

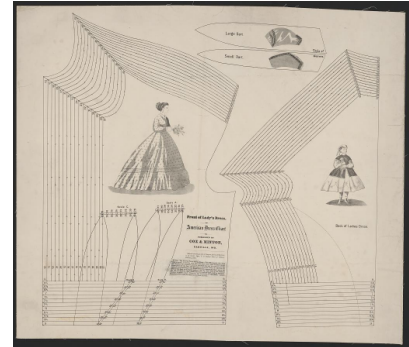


Florence Maria Mansur aka Nellie F. Whittemore

by Deborah A. Carl

Florence Maria Mansur was born in August 1863 in Groton, Massachusetts, to George Mansur, a tinman, and his wife, Mary Hamlin of Magnolia, Florida. Mary had probably had a scare when George was ordered to report to the draft board in June of that year. He had already served 3 months in the Navy and was released because of defective eyesight which may have affected his occupation as it changed from jeweler (which included watchmaking) to tinman. Or in this time of war, there may have been a need for more tinmen than jewelers.

In 1865, Mary and her four children – Charles age 9, George age 7, Mary age 3, and Florence age 1 – were living with her in-laws in Groton while it looks like George was living and working as a teamster in Lowell. In 1870, Mary was still living in Groton, working as a dressmaker to support her three children – Charles age 14, George age 12, Mary age 8. But Florence, age 6 was missing.



Florence appears as Nellie F Whittemore in the 1870 census. She was obviously not the biological child of George Whittemore who would have been 52 and Martha Whittemore who would have been 51 at the time of her birth. The Whittemores had two children, a boy and a girl, but both died young. They were probably eager to welcome a child into their home.

1870 U.S. Census

Page No. 12 Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Leominster, in the County of Worcester, State of Mass, enumerated by me on the 24th day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Leominster Mass Charles A. Chase, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage								
		Bruno & Elizabeth	39	M	W	Keeping House			Mass										
		Mary E	18	F	W	At Home													
		Leopold	16	M	W	Attends School													
		Katie	13	F	W	Attends School													
		Louise	12	F	W	Printer													
		William	11	M	W	Domestic			England	/	/								
510578		William	44	M	W	Day Laborer	1200	100		/	/		/	/					
		William	35	M	W	Keeping House				/	/								
		Edward	13	M	W	Attends School			Mass	/	/								
		James	11	M	W	Attends School				/	/								
		Margaret	9	F	W					/	/								
		Ellen	7	F	W	Attends School				/	/								
		Ann	7 1/2	F	W					/	/	not							
511579		McHenry	35	M	W	Farmer	3500	600	England	/	/		/	/					
		Katharine	53	F	W	Keeping House				/	/								
		Mary	18	F	W	At Home			Mass	/	/								
		Katie	14	F	W	At Home				/	/								
		Bernard	23	M	W	Farmer				/	/								
512600		William	34	M	W	Farmer	5000	800											
		William	18	M	W	Farmer													
		William	25	M	W	House Keeper			England	/	/								
513601		Thomas	31	M	W	Farmer	2000	1200	New Hampshire										
		Caroline	29	F	W	Keeping House													
		Norman	7	M	W	Attends School													
		Charles	2	M	W														
514602		Prague	62	M	W	Unkinds machine	700		Mass										
		Charles	57	M	W	Keeping House			New Hampshire										
		August	29	M	W	Porter in Hotel			Mass										
		Josephine	38	F	W	Porter in Hotel													
515603		Whitcomb	48	M	W	Farmer		2000	New Hampshire										
		Northern	57	M	W	Keeping House			Mass										
		Nellie	6	F	W	Attends School													
		Harwood	24	M	W	Farmer	60												
		Dyke	18	M	W	Domestic													
516604		Kendall	66	M	W	Farmer	4000	500											
		Joseph	66	M	W	Keeping House													
		Dewitt	13	M	W	Farmer													
		Arthur	10	M	W	Attends School													
517605		Hale	68	M	W	Farmer	3000	700	Vermont										
		Sarah	32	F	W	Keeping House			Mass										

