

Who Were the Children of George Bentley Sr. of Greenfield, New York?

Bentley Gleanings

I am very glad to give you all assistance possible, but fear it will not be as satisfactory as you desire....

I have endeavored to gain the information asked for by you, but did not succeed to my satisfaction. I went to see one Jesse Bentley, son of Charles; son of Geo., Sr. He could give me no trace of the Shaws nor the maiden name of his grandmother. Charles (Geo., Sr.) m. Betsey Bowen. Jessie (Geo., Sr.) m. Eunice Maria Steadman; had a son Isaac Bentley. I also went to see Andrew Bentley, grandson of Abraham (Geo., Sr.) with no better success. Geo. Bentley, Sr. was brother to John Bentley (my grandfather)...

My father was Otis Bentley, b. 28 Oct., 1794, at Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y.; d. 8 April, 1894, at Milton. He m. 4 July, 1815, at Milton, Theodosia Huling, b. 3 Nov., 1792, at Beekman, Dutchess County, N. Y.; d. 8 April, 1849; dau. of John Huling and Charity Eighmy, his wife....

The father of Otis Bentley was John Bentley (my grandfather), b. 3 Dec, 1756, in Rhode Island; d. 25 July, 1830, in Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y.; came to Milton in 1783 or 1784 from near Renseelaer [sic] County. He m. Thankful Ballou, b. 18 March, 1767, in Rhode Island; d. 12 Nov., 1830, in Milton.

My father's name was Otis Bentley; his father was John Bentley; his father was Tillinghast Bentley; his father was Wm Bentley; his father was Joseph Bentley.

Letter from John Otis Bentley to Julia Harrison Lobdell probably around 1903.¹

¹ Julia Harrison Lobdell, *Bentley Gleanings*, (Chicago: A.W. Fleming, 1905); imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/353179-bentley-gleanings> : accessed 14 May 2022), images 60–61 of 128, pp. 59–60.

Serious Bentley researchers don't trust the information found in *Bentley Gleanings* by Julia Harrison Lobdell. In 1903 Lobell was hired to establish a client's relationship to her ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War so the client could join the Society of Colonial Dames.² In the course of her research, Lobell discovered a lot about the Bentley family and was asked to publish her findings. Lobell admitted that the information was not totally accurate, "Tradition, records and family history as given by different members of the family several times contradict one another, but, I supply the supposition, --you are to prove or disprove it, --according to your Bentley knowledge."³ But with no vital records for this time period, and very little on the family in the church records, the letter from John Otis Bentley in *Bentley Gleanings* (see above) was one of the few sources found that mentioned a relationship between George Bentley Sr. and his children.⁴

² Ibid., image 2 of 128, p. 3.

³ Ibid., image 6 of 128, p. 5.

⁴ There were two churches in Greenfield, New York, when George Bentley and Betsey's children were young. The Congregational Church opened in 1790 and dissolved in 1949. See Ron Feulner, "Historian's Corner," *The Town of Greenfield Historical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 19, Issue 8, April 2019, p. 2; imaged at *Town of Greenfield Historical Society* (http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.com/uploads/3/4/4/0/3440973/toghs_4-2019_news.pdf : accessed 14 May 2022). While records are available at FamilySearch, they are a transcription created in 1977 from "book no.: 974 B2n v. 34-35" and the location of the original records was not listed. Book no. 974 B2n refers to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. Also, H. Calkins, Jr., "An Exact Copy of the Records of the Congregational Church of Greenfield, Saratoga, Co., New York," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol.34, issue 2, April 1903, p. 10, preview imaged at *Proquest* (<https://www.proquest.com/openview/21f5f005469d296cc9bb852fc8f3821a/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=46423> : accessed 14 May 2022); Calkins located the records of the first pastor of the Congregational Church covering the years 1792 to 1796 in the possession of Mr Charles D. Gardiner, a deacon, living in Middle Grove, Greenfield, New York. George Bentley's family does not appear in the FamilySearch transcription. Congregationalists believe in infant baptism so if George was a member, his young children would probably have been baptized. See "Baptism at Centre Congregational Church," *Centre Congregational Church*, (<http://www.centre-church.org/baptisms.htm> : accessed 14 May 2022). Also, Ron Feulner, Greenfield Town Historian, to Deborah Carl, email dated 18 May 2022, stated he did not know the location of the original Congregational Church records but the transcriptions they have appear to be from Mr. Calkins who copied the information from the originals in the possession of Charles Gardiner; in possession of the author. Also, Lynn Calvin with the Saratoga Town Historian's office to Deborah Carl, phone call 18 May 2022, said his office has typewritten transcriptions but not the original records and he did not know their location. Also, William McCarthy, archivist at the Congregational Church Library and Archives, to Deborah Carl, email dated 16 May 2022, stated they do not have any records from the Greenfield church and he did not know the current location of the original records; in possession of the author.

The second church in Greenfield, New York, was the Baptist Church founded in 1791 and is still serving the community. "Our History," *Greenfield Center Baptist Church*, (<https://gfcbc.com/about-us-contact-info/> : accessed 14 May 2022). A George Bentley was dismissed from the church in 1793 and an Elizabeth Bentley was dismissed from the church in 1795. The place and time makes it possible that this was George Bentley Sr., the husband of Betsey. See "Baptist Church in Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York: December 1791–March 1797," transcribed by Mary G. Hafler, published November 2000, *Saratoga NYGenWeb Project: Saratoga County, New York* (<http://www.saratoganygenweb.com/baptist1.htm> : accessed 9 March 2022), Saratoga County Church Records > Baptist Church in Greenfield Records > pp. 4–5, entries for George Bentley and Elizabeth Bentley; transcribed "from photo copies of handwritten notes by various records," location of original record is not known. Also, Lauren

Although they lived about an hour away via horse and wagon, Jesse Bentley probably knew his grandparents. His grandmother passed away when Jesse was seven years old, which was probably why he did not know her maiden name. Unfortunately, information about the family was passed from Jesse to John Otis to Lobell and the current location of the original letter from John Otis is not known. As the letter appears in *Bentley Gleanings*, John Otis wrote that “Jessie (Geo., Sr.) m. Eunice Maria Steadman...”⁵ Earlier he wrote “Jesse Bentley, son of Charles...”⁶ Why did John Otis use two different spellings? Was “(Geo., Sr.)” supposed to be “(Charles)”?

Unfortunately, Jesse Bentley’s death record did not mention his wife or mother.⁷ Jesse Bentley was eighty-three years and ten months old when he died on 20 February 1909 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.⁸ He was born in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, on 21 April 1825, the son of Charles Bentley.⁹ Jesse was buried in the Hutchings

Roberts, Saratoga County Historian, to Deborah Carl, email dated 5 April 2022, stated the office of the Saratoga County Historian has photocopies of the original church records used in the transcription, but she did not know where the originals are located; in possession of the author. Photocopies of the original records were also available at the American Baptist-Samuel Colgate Historical Library, which was located in Rochester, New York, and is now the American Baptist Historical Society and the archives is located in Atlanta, Georgia. Also, Ron Feulner, Greenfield Town Historian, to Deborah Carl, email dated 18 May 2022, stated he did not know the location of the original Baptist church records; in possession of the author. Also, Steve Galish, Greenfield Center Baptist Church staff member, to Deborah Carl, email dated 10 July 2022, stated their records “are sketchy at best going back that far...” in response to a request for access to the records to search for George Bentley and Betsey’s children; in possession of the author. Mr. Galish never responded to emails and phone calls asking if the original records transcribed by Mary G. Hafler are still at the church or if the author could search the marriage records. Baptists do not practice infant baptism and as expected, no record of George’s children was found in the 1791–1797 transcription. Heidi Hall, “Is it Heresy for Baptists to Baptize a Baby? One Pastor’s Example Sets Off a Debate,” posted 18 May 2015, *Religion News Service* (<https://religionnews.com/2015/05/18/heresy-baptists-baptize-baby-one-pastors-example-sets-off-debate/>; accessed 14 May 2022).

⁵ Lobdell, *Bentley Gleanings*, image 60 of 128, p. 59.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, “Register of Deaths in the Village of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York,” 1909 section, no volume listed, no. 85, Jesse Bentley; photocopied images of Jesse Bentley’s entry which spanned two pages supplied by City Clerk’s Office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 8 July 2021, in possession of the author. See Document 1.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid. The death record stated his birth place and said his father was Charles Bentley. Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100341760/jesse-bentley>; accessed 25 April 2022), memorial 100341760, Jesse Bentley (1825–1909), Hutchings Cemetery, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York; gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl. The first name is missing from the gravestone, the birth month and year and the death date match the death record from the Saratoga Springs death register, and he was buried next to Eunice Mariah “wife of Jesse Bentley.” See Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/239165414/eunice-mariah-bentley>; accessed 25 April 2022), memorial 239165414, Eunice Mariah Steadman Bentley (1826–1881), Hutchings Cemetery, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York; gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl.

Cemetery, which in 1878 was known as the Bowen Cemetery, and his mother, Betsey (née Bowen) Bentley, was also buried there.¹⁰ Jesse's stone was damaged and his first name was no longer decipherable, but the rest of the stone was legible and stated he was born on 21 April 1825, and died on 20 February 1909.¹¹

Jesse Bentley and Myra (Eunice Maria) Steadman are listed as the parents on Isaac Bentley's death record.¹² Isaac was born on 1 August 1854 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.¹³ The census of 1850 listed Charles Bentley, age fifty-six, living in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, with Nancy (his second wife), age forty-seven, Esther (their daughter), age three, Jesse (from Charles' first marriage), age twenty-five, Eunice (Jesse's wife), age twenty-three, and another child named Charles, age thirteen.¹⁴ Five years later in the New York state census, Charles, age sixty-two, and his wife Nancy, age fifty-two, were living with their daughter Jane (probably Esther), age eight.¹⁵ Living

¹⁰ Dave Bixby, "Town of Greenfield Cemeteries: Hutchings Cemetery," Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County, *Saratoga NYGenWeb Project: Saratoga County, New York*, last updated 2 October 2015 (<http://www.saratoganvgenweb.com/gnfldecem.htm#hutc> : accessed 26 January 2022), Saratoga County Cemeteries > Town of Greenfield, Hutchings Cemetery, see cemetery description and entries for Jesse? Bentley and Betsey Bentley. Also, Saratoga Springs, New York, Register of Deaths, 1909, Jesse Bentley. The death record said he was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery but his gravemarker is at the Hutchinson Cemetery in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York. See *Find A Grave*, memorial 100341760, Jesse Bentley (1825–1909), gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl. Also, Julie Johnson Dowd to Deborah Carl, Facebook message dated 23 April 2022, stated she could not find a grave marker for Betsey Bentley but there were many overturned stones; in possession of the author. Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100341739/betsey-bentley> : accessed 25 April 2022), memorial 100341739, Betsey Bentley (1795–1841), Hutchings Cemetery, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York; no stone, but Dave Bixby videotaped the stone around 1996 and a still image from a CD copy of the tape was supplied by Lynn Calvin, administrator of the Saratoga NYGENWeb Project, and posted with permission by Deborah Carl.

¹¹ *Find A Grave*, memorial 100341760, Jesse Bentley (1825–1909), gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl.

¹² New York Department of Health, death certificate, 37874 (1915), Isaac Bentley; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author. Note that the death record stated he was buried in Coey Cemetery but the headstone is in the Hutchinson Cemetery. See Document 2. Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100342104/isaac-bentley> : accessed 25 April 2022), memorial 100342104, Isaac Bentley (1854–1915), Hutchings Cemetery, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York; gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl.

¹³ *Ibid.* Isaac's birth date was on his gravestone. Also, New York death certificate no. 37874 (1915), Isaac Bentley. The death record listed his birthplace.

¹⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 27, dwell. 222, fam. 222, Charles Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MC1J-JL2> : accessed 14 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 27 of 70; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 593.

¹⁵ "New York State Census, 1855," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K638-6ZY> : accessed 26 January 2022), New York State Census, 1855 > Saratoga > Greenfield, E.D. 2, image 10 of 23, 1855 New York census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, unpaginated, dwell. 163, fam. 190, Charles Bentley household; Saratoga County Clerk's Office, Ballston Spa, New York.

next door was Jesse Bentley, age twenty-nine, and his wife Mariah Bentley, age twenty-eight, with their son Isaac Bentley, age four.¹⁶ In the 1840 census, Charles had three females in his household: one 15 to under 20, one 20 to under 30, and one 40 to under 50 (probably his first wife Betsey Bowen).¹⁷ Eunice would have been about thirteen years old and does not match the ages of any of the females listed in Charles' household supporting the conclusion that she was not Charles' daughter.

Based on Jesse's birth date of 21 April 1825, and that he and his wife Eunice Maria executed a quit claim deed on property that was purchased by Charles Bentley from the estate of Jesse's grandfather, Jesse Bowen, it is more likely that Jesse was the son of Charles Bentley, rather than a brother, and John Otis Bentley's letter was incorrect in identifying Jesse Bentley, the husband of Eunice Marie Steadman, as the son of George Bentley Sr.¹⁸ So while some researchers say George Sr. had a son named Jesse, there is no evidence to support that conclusion.

¹⁶ Ibid., dwell. 162, fam. 189, Jesse Bentley household.

¹⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 12, Charles Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHRP-Y37>; accessed 14 May 2022), United States Census, 1840 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 23 of 40; citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 336.

¹⁸ "New York Land Records, 1630-1975," digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSO-G9WC-GSC9>; accessed 26 January 2022), New York Land Records, 1630-1975 > Saratoga > Deeds 1866 vol 104-105 > image 226 of 625, Saratoga County, New York, Deed Book 104, pp. 425–426, Jesse Bentley and Eunice M Bentley to Charles Bentley, quitclaim, recorded 23 May 1866; County Courthouse, Ballston Spa, New York.

History of the Bentleys

I am enclosing copies of pages from History of the Bentleys which book also states that Charles Bentley, son of George, was father of Jesse. The author, Lewis Bentley, while offering a rather confusing list of his relatives, does, I believe, prove to be accurate about the generations he knew first hand. He was first cousin of your Jesse Bentley. Lewis and Jesse were second cousins of John Otis Bentley whose letter is reproduced on page 59 of Bentley Gleanings.

Letter from Edwin M. Bentley to
George Richard Bentley Jr. 20 December 1982¹⁹

Most trees on Ancestry indicated Charles' parents were George Bentley Sr. (1758-1839) and Betsey, possibly Betsey Dubois. Out of forty-one public trees, only eleven had sources and only two had sources regarding the parents of Charles Bentley—one by the Bentley expert, Edwin Bentley, and one by rzamor1 who only cited *Settlers of the Beekman Patent* as a source.²⁰ Edwin's information regarding Charles' father came from *The History of the Bentleys* by Lewis Bentley published in 1888, *Bentley Gleanings*, and the 1820 United States federal census record where a Charles and a George Bentley appeared on the same page in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.²¹

The History of the Bentleys contained no sources and the author wrote, "If the reader finds errors in the dates or names, please excuse one that wishes no harm to any one [*sic*], as he has written [*sic*] the most of it from memory."²² The book was confusing as Edwin mentioned in his letter above. "He [George Sr.] had four sons and three daughters. Abram, the oldest...The next son was Yerry [Edwin indicated this was George Jr.]...Charles lived in

¹⁹ Edwin M. Bentley, Seattle, Washington, to George Richard Bentley Jr., letter dated 20 December 1982, sent annotated pages of *History of the Bentleys* by Lewis Bentley; in possession of the author. See Figure 1.

²⁰ Ancestry statistics as of 2 June 2021 compiled by author. Also, "Public Member Trees," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/109109469/person/110074930519/facts> : accessed 26 January 2022), "William Bentley of Rhode Island Descendants" family tree by Edwin Bentley, profiles for George Bentley (b. 5 Feb 1757, d. 17 May 1839) and Charles Bentley (b. 1794, d. 1878). Also, "Public Member Trees," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/77817137/person/44371574120/facts> : accessed 26 January 2022), "Harrisena (2015)" family tree by rzamor1, profiles for George Bentley (b. 1758, d. 17 May 1839) and Charles Bentley (b. 1794).

²¹ "William Bentley of Rhode Island Descendants," *Ancestry* family tree by Edwin Bentley, profile for George Bentley (b. 1757, d. 1839).

²² Lewis Bentley, *The History of the Bentleys*, (Maple Rapids, Michigan: W. E. Warner, 1888), unpaginated, pp. 28–29; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L98Q-H8Q3> : accessed 14 May 2022), images 26–27 of 48.

