and Mary at 1735 West 65 Street, Chicago, Ill. Robert - machine operator. Same address in 1935.



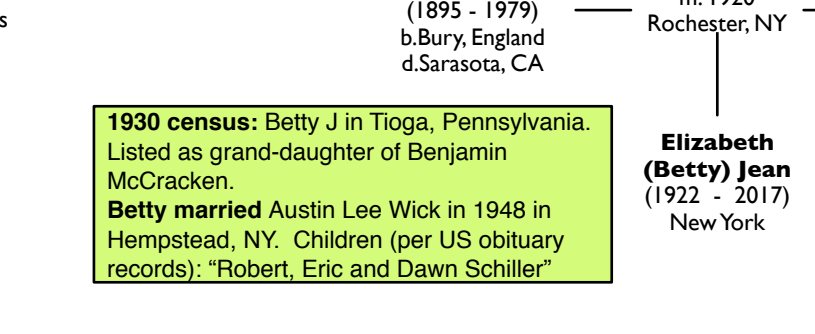
Edward, Marion and Lawrence from Liverpool tree

Edward and family emigrated to USA in 1930 on ship Andania
Note that Lawrence was registered as Edward Lawrence.
Edward V returned to England. Living at Kable Drive in 1939 through 1950, Pinehurst Drive 1955 through 1970
Edward V remarried in 1951 to Nora McNeill (b.1907) in Liverpool, England



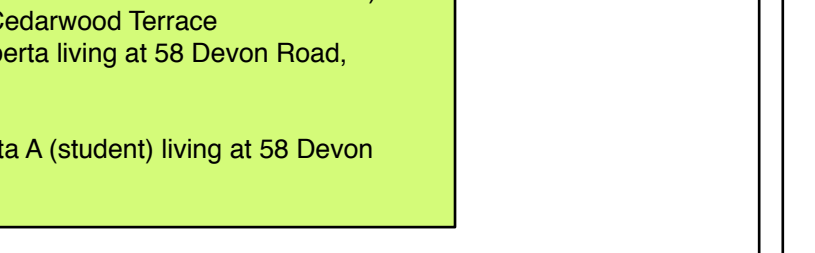
Robert from Bury 1911 # 2
(parents - Samuel and Mary)

Robert's parents named as Samuel Doodson and Mary Johnson in both his marriage records
1920 census: Robert boarding at North Goodman Street, Rochester with William Horrocks and family. Robert immigration 1914. Occupation "soderer"?
1925 New York census: Robert and Vera #1 at Parselles Avenue, Rochester, NY, with Betty Jean
1930 census: Robert (record looks like "Rabahn" or possibly "Ralph") and Vera at 718 Cedarwood Terrace, Rochester City, New York state (near Lake Ontario). Robert - artist, Vera - nurse.
Robert became US citizen in 1914
1930 census: Betty Jean at Mildorf Street, Rochester (just round the corner from Robert and Vera).
1935: Robert listed as "artist" in Rochester directory, living at 718 Cedarwood Terrace
1940 census (transcribed as Dordson) Robert, Betty, Vera and Roberta living at 58 Devon Road, Rochester, with Vera's mother Alice Litzendorf
1940: Betty Jean at Genesee State Normal School, NY
1957 city directory: Robert (artist) and Leona V, along with Roberta A (student) living at 58 Devon Road, Rochester. In 1959 directory Roberta listed as teacher.
1995: Betty Jean living at 360 S Mobile St, Fairhope, AL



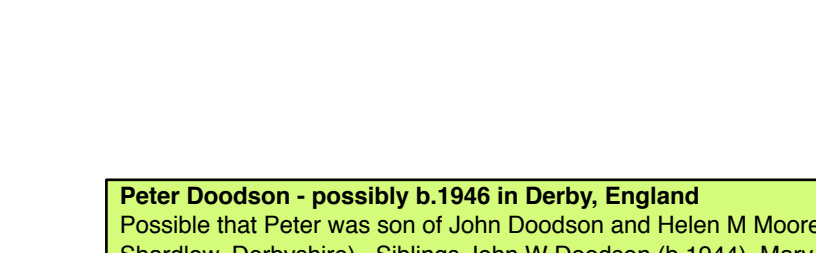
George and Nellie from Liverpool tree
(parents George and Louise Susan)

George and Nellie arrived in the USA in 1928, and naturalised as US citizens in December 1926. Last place in UK lived was Birmingham.
1930 census: George S and Nellie living at 226 Warren Street, Boston, Mass. Listed as married in 1925, and having gained US citizenship in 1926. Both listed as being book-keepers
1940 Census: George and family lodging at 102 Richmond Street, Boston, Mass. Same address in 1935. George - clerical for bridge and roads project.

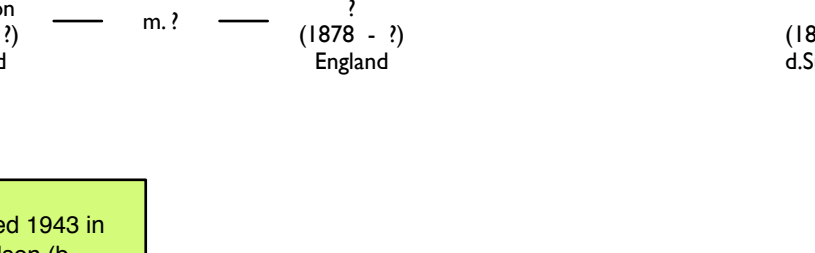


John from Werneth tree

1920 census: John, Seline and John at Ash Street, Fall River
1930 census: John and family at Bristol, Mass
1940 Census: John, Seline and family at 895 Bay Street, Fall River, Bristol, Mass. John snr - Construction worker. John jr - Machinist. Same address in 1935



Peter Doodson - possibly b.1946 in Derby, England
Possible that Peter was son of John Doodson and Helen M Moore (married 1943 in Shardlow, Derbyshire). Siblings John W Doodson (b.1944), Mary E Doodson (b.1947) and Carole M Doodson (b.1953) - all born in Derby
b.11/4/1946 per US records
1986 living in Las Vegas
2018: (Per Facebook) Peter and Elke living in Las Vegas



1965 - Wayne attended Pilgrim High School, Warwick, RI
1969 - studied history at University of Rhode Island
1992 - living in New Hampshire

1950 - Shirley attended Aldrich High School
Married Clayton S Howard (1934 -).
Children Sherrie, Bonnie and Laurie

Greg living in Exeter, Maine, 1994 to 2002
In 2007 he set up a firm called Circle D Sprayfoam in Exeter, Maine
circledsprayfoam.com

Elizabeth married in 1954 in Boston (spouse not yet traced)

Elaine attended Boston University in 1968

Celia married Stephen B Shoemith (1917-80).
Children Janice, Stephen, Leonard, Wendy Lee