No. of dwellings, 8 No. of white families, 22 No. of males, foreign born, 2
 " " families, 8 " " colored males, " " females, " " 4
 " " white males, 18 " " females, " " blind, 0

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The identity of Florence and Nellie appears in the details of her life. When she married Flint H Boutwell in 1883 in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, she listed her birthplace as Groton and her parents as George and Martha Whittemore. George and Martha were living in Groton in 1865, but they were listed in the Massachusetts census with no children – three houses away from the Mansur family and 1-year-old Florence.

1865 Massachusetts Census - Whittemore Family

INHABITANTS in the Town of *Groton*, in the COUNTY of *Windsor*, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
enumerated by me, the _____ day of *May* 1865.

Dwelling House, No. or Village.	Number numbered in the order of value.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of May, 1865, was in this family.	Age of said person.	Sex.	Color—White, Black, Mulatto or Indian.	Place of Birth, name of State, Territory or Country.	Condition—whether single, married, or widowed.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of every person over 15 years of age.	Persons over 15 years of age who are unable to read and write.	Whether a deaf or blind person or idiot.	Married Yrs.	In last 7 years.	Married Yrs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
169	183	George A. Whittemore	52	M		New Hampshire	M	Farmer			1	1	1
		Martha A. Whittemore	46	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Mary A. Giam	31	F		Mass	F	Dressmaker					
171	187	Henry Hill	56	M		Mass	M	Farmer			1	1	
		Abby C. Hill	54	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Caroline A. Hill	17	M		Mass	F	Card Maker					
		Lucy M. Hill	15	F		Mass	F	Schooler					
		Oliver B. Hill	13	F		Mass	F						
		Ann Gibson	17	F		Indiana	F	Domestic					
181	188	Amelia S. Adams	52	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
152	186	Joseph Hagg	71	M		Mass	M	Post Office			1	1	
		Charles Weston Jr	36	M		Mass	M	Farmer					
		Charles S. Weston	26	F		Mass	F	House Keeper					
		Charles S. Weston	16	M		Mass	F						
		Joseph S. Weston	6	F		Mass	F						
157	187	William S. Parsons	37	M		Vermont	M	Farmer			1	1	
		Lydia S. Parsons	37	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Arthur C. Parsons	3	M		Mass	F						
		Mary A. Nelson	11	F		Mass	M	Card M. Keeper					
153	188	Clarence S. Stebbins	54	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Clarence S. Stebbins	14	F		Mass	F						
		Sampson Stebbins	36	M		Mass	M	Labourer			1	1	
		Margaret Collette	33	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Mary C. Stebbins	7	F		Mass	F						
		Joseph Stebbins	6	M		Mass	M	Labourer			1	1	
154	189	Andrew Gray	33	M		Mass	M	Labourer					
		Samuel C. Gray	23	F		New Hampshire	M	House Keeper					
		Lucy A. Gray	5	F		Mass	F						
155	190	Henry Brown	70	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Malby Sawyer	33	M		Illinois	M	Labourer			1	1	
		Perseanna Sawyer	31	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Maudiana Walker	35	F		Mass	M	Domestic					
		Effie M. Walker	3	F		Mass	F						
156	191	Cheney Sawtee	67	M		Mass	M	Farmer			1	1	
		Delphak Sawtee	66	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		William C. Wright	57	M		Mass	M	Labourer			1		
157	192	William C. Wright	55	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Mary Ann Wright	1	F		Mass	F						
		Mary S. Haven	1	F		Mass	F						
153	193	Samuel H. Bruce	61	M		Mass	M	Card Maker			1	1	
		Lucy Haven	56	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
194		Mary W. Hilditch	56	F		Mass	M	House "					