Greenfield...The girls were Anna, Esther and Betsey.”²³ (See Figure 1 where Edwin mapped out the relations in the booklet.) On the next page, Lewis wrote about his father, Isaac Bentley, “the second son of George Bentley...”²⁴

There were three trees on Ancestry that named George Bentley Sr. as the father of Isaac Bentley and had a source—two cited *The History of the Bentleys* and rzamor1 cited *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*.²⁵ Rzamor1 also added Jesse and Bethany as children of George Sr. without sources and left out Elizabeth.²⁶

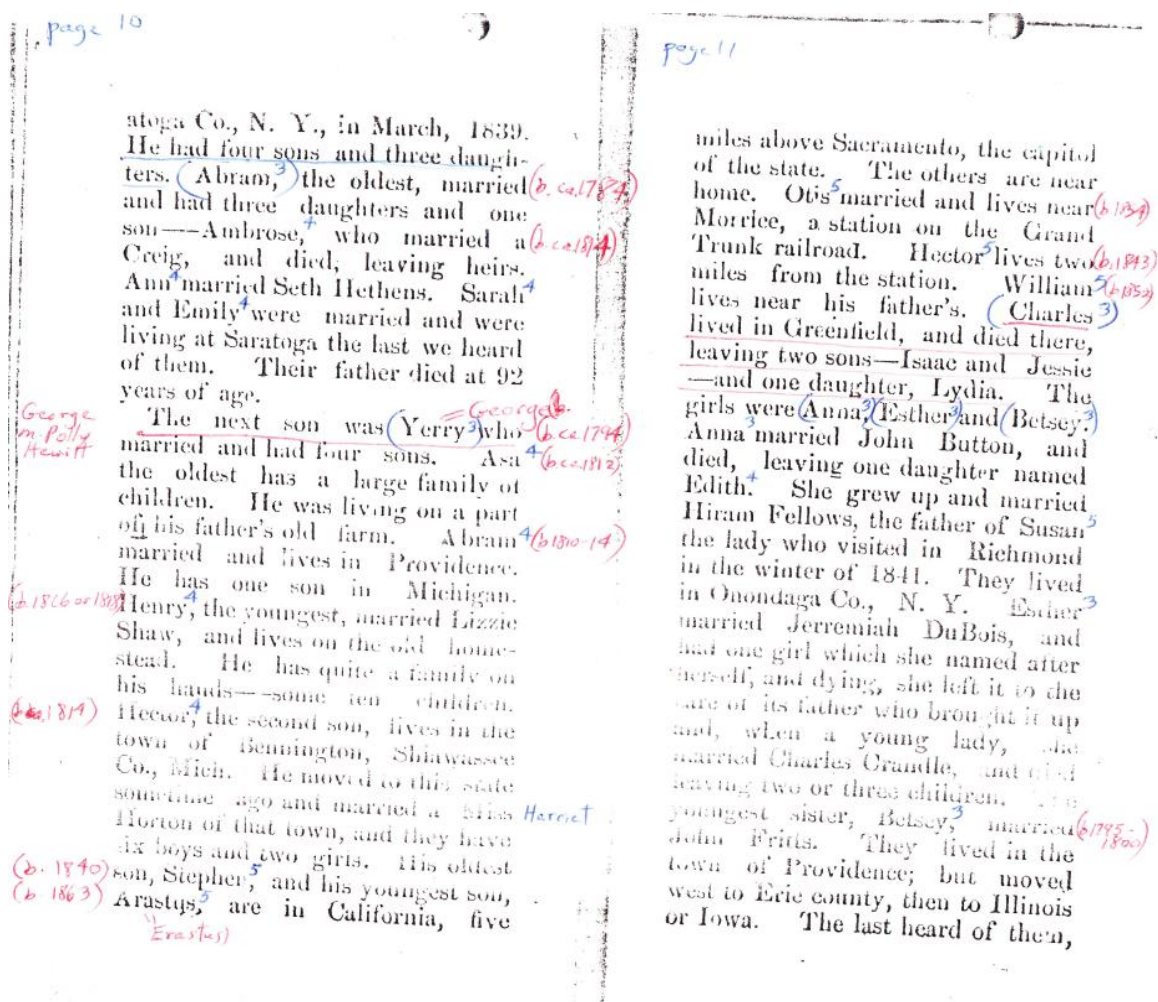
²³ Ibid., image 16 of 48, pp.10–11.

²⁴ Ibid., image 17 of 48, p.12.

²⁵ See “Public Member Trees,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/69972533/person/332322138802/facts> : accessed 24 May 2022), “Bell Family Tree” family tree by Gloria S. Patterson, profile for Isaac Bentley (b. 1788, d. 10 Jan 1863). Also, “Public Member Trees,” *Ancestry*, “William Bentley of Rhode Island Descendants” family tree by Edwin Bentley, profile for Isaac Bentley (b. 1788, d. 10 Jun 1863). Also, “Public Member Trees,” *Ancestry*, “Harrisena (2015)” family tree by rzamor1, profile for Isaac Bentley (b. 1788, d. 10 Jun 1863).

²⁶ “Public Member Trees,” *Ancestry*, “Harrisena (2015)” family tree by rzamor1, profile for George Bentley (b. 5 Feb 1757, d. 17 May 1839) and his children Abraham Bentley (b. 1783, d. 26 Dec 1875), George Bentley (b. 1784), Jesse Bentley (b. 1786), Isaac Bentley (b. 1788, d. 10 Jun 1863), Anna Bentley (b. 1790), Esther Bentley (b. 1792), Charles Bentley (b. 1794), and Bethany Bentley (b. 1798).

Figure 1 *The History of the Bentleys* by Lewis Bentley annotated by Edwin Bentley²⁷



In John Otis' letter, he mentioned several sons of George Sr.—Charles, Jessie (probably an error since the husband of Eunice Maria Steadman was Charles' son), and Abraham.²⁸ As there was a George Sr., there was also probably a George Jr. which agrees with the information provided by Lewis and Edwin Bentley quoted above. Lewis did not mention Jesse and added Isaac and daughters Betsey, Anna, and Esther.

²⁷ Bentley, *The History of the Bentleys*, photocopy of image 16 of 48, pp. 10–11, annotated and sent with letter from Edwin Bentley to George Richard Bentley Jr., 1982.

²⁸ Lobdell, *Bentley Gleanings*, image 60 of 128, p.59.

Dutchess County, NY:

The Settlers of the Beekman Patent

Children of George Bentley Sr. and Betsey²⁹

- Children: (from Edwin M. Bentley notes)
- i. Abraham, b. ca. 1784; m. Anna Deake.
 - ii. Anna; m. John Button.
 - iii. Esther; m. Jeremiah DuBois.
 - iv. Isaac, b. 1788; m. Hannah DuBois.
 - v. George, b. 1791-94; m. Polly Hewitt.
 - vi. Charles, b. 1794; m. (1) Betsey Bowen, (2) Nancy _____. (Nancy Spencer, dau. of Clark Spencer of Berlin, NY m. a Bentley. Spencer wrote his will 29 Aug. 1825). [RCW 812].
 - vii. Betsey, b. 1795-1800; m. John Fritz.

Although rzamor1's Ancestry tree cited *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent* as the source for George Bentley Sr.'s children, author Frank J. Doherty got the information from Edwin, and Edwin got most of the information from *The History of the Bentleys*.

While Doherty did not add any new evidence to connect George Sr. as the father of Abraham, Anna, Esther, Isaac, George, Charles, and Betsey, he was wrong when he suggested Charles Bentley's second wife was "Nancy Spencer, dau. of Clark Spencer of Berlin, NY..."³⁰ The source he cited was not the will of Clark Spencer, it was the will of Clark Spencer Bly (even though it was listed as Spencer in the index), and Nancy Bentley was not his daughter, she was his sister meaning her maiden name was probably Nancy Bly.³¹ The will was recorded on 15 April 1830, Charles Bentley's first wife died on 7 October 1841, so it is highly doubtful that Nancy (née Bly) Bentley was the Nancy married to Charles Bentley, the son of George Sr.³² *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent* was highly recommended for research about George Bentley Sr. and his children, but lacked reliable sources.

²⁹ Frank J. Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: An Historical and Genealogical Study of All the 18th Century Settlers in the Patent*, (Pleasant Valley, New York: F.J. Doherty, 1993), Vol 2, p. 553; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS87-SSJ8-G> : accessed 14 May 2022), image 759 of 3840.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ "New York Probate Records, 1629-1971," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GY4J-77P> : accessed 27 January 2022), New York Probate Records, 1629-1971 > Rensselaer > Wills 1829-1834 vol 12 > image 45 of 251, p. 27, The Last Will and Testament of Clark Spencer Bly, recorded 15 April 1830; County Courthouse, Troy, New York.

³² Ibid. Also, *Find A Grave*, memorial 100341739, Betsey Bentley (1795-1841), currently no stone, but Dave Bixby videotaped the original stone around 1996 and a still image was posted by Deborah Carl.

Last Will and Testaments

Real Estate I have None. George Bentley Sr. as part of his petition for a Revolutionary War Pension.³³

...for about twenty years last past been personally acquainted with George Bently of the town County & State aforesaid. That during the whole time the said George Bently has been a very poor man & particularly for the last six years now last past the said George Bently has never had nay more property at any time than a little household furniture a cow & pig & other little stuff of a poor man. Affidavit of Joseph Cole and John Barney of Saratoga regarding George Bentley Sr.'s financial circumstances and included in George Sr.'s petition for a Revolutionary War Pension.³⁴

No will or probate records were located regarding the estate of George Bentley Sr., probably because there was nothing of value according to the inventory he submitted to the Revolutionary War Pension board in 1821.³⁵

George Sr. was mentioned as a potential heir to his brother Tabor Bentley's estate in 1837.³⁶ Even though Tabor had left a will, there were no children to inherit and anyone with a possible claim to the estate had to be notified. According to the law at the time, his estate did not go to his widow but passed to his parents. Since they were deceased, the estate then passed to his siblings, and if they were deceased, their children and possibly grandchildren. George Bentley Sr. was still alive and named on the list of possible heirs, so none of his children should have been on the list. Sally (née Bentley) married to John Button living in Otisco, Onondaga County was named as a potential heir leading to the conclusion that she probably was not George Bentley Sr.'s daughter, and since she was listed with the descendants of Thomas Bentley, she was probably the daughter of Thomas, the brother of George Sr. and Tabor.³⁷

³³ "Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900," *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/collections/1995/records/4870> : accessed 27 January 2022), Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900 > B > Bently, Azel - Bishop, Zepheniah > Bentley, Azel - Bently, Thomas > image 425 of 743, George Bentley, New York S. 45263 application for pension, schedule of estate; citing NARA microfilm M804, Record Group 15, Roll 223.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, image 430 of 743, Nonselected Records, affidavit of Joseph Cole and John Barney sworn 26 December 1821 before Judge Samuel Cook, Court of Common Pleas at Saratoga County, New York.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, image 425 of 743, schedule of estate.

³⁶ "New York Probate Records, 1629-1971," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YCH-TTT> : accessed 27 January 2022), New York Probate Records, 1629-1971 > Saratoga > Wills 1836-1840 vol 10-11 > image 158 of 487, Vol. 10 p. 287, 15 January 1838, the executors of Tabor Bentley's will appeared before the Surrogate court and named the heirs, testified they had been notified by publication, and requested the will be probated; Surrogate's Office, Saratoga Springs, New York.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, image 159 of 487, p. 288.

Lewis Bentley wrote, “Anna married John Button, and died, leaving one daughter named Edith. She grew up and married Hiram Fellows, the father of Susan the lady who visited in Richmond in the winter of 1841. They lived in Onondaga County, New York.”³⁸

There was only one John Button living as a head of household in Onondaga County, New York, in 1830 and he was in Otisco.³⁹ In 1840 there were two John Buttons in Onondaga County, one in Otisco and one in Clay; the John Button in Otisco was probably the John Button married to Sally mentioned in Tabor Bentley’s 1837 will.⁴⁰ John had fifteen of the same neighbors in 1830 that he had in 1820, and by 1840 there were eighteen neighbors who were the same as in 1830 demonstrating that John Button in Otisco was probably the same man in all three census years.⁴¹ Hiram Fellows was listed two lines above John in the 1840 census.⁴² In 1850 John Button, age seventy, and Sally, age fifty-six, had sixteen neighbors who were the same neighbors in 1840.⁴³ (See Figure 2.) The third family listed above John Button and Sally were Hiram Fellows, age fifty-two, and Edy, age fifty.⁴⁴ Given the closeness in age, Sally Button living in Otisco, Onondaga, New York, was not the mother of Edy Fellows. But the 1860 census put Sally’s birth around 1783, making her about seventeen years old when Edy was born, and the mother-daughter relationship was possible.⁴⁵ If Lewis Bentley was correct that Edith was the

³⁸ Bentley, *The History of the Bentleys*, image 16 of 48, p. 11.

³⁹ 1830 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, p. 332, John Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-4BO> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1830 > New York > Onondaga > Otisco, image 10 of 28; citing NARA microfilm M19, roll 100.

⁴⁰ 1840 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, handwritten p. 499, John Buttan [*sic*] household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHTW-L13> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1840 > New York > Onondaga > Otisco, image 3 of 28; citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 317. Also, 1840 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Clay, handwritten p. 83, John Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBS-X1Q> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1840 > New York > Onondaga > Clay, image 17 of 32; citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 316.

⁴¹ 1830 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, p. 332, John Button household, image 10 of 28. Also, 1820 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, handwritten p. 227, John Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHGW-XFH> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1820 > New York > Onondaga > Otisco, image 5 of 7; citing NARA microfilm M33, roll 67. Also, 1840 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, handwritten p. 499, John Buttan [*sic*] household, image 3 of 28.

⁴² *Ibid.*, Hiram Fellows household.

⁴³ 1850 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, handwritten p. 369, dwell. 212, fam. 224, John Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCBP-TVP> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Onondaga > Otisco, image 27 of 43; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 567. Also, 1840 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, handwritten p. 499, John Buttan [*sic*] household, image 3 of 28.

⁴⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, handwritten p. 369, dwell. 209, fam. 221, Hiram Fellows household, image 27 of 43.

⁴⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, p. 5, dwell. 36, fam. 39, John Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCOL-HP6> : accessed 17 May 2022), United States Census, 1860 > New York > Onondaga > Town of Otisco, image 5 of 48; citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 828.

only child of Anna Bentley, Sally could be a stepmother as there appeared to be other children of John and Sally in the 1850 household.⁴⁶

The 1820 census stated John Button of Otisco, Onondaga, New York, had two males under age 10 (probably Zebulon Button born around 1816 and Asher Button born around 1820), two males age 10 to 15 (they would have been born between 1805 and 1810), one male age 26 to 44 (probably John Button), three females under age 10 (Edy Button was born about 1800 so probably was not one of the females and was probably the female listed with Hiram Fellows), and one female age 26 to 44 (probably John's wife Sally Bentley).⁴⁷ In 1820, Hiram Fellows appeared in the census on the page before John Button. His household had one male age 16 to 25 (probably Hiram Fellows), one female under age 10, and one female age 16 to 25 (probably his wife Edy Button).⁴⁸

Edy moved to Otisco, Onondaga, New York, around 1811, and would have been about eleven years old.⁴⁹ John Button and Sarah moved there around 1817.⁵⁰ It is doubtful Edy would have moved 158 miles away from her mother as a child, but if there were problems between her and her stepmother, it would not be unreasonable to expect John Button sent his daughter to live with family members. In 1810 there were no Bentleys living in Otisco, Onondaga, New York, and there was only one Button family—John Button's brother Zebulon.⁵¹ The Zebulon Button family of Otisco, Onondaga, New York, consisted of one male under age 10, one male age 26 to 44 (probably Zebulon), two females age 16 to 25 (which would not include Edy who would have been around 10 years old), and one female age 26 to 44 (probably his wife Olive Cheney).⁵² In the 1850 census, Zebulon Button, the son of Zebulon Button and Olive Cheney, appeared to be working as a laborer on Hiram Fellows and Edy's farm.⁵³ Zebulon was born around 1819, probably the same year Edy Button married Hiram Fellows, his father had passed away in 1836,

⁴⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, handwritten p. 369, dwell. 212, fam. 224, John Button household, image 27 of 43.

⁴⁷ 1820 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, handwritten p. 227, John Button household, image 5 of 7.

⁴⁸ Ibid., handwritten p. 226, Hiram Fellows household, image 4 of 7.

⁴⁹ 1855 New York state census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, unpaginated, dwell. 297, fam. 297, Hiram Fellows household; imaged at "Census records 1855 Onondaga, Otisco, Pompey, Salina, Skaneateles, Spafford," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQQ-N9D9-B> : accessed 30 May 2022), Film # 007842323, image 262 of 807; citing NY 1-27, roll 91, Onondaga County Clerk's Office, County Court House, Syracuse, New York.

⁵⁰ Ibid., dwell. 298, fam. 298, John Button household.

⁵¹ 1810 U.S. census, Onondaga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Otisco, handwritten p. 531, Zebulon Button household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YBH-9WWX> : accessed 27 May 2022), United States Census, 1810 > New York > Onondaga > Tully, image 3 of 3; citing NARA microfilm M252, roll 34.

⁵² Ibid.

⁵³ 1850 U.S. census, Otisco, Onondaga, New York, handwritten p. 369, dwell. 209, fam. 221, Hiram Fellows household, image 27 of 43.

and in 1849 his mother and brother Charles had moved to Sangerfield, Oneida, New York.⁵⁴ Zebulon probably needed a place to stay and a job, and turning to family was a logical choice, especially since Edy might have felt obligated to take him in just like her uncle, Zebulon's father, had taken her in about thirty-eight years earlier.

The closeness of Sarah Bentley and Edy Button's ages, the fact Edy was born in Saratoga County where Anna Bentley would have lived, and the fact the 1855 New York census stated Edy lived in Otisco for 44 years while John Button and his wife Sally had only lived there for 38 years, suggest that Sally was not Edy's mother. The fact that John Button lived next door to Edy and her husband Hiram Fellows, that Edy had probably lived with John's brother Zebulon before her marriage, and that John Button had met and married Anna's cousin Sally Bentley, seems to support Lewis Bentley's claim that Edy Button of Ostico was the daughter of John Button and a previous wife, possibly Anna Bentley the daughter of George Bentley Sr.

⁵⁴ Ibid., line 17, Zebulon Button. Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51596954/zebulon-button> : accessed 27 May 2022), memorial 51596954, Zebulon Button (1782–1836), Spafford Hollow Cemetery, Spafford, Onondaga, New York; gravestone photograph by Harvey Bell. Charles Button and his mother, Olive, were recorded as having lived in Sangerfield for six years. See "New York State Census, 1855," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB53-94F2> : accessed 27 May 2022), New York State Census, 1855 > Oneida > Sangerfield, E.D. 1 , image 29 of 50, 1855 New York census, Oneida Co., Town of Sangerfield, handwritten p. 25, dwell. 184, fam. 222, Charles Button household; Utica Public Library, New York.

Figure 2 The Neighbors of John Button and Sally (née Bentley) Button
in Otisco, Onondaga, New York

	A	B	C	D
1	1820	1830	1840	1850
2	All on Same Page		Handwritten Page	Handwritten Page
3				
4			Daniel Lyon p. 499	Daniel Lyon p. 343 Dwell. 3 Fam. 3
5	Erastus Wright	Erastus Wright p. 331		
6		Jesse Olmstead p. 332	Jesse Olmstead p. 497	Jesse Olmstead p. 371 Dwell. 223 Fam. 236
7				
8	Daniel Ross	Daniel Rass p. 332	Daniel Ross p. 499	Daniel Ross p. 375 Dwell. 251, Fam. 264
9		Squire Sherwood p. 332	Squire Sherwood p. 499	
10	Sturgis Sherwood	Surgess Sherwood p. 332	Stenyr's Sherwood p. 499	Stirges Sherwood p. 375 Dwell. 252 Fam. 265
11	Edward Ross	Edward Rass p. 332		
12		Ichabod Rass p. 332	Ichabod Ross p. 499	icabod Ross p. 375 Dwell. 250, Fam. 263
13		Jesse Olmstead p. 332	Jesse Olmstead p. 497	Jesse Olmstead p. 371 Dwell. 223 Fam. 236
14	Jonathan Kingsley	Jonathan Kingsley p. 332	Johnathan Kingsley p. 517	
15		Charles Kingsley p. 332	Charles Kingsley p. 517	Charles Kingsley p. 373 Dwell. 234 Fam. 248
16	Daniel Tuttle	Daniel Tuttle p. 339	Daniel Tuttle p. 507	Daniel Tuttle p. 351 Dwell. 67 Fam. 68
17		Johnathan Kingsley Jr. p. 332	Jonathan Kingsley Jr. p. 517	Jonathan Kingsley p. 365 Dwell. 172 Fam 184
18		Amos Abbott p. 332	Amos Abbott p. 497	Amos Abott p. 370 crossed out should be 372 Dwell. 230 Fam. 243
19			Silas Lyon p. 499	Silas Lyon p. 365 Dwell. 171 Fam. 183
20	Jesse Gaylord	Jesse Gaylord p. 334	Jesse Gaylord p. 515	Jesse Gaylord p. 342 crossed out should be 344 Dwell. 9 Fam. 9
21	Chauncy Gaylord	Chauncey Gaylord p. 334		
22	Michael Johnson	Michael Johnson p. 333	Michael Johnson p. 499	
23			Hiram Fellows p. 499	Hiram Fellows p. 369 Dwell. 209 Fam. 221
24	John Button	John Button p. 332	John Buttan p. 499	John Button p. 369 Dwell. 212 Fam. 224
25			Josiah Everett p. 499	Josiah Everett p. 369 Dwell. 207 Fam. 219
26	John Jones	John Jones p. 333	John Jones p. 515	
27		Frederick Partridge p. 332	Frederick Partridge p. 499	
28			Nathaniel Goff p. 499	Nathaniel Goff p. 373 Dwell. 241 Fam. 254
29			Jeremiah Sparks p. 499	Jeremiah Sparks p. not numbered should be 366 Dwell. 187 Fam. 199
30	Chaucy Rust	Chaucey Rust p. 334		
31	Benjamin Rogers	Benjamin Rogers p. 328	Benjamin Rogers p. 507	
32		Charles Clark p. 332	Charles Clark p. 501	Charles Clark p. 356 crossed out should be 358 Dwell. 124 Fam. 134
33	Benoni Merriman	Benoni Merriman p. 334		
34		Ephraim B French p. 332	Ephraim B French p. 503	
35	Labon Crehore	Laban S Crehore p. 328		
36	Thomas Parent	Thomas Parent p. 329	Thomas Parent p. 515	

The Tick Marks in the Census

The father of Geo. Bentley, Jr., was Geo. Bentley, Sr. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Maiden name of wife not known. Their children were Geo., Jr., Abraham, Charles, Isaac and Betsey, who m. Mr. Fritz....

Geo., Sr. was brother of John Bentley, grandfather of John Otis Bentley."

Mrs. Henry Bentley to Julia Harrison Lobdell probably around 1903.⁵⁵

So far the information about the children of George Bentley Sr. came from his grandnephew John Otis Bentley (grandson of John), from the wife of his grandson Henry Bentley (daughter-in-law of George Jr.), and his grandson Lewis Bentley (son of Isaac). Piecing together what each said, George Sr. had sons Abram/Abraham, Isaac, George Jr./Yerry, and Charles. George Sr.'s daughters were Betsey/Elizabeth wife of John Fritts, Anna wife of John Button and Esther wife of Jeremiah DuBois.

His brother Tabor's will indicated George Bentley Sr. probably had six brothers—Tabor, Tillinghast, Joseph, John, Samuel and Thomas.⁵⁶ Most of them were born in Rhode Island and came to Dutchess County, New York, when their father, Tillinghast Bentley, their grandfather, William Bentley, and some of their aunts and uncles settled in the Beekman Patent.⁵⁷ As the family grew, some of the brothers left Beekman and settled near each other in Greenfield and Milton, Saratoga County, New York.

In 1790 George Sr. was in Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, listed in the census next to Tabor (an uncle), William Jr. (an uncle), William Sr. (his grandfather), and Tillinghast (his father).⁵⁸ His brother Joseph was listed on the preceding page.⁵⁹ George Sr. was a head of household and was age 16+, there were two boys under 16, and there were two females.⁶⁰ Abraham was born about 1784 and Isaac was born about 1788 which would account for

⁵⁵ Lobdell, *Bentley Gleanings*, images 63–64 of 128, pp. 62–63; location of original letter is unknown.

⁵⁶ "New York Probate Records, 1629-1971," Saratoga > Wills 1836-1840 vol 10-11 > images 158–159 of 487, Vol. 10, pp. 287–288.

⁵⁷ Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, Vol 2, images 752–759 of 3840, pp. 538–553.

⁵⁸ 1790 U.S. census, Dutchess County, New York, Town of Beekman, p. 56, entries 61–65, Tabor Bently, William Bently Junr., William Bently Senr., Tillinghast Bently, and George Bently households; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHKP-335> : accessed 30 March 2022), United States Census, 1790 > New York > Dutchess > Beekman, image 2 of 7; citing NARA microfilm M637, roll 6.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, entry 34, Joseph Bentley household, image 1 of 7.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 56, entry 65, George Bently household, image 2 of 7.

the two tick marks for boys under 16.⁶¹ The records indicate Esther (who was twenty-three when she died in 1823) and Elizabeth (whose grave marker listed her birth as 1800 and who was listed as age fifty in the 1850 census) were born around 1800, making the two females in the 1790 census most likely George Sr.'s wife and possibly his daughter Anna.⁶²

In the 1800 census, Tabor, William, and Pardon were still in Beekman listed all in a row, Tillinghast was in Milton which borders Greenfield, as were brothers John and Samuel, but they were all on different pages.⁶³ George Sr. was in Greenfield with three boys under age 10, Isaac would have been about twelve, but there was only one boy in the 10 to 16 group which was most likely Abraham who would have been about sixteen.⁶⁴ The under age 10 boys were probably Isaac, George Jr., who would have been about six, and Charles, who would have been very close in age to George Jr.⁶⁵ The remaining household members were

⁶¹ 1850 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, handwritten p. 30, dwell. 249, fam. 249, Abraham Bentley household, image 30 of 70. Abraham was listed as age sixty-six. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Ontario County, New York, population schedule, Town of Richmond, handwritten p. 161, dwell. 47, fam. 47, Isaac D. Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCBY-2XR> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Ontario > Richmond, image 7 of 45; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 571. Isaac was listed as age sixty-two.

⁶² "Died," *Saratoga Sentinel* (Saratoga, New York), Tuesday, 5 August 1823, p. 2, col. 3, Esther Dubois, wife of Mr. Jeremiah Dubois; imaged at *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 18 May 2022). Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132619498/elizabeth-fritts> : accessed 29 January 2022), memorial 132619498, Elizabeth Fritts (1800–1867), Johnson Grove Cemetery, Waterman, DeKalb County, Illinois; obelisk monument photograph by Kat. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Erie County, New York, population schedule, Town of Collins, handwritten p. 628, dwell. 500, fam. 521, John Fritts household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCYW-5DP> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Erie > Collins, image 64 of 96, line 32, Betsy Fritts; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 499.

⁶³ 1800 U.S. census, Dutchess County, New York, Town of Beekman, handwritten p. 12, entries 299–301, Taber Bentley household, William Bentley household, and Pardon Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH5T-7M7> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1800 > New York > Dutchess > Beekman, image 11 of 18; citing NARA microfilm M32, roll 21. Also, 1800 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, Town of Milton, handwritten p. 18, Tellinghast Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH5B-6LB> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1800 > New York > Saratoga > Milton, image 5 of 11; citing NARA microfilm M32, roll 27. Also, *ibid.*, handwritten p. 17 which appears between printed p. 18 and 19, John Bentley household, image 3 of 11. Also, *ibid.*, handwritten p. 19 which appears between printed p. 20 and p. 21, Saml. Bentley household, image 7 of 11.

⁶⁴ 1800 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, Town of Greenfield, unnumbered folio should be 54 back, George Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR8D-ZFH?wc=3V1X-NQ4&cc=1804228> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1800 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 1 of 15; citing NARA microfilm M32, roll 27.

⁶⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Providence, unpaginated but should be stamped 395, dwell. 223, fam. 223, George Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6WL9-63G> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Saratoga > Providence, image 28 of 36, line 10, George Bentley; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 593. George was listed as age fifty-six. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, handwritten p. 27, dwell. 222, fam. 222, Charles Bentley household, image 27 of 70. Charles was also listed as age fifty-six.

one male age 26 to 45 (probably George Sr.), one female under age 10 (the female in 1790 should have been over age ten, and if Lewis Bentley was correct that Anna married a John Button and had a daughter named Edith born around 1800, then Anna most likely was married before 1800 and was no longer in her father's household), and one female age 26 to 45 (probably George Sr.'s wife). Unfortunately, Elisabeth and Esther both fit the under age 10 range and one of them could be the female child listed, the other possibly being very close in age but not born before the 1800 census was conducted. There were no John Buttons listed as a head of household in Dutchess or Saratoga counties in 1790 or 1800.

George Sr. was not found as a head of household in the 1810 census, but George Bentley Jr., age 16 to 20, was listed in Greenfield as a head of household, living with a woman age 16 to 20 (probably his wife).⁶⁶ Abraham does not show up as a head of household but he could have been living with his father-in-law or living as a laborer in another household. Isaac does not show up as a head of household but he could have been married and living with his father-in-law or single and living as a laborer in another household. Charles was not married and does not appear as a head of household; he was probably a laborer in another household.

Was George Sr. staying with another family? If Elizabeth and Esther were born around 1800, they would have been about ten years old and likely living at home. There was a William Bentley living with a woman in Beekman both age 45+ who could have been George Sr.'s uncle (his grandfather William having died in 1800), who had a man and a woman age 26 to 45 living with him (this would fit the ages of George Sr. and his wife) and two girls age 10 to 16 (which could be Esther and Elizabeth).⁶⁷

There were two other Bentley families in Greenfield in 1810—Tillinghast Bentley (George Sr.'s brother) and Daniel Bentley (relationship unknown but the right age to be a brother or first cousin).⁶⁸

⁶⁶ 1810 U.S. census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 837, George Bentley Junr. household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YY1-YTY> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1810 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 2 of 11; citing NARA microfilm M252, roll 35.

⁶⁷ 1810 U.S. census, Dutchess County, Town of Beekman, handwritten p. 282, William Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYYR-7CW> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1810 > New York > Dutchess > Beekman, image 12 of 25; citing NARA microfilm M252, roll 30.

⁶⁸ 1810 U.S. census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 848, Tillinghast Bentley household, image 7 of 11. Also, *ibid.*, handwritten p. 850, Daniel Bentley household, image 8 of 11.

In 1820 George Sr. and his wife were living in Greenfield, with Abraham Bentley, Charles Bentley, and George Bentley Jr. living in the same town with their families.⁶⁹ There were no other Bentley families listed as living in the town at this time. According to Lewis Bentley, his father Isaac had moved his family to Richmond, Ontario County, New York, in February 1816.⁷⁰ There was a John Fritts listed right after Charles Bentley in Greenfield with a woman age 16 to 26 (probably Elizabeth who would have been about twenty) and a young boy, probably their son.⁷¹ There was a Jeremiah Dubois in Greenfield with a woman age 16 to 26 (probably Esther who would have been about twenty), a woman 45+ (possibly Jeremiah's mother), and another man age 16 to 26 (probably a brother or laborer).⁷² There were no John Buttons listed as head of household near Saratoga County, New York, in 1810 and by 1820 John Button, the likely father of Edith Button, was living in Otisco, Onondaga, New York.

In 1830 George Sr. was living with his wife in Providence, Saratoga, New York, and his son, George Jr. was living in the same town.⁷³ 1830 was the last time George Sr. or his wife were found in the census records.

Based on the names, ages, and proximity of the Bentleys living in Greenfield from 1790 to 1830, it appears that George Bentley Sr. was the father of Abraham Bentley, Charles Bentley, and George Bentley Jr., and there was evidence that two of his daughters were also living in Greenfield. But there were no vital records naming George Bentley Sr. as a parent, no known church records with George Bentley Sr. together with any of his children, no known tax records with George Bentley Sr. together with any of his sons, and no wills connecting George Bentley Sr.'s children, there were only the previously cited recollections of George Sr.'s family members that stated he was the father of Abraham, Anna, Esther, Isaac, George Jr., Charles, and Elisabeth.⁷⁴

⁶⁹ 1820 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 67, Charles Bentley household, Abraham Bentley household, and George Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHG8-XVP> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1820 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 8 of 14; citing NARA microfilm M33, roll 79. Also, *ibid.*, unnumbered page, should be 66, George Bentley Jnr. household, image 7 of 14.

⁷⁰ Bentley, *The History of the Bentleys*, images 17–18 of 48, pp. 12–13.

⁷¹ 1820 U.S. census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 67, John Fritts household, image 8 of 14.

⁷² *Ibid.*, handwritten p. 69, Jeremiah Dubois household, image 10 of 14.

⁷³ 1830 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Providence, handwritten p. 249, George Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YY1-9STI> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1830 > New York > Saratoga > Providence, image 7 of 22; citing NARA microfilm M19, roll 108. Also, *ibid.*, handwritten p. 248, George Bentley Jun. household, image 5 of 22.

⁷⁴ “New York, U.S., Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804,” database with images Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6771/images/41761_328798-00630 : accessed 18 May 2022), New York, U.S., Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804 > Saratoga > 1800 >

Triangulation with autosomal DNA testing

ThruLines® shows you how you may be related to your DNA matches. ThruLines® are based on information from family trees; they don't change the information in trees. If there's inaccurate information in your tree, you may receive inaccurate ThruLines®.⁷⁵ Ancestry Support

Looking at the available records established a good probability that George Bentley Sr. of Greenfield was the father of Abraham, Anna, Esther, Isaac, George Jr., Charles, and Elisabeth. DNA was used to confirm that supposition. In 2019 DNA Test Donor, a descendant of Charles Bentley, submitted an *Ancestry* autosomal DNA test, and matches were found that connected his DNA to the descendants of Charles, George Jr., and Elisabeth. (See Figure 3.)

If George Bentley Sr. was the father of Charles Bentley, he would be DNA Test Donor's fifth great-grandfather. The International Society of Genetic Genealogy warns that with autosomal DNA, "genealogical relationships beyond the 5th cousin level of relationship are more difficult to prove...as a general rule, these can only be approached using triangulation."⁷⁶ This means "reviewing the pedigree charts of clusters of shared matches/in common with matches in order to identify a common ancestor or ancestral couple."⁷⁷

Greenfield, unpaginated, image 9 of 25, entry for George Bentley; citing microfilm series B0950, Roll 18, New York State Archives, Albany, New York. Also, *ibid.*, Saratoga > 1801 > Greenfield, unpaginated, image 9 of 19, entry for George Bentley. Also, *ibid.*, Saratoga > 1803 > Greenfield, unpaginated, image 4 of 22, entry for George Bentley; citing microfilm series B0950, Roll 19, New York State Archives, Albany, New York. While George Bentley appeared on the tax rolls in 1800, 1801, and 1803, none of his male children were adults and so were not listed. A Freedom of Information Request was filed with the Town of Greenfield for access to the tax records for 1805–1815. Louise Okoniewski, Greenfield Town Clerk, to Deborah Carl, email dated 9 July 2021, stated they did not have the tax records and "the County has to keep all tax records and assessments as part of their permanent files;" in possession of the author. Lynn Calvin with the Saratoga Town Historian's office to Deborah Carl, phone call 18 May 2022, his office did not have the tax records and recommended checking with the State Archives. The New York State Library/Archives/Museum Catalog does not have a listing which would include the Greenfield personal estate taxes for 1805–1815, but does have the original town and city tax assessment rolls (excluding New York City) prepared by the county treasurers and filed with the State Comptroller's Office for 1799–1804 and digital images are available for viewing at Ancestry as noted above.

⁷⁵ "AncestryDNA® ThruLines®," *Ancestry* (<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/AncestryDNA-ThruLines> : accessed 31 January 2022), Help > Support Center > Ancestry DNA® > Your Results > AncestryDNA® ThruLines®.

⁷⁶ "Autosomal DNA," last edited 21 October 2020, *International Society of Genetic Genealogy* (https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA#Accuracy_of_tests : accessed 31 January 2022) ISOGG Wiki > DNA Tests: Autosomal DNA > Accuracy of Tests.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, last edited 22 May 2021, ISOGG Wiki > Portal Pages: Autosomal DNA > Triangulation.