1865 Massachusetts Census - Mansur Family

INHABITANTS in the Town of Gitton, in the COUNTY of Middlesex, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
 enumerated by me, the _____ day of May 1865.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Family	Number	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Place of Birth	Condition	Profession	Years	Widow	Male	Legal	Married
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
141	172	Lyman S. Blood	46	M		Mass	M	Carpenter			/	/	
		Robert C. Blood	22	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Jennie Blood	12	F		Mass	F	Cook					
142	173	Paul C. Allen	29	M		New Hampshire	M	Shoe Maker			/	/	
		Sarah B. Allen	29	F		New Hampshire	M	House Keeper					
		Eugene Allen	9	M		New "	F						
		Ethan Allen	7	M		Mass	F						
		Anna S. Allen	5	F		Mass	F						
		Charles J. Allen	2	M		Mass	F						
143	174	Charles Blood	41	M		Mass	M	Spooler			/	/	
		Mary Blood	17	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Charles W. Blood	11	M		Mass	F						
		Eugene Blood	8	M		Mass	F						
		John W. Blood	2	M		Mass	F						
		Clarence J. Blood	3	F		Mass	F						
175		Ellen Mann	43	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		William Mann	14	F		New Hampshire	F	Cloth M. Keeper					
		Henry Blood	14	F		Mass	M	Boatman					
144	176	Alfred Mansur	19	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Elizabeth Mansur	31	F		New Hampshire	M	House Keeper					
145	177	James Gray	36	M		Mass	M	Farmer			/	/	
		Esther Gray	2	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
		Ellen M. Gray	1	F		Mass	F						
177		John W. Mansur	34	M		Mass	F	Carpenter			/	/	
146	178	Henry Mansur	60	M		New Hampshire	M	Shoe Maker			/	/	
		Louisa Mansur	57	F		New "	M	House Keeper					
		Louisa Mansur	17	F		Mass	F	Schooler					
		Henry C. Mansur	31	F		Florida	M	House Keeper					
		Charles W. Mansur	9	M		Mass	F						
		George W. Mansur	7	M		Mass	F						
		Henry W. Mansur	3	F		Mass	F						
		Stevens W. Mansur	1	F		Mass	F						
147	181	Sathaniel Loomis	38	M		Mass	M	Carpenter			/	/	
		Nancy Loomis	33	F		Mass	M	House Keeper					
148	182	George Litchfield	16	M		Mass	M	Farmer			/	/	
		Mary Litchfield	41	F		New Hampshire	M	House Keeper					
		Mary S. Litchfield	19	F		Mass	F	Cloth M. Keeper					
		Harriet S. Litchfield	16	M		Mass	F	Book Binder					
		George S. Litchfield	12	M		Mass	F						
		Abner C. Litchfield	10	F		Mass	F						
		Eva M. Litchfield	5	F		Mass	F						

Nellie Boutwell's 1949 death certificate states she was born in August 1863 in Groton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Abner Mansur and his wife Hamlin according to her niece, and namesake, Florence Maud Mansur who had lived with the Boutwells in Worcester in 1900. Florence Maud's father was deceased so she couldn't check with him and she was inaccurate on some details. Abner was Nellie Boutwell's grandfather, her father was George. But Florence was correct that Nellie's mother's surname was Hamlin.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OR CITY 19-004188
CLERK'S NO.

BIRTH NO 128- (Do not write in this space) STATE FILE NO.

1. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) b. (Middle) c. (Last) 2. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year)
Nellie P. Boutwell Sept. 6 1949

3. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY b. CITY OR TOWN c. STREET ADDRESS
Hillsboro Hillsboro N. H.

4. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, record town or city and county before address.)
a. STATE b. COUNTY c. CITY (Give actual town of residence, NOT mailing address.)
N. H. Hillsboro Nashua

5. SEX a. COLOR OR RACE b. MARRIED NEVER MARRIED c. WIDOWED DIVORCED (Specify)
Female White Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH (Specify last birthday) (Month) (Day) (Year)
Aug. 1863 83

7. USUAL OCCUPATION (Kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
St. Joseph Hosp.

8. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
Mass.

9. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?
U.S.

10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
Gencon Mass.

11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
U.S.

12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?
U.S.

13. FATHER'S NAME
Abner Mansur

14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Hamlin

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)
NO

16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
Mrs. Edward Lombic

17. INFORMANT
Hamlin

18. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH (This does not mean the mode of onset, such as heart failure, pneumonia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.)
Coronary Occlusion

19. ANTECEDENT CAUSES (Specify disease, injury, giving rise to the above cause but stating the underlying cause last.)
Marked con-
ditions, injury, giving rise to the above cause but stating the underlying cause last.

20. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
General Arteriosclerosis

21. DATE OF OPERATION 22. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION
NO NO

23. ACCIDENT 24. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)
NO NO

25. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Minute) 26. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?
NO NO

27. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 1949 to 9-6-49 that I last saw the deceased alive on Sept. 6, 1949, and that death occurred at 9-6-49 from the causes and on the date stated above.

28. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) 29. ADDRESS 30. DATE SIGNED
T. F. Rock N. H. Nashua, N. H. 9/8/49

31. BURIAL, CREMATION, ENTOMBMENT, REMOVAL 32. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY 33. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) 34. DATE
NO NO Woodlawn Nashua, N. H. 9/8/49

35. FUNERAL DIRECTOR ADDRESS COUNTERSIGNED - AGENT (City, town, or county) DATE
Charles H. Farwell Nashua, N. H. Marion Goulet 9/8/49

DATE REC'D BY TOWN OR CITY CLERK CLERK'S OWN SIGNATURE
Sept. 8, 1949 I. D. Ravenelle Nashua, N. H.

A true copy, Attest: I. D. Ravenelle Clerk of Nashua, N. H. Dated 9-21 1949

Florence Maud never knew her grandparents. George Mansur had spent ten months in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in 1859, and by 1880 he was blind from the cataracts in his eyes. He was no longer living with his wife but was cared for by his parents until he died in 1886 from asthma. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Hamlin, predeceased him by three years, dying in 1883 from heart disease.

BLIND.

The object of this Supplemental Schedule is to furnish material not only for a complete enumeration of the blind, but for an account of their condition. It is important that every inquiry respecting each case be answered as fully as possible. Enumerators will, therefore, after making the proper entries upon the Population Schedule (No. 1), transfer the name (with Schedule page and number) of every blind person found, from Schedule No. 1 to this Supplemental Schedule, and proceed to ask the additional questions indicated in the headings of the several columns. No person will be carried on this Schedule, however, who can see sufficiently well to read. For the distinction between the totally blind and the semi-blind, it is of the greatest importance to note this distinction with care, by making the proper entry in column 10 or 11.

Number taken from Schedule No. 1	NAME	Residence when at home. (See Note A.)			Is he (or she) wholly or partly blind? (See Note B.)	Form of blindness. (See Note D.)	Supposed cause of blindness, if known.	Has this person ever been an inmate of an institution for the blind? If yes, give the name of each institution.	Date of his (or her) discharge. (Year only.)
		City or Town.	County (if in same State, or State (if in some other State).	Age at which blindness occurred. (See Note C.)					
50	George W. Mansur	Groton	Middlesex	No	33	Cataract	Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary 10 mo. 6 1859		

Nellie and Flint had one stillborn child. At the time of her death, she was living at 85 Kinsley Street with her niece Florence Maud who was married to Edward Pombrio. Even though she had no children, Nellie lived the traditional role of women of the time - a wife and homemaker, and probably serving in her community and church.

Nellie is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Section 18 Lot 77. She is buried without a marker in the same plot as her brother George Hyrum Mansur and his wife Elizabeth.



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