Just because there were no DNA matches to descendants of Abraham, Isaac, Esther, and Anna that does not eliminate them as children of George Sr. Each child received half of their DNA from their father and half from their mother. But the DNA contributed by the parent is random and not guaranteed to be a perfect contribution of half of the parent's maternal genes and half of the parent's paternal genes meaning the DNA may be too diluted to show up as a match. A DNA match to DNA Test Donor is likely to be a fifth cousin or greater. A fifth cousin using *AncestryDNA* has about a 32% chance of being a match, it drops significantly to 11% for a sixth cousin, 3.2% for a seventh cousin, and .91% for an eighth cousin.⁷⁸

But ThruLines[®] is based on the *Ancestry* family trees and each of the DNA lines needed to be traced and documented to the common ancestor to determine the family tree's accuracy.

⁷⁸ Ibid., ISOGG Wiki > Portal Pages: Autosomal DNA > Cousin Statistics; last edited 21 May 2021.

Figure 3 DNA Matches for DNA Test Donor, Descendant of Charles Bentley

1. George Bentley & Betsey [- ? -]
2. Charles Bentley & Betsey Bowen
 5. Jesse Bentley & Eunice Maria Steadman
 10. Isaac Bentley & Louella Corp
 15. George Jesse Bentley & Satie Melvina Bellamy
 20. George Richard Bentley & Ethel Minnie Ramsey
 29. George Richard Bentley Jr and Dorothy Hayden Ashton
 40. DNA Test Donor
 21. Wesley Edward Bentley & Grace Cross Fillmore
 30. Wesley Edward Bentley Jr & Private
 41. DNA Match A
 22. Charles Henry Bentley & 1st Jean Rokosz
 31. DNA Match B
 32. Private Bentley & Private
 42. DNA Match C
 - & 2nd Private (not married)
 33. DNA Match D
 23. Marie Luella Bentley & Douglas E. Ellsworth
 34. Private Ellsworth & Private (not married)
 43. DNA Match E
 24. William Bentley & Mabel Duhon
 35. Judith Ann Bentley & John Jerome Warner
 44. DNA Match F
3. George Bentley & Polly Hewitt
 6. Abram Bentley & Achsah Chase
 11. Abigale Bentley and Richard Coloney
 16. Marcus Coloney & Anna Bertha Hults
 25. William Gordon Coloney & Carol Margaret Heath
 36. DNA Match G & Private
 45. DNA Match H
 7. Hector Bentley & Harriet Horton
 12. Erastus Bentley & Ida Wilmouth Griffith
 17. Elton Westley Bentley & Mary Endres
 26. Irva Marie Bentley & Joe J. Wheeler
 37. Steve Duane Wheeler & Myrl Frazier
 46. DNA Match I
4. Elisabeth Bentley & John Fritts
 8. Lovina Fritts & Joseph Smith
 13. Mary J. Smith & Delos Dennis Clapsaddle
 18. Horace Duane Clapsaddle & Linda Bertha Pritchard
 27. Jack Guy Clapsaddle & Lillian Sharon
 38. DNA Match J
 9. Frances Ellen Fritts & Ashley W. Gleason
 14. Hattie Mae Gleason & George Franklin Bacon
 19. Ruth Rhea Bacon & Edwin Gee
 28. Doreen Thelma Gee & Leslie Ketchell
 39. DNA Match K

Generation One⁷⁹

1. **GEORGE¹ BENTLEY** was born between 1755 and 1760 based on his age on the 1800 and 1830 censuses.⁸⁰ Lewis Bentley said George was seventeen years old when the Revolutionary War began, which would put his birth around 1759.⁸¹ Most researchers put George's death at 17 May 1839 in Saratoga County, New York.⁸² No reliable source for the death date was located, but as the 1830 census is the last census where George appeared, and Lewis Bentley said George died in Providence, Saratoga, New York, in March 1839, the 17 May 1839 date may be accurate.⁸³ George was married to **BETSEY [- ? -]**.⁸⁴

Known children of George¹ Bentley and Betsey [- ? -] whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

2. iv. **CHARLES² BENTLEY** was born about 1794 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died in 1878 probably in Fulton County, New York. He was married to Betsey Bowen on 11 June 1812 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.
3. vi. **GEORGE BENTLEY** was probably born between 1789 and 1793 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died after 1875 probably in Providence, Saratoga, New York. George married Polly Hewitt probably before 1811.
4. vii. **ELISABETH BENTLEY** was born about 1800 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 3 February 1867 probably in Waterman, DeKalb, Illinois. She married John Fritts probably before 1820 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.

⁷⁹ Due to space constraints, footnotes for the children will only be included where they are listed in their generation.

⁸⁰ 1800 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, George Bentley household, image 1 of 15. Also, 1830 U.S. census, Providence, Saratoga, New York, p. 249, George Bentley household, image 7 of 22.

⁸¹ Bentley, *History of the Bentleys*, image 15 of 48, p. 7.

⁸² Doherty, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, image 754 of 3840, p. 542. Doherty wrote that George Bentley died on 17 May 1839, and he got his information from a query posted in the *Boston Evening Transcript*. See Boston Public Library Staff Member, Research Services Department, to Deborah A. Carl, email dated 22 January 2022, sent a digital image of *Boston Evening Transcript* (Boston, Massachusetts), Wednesday, 15 March 1933, p. 4, "Genealogical," query posted by 6145; in possession of the author. The death date is repeated on FamilySearch and 316 trees at Ancestry as of 10 March 2022, but no reliable source for the information was found.

⁸³ Bentley, *History of the Bentleys*, images 15–16 of 48, pp. 9–10.

⁸⁴ "Revolutionary War Pension Application," George Bentley, New York S. 45263, schedule of estate, image 425 of 743. The clerk reported, "...he [George Bentley] has no family residing with him but his wife named Betsey, aged sixty years..."

Generation Two

2. CHARLES² BENTLEY (*George*¹) was born about 1794 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died in 1878 probably in Fulton County, New York.⁸⁵ He was married to **BETSEY BOWEN** on 11 June 1812 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.⁸⁶

Known children of Charles² Bentley and Betsey Bowen whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

5. i. **JESSE³ BENTLEY** was born on 21 April 1825 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 20 February 1909 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York. He married Eunice Marie Steadman probably before 1850 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.

⁸⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, handwritten p. 27, dwell. 222, fam. 222, Charles Bentley household, image 27 of 70. Charles was fifty-six, born in New York. Also, "New York State Census, 1855," Saratoga > Greenfield, E.D. 2, image 10 of 23, unpaginated, dwell. 163, fam. 190, Charles Bentley household. Charles was sixty-two, born in Saratoga, New York. For death information see *Find A Grave*, memorial 37597526, Charles Bentley (1794–1878), Section C - Row 10, Browns Cemetery, Oppenheim, Fulton, New York; photo taken by Pamela R. Lamphere and posted by Deborah A. Carl.

⁸⁶ Joyce Woodard, Greenfield Deputy Town Historian, to Deborah A. Carl, letter dated 2 October 2019, included a copy of "A Record of Marriages From the Docket of Chas. Deake, Justice of Peace Copied by B. Dake 1943," typewritten transcription, entry for Charles Bentley and Betsey Bowen; in possession of the author. Ron Feulner, Greenfield town historian, to Deborah A. Carl, phone call 20 April 2022, explained the Deake family was prominent in Greenfield history and Charles Deake had been the Justice of the Peace from 1811 to 1817, the family changed the name to Dake, Feulner was not sure which Dake had created the transcript but there was a note on the records that Jayne Lynch (town historian 1984–1989) had added it to the collection, Feulner said the original had probably been in possession of the family and its whereabouts is unknown.

3. GEORGE² BENTLEY (*George*¹) was probably born between 1789 and 1793 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died after 1875 probably in Providence, Saratoga, New York.⁸⁷ George married **POLLY HEWITT** probably before 1811.⁸⁸

Known children of George² Bentley and Polly Hewitt whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

6. ii. **ABRAM³ BENTLEY** was born about 1813 in Saratoga County, New York, and died after 1892 probably in Mohawk, Montgomery, New York. He married Achsah Chase probably before 1837.
7. iii. **HECTOR BENTLEY** was born about 30 January 1814 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 6 June 1896 in Bennington, Shiawassee, Michigan. He married Harriet Horton on 5 January 1850 in Shiawassee County, Michigan.

⁸⁷ “New York State Census, 1855,” Saratoga > Providence, image 7 of 26, unpaginated, dwell. 104, fam. 112, George Bently household. George Bently was sixty-two, born in Saratoga, New York. Also, 1870 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Providence, p. 14, dwell. 112, fam. 123, George Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8KH-XK4> : accessed 18 May 2022), United States Census, 1870 > New York > Saratoga > Providence, image 14 of 30, line 3, entry for George Bentley; citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1088. George Bentley was seventy-nine, born in New York. Also, “New York Census, 1875,” imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VNVX-S36> : accessed 7 July 2022), Saratoga > Providence > image of 3 of 27, 1875 New York census, Saratoga County, Town of Providence, p. 5, dwell. 200, fam. 43, Henry Bently household. George Bently, father of Henry Bently, age eighty-six, was born in Saratoga, New York. George Bentley was not found in any censuses after 1875, leading to the conclusion that he probably died after 1875 and before 1880 at his last known residence.

⁸⁸ Polly Hewitt probably married George Bentley before the birth of her first child, Asa, putting the marriage date most likely before 1811. See Bentley, *History of the Bentleys*, image 16 of 48, pp. 10–11. Lewis said Asa Bentley was the oldest child of Yerry (George Bentley Jr.). In the 1855 New York State census, Asa Bentley was forty-four, born in Saratoga County, New York. See “New York State Census, 1855,” Saratoga > Providence, image 7 of 26, unpaginated, dwell. 106, fam. 114, Asa C. Bently household. George Jr. appeared in the 1810 census living with a woman the right age to be his wife and no children. See 1810 U.S. census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 837, George Bentley Junr. household, image 2 of 11.

4. **ELISABETH² BENTLEY** (*George¹*) was born about 1800 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 3 February 1867 probably in Waterman, DeKalb, Illinois.⁸⁹ She married **JOHN FRITTS** probably before 1820 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.⁹⁰

Known children of Elisabeth² Bentley and John Fritts whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

8. i. **LOVINA³ FRITTS** was born on 12 November 1827 probably in Providence, Saratoga, New York, and died on 9 May 1914 in Aurora, Kane, Illinois. She married Joseph Smith on 31 December 1846 in Erie County, New York.
9. iv. **FRANCES ELLEN³ FRITTS** was born on 16 November 1837 in New York, and died on 25 January 1916 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa. She married Ashley W. Gleason on 22 March 1858 in Dekalb County, Illinois.

Generation Three

5. **JESSE³ BENTLEY** (*Charles², George¹*) was born on 21 April 1825 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 20 February 1909 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.⁹¹ He married **EUNICE MARIA STEADMAN** probably before 1850 in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York.⁹²

⁸⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Collins, Erie, New York, handwritten p. 628, dwell. 500, fam. 521, John Fritts household, image 64 of 96. Elizabeth was listed as age fifty and born in New York. Also, 1860 U.S. census, DeKalb County, Illinois, population schedule, Town of Shabbona, p. 355, dwell. 2702, fam. 8, John Fritts household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MX4B-NRY> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1860 > Illinois > DeKalb > Shabbona Township, image 2 of 25, line 3, entry for Elizabeth Fritts; citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 173. Elizabeth Fritts was sixty and born in New York. For death information see *Find A Grave*, memorial 132619498, Elizabeth Fritts (1800–1867), obelisk monument photograph by Kat.

⁹⁰ 1820 U.S. census, Saratoga County, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 67, John Fritts household, image 8 of 14. There is a boy under age ten, probably an infant son, and Elisabeth Bentley, who probably married John Fritts before living with him and before the birth of her first child, putting the marriage date before 1820. Also, *Find A Grave*, memorial 132619498, Elizabeth Fritts (1800-1867), obelisk monument photograph by Kat. The obelisk was inscribed “wife of J Fritts” and J Fritts was on the other side of the same obelisk. See Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132619659/j-fritts> : accessed 11 March 2022), memorial 132619659, J Fritts (1802–1879), Johnson Grove Cemetery, Waterman, DeKalb County, Illinois; obelisk monument photograph by Kat.

⁹¹ For Jesse’s birth date see *Find A Grave*, memorial 100341760, Jesse Bentley (1825–1909), gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl. For Jesse’s death date see Saratoga Springs, New York, Register of Deaths, 1909, Jesse Bentley.

⁹² Eunice Marie Steadman most likely married Jesse Bentley before she lived with him in 1850 and before her son Isaac was born around 1851. See 1850 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, handwritten p. 27, dwell. 222, fam. 222, Charles Bentley household, image 27 of 70. Eunice was listed with the Bentley surname. Also, Saratoga County, New York, Deed Book 104, pp. 425–426. The document was executed by “Jesse Bently & Eunice M Bently his wife...” Also, “New York State Census, 1855,” Greenfield, Saratoga, unpaginated, dwell. 162, fam. 189, Jesse Bentley household, image 10 of 23. Jesse Bentley, age twenty-nine, was listed with Mariah Bentley, age

Known children of Jesse³ Bentley and Eunice Maria Steadman whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

10. i. ISAAC⁴ BENTLEY was born on 1 August 1854 in Saratoga County, New York, and died on 30 June 1915 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York. He married Louella Corp on 30 August 1891 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.

6. ABRAM³ BENTLEY (*George², George¹*) was born about 1813 in Saratoga County, New York, and died after 1892 probably in Mohawk, Montgomery, New York.⁹³ He married **ACHSAH CHASE** probably before 1837.⁹⁴

There were no records that stated Abram was the son of George Jr., but the indirect evidence was similar to that which connected George Sr. to his children. First, Mrs. Henry Bentley, Abram's sister-in-law, wrote, "The parents of Henry Bentley were Geo. Bentley, Jr., born in the town of Greenfield, N.Y., and Polly Hewitt, also born in Greenfield. Their children were Asa, Abraham, Hector, Henry—all born in Greenfield and all have passed to 'the other side.'"⁹⁵ Lewis Bentley wrote, "Asa the oldest...living on a part of his father's old farm. Abram married and lives in Providence...Henry, the youngest, married Lizzie Shaw (the above named Mrs. Henry Bentley), and lives on the old homestead...Hector, the second

twenty-eight, and Isaac Bentley, age four. Also, New York death certificate no. 37874 (1915), Isaac Bentley. Isaac's parents were listed as Jesse Bentley and Myra Steadman.

⁹³ "New York State Census, 1855," Saratoga > Providence, image 14 of 26, unpaginated, dwell. 246, fam. 357, Abram Bently household. Abram was forty-four, born in Saratoga County, New York. Also, "New York State Census, 1892," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-X379-ZX6> : accessed 16 March 2022), New York State Census, 1892 > Montgomery > Mohawk, E.D. 03, image 4 of 8, p. 7, col. 1, Abram C. Bently household; Montgomery County Clerk's office, Fonda, New York. Abram was listed first, followed by his son Hector, daughter-in-law Mary, and grandson Norman. This was the last census Abram appeared in.

⁹⁴ Achsah probably married Abram Bentley before she lived with him in 1840 and before her first child, Eunice, was born in 1837. See, 1840 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, Town of Providence, handwritten p. 187, Abram C. Bently household [Ancestry transcript said Bursley, FamilySearch transcript said Bently; given the proximity to other family members, and looking at the image, the correct name is very likely Abram C Bently]; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YBS-SC29> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1840 > New York > Saratoga > Providence, image 13 of 41; citing NARA microfilm M704, Roll 336. The household had one male age 20 thru 29 (probably Abram Bentley), two females under age 5 (probably Eunice who would have been about three and Lydia who would have been about one), and one female age 20 thru 29 (probably Abram's wife Achsah). Also, 1850 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Greenfield, handwritten p. 39, dwell. 325, fam. 325, Abram Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MC1J-NDN> : accessed 19 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Saratoga > Greenfield, image 39 of 70; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 593. Abram was living with (his wife) Axes, (daughter) Eunice age thirteen, and (daughter) Lydia age eleven.

⁹⁵ Lobdell, *Bentley Gleanings*, image 64 of 128, p. 63.

son, lives in the town of Bennington, Shiawassee, Co., Mich....and married a Miss Horton of that town...⁹⁶

Second, in the 1850 census the brothers were all living in the Saratoga, New York, area. Abram was in Greenfield.⁹⁷ Asa and Henry were living next to each other in Providence.⁹⁸ Hector was also in Providence living with his parents but was listed in the 1850 census as a female named “Hester,” along with his wife Harriet, age seventeen, and what appear to be children from a previous marriage—George, age twelve, Stephen, age ten, and Hector, age eight.⁹⁹ Hector had married Harriet Horton on 5 January 1850 in Perry, Shiawassee, Michigan, and the 1860 census listed him in Bennington, Shiawassee County, Michigan with Harriet, age twenty-five, George, age twenty-one, Stephen, age twenty, Hector, age seventeen, plus more children.¹⁰⁰

Based on the information provided by Mrs. Henry Bentley who knew Abram and his parents, the information provided by Lewis Bentley who had visited George Jr. and his family in 1838, and the proximity of the family members in the 1850 census, it was probable that Abram Bentley was the son of George Bently Jr., and that conclusion was supported by the fact that his descendants, DNA Match G and DNA Match H are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor.¹⁰¹

Known children of Abram³ Bentley and Achsah Chase whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

⁹⁶ Bentley, *History of the Bentleys*, image 16 of 48, p. 10.

⁹⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, handwritten p. 39, dwell. 325, fam. 325, Abram Bentley household, image 39 of 70.

⁹⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Saratoga County, New York, population schedule, Town of Providence, stamped folio 394 front, dwell. 221, fam. 221, Asa C. Bently household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MC1J-ZFL> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1850 > New York > Saratoga > Providence, image 27 of 36; citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 593. Also, *ibid.*, stamped folio 394 front and continued onto the back side, dwell. 222, fam. 222, Henry Bently household, images 27–28 of 36.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, stamped folio 394 back, dwell. 223, fam. 223 and continued into dwell. 224, fam. 224, George Bently household, image 28 of 36.

¹⁰⁰ Shiawassee County, Michigan, record of marriage, no. 18500273 (1850), Hector E Bentley and Harriet Horton; certified abstract supplied by Caroline D. Wilson, Clerk of the County of Shiawassee and of the Circuit Court, Corunna, Michigan, 25 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 3. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Shiawassee County, Michigan, population schedule, Town of Bennington, p. 166, dwell. 1362, fam. 1232, Hector Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MWDY-LTM> : accessed 19 May 2022), United States Census, 1860 > Michigan > Shiawassee > Township of Bennington, image 11 of 23; citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 560.

¹⁰¹ “AncestryDNA [DNA Test Donor]’s DNA Matches,” *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com/dna> : accessed 7 February 2022), test for user (DNA Match G), predicted 5th–8th cousin, (actually 5th cousin 1x removed), sharing 16 cM, across 1 segment with DNA Test Donor. Also, *ibid.*, test for user (DNA Match H), predicted 5th–8th cousin, (actually 6th cousin), sharing 14 cM, across 1 segment with DNA Test Donor.

11. ix. ABIGALE⁴ BENTLEY was born on 4 March 1860 in Providence, Saratoga, New York, and died on 1 January 1925 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York. She married Richard Coloney about 1877 probably in Fulton County, New York.

7. HECTOR³ BENTLEY (*George², George¹*) was born about 30 January 1814 probably in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, and died on 6 June 1896 in Bennington, Shiawassee, Michigan.¹⁰² He married **HARRIET HORTON** on 5 January 1850 in Shiawassee County, Michigan.¹⁰³

Known children of Hector³ Bentley and Harriet Horton whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

12. iv. ERASTUS⁴ BENTLEY was born on 13 December 1863 in Bennington, Shiawassee, Michigan, and died on 6 January 1929 in Perry, Shiawassee, Michigan. He married Ida Wilmouth Griffith on 23 December 1884 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California.

8. LOVINA³ FRITTS (*Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 12 November 1827 probably in Providence, Saratoga, New York, and died on 9 May 1914 in Aurora, Kane, Illinois.¹⁰⁴ She married **JOSEPH SMITH** on 31 December 1846 in Erie County, New York.¹⁰⁵

¹⁰² “Michigan Deaths, 1867-1897,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N3KG-SLQ> : accessed 3 February 2022), Digital Folder Number 004208790, death register, images 1468–1469 of 1520, folio 162 left and right, record number 5407 (1896), Hector E. Bentley; Department of Vital Records, Lansing, Michigan. The death record stated his age at time of death in years, months and days allowing the birth date to be calculated. He was probably born in Greenfield, Saratoga, New York, as that was where his parents and siblings were born.

¹⁰³ Shiawassee County, Michigan, record of marriage, no. 18500273 (1850), Hector E Bentley and Harriet Horton.

¹⁰⁴ *Portrait and Biographical Album of DeKalb County, Illinois: Containing Full-Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County : Together with Portraits and Biographies of All the Governors of Illinois, and of the Presidents of the United States : Also Containing a History of the County, From Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time*, (Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1885), p. 460; imaged at *OpenLibrary* (https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7244378M/Portrait_and_biographical_album_of_DeKalb_County_Illinois : accessed 7 June 2022), image 460 of 901. The entry for Joseph Smith stated Lovina Fritts’ birthdate and place. Also, “Illinois Deaths and Burials, 1749–1999,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSO-G9VK-99M1-P> : accessed 3 February 2022), Digital Folder Number 007614607, image 1532 of 4083, Registered No. 27481, Certificate and Record of Death 27387 for Lovina Smith; Government Center, Geneva, Illinois. Her date and place of birth were listed on the death certificate.

¹⁰⁵ *Portrait and Biographical Album of DeKalb County, Illinois*, p. 460, image 460 of 901. The entry for Joseph Smith included the date and place of his marriage to “Miss Lovina Fritts, daughter of John and Betsey (Bentley) Fritts.” Also, 1900 U.S. census, DeKalb County, Illinois, population schedule, Shabbona Township, Village of Shabbona, ED 15, sheet 1-A, dwell. 12, fam. 12, line 23, Joseph Smith household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6Q3D-G4> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census,

Known children of Lovina³ Fritts and Joseph Smith whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

13. iii. MARY J.⁴ SMITH was born on 27 July 1863 in DeKalb County, Illinois, and probably died on 14 September 1905 in Shabbona, DeKalb, Illinois. She married Delos Dennis Clapsaddle on 19 December 1883 in Shabbona, DeKalb, Illinois.

9. FRANCES ELLEN³ FRITTS (*Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 16 November 1837 in New York, and died on 25 January 1916 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa.¹⁰⁶ She married **ASHLEY W. GLEASON** on 22 March 1858 in Dekalb County, Illinois.¹⁰⁷

Known children of Frances³ Ellen Fritts and Ashley W. Gleason whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

14. ii. HATTIE MAE⁴ GLEASON was born on 30 June 1862 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa, and probably died on 10 October 1898 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa. She married George Franklin Bacon on 13 September 1883 in Delaware County, Iowa.

Generation Four

10. ISAAC⁴ BENTLEY (*Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 1 August 1854 in Saratoga County, New York, and died on 30 June 1915 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.¹⁰⁸ He married **LOUELLA CORP** on 30 August 1891 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.¹⁰⁹

1900 > Illinois > DeKalb > ED 15 SabbonaTownship [*sic*] Lee & Sabbona villages, image 1 of 32; citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 286. Joseph and Lovina Smith had been married for fifty-three years.

¹⁰⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Collins, Erie, New York, handwritten p. 628, dwell. 500, fam. 521, John Fritts household, image 64 of 96, line 36, entry for Fanny Fritts, age thirteen, and born in New York. Also, "Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS6Q-39J4-M> : accessed 3 February 2022), film 102842716, image 2754 of 3949, 22-01182 Certificate of Death for Francis Ellen Gleason; State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines. The death record listed her birth date and her place of birth.

¹⁰⁷ DeKalb County, Illinois, Marriage Licenses and Returns, Gleason-Fritts, 1858; photocopied certificate supplied by County Clerk of DeKalb, Sycamore, Illinois, 28 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 4.

¹⁰⁸ Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, memorial 100342104, Isaac Bentley (1854–1915), gravestone photograph by Julie Johnson Dowd posted by Deborah Carl. The stone listed his birth date. Also, New York death certificate no. 37874 (1915), Isaac Bentley. The death certificate listed his birthplace.

¹⁰⁹ City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Marriages in the Town and Village of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1891 section, no volume listed, no. 14, marriage of Isaac Bentley and

Known children of Isaac⁴ Bentley and Louella Corp whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

15. ii. GEORGE JESSE⁵ BENTLEY was born on 27 August 1893 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 22 November 1964 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. He married Satie Melvina Bellamy on 30 May 1914 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.

11. ABIGALE⁴ BENTLEY (*Abram³, George², George¹*) was born on 4 March 1860, in Providence, Saratoga, New York, and died on 1 January 1925 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York.¹¹⁰ She married **RICHARD COLONEY** about 1877 probably in Fulton County, New York.¹¹¹

Known children of Abigale⁴ Bentley and Richard Coloney whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

16. iv. MARCUS⁵ COLONEY was probably born on 24 December 1896 in Montgomery County, New York, and died on 20 July 1959 in Amsterdam, Montgomery, New York. He married Anna Bertha Hults on 31 March 1920 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York.

Ella Corp; photocopied pages supplied by City Clerk's Office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 5.

¹¹⁰ "New York Census, 1865," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVNN-7SD6> : accessed 15 March 2022), New York Census, 1865 > Saratoga > Providence > image 4 of 36, 1865 New York census, Saratoga County, Town of Providence, p. 7, dwell. 53, fam. 58, Aesus Bently household; Saratoga County Clerk's Office, Ballston Spa, New York. Abigale Bentley, age five, was born in Saratoga, New York. Also, Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, "Register of Deaths in the Village of Broadalbin, County of Fulton, State of New York," 1925 section, no volume listed, p. 18, Registered No. 1, Abigail B. Coloney; photocopied page supplied by Town Clerk, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 6. The death record stated her date and place of birth.

¹¹¹ *Ibid.* The death record stated Abigail B. Coloney was married to Richard Coloney. Also, 1900 U.S. census, Fulton County, New York, population schedule, Town of Broadalbin, Enumeration District 2, Sheet 8B, dwell. 198, fam. 200, Richard Coloney household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSXR-2W2> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1900 > Fulton > ED 2 Broadalbin Township, image 16 of 39; citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 1036. Abigail and Richard Coloney were probably married around 1877 because the 1900 census said they had been married twenty-three years, and their first son, Charles, was born about 1879. Abigail had been living in Fulton County, New York, so it is likely she and her husband met and married there. See 1870 U.S. census, Fulton County, New York, population schedule, Town of Perth, p. 19, dwell. 165, fam. 170, William O'Brien household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8XF-9D5> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1870 > New York > Fulton > Perth, image 19 of 26; citing NARA microfilm M593, Roll 938. Abigail and her parents were living with William O'Brien.

12. ERASTUS⁴ BENTLEY (*Hector³, George², George¹*) was born on 13 December 1863 in Bennington, Shiawassee, Michigan, and died on 6 January 1929 in Perry, Shiawassee, Michigan.¹¹² He married **IDA WILMOUTH GRIFFITH** on 23 December 1884 in Sacramento, Sacramento, California.¹¹³

Known children of Erastus⁴ Bentley and Ida Wilmeth Griffith whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

17. i. ELTON WESTLEY⁵ BENTLEY was probably born on 9 June 1887 possibly in California, and died on 8 April 1939 in Emmett, Gem, Idaho. He married Mary Endres on 11 June 1924 in Buffalo, Johnson, Wyoming.

13. MARY J.⁴ SMITH (*Lovina³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 27 July 1863 in DeKalb County, Illinois, and probably died on 14 September 1905 in Shabbona, DeKalb, Illinois.¹¹⁴ She married **DELOS DENNIS CLAPSADDLE** on 19 December 1883 in Shabbona, DeKalb, Illinois.¹¹⁵

¹¹² 1880 U.S. census, Shiawassee County, Michigan, population schedule, Bennington Township, Enumeration District 347, p. 8, dwell. 89, fam. 90, H E Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MW3F-SZC> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1880 > Michigan > Shiawassee > Bennington > ED 347, image 8 of 30; citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 606. Erastus, age sixteen, was born in Michigan. Also, “Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867–1952,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355001-02101 : accessed 4 February 2022), Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867–1952 > Certificates, 1921–1945 > 446: Shiawassee, 1921–1934, image 2098 of 3254, Certificate of Death, Register No. 76 2096, Erastus Bentley; Michigan Department of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan. The death record included his birthdate and place.

¹¹³ “California, County Marriages, 1850–1952,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XLDS-L54> : accessed 4 February 2022) Digital Folder No. 004640206, image 25 of 715, p. 246, marriage of Erastus Bentley and Ida Wilmouth Griffiths; Sacramento County Hall of Records, Sacramento, California.

¹¹⁴ *Portrait and Biographical Album of DeKalb County, Illinois*, p. 460, image 460 of 901. The entry for Joseph Smith included his daughter Mary’s birthdate and the fact that she was “the wife of Delos D. Clapsaddle, of Shabbona Township...” Also, “Shabbona,” *Daily Register-Gazette* (Rockford, Illinois), Monday, 18 September 1905, p. 4, col. 6; imaged at *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 20 May 2022) entry about the death of Mrs. Delos Clapsaddle who died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lavina Smith. While the newspaper article stated Mary J. (née Smith) Clapsaddle died in Shabbona, DeKalb, Illinois a search of The Offices of the Clerk & Recorder, DeKalb County, Illinois, “Search DeKalb County Genealogy Records,” database, (<https://www.dekalbgenealogy.com/Search.aspx> : accessed 25 April 2022), did not turn up a death record for Mary Clapsaddle when a search was conducted for Clapsaddle and soundex c412.

¹¹⁵ Illinois State Board of Health, marriage license, no. 544, (1883), Delos D. Clapsaddle and Mary Smith; electronic copy supplied by The Offices of the Clerk & Recorder, DeKalb County, Sycamore, Illinois, 25 April 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 7.

Known children of Mary J.⁴ Smith and Delos Dennis Clapsaddle whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

18. i. HORACE DUANE⁵ CLAPSADDLE was born on 23 March 1900 in Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa, and died on 17 February 1974 probably in Kossuth County, Iowa. He married Linda Bertha Pritchard on 16 June 1930 in Beltrami County, Minnesota.

14. HATTIE MAE⁴ GLEASON (*Frances³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 30 June 1862 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa, and died on 19 October 1898 in Strawberry Point, Clayton County, Iowa.¹¹⁶ She married **GEORGE FRANKLIN BACON** on 13 September 1883 in Delaware County, Iowa.¹¹⁷

Known children of Hattie⁴ Mae Gleason and George Franklin Bacon whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

19. iv. RUTH RHEA⁵ BACON was born on 22 March 1896 in Strawberry Point, Clayton,

¹¹⁶ Birth records in Iowa were not kept before 1880. John Barber White, *Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Gleason of Watertown, Mass. 1607-1909*, (Haverhill, Massachusetts: Press of the The Nichols Print, 1909), p.329, individual 3489 Hattie M. Gleason; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/241108/?offset=0#page=337> : accessed 1 April 2022), image 337 of 685. The author wrote of Hattie's parents in the present tense, indicating he knew they were alive, "He [Ashley White Gleason] is a farmer, and, with his brother, owns 300 acres of valuable land...Mr Gleason and his wife celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding, Mch. 22, 1908." Of Ashley's five children, the author only knew Hattie Gleason's birth date and place, and he did not know of Hattie's marriage or death. Also, Terri E. Gould, Clerk of Cass Township Trustees, to Deborah A. Carl, email dated 21 February 2022, stated Jessi in City Hall had forwarded the request for a death record for Hattie Mae (née Gleason) Bacon to her and no record was found; in possession of the author. According to the 1900 U.S. census, her widowed husband was living in Strawberry Point. See Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/151217643/hattie-may-bacon> : accessed 25 August 2022), memorial 151217643, Hattie May Gleason Bacon (1869–1898), Strawberry Point Cemetery, Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa; gravestone photograph by J Kevin Kitzman. Also, 1900 U.S. census, Clayton County, Iowa, population schedule, Cass Township, Town of Strawberry Point, enumeration district 45, sheet 12-B, dwell. 244, fam. 251, George F. Bacon household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9KQ-VCF> : accessed 2 April 2022), United States Census, 1900 > Iowa > Clayton > ED 45 Cass Township Strawberry Point town > image 24 of 37; citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 425. No death record was found for Hattie Mae (née Gleason) Bacon in Clayton County, Iowa, nor in the index for Iowa. See Clayton County, Iowa, Record of deaths, v. A, 1897–1913, database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/541211> : accessed 1 April 2022), film 1255482; Clayton County Courthouse, Elkader, Iowa. Also, "Iowa, U.S., Death Records, 1880–1904, 1921–1952," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61442/> : accessed 5 April 2022), search for Hattie Gleason, Hattie Bacon, Bacon death 1895 +/- 5, Hattie B* death 1895 +/- 5, and Hattie death 1895 +/- 5.

¹¹⁷ "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838–1934," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-64GO-KMQ> : accessed 4 February 2022), film 004311187, Delaware County, Iowa Marriage Register Book 1, image 121 of 514, back of folio 38 front of folio 39, unnumbered entry 8, marriage of Geo. Franklin Bacon and Hattie May Gleason; Delaware County, Iowa Recorder's Office, Manchester, Iowa.

Iowa, and died on 19 August 1956 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. She married Edwin Gee on 10 April 1917 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Generation Five

15. GEORGE JESSE⁵ BENTLEY (*Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 27 August 1893 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 22 November 1964 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.¹¹⁸ He married **SATIE MELVINA BELLAMY** on 30 May 1914 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York.¹¹⁹

Known children of George Jesse⁵ Bentley and Satie Melvina Bellamy whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

20. i. GEORGE RICHARD⁶ BENTLEY was born on 1 August 1915 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 16 February 1996 in East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut. He married Ethel Minnie Ramsey on 27 November 1936 in Nassau, Rensselaer, New York.
21. ii. WESLEY EDWARD BENTLEY was born on 1 July 1917 in Stillwater, Saratoga, New York, and died on 26 January 1987 in Bethany, Oklahoma, Oklahoma. He married Grace Cross Fillmore on 29 May 1937 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.
22. iii. CHARLES HENRY BENTLEY was born on 13 July 1919 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 30 May 1985 in Three Rivers, Hampden, Massachusetts. He married Jean Rokosz on 6 October 1940 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.
23. iv. MARIE LUELLE BENTLEY was born on 16 January 1921 in Saratoga Springs,

¹¹⁸ New York State Department of Health, certificate of birth registration, no. 561 (1893), George Jesse Bentley; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author. See Document 8. Also, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, standard certificate of death, unnumbered (1964), George Jesse Bentley, son of Isaac Bentley and Luella Carp; Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author. See Document 9.

¹¹⁹ "New York, County Marriages, 1847-1848; 1908-1936," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9Q97-YS8Z-63Y>; accessed 5 February 2022), New York, County Marriages, 1847-1848; 1908-1936 > Saratoga > Marriage records, 1912-1914, no 1864-1995, 2597-2647, image 771 of 782, No. 514, marriage of George Jesse Bentley and Satie M. Bellamy; Saratoga County Courthouse, Ballston Spa, New York.

Saratoga, New York, and died on 8 May 2007 in St. Petersburg, Pinellas, Florida. She married Douglas E. Ellsworth on 18 October 1941 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.

24. v. WILLIAM BENTLEY was born on 31 August 1924 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 6 December 1945 in Wakayama, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. He married Mabel Duhon on 2 November 1944 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

16. MARCUS⁵ COLONEY (*Abigale⁴ Bentley, Abram³, George², George¹*) was probably born on 24 December 1896 in Montgomery County, New York, and died on 20 July 1959 in Amsterdam, Montgomery, New York.¹²⁰ He married **ANNA BERTHA HULTS** on 31 March 1920 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York.¹²¹

Known children of Marcus⁵ Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

25. ii. WILLIAM GORDON⁶ COLONEY was born on 1 May 1923 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, and died on 28 July 2008 in Xenia, Greene, Ohio. He married Carol Margaret Heath on 9 June 1944 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York.

¹²⁰ “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KXTR-9ZN> : accessed 12 March 2022), United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 > New York > Fulton County no 2; A–R, image 804 of 3525, alphabetical order, Serial No. 124, Registration No. 23, Marcus Coloney; citing NARA microfilm M1509, roll 1935. The draft board recorded he was born 24 December 1896, Berryville, New York. Also, Kim Sullivan, Berryville clerk, to Deborah Carl, email dated 15 March 2022, stated she could not locate the birth record for Marcus Coloney but she had very few records that old; in possession of the author. Also, “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/44544_04_00013-00595 : accessed 26 April 2022), U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 > New York > All > Collins, Webster - Common, William, image 596 of 2112, serial number 504, Marcus Coloney; National Archives, St. Louis, Missouri, Records of the Selective Service System, 147, box 114. The draft board recorded he was born 25 December 1896 in Sammonsville, New York. Also, Nancy Hart, Town Clerk of Johnsville which includes Sammonsville, to Deborah Carl, email dated 22 February 2022, stated she had very few records that old and did not find a birth record for Marcus Coloney; in possession of the author. Also, Susan Hoffman, Town Clerk of Highland which includes Barryville, New York, to Deborah Carl, phone call 19 May 2022, stated there were very few birth entries in the registry for 1896 and none for the Coloney family name. Also, City of Amsterdam, Montgomery, New York, death certificate, registered no. 274 (1959), Marcus Coloney; photocopy supplied by Stefanie Gerken, City Clerk, Amsterdam, New York, 28 April 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 10. The certificate stated Marcus was born 24 December 1896 in Montgomery County, New York, and the information was supplied by the undertaker.

¹²¹ Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, marriage register, 1920 section, no volume listed, No. 160, Marcus Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk’s Office, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 11.

17. ELTON WESTLEY⁵ BENTLEY (*Erastus⁴, Hector³, George², George¹*) was probably born on 9 June 1887 possibly in California, and died on 8 April 1939 in Emmett, Gem, Idaho.¹²² He married **MARY ENDRES** on 11 June 1924 in Buffalo, Johnson, Wyoming¹²³

Known children of Elton Westley⁵ Bentley and Mary Endres whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

26. iv. IRVA MARIE⁶ BENTLEY was born on 16 July 1930 in Wyoming, and died on 19 December 1988 probably in Idaho. She married Joe J. Wheeler on 2 June 1946 in Boise, Ada, Idaho.

18. HORACE DUANE⁵ CLAPSADDLE (*Mary J.⁴ Smith, Lovina³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 23 March 1900 in Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa, and died on 17 February 1974 probably in Kossuth County, Iowa.¹²⁴ He married **LINDA BERTHA PRITCHARD** on 16 June 1930 in Beltrami County, Minnesota.¹²⁵

Known children of Horace Duane⁵ Clapsaddle and Linda Bertha Pritchard whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

¹²² “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K687-6M9> : accessed 5 February 2022), United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 > Wyoming > Natrona County; A-Stock, Jay Y., image 324 of 5707, Registration Card no. 23, Elton Westley Bentley; citing NARA microfilm M1509, roll WY8. Elton reported he was born 9 June 1887 in Sacramento, California, but a letter from the Office of the County Clerk of Sacramento said the birth record could not be located. Birth records were not recorded at the state level in California until after 1905. See David Tong, Office Specialist, County Clerk/Recorder Department, to Deborah A. Carl, letter 22 March 2022, stated the birth record for Elton Westley Bentley born 9 June 1887 was not located; in possession of the author. Also, “Idaho, U.S., Death Records, 1890–1969,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60566/images/46922_b296541-01582_page_0001 : accessed 5 February 2022), Idaho, U.S., Death Records, 1890–1969 > 1939 > image 1528 of 4899, Certificate of Death, Registered No. 113962, Elton Westley Bentley; Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Boise, Idaho.

¹²³ “Wyoming Marriages, 1869–1923,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2DM-44K5> : accessed 5 February 2022), Wyoming Marriages, 1869–1923 > Marriage record, v. B–E, 1887–1927, image 456 of 535, p. 64, marriage record for Elton Westley Bentley and Mary Edith Endres; Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne.

¹²⁴ “Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KHTY-QDV> : accessed 5 February 2022), Film # 004661074 > image 560 of 632, folio 36, entry for Horace Duane Clapsaddle; citing Birth Register 1891-1936 for Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, Iowa. Iowa death records are restricted for seventy-five years. For death information see Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/75578464/horace-duane-clapsaddle> : accessed 23 March 2022), memorial 75578464, Horace Duane Clapsaddle (1900-1974), East Lawn Cemetery, Algona, Kossuth County, Iowa; gravestone photograph by Robbie Decker.

¹²⁵ Beltrami County, Minnesota, certificate of marriage, Certificate No. 6161930 (1930), Horace D Clapsaddle and Linda B Pritchard; certified abstract supplied by Beltrami County License Center, Bemidji, Minnesota, 7 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 12.

27. iii. JACK GUY⁶ CLAPSADDLE (second birth in a set of twins) was born on 29 April 1934 in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa and died on 2 July 2004 in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa. He married Lillian Sharon on 18 April 1954 probably in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa.

19. RUTH RHEA⁵ BACON (*Hattie Mae⁴ Gleason, Frances³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 22 March 1896 in Strawberry Point, Clayton, Iowa, and died on 19 August 1956 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.¹²⁶ She married **EDWIN GEE** on 10 April 1917 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.¹²⁷

Known children of Ruth Rhea⁵ Bacon and Edwin Gee whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

28. iii. DOREEN THELMA⁶ GEE was born on 17 May 1925 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and died on 28 August 2005 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. She married Leslie Ketchell on 22 November 1947 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

¹²⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Clayton County, Iowa, population schedule, Cass Township, Town of Strawberry Point, enumeration district 45, sheet 12-B, dwell. 244, fam. 251, George F. Bacon household, line 57 for Ruth M. Bacon, image 24 of 37. Ruth was listed as four years old, born March 1896 in Iowa, the daughter of George F. Bacon. Also, “Canada, British Columbia Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932; 1937-1938,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDZL-RBN> : accessed 7 February 2022), Digital Folder 004400862, image 2886 of 2928, folio 36286, Marriage Certificate 289, Edwin Gee and Ruth Rhea Bacon; British Columbia Archives, Victoria, Canada. The handwriting looks like Ruth filled out her portion of the marriage record and listed her birthplace as Strawberry Point, Iowa and her parents as George Bacon and Hattie Gleason. She listed her age as twenty-one, but did not list a birth date. Also, Terri E. Gould, Clerk of Cass Township Trustees, to Deborah Carl, email dated 26 April 2022, stated she found no birth record for Ruth; in possession of the author. Also, Open birth, marriage and death registrations at the British Columbia Archives, digital images, *Royal BC Museum* (<https://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Image/Genealogy/fd71a100-938e-4b14-bea7-9361389d6b85> : accessed 7 February 2022), Archives > Search > Search Genealogy > Search for Ruth Rhea Gee, Registration of Death No. 1956-09-009114 for Ruth Rhea Gee; BC Archives Microfilm No. B13229, Victoria, Canada. Her husband listed her birth date on the death record and reported her birthplace as Iowa, but he listed her parents as unknown.

¹²⁷ “Canada, British Columbia Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932; 1937-1938,” Digital Folder 004400862, image 2886 of 2928, folio 36286, Marriage Certificate 289, Edwin Gee and Ruth Rhea Bacon.

Figure 4 Shared Matches with Rick Bentley’s DNA Matches

DNA Test Donor Matches	DNA Match A predicted 4th--6th Cousin	DNA Match B predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match C predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match D predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match E predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match F predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match G predicted 5th--8th Cousin	DNA Match H predicted 5th--8th Cousin	DNA Match I predicted 4th--6th Cousin	DNA Match J predicted 4th--6th Cousin	DNA Match K predicted 5th--8th Cousin
Shared Matches DNA Test Donor's predicted 2nd--3rd Cousin	DNA Match B DNA Match C DNA Match D DNA Match E DNA Match F	DNA Match C DNA Match D DNA Match E DNA Match F	DNA Match B DNA Match D DNA Match E DNA Match F	DNA Match B DNA Match C DNA Match E DNA Match F	DNA Match B DNA Match C DNA Match D DNA Match E DNA Match F	DNA Match B DNA Match C DNA Match D DNA Match E			DNA Match B DNA Match C DNA Match D		
Shared Matches DNA Test Donor's predicted 4th--6th Cousin		DNA Match A DNA Match I	DNA Match A DNA Match I	DNA Match A DNA Match I	DNA Match A	DNA Match A	DNA Match A	DNA Match A			DNA Match J

Shared matches do not go beyond DNA Test Donor’s predicted 4th–6th Cousin relationships and must have 20cM or more DNA in common.¹²⁸ For example, DNA Match J was a predicted 4th–6th cousin so showed up as a match with DNA Match K, but DNA Match K was a predicted 5th–8th cousin so did not show up as a match with DNA Match J or any other DNA matches. With DNA Match G, she did not show up as a match with the other DNA matches (including her daughter DNA Match H) because she was DNA Test Donor’s predicted 5th–8th cousin, but the four cousins that were shared matches must have 20cM or more DNA in common with her. Apparently, none of the cousins share 20cM or more DNA with DNA Match J.

Generation Six

20. GEORGE RICHARD⁶ BENTLEY (*George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 1 August 1915 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 16 February 1996 in East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut.¹²⁹ He married **ETHEL MINNIE RAMSEY** on 27 November 1936 in Nassau, Rensselaer, New York.¹³⁰

Known children of George Richard⁶ Bentley and Ethel Minnie Ramsey whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

¹²⁸ Margaret O’Brien, “Ancestry Shared Matches – Nine Power Tips for Your Research,” 9 September 2020, *Data Mining DNA* (<https://www.dataminingdna.com/ancestry-shared-matches> : accessed 5 April 2022), section 3, Ancestry’s Shared Match Threshold.

¹²⁹ City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, “Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York,” 1915 section, no volume listed, p. 210, Registered No. 159, George Richard Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk’s office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 13. Also, Town of East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, death certificate, state file number 093 (1996), George R. Bentley; certified photocopy supplied by City Clerk’s Office, East Hartford, Connecticut, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 14.

¹³⁰ Town of Nassau, Rensselaer, New York, "Record of Marriages," 1936 section, no volume listed, no. 227, marriage of George Richard Bentley and Ethel Minnie Ramsey; photocopied page supplied by Kara Pearson, Town Clerk, Nassau, New York, 21 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 15.

29. i. GEORGE RICHARD⁷ BENTLEY JR. was born on 6 September 1937 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 13 May 2014 in Frederick, Frederick, Maryland. He married Dorothy Hayden Ashton on 29 June 1957 in Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine.

21. WESLEY EDWARD⁶ BENTLEY (*George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 1 July 1917 in Stillwater, Saratoga, New York, and died on 26 January 1987 in Bethany, Oklahoma, Oklahoma.¹³¹ He married **GRACE CROSS FILLMORE** on 29 May 1937 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.¹³²

Known children of Wesley Edward⁶ Bentley and Grace Cross Fillmore whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

30. ii. WESLEY EDWARD⁷ BENTLEY JR. was born on 7 October 1944 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 22 January 2011 at Bradley, Kankakee, Illinois. He married Lois Widick on 20 July 1974 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois.

¹³¹ Danielle Cowin, Stillwater Town Clerk, to Deborah A. Carl, email dated 5 April 2022, stated that a birth record for either Leslie E. or Wesley Edward Bentley born 1 July 1917 in Stillwater, record number 61954, son of George Jesse Bentley and Satie Melvina Bellamy was not found in their offices; in possession of the author. Wesley's birth record was listed in the New York birth index as Leslie E. Bentley born 1 July 1917 in Stillwater. See "New York State, Birth Index, 1881–1942," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61667/images/48877_556557-00108 : accessed 12 April 2022), New York State, Birth Index, 1881–1942 > New York State Department of Health > 1917, image 109 of 1903, entry for Leslie E. Bentley; New York State Department of Health, Albany. A copy of the birth record was requested from the state after the town clerk of Stillwater was unable to locate it. The processing time for a genealogical birth record from the State of New York is eight months or more and they recommend ordering it from the place of birth which did not work in this case. See "Vital Record Order Processing Times," revised September 2014, *New York State Department of Health* (https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/processingtime.htm : accessed 12 April 2022), no path from home page, Genealogical Request Processing Times. Wesley Edward Bentley reported he was born 1 July 1917 in Stillwater, New York, on his World War II draft card. See "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/44016_12_00007-00101 : accessed 12 April 2022), U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947 > Massachusetts > Bastardo-Brandon > Bentley, James-Berger, Frederick, image 102 of 1999, card for Wesley Edward Bentley, serial number 841; National Archives, St. Louis, Missouri, Records of the Selective Service System, 147, box 64. For death information see "Deaths," *The Daily Oklahoman* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), Wednesday, 28 January 1987, p. 32, col. 6 [there is an obituary in col. 7, but it does not mention the death date], "Metropolitan," Wesley Bentley; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/95639375/the-daily-oklahoman/> : accessed 19 February 2022). Oklahoma death records are restricted for 50 years.

¹³² City of Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, "Marriages Registered in the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven," register book Marriages 1937, folio 20, number 351, marriage of Wesley Edward Bentley and Grace Cross Fillmore; City Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts. The marriage record listed Wesley's place of birth as "Stillwater N Y."

22. CHARLES HENRY⁶ BENTLEY (*George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 13 July 1919 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 30 May 1985 in Three Rivers, Hampden, Massachusetts.¹³³ He married **JEAN ROKOSZ** on 6 October 1940 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.¹³⁴

Known children of Charles Henry⁶ Bentley and Jean Rokosz who either are a DNA match with or whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

- 31. i. DNA⁷ MATCH B¹³⁵
- 32. ii. PRIVATE

Known children of Charles Henry⁶ Bentley and Private (not married) who are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

- 33. i. DNA⁷ MATCH D¹³⁶

23. MARIE LUELLA⁶ BENTLEY (*George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 16 January 1921 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, and died on 8 May 2007 in St. Petersburg, Pinellas, Florida.¹³⁷ She married **DOUGLAS E. ELLSWORTH** on 18 October 1941 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.¹³⁸

¹³³ City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1919 section, no volume listed, p. 55, Registered No. 152, Charles Henry Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk's office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 16. Also, City of Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, death certificate, unnumbered (1985), Charles Henry Bentley; certified photocopy supplied by City Clerk's office, Springfield, Massachusetts, 5 June 1985, from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author. See Document 17.

¹³⁴ City of Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, "Marriages Registered in the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, Nineteen Hundred and Forty," register book Marriages 1940, folio 90, number 1606, marriage of Charles Henry Bentley and Jean Josephine Rokosz; City Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts.

¹³⁵ Predicted 2nd–3rd Cousin (actually 1st cousin 2x removed), sharing 321 cM, across 12 segments.

¹³⁶ Predicted 2nd–3rd Cousin (actually 1st cousin 1x removed), sharing 316 cM, across 15 segments.

¹³⁷ City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1921 section, no volume listed, folio 266, Registered No. 12, Luella Marie Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk's office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 18. Also, Florida Department of Health, death certificate, 2007 061945 (2007), Marie Ellsworth; certified abstract supplied by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, 2 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 19.

¹³⁸ City of Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, "Marriages Registered in the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-one," register book Marriages 1941, folio 113, number 2021, marriage of Douglas Elmer Ellsworth and Luella Marie Bentley; City Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Known children of Marie Luella⁶ Bentley and Douglas E. Ellsworth whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

34. iii. PRIVATE⁷ ELLSWORTH

24. WILLIAM⁶ BENTLEY (*George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 31 August 1924 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 6 December 1945 in Wakayama, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan.¹³⁹ He married **MABEL DUHON** on 2 November 1944 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.¹⁴⁰

Known children of William⁶ Bentley and Mabel Duhon whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

35. i. JUDITH ANN⁷ BENTLEY was born on 29 September 1945 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and died on 8 January 2019 in Houston, Harris, Texas. She married John Jerome Warner on 1 June 1962 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

25. WILLIAM GORDON⁶ COLONEY (*Marcus⁵ Coloney, Abigale⁴ Bentley, Abram³, George², George¹*) was born on 1 May 1923 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, and died on 28 July

¹³⁹ The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, record of birth, vol. 126, p. 402, no. 2526 (1924), William Brown Bentley; photocopy supplied by Office of the Secretary of State, Archives Division, Boston, Massachusetts, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 20. Also, Death locator card D12350, William Brown Bentley, Army serial number 11,098,334, stating Pfc Bentley drowned at Wakayama, Honshu, Japan; copy provided by the Massachusetts National Guard, Military Records Branch, Milford, Massachusetts, in possession of the author. See Document 21. Because the death occurred in Japan during his military service, the Military Records Branch suggested there would not be a death certificate but the City of Springfield, Massachusetts or the funeral home (Byron Keenan Funeral Home in Springfield) might have created a death certificate; neither were able to locate a death record for William Bentley. Search of death records for William Bentley performed at City Clerk's Office, Springfield Massachusetts on 9 April 2022. Byron's Funeral Home phone call with Deborah Carl on 23 February 2022.

¹⁴⁰ Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, Marriage License no. 53-518 (1944), William Brown Bentley and Mable Duhon; photocopy supplied by Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 22.

2008 in Xenia, Greene, Ohio.¹⁴¹ He married **CAROL MARGARET HEATH** on 9 June 1944 in Broadalbin, Fulton, New York.¹⁴²

Known children of William Gordon⁶ Coloney and Carol Margaret Heath who are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

36. iv. DNA⁷ MATCH G¹⁴³

26. IRVA MARIE⁶ BENTLEY (*Elton Wesley⁵, Erastus⁴, Hector³, George², George¹*) was born on 16 July 1930 in Wyoming, and died on 19 December 1988 probably in Idaho.¹⁴⁴ She married **JOE J. WHEELER** on 2 June 1946 in Boise, Ada, Idaho.¹⁴⁵

Known children of Irva Marie⁶ Bentley and Joe J. Wheeler whose descendants have DNA matches with DNA Test Donor were as follows:

37. i. STEVE DUANE⁷ WHEELER was born on 6 April 1947 in Emmett, Gem, Idaho,

¹⁴¹ Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, birth register, 1923 section, no volume listed, Registered No. 14, William Gordon Coloney, son of Markus Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk's Office, Broadalbin, New York, 22 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 23. Also, Ohio Department of Health, death certificate, State File No. 2008064312 (2008), William Gordon Coloney Sr., son of Marcus H Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; certified abstract supplied by Greene County Public Health, Xenia, Ohio, 28 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 24.

¹⁴² Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, record of marriages, 1944 section, no volume listed, No. 557, Wm Gordon Coloney and Carol Margaret Heath; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk's Office, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 25.

¹⁴³ Predicted 5th–8th Cousin (actually 5th cousin 1x removed), sharing 16 cM, across 1 segment.

¹⁴⁴ 1940 U.S. census, Gem County, Idaho, population schedule, West Emmett Election Precinct, Enumeration District 23-16, sheet 11-A, household 215, Mary Bentley household; imaged at *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VY4L-HX6> : accessed 20 May 2022), United States Census, 1940 > Idaho > Gem > West Emmett Election Precinct > 23-16 West Emmet Election Precinct outside Emmett City, image 21 of 53; citing NARA microfilm T627, roll 746. Irva, age nine, was born in Wyoming and had been living in Lemhi, Idaho in 1935. Also, Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/236155047/irva-m-wheeler> : accessed 10 February 2022), memorial 236155047, Irva M. Wheeler (1930–1988), Emmett Cemetery, Emmett, Gem County, Idaho; gravestone photograph by everyone matters. Irva's birth and death dates were on the grave marker. No obituary was found and, while Irva lived in Oregon for a time, she probably died in Idaho as she had family in the area and appears to have lived there since 1935 or before. Wyoming birth records are restricted for 100 years. Idaho death records are restricted until 50 years after the death. See "Regional Obituaries," *The Idaho Daily Statesman* (Boise, Idaho), Saturday Morning, 18 March 1967, p. 8, col. 7, obituary for Mrs. Mary Edith Bentley; imaged at *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 20 May 2022). The obituary said Mary Edith was the widow of Elton Bentley, and Mrs. Irva Wheeler of Emmett was her daughter.

¹⁴⁵ "Idaho, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1864-1967," digital images, Ancestry, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61480/images/47803_3421606201_0113-00136 : accessed 9 February 2022), Idaho, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1864-1967 > Ada > Marriage Ledger : 1946, image 135 of 632, Marriage License and Certificate No. 41, stamped 17 427, p. 67 for Joe Wheeler Jr. and Irva Marie Bentley; Idaho State Archives and Historical Society, Boise, Idaho.

and died on 25 October 2008 probably in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. He married Myrl Frazier on 5 April 1967 in Ontario, Malheur, Oregon.

27. JACK GUY⁶ CLAPSADDLE (*John Guy⁵ Clapsaddle, Mary⁴ Smith, Lovina³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 29 April 1934 in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa, and died on 2 July 2004 in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa.¹⁴⁶ He married **LILLIAN SHARON** on 18 April 1954 probably in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa.¹⁴⁷

Known children of Jack Guy⁶ Clapsaddle and Lillian Sharon who are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

38. iii. DNA⁷ MATCH J¹⁴⁸

28. DOREEN THELMA⁶ GEE (*Ruth Rhea⁵ Bacon, Hattie Mae⁴ Gleason, Frances³ Fritts, Elisabeth² Bentley, George¹*) was born on 17 May 1925 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and died on 28 August 2005 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.¹⁴⁹ She married **LESLIE KETCHELL** on 22 November 1947 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.¹⁵⁰

¹⁴⁶ “Iowa, U.S., Births (series) 1880–1904, 1921–1944 and Delayed Births (series), 1856-1940” database with images, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61441/images/48951_104111098_00647 : accessed 23 March 2022), Iowa, U.S., Births (series) 1880–1904, 1921–1944 and Delayed Births (series), 1856-1940 > Birth Records > Kossuth County > 1933–1941, image 647 of 4721, Standard Certificate of Birth No. 50 for Jack Guy Clapsaddle; State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines. Iowa death records are restricted for seventy-five years. See “Obituaries,” *Globe-Gazette* (Mason City, Iowa), Sunday, 4 July 2004, p. 9, col. 6, obituary for Dr. Jack Clapsaddle; imaged at GenealogyBank (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 20 May 2022).

¹⁴⁷ “Society,” *Kossuth County Advance* (Algona, Iowa), Thursday, 22 April 1954, p. 8, cols. 2 & 3, wedding announcement for Jack Clapsaddle and Lillian Sharon; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/95575158/kossuth-county-advance/> : accessed 21 May 2022). Iowa marriage records are restricted for seventy-five years.

¹⁴⁸ Predicted 4th–6th Cousin (actually 5th cousin 1x removed), sharing 22 cM, across 2 segments.

¹⁴⁹ “Remembering,” *The Vancouver Sun* (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Wednesday, 31 August 2005, p. 40, col. 2, obituary for Doreen Thelma (née Gee) Ketchell; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 21 May 2022). The obituary provided birth and death information, and mentioned she was the widow of Leslie Ketchell. Also, “Deaths,” *The Vancouver Sun* (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Tuesday, 21 August 1956, p. 22, col. 3, obituary for Ruth Rhea Gee; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/95563826/obituary-for-ruth-rhea-gee-aged-61/> : accessed 21 May 2022). The obituary listed “Mrs. Leslie (Doreen) Ketchell” as one of her daughters. Access to British Columbia birth and death records are restricted to close family members until twenty years after the individual’s death due to privacy issues.

¹⁵⁰ DNA Match K to Deborah A. Carl, email dated 7 February 2022, sent a digital image of the marriage invitation for the wedding of Doreen Thelma Gee and Leslie E.C. Ketchell; in possession of the author. Also, “Engagements,” *The Vancouver Sun* (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Saturday, 15 November 1947, p.35, col. 2, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gee announce the engagement of their second daughter, Doreen Thelma to Mr. Leslie E. C. Ketchell; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/95562153/the-vancouver-sun/> : accessed 21 May 2022). Access to British Columbia marriage records are restricted to close family members until twenty years after the individual’s death due to privacy issues.

Known children of Doreen Thelma⁶ Gee and Leslie Ketchell whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

39. iv. DNA⁷ MATCH K¹⁵¹

Generation Seven

29. GEORGE RICHARD⁷ BENTLEY JR. (*George Richard⁶, George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 6 September 1937 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 13 May 2014 in Frederick, Frederick, Maryland.¹⁵² He married **DOROTHY HAYDEN ASHTON** on 29 June 1957 in Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine.¹⁵³

Known child of George Richard⁷ Bentley and Dorothy Hayden Ashton who is the source of the DNA sample used to triangulate the DNA Matches to determine the common ancestor:

40. iii. DNA⁸ TEST DONOR

30. WESLEY EDWARD⁷ BENTLEY JR. (*Wesley Edward⁶, George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 7 October 1944 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, and died on 22 January 2011 in Bradley, Kankakee, Illinois.¹⁵⁴ He married **PRIVATE**.

¹⁵¹ Predicted 5th–8th Cousin (actually 5th cousin 1x removed), sharing 19 cM, across 1 segment.

¹⁵² Constance, Springfield City Clerk's office, provided a handwritten transcript of the birth record of George Richard Bentley Jr., created 11 April 2022, not dated; citing Births register book 1937, p. 43, City Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts, in possession of the author. Also, State of Maryland Department of Health, certificate of death, reg. No. 2014 161 (2014), George Richard Bentley Jr.; certified photocopy on security paper supplied by Division of Vital Records, Baltimore, Maryland, in possession of the author. See Document 26.

¹⁵³ City of Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine, marriage certificate, State File No. 262 (1957), George Richard Bentley, Jr. and Dorothy Hayden Ashton; photocopy supplied by City Clerk's Office, Lewiston, Maine, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

¹⁵⁴ Constance, Springfield City Clerk's office, provided a handwritten transcript of the birth record of Wesley Edward Bentley Jr., created 11 April 2022, not dated; citing Birth registry book 1941, p. 26, City Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts, in possession of the author. Also, Illinois death records are restricted to close family members until twenty years after the individual's death due to privacy issues. See "Obituary for Wesley E. Bentley Jr.," *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes*, (<https://www.clancygernon.com/obituaries/Wesley-Bentley#!/Obituary> : accessed 19 February 2022), Obituaries > search Bentley > Wesley E. Bentley Jr. > Obituary and Service, Wesley E. Bentley Jr.

Known children of Wesley Edward⁷ Bentley and Private whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

41. iii. DNA⁸ MATCH A¹⁵⁵

32. PRIVATE⁷ BENTLEY (*Charles Henry⁶, George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) He married **PRIVATE**.

Known children of Private⁷ Bentley and Private whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

42. i. DNA⁸ MATCH C¹⁵⁶

34. PRIVATE⁷ ELLSWORTH (*Marie Luella⁶ Bentley, George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) She married **PRIVATE**.

Known children of Private⁷ Ellsworth and Private (not married) whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

43. i. DNA⁸ MATCH E¹⁵⁷

35. JUDITH ANN⁷ BENTLEY (*Wesley Edward⁶, George Jesse⁵, Isaac⁴, Jesse³, Charles², George¹*) was born on 29 September 1945 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and died on 8 January 2019 in Houston, Harris, Texas.¹⁵⁸ She married **JOHN JEROME WARNER** on 1 June 1962 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁵ Predicted 4th–6th Cousin (actually 2nd cousin), sharing 27 cM, across 2 segments.

¹⁵⁶ Predicted 2nd–3rd Cousin (actually 2nd cousin), sharing 172 cM, across 7 segments.

¹⁵⁷ Predicted 2nd–3rd Cousin (actually 2nd cousin), sharing 146 cM, across 8 segments.

¹⁵⁸ DNA Match F to Deborah A. Carl, email dated 18 January 2022, provided information about his mother's birth and death; in possession of the author. Louisiana birth records are restricted to close family members and their attorneys until 100 years after the birth. The death records in Texas are restricted to immediate family members and funeral directors listed on the record until twenty-five years after the death. See Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, Certificate of Marriage, License no. 110 096 (1962), John Jerome Warner and Judith Ann Bentley; photocopy supplied by the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author. See Document 28. The marriage record gave her date of birth and named her parents as William Brown Bentley and Mabel Duhon.

¹⁵⁹ Ibid.

Known children of Judith Ann⁷ Bentley and Jerome Warner whose descendants are DNA matches with are as follows:

44. ii. DNA⁸ MATCH F¹⁶⁰

36. DNA⁷ MATCH G (*William Gordon⁶ Coloney, Marcus⁵ Coloney, Abigale⁴ Bentley, Abram³, George², George¹*) She married **PRIVATE**.

Known children of DNA⁷ Match G and Private whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

45. ii. DNA⁸ MATCH H¹⁶¹

37. STEVE DUANE⁷ WHEELER (*Irva Marie⁶ Bentley, Elton Wesley⁵, Erastus⁴, Hector³, George², George¹*) was born on 6 April 1947 in Emmett, Gem, Idaho, and died on 25 October 2008 probably in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.¹⁶² He married **MYRL FRAZIER** on 5 April 1967 in Ontario, Malheur, Oregon.¹⁶³

Known children of Steve Duane⁷ Wheeler and Myrl Frazier whose descendants are DNA matches with DNA Test Donor are as follows:

46. i. DNA⁸ MATCH I¹⁶⁴

¹⁶⁰ Predicted 2nd–3rd Cousin (actually 2nd cousin), sharing 190 cM, across 7 segments.

¹⁶¹ Predicted 5th–8th Cousin (actually 6th cousin), sharing 14 cM, across 1 segment.

¹⁶² Idaho birth records are restricted for 100 years to close family members and those with a legal interest. See “Oregon, U.S., State Marriages, 1906-1968,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61677/images/48910_302022005598_0167-00678 : accessed 16 February 2022), Oregon, U.S., State Marriages, 1906-1968 > 1967 > Lincoln-Morrow, image 679 of 1913, Record of Marriage, County File No. 79665, arranged by county and date of marriage, marriage of Steve Duane Wheeler and Myrl Frazier; Oregon State Archives, Salem. The marriage record stated Duane was born 6 April 1947 in Emmett, Gem, Idaho, the son of Joe J. Wheeler and Irva Bentley. Oregon death records are restricted for fifty years to close family members. See “United States Social Security Death Index,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JG5L-PZP> : accessed 16 February 2022), entry for Steve Duane Wheeler, b. 6 April 1947, d. 25 October 2008, last residence Portland, Multnomah, Oregon; U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database, National Technical Information Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

¹⁶³ “Oregon, U.S., State Marriages, 1906-1968,” database with images, *Ancestry*, Lincoln-Morrow, image 679 of 1913, Record of Marriage, County File No. 79665, marriage of Steve Duane Wheeler and Myrl Frazier.

¹⁶⁴ Predicted 4th–6th Cousin (actually 6th cousin), sharing 21 cM, across 1 segment.

Conclusion

It appears Lewis Bentley was correct and George Bentley Sr. was the father of Abraham, Anna, Esther, Isaac, George Jr., Charles, and Betsey. John Otis Bentley was incorrect when he named Jesse Bentley as one of George Bentley Sr.'s children which was published in *Bentley Gleanings* and has since been repeated in fifteen Ancestry trees and on FamilySearch. And John Otis and Mrs. Henry Bentley (Ruth Shaw) both failed to mention several of George Bentley Sr.'s children when they were communicating with Julia Harrison Lobdell.

Witnesses:

1. John Otis Bentley, George Sr.'s great-nephew, wrote to Julia Harrison Lobdell saying George Sr. was the father of Abraham and Charles Bentley and that Charles was the father of Jesse. John Otis was acquainted with Jesse and visited with him shortly before he wrote the letter. John Otis would have been about eight years old when George Sr. died, so he was probably repeating what he'd been told by family members.
2. Lewis Bentley, George Sr.'s grandson, said the children of George Sr. were Abram, Yerry (George Jr.), Isaac, Charles, Anna, Esther, and Betsey. Lewis was about fifty-one years old when George Sr. died around 1839 and had "spent three months in Saratoga County in the fall of 1838."¹⁶⁵ Again, Lewis was probably repeating what he'd heard from other family members, but he probably also visited with his grandfather who could have been the source of his information.
3. Ruth (née Shaw) Bentley, wife of George Sr.'s grandson Henry, also wrote to Lobdell and reported that George Sr.'s children were Abraham, George Jr., Isaac, Charles, and Betsey. She probably married Henry Bentley in 1837 and probably was only acquainted with George Bentley Sr. for a year or two. By the time she wrote Lobdell, Esther had been dead for 80 years and Anna had been dead for probably more than 90 years. If Ruth knew about them, she had probably forgotten.

¹⁶⁵ Bentley, *History of the Bentleys*, image 17 of 48, p. 12.

Circumstantial Evidence:

1. George Sr. was living in Greenfield and in 1820 had neighbors named Abraham Bentley, George Bentley Jr., and Charles Bentley who were the right ages to be his sons.
2. There were also men of the right age and with the same names as the men who were believed to have married two of George Sr.'s daughters, living with women who were the right age to be George Sr.'s daughters.
3. There was no Isaac Bentley in the neighborhood which was expected since his son Lewis reported Isaac had moved to Richmond, Ontario, New York in 1816.
4. Anna was the only child named by Lewis Bentley whose whereabouts were not found; however, Lewis Bentley proved to be a reliable source and evidence was found to support the idea that Edy Button was the granddaughter of George Bentley Sr. through his daughter Anna Bentley and her husband John Button.
5. There were no other Bentleys listed as a head of household in Greenfield in 1820.

DNA Evidence:

1. DNA matches were found and compared to a known descendant of Charles Bentley, the father of Jesse Bentley.
2. The paper trail for each of the DNA match's ancestry was found to lead back to a child of George Sr. according to the above-named witnesses and circumstantial evidence.
3. There were five family lines leading to George Sr. supporting the conclusion that Charles, George Jr., and Elisabeth were siblings.

Document 1: Jesse Bentley 1909 Death Record

50 REGISTER OF DEATHS in the Village of Saratoga Springs,

Registered Number.	Date of Death, 1909.	Name of Deceased.	Age.		Occupation.	Birthplace.	How long a Resident in U. S. Here. Foreign.	Father's Name and Birthplace.
			Y.	M. D.				
85	Feb. 20	Bentley Jesse	83	10 M	Retired	Schenectady N. Y.	10 years	Charles Bentley Unknown
Saratoga County, State of New York.								60
Mother's Name and Birthplace.	Place of Death.	Cause of Death.		Time from Attack till Death.	Medical Attendant or other Attendant.	Place of Burial.		
		Chief Cause is stated first; (other causes in parenthesis)	Other Cause.					
Unknown	26 Benedict St	Arterio sclerosis		6 years	G. Scott Townie M.D.	St. Peter's 2-23-09		

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Deaths in the Village of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1909 section, no volume listed, no. 85, Jesse Bentley; photocopied images of Jesse Bentley's entry which spanned two pages supplied by City Clerk's Office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 8 July 2021, in possession of the author.

Document 2: Isaac Bentley 1915 Death Record

New York State Department of Health 37874
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF NEW YORK

Registered No. 754

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Saratoga
Town _____
Village _____
City Saratoga Springs (No. 30 Benedict) St. _____ Ward _____

2 FULL NAME Isaac Bentley

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married

6 DATE OF BIRTH Unknown 7 AGE 60 yrs 11 mos. 1 day

8 OCCUPATION Teamster

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Saratoga County

10 NAME OF FATHER Jeane Bentley

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Saratoga County

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Myra Steadman

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Saratoga County

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

15 Date of issue July 2, 1915

16 Permit issued by [Signature] Date of issue July 2-15

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

18 DATE OF DEATH June 30, 1915

19 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from June 2, 1915, to June 29, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:10 P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Cerebral sclerosis

Contributory Acute enteritis

20 UNDERTAKER Wm. Martin & Co. Saratoga Springs

21 DATE OF BURIAL July 2, 1915

22 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Coley Cemetery

23 ADDRESS [Signature]

Se Instructions on Other Side

New York Department of Health, death certificate, 37874 (1915), Isaac Bentley; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author.

Document 3: Hector E. Bentley and Harriet Horton 1850 Marriage Record

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD OF MARRIAGE

RECORD NUMBER: 18500273
DATE OF LICENSE: 01/05/1850

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
Shiawassee County }
Corunna, Michigan }

ss. I, CAROLINE D. WILSON, Clerk of the County of Shiawassee, and of the Circuit Court thereof, the same being a Court of Record having a Seal, do hereby certify that the following is a copy of the Record of Marriage of Hector E Bentley and Harriet Horton now remaining in my office, and of the whole thereof, viz:

GROOM INFORMATION

Full Name	Age	Race	Times Previously Married
Hector E Bentley	35	W	0
Birthplace		Occupation	
Unknown		Unknown	
Residence	Name of Father		Name of Mother
Unknown	Unrecorded		Unrecorded

BRIDE INFORMATION


Full Name (Maiden Name if Bride is a Widow)	Age	Race	Times Previously Married
Harriet Horton	17	W	0
Birthplace		Occupation	
Unknown		Unknown	
Residence	Name of Father		Name of Mother
Perry, Michigan	Not Recorded		Not Recorded

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

DATE OF MARRIAGE			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Month	Day	Year		
January	5	1850	Perry, Michigan	B. B. Brigham Of Ionia County, Michigan
Witness to Marriage			Witness to Marriage	
Ebenzer Whaley Perry, Michigan			Sally Whaley Perry, Michigan	

Shiawassee County, Michigan, record of marriage, no. 18500273 (1850), Hector E Bentley and Harriet Horton; certified abstract supplied by Caroline D. Wilson, Clerk of the County of Shiawasse and of the Circuit Court, Corunna, Michigan, 25 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 4: Ashley W. Gleason and Frances Ellen Fritts
1858 Marriage Record


The State of Illinois,
DeKalb County, ss

The People of the State of Illinois:
To all who shall see these Presents=== Greeting:

Know Ye, that License and Permission has been granted to any Minister of the Gospel, authorized to marry by the Church or Society to which he belongs; any Justice of the Supreme Court; Justice of any Inferior Court, or any Justice of the Peace, to Celebrate and Ratify the Marriage of
Ashley W. Gleason & Frances E. Fritts now both of this County, according to the usual custom and laws of the State of Illinois.

Witness my Hand and Seal
of the County Court in and for the County of
DeKalb and the Seal of said Court
hereunto affixed at Sycamore this 18th
day of March A. D. 1858.

A. T. H. Clerk.

State of Illinois, DeKalb County, ss.

I hereby Certify that, on the 22 day of March A. D. 1858 I joined in the Holy Rite of Matrimony Ashley W. Gleason and Frances E. Fritts according to the custom and laws of Illinois.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this 22 day of March A. D. 1858

A. T. H. Clerk.

For Sale by Johnson & Bradford, Springfield, Ill.

PHOTOCOPIED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY

DeKalb County, Illinois, Marriage Licenses and Returns, Gleason-Fritts, 1858; photocopied certificate supplied by County Clerk of DeKalb, Sycamore, Illinois, 28 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 5: Isaac Bentley and Ella Corp 1891 Marriage Record

M ² REGISTER OF MARRIAGES in the <u>Town and Village of</u>									
Registered Number.	Date of Marriage 1891	Full Name of Husband.	His Residence.	Age	Occupation.	Husband's Birthplace.	His Father's Name.	His Mother's Maiden Name.	Number of Marriages
14	Aug 30	Bentley Isaac	Saratoga NY	41	Amusing Team	Benjamin NY	Jesse Corp	Marial Beldon	2
<p><i>Deborah A Carl 2 Freshwater Ct Nashua NH 03060-316</i></p>									
Saratoga Springs County, State of New York. 2m²									
Full Name of Wife.		Her Residence.	Age	Wife's Birthplace.	Her Father's Name.	Her Mother's Maiden Name.	Name and Official Position of the Person Solemnizing the Marriage.		When Registered.
Ella Corp		Middleboro 24		Middleboro	George Corp	Charlotte Dean	Rev. D. H. Fish		Aug

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Marriages in the Town and Village of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1891 section, no volume listed, no. 14, marriage of Isaac Bentley and Ella Corp; photocopied pages supplied by City Clerk's Office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 6: Abigail B. (Bentley) Coloney 1925 Death Record

18 **Register of Deaths** in the Village of Broadalbin, County of Fulton, State of New York

(No. _____ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number) ST.; _____ WARD) REGISTERED NO. 1

*FULL NAME Abigail B Coloney

(18a) RESIDENCE NO. _____ ST. _____ WARD _____ (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
* SEX <u>Female</u>	* COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	* SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u>	14 DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan 1</u> , 19 <u>25</u>	
* IF MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Husband of <u>Richard Coloney</u>			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM <u>Dec 1</u> , 19 <u>23</u> TO <u>Jan 1</u> , 19 <u>25</u>	
* DATE OF BIRTH <u>Mar 4</u> , 18 <u>60</u>			THAT I LAST SAW HER ALIVE ON <u>Dec 9</u> , 19 <u>24</u> AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AT <u>2 P.M.</u> THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS: <u>Crown's myocarditis</u>	
* AGE <u>65</u> yrs. <u>9</u> mos. <u>3</u> ds. If LESS than 1 day, how many hrs. or min.?			(DURATION) <u>3</u> YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DS.	
* OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer			CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____ (DURATION) _____ YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DS.	
* BIRTHPLACE (City or Town) (State or Country) <u>Providence, N.Y.</u>			18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED, IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?	
PARENTS	19 NAME OF FATHER <u>Abraham Bentley</u>		DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? <u>No</u> DATE OF _____	
	20 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or Town) (State or Country) <u>Providence, N.Y.</u>		WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?	
	21 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>L. Chase</u>		WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? <u>Physical exam.</u>	
22 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or Town) (State or Country) <u>Providence, N.Y.</u>		(SIGNED) <u>B. E. C. Hoffman</u> M. D. <u>Jan 2</u> , 19 <u>25</u> (ADDRESS) <u>Broadalbin, N.Y.</u>		
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Richard Coloney Sr.</u> (Address) <u>Broadalbin, N.Y.</u>			*STATE THE DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, State (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
23 Filed <u>Jan 2</u> , 19 <u>25</u> <u>T. E. Lee</u> Registrar			** PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Broadalbin, Jan 3</u> , 19 <u>25</u>	
BURIAL OR TRANSIT PERMIT ISSUED BY <u>T. E. Lee</u>			** UNDERTAKER <u>Geo. J. Green</u> ADDRESS <u>Broadalbin, N.Y.</u>	
			DATE OF ISSUE <u>Jan 2</u> , 19 <u>25</u>	

Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, "Register of Deaths in the Village of Broadalbin, County of Fulton, State of New York," 1925 section, no volume listed, p. 18, Registered No. 1, Abigail B. Coloney; photocopied page supplied by Town Clerk, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 7: Delos D. Clapsaddle and Mary Smith
1883 Marriage Record

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 544

Delos D. Clapsaddle
AND
Mary Smith

Issued Dec 13 1883.
Married Dec 19 1883.
Registered Dec 21 1883.
Marriage Register " E

McLomd
CLERK.

BROWN, PETTIBONE & KELLY, STATIONERS & PRINTERS, CHICAGO.

This Return is to be carefully filled out and attached to and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

1. Full name of GROOM, *Delos Dennis Clapsaddle*
2. Place of Residence, *Shabbona*
3. Occupation, *Farmer*
4. Age next Birthday *23* years. Color, *White* Race, *Caucasian*
5. Place of Birth, *Paw Paw Ill.*
6. Father's Name, *Henry Clapsaddle*
7. Mother's Maiden Name, *Elizabeth Cross*
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, *First*
9. Full Name of BRIDE, *Mary Smith*
Maiden Name, if a Widow
10. Place of Residence, *Shabbona*
11. Age next Birthday, *20* years. Color *White* Race, *Caucasian*
12. Place of Birth, *Shabbona*
13. Father's Name, *Joseph Smith*
14. Mother's Maiden Name, *Livna Fritz*
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, *First*
16. Married at *Shabbona* in the County of *De Kalb* and State of Illinois, the *19* day of *Dec.* 188*3*
17. Witnesses to Marriage *Mrs. S. Shepherd*
N.B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., Marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

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We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. D. Clapsaddle (Groom.)
M. Clapsaddle (Bride.)

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.


Dated at *Shabbona* }
this *19* day of *Dec* 188*3* } *S. Shepherd*
Shabbona Ill.

Brown, Pettibone & Kelly, Stationers, Chicago.

Illinois State Board of Health, marriage license, no. 544, (1883), Delos D. Clapsaddle and Mary Smith; electronic copy supplied by The Offices of the Clerk & Recorder, DeKalb County, Sycamore, Illinois, 25 April 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 8: George Jesse Bentley 1893 Birth Record

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS
ALBANY

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

This is to certify that a birth certificate has been filed for

George Jesse Bentley

Born on August 27 1893, at SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.

Son
Daughter of / Isaac Bentley (name of father) and
Ella Carp (maiden name of mother)

Date filed Aug. 31, 1893

W. P. Regatt
LOCAL REGISTRAR
Deputy

5/5/49

THIS CERTIFICATE IS EVIDENCE OF AGE, PARENTAGE AND PLACE OF BIRTH AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED.
When the child is vaccinated against smallpox and inoculated against diphtheria or any other disease, ask the physician or clinic to fill in the spaces below.

	Date		Physician or Clinic
Vaccinated against smallpox _____	_____	_____	_____
Inoculated against diphtheria _____	_____	_____	_____
Inoculated against whooping cough _____	_____	_____	_____
Inoculated against _____	_____	_____	_____

New York State Department of Health, certificate of birth registration, no. 561 (1893), George Jesse Bentley; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author.

Document 9: George Jesse Bentley 1964 Death Record

FORM R-301
 to be filed for burial permit with Board of Health or its Agent.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
PRINT OR TYPE NAME OR CAUSE OF DEATH
 do not enter more than one cause for each of (a), (b) and (c)
 This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, stroke, etc. It means the disease, or complications which caused death.
 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.
 Conditions contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease condition given in (a).

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 KEVIN H. WHITE
 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 STANDARD
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 Registered No. _____
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 PHYSICIAN — IMPORTANT
 (Was deceased a U. S. War Veteran, if so specify WAR)

SPRINGFIELD
 (City or Town making this return)

PLACE OF DEATH
 1 Hampden
 (County)
Springfield
 (City or Town)
 No. Municipal Hospital

2 FULL NAME George Jesse Bentley
 (If deceased is a married, widowed or divorced woman, give also maiden name.)

(a) Permanent Residence, No. 30 Donald Av. x East Longmeadow, Mass.
 (Usual place of abode) (City or town and State)

Length of stay: In place of death, 2 years, 1 months, _____ days. In place of residence, 6 years, _____ months, _____ days.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 DATE OF DEATH November 22 1964
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

4 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 9/13 1962 to 11/22 1964
 I last saw him live on 11/22 1964, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 2:15 a.m.

DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE
 (a) Acute peritonitis
 (b) Mesenteric thrombosis
 (c) _____

INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
 hours _____
 hours _____

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Cerebral thrombosis years _____
Aneurism of the abdominal aorta years _____

Was autopsy performed? No
 What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical

5 Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No
 If so, specify _____

(Signature) Howard P. Kennedy M. D.
H. P. Kennedy, M.D.
 (Print or Type Name)
 (Address) 1400 State St. Date 11/23 1964

6 Oak Grove Cem. - Spfld. Mass
 Place of Burial or Cremation (City or Town)

DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 25 1964

7 NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Ernest A. Byron
 ADDRESS 684 State St. Spfld. Mass

Received and filed NOV 24 1964
William C. Allen (Registrar)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

8 SEX Male 9 COLOR White 10 SINGLE, (write the word) Widowed
 MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, UNKNOWN

11 If married, widowed, or divorced, HUSBAND of Sarah Bellamy
 (Give maiden name of wife in full)
 (or) WIFE of _____
 (Husband's name in full)

12 AGE 71 Years, 2 Months, 25 Days If under 24 hours _____
 Hours _____ Minutes _____

13 Usual Occupation Oil Burner, Lawn Mower, Window Clean
 (Kind of work done during most of working life)

14 Industry or Business Own Business

15 Social Security No. 029-18-3960

16 BIRTHPLACE (City) Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 (State or country)

17 NAME OF FATHER Isaac Bentley

18 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City) N.Y.
 (State or country)

19 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Luella Carp

20 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City) N.Y.
 (State or country)

21 Informant George R. Bentley
 (Address) 740 Maple St. Hartford, Conn.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a satisfactory standard certificate of death was filed with me BEFORE the burial or cremation permit was issued:
Howell Bellamy
 (Signature of Agent of Board of Health or other)
Commissioner of Public Health 11-23-64
 (Official Designation) (Date of Issue of Permit)

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

City of Springfield, Mass. NOV 30 1964


I Herby Depose and Say that I am the City Clerk of the City of Springfield, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. That the records of births, marriages and deaths in said City are in my custody, and that the foregoing is a true copy of the return of a death on file in the office of the City Clerk of said Springfield.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said City
NOV 30 1964

Attest: William C. Allen
 City Clerk of Springfield, Mass.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, standard certificate of death, unnumbered (1964), George Jesse Bentley, son of Isaac Bentley and Luella Carp; Clerk's Office, Springfield, Massachusetts, photocopy from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author.

Document 10: Marcus Coloney 1959 Death Record



City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street

Registered No. 274

NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION St. Marys Hospital a. LENGTH OF STAY IN TOWN, CITY OR VILLAGE _____

2. Usual residence of deceased: State New York County Fulton Town Broadalbin City or Village Broadalbin
 Is residence within its corporate limits? YES NO
 Is residence on farm? YES NO

STREET ADDRESS 46 North St.

3. NAME OF DECEASED MARCUS COLONEY 4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) July (Day) 20 (Year) 1959

5. SEX M 6. COLOR OR RACE W 7. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) married 8. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Name of Husband (or) Wife) Bertha Hults

9. DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 24, 1896 10. AGE (In years last birthday) 62 IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days IF UNDER 24 HRS. Hours Min. 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Montgomery Co. 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.

13a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Plumbing (self-employed) 13b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY M. Coloney & Son Plumbing Shop

14. FATHER'S NAME Richard Coloney 15. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Abigail Bentley

16. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) no (If yes, give war or dates of service) 17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 116-24-1885 18. INFORMANT'S NAME Horace E. Jeffords ADDRESS Broadalbin, N.Y.

19. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause on a line)
 PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Abdominal Carcinomatosis
 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above immediate cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) Carcinoma Pancreas
 DUE TO (c) _____
 INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 2 mo. +
2 mo. +

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)

20. AUTOPSY? YES NO

21a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE (Specify) _____ 21b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 19.) _____

21c. TIME OF INJURY Hour _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ a. m. _____ p. m. _____

21d. INJURY OCCURRED While at Not While Work at Work _____ 21e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) _____ 21f. WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? City or town _____ County _____ State _____

22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 19, 1959, to July 20, 1959, that I last saw the deceased alive on July 20, 1959, and that death occurred at 8:15 p.m. from the causes and on the date stated above.

23a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) R. W. Dunlap M.D. 23b. ADDRESS 188 Market St., Amsterdam 23c. DATE SIGNED July 21 1959

24a. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Broadalbin Cemetery 24b. DATE July 23 1959 25a. SIGNATURE OF UNDERTAKER Horace E. Jeffords

25b. ADDRESS OF UNDERTAKER Broadalbin REGISTRATION NO. C 01993 25c. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REG. July 21 1959 25d. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR [Signature]

Burial or Transit } Permit issued by E. Keller, Sup. Reg. Date of issue July 21 1959

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City of Amsterdam, Montgomery, New York, death certificate, registered no. 274 (1959), Marcus Coloney; photocopy supplied by Stefanie Gerken, City Clerk, Amsterdam, New York, 28 April 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 11: Marcus Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults 1920 Marriage Record

PROFESSION <i>11 females</i>		WITNESS <i>Mrs Louis Brown Mrs Watson Brooks</i>	
No. 160			
FOR THE GROOM		FOR THE BRIDE	
NAME - - - <i>Marcus Coloney</i>	<small>GIVE FULL NAME</small>	<i>Anna Bertha Hults</i>	<small>GIVE FULL NAME</small>
RESIDENCE - <i>Broadalbin ny</i>		<i>Broadalbin ny</i>	
OCCUPATION - <i>Plumber</i>		<i>none</i>	
BIRTHPLACE - <i>Berryville ny</i>		<i>Part Washington D.C.</i>	
FATHER - <i>Richard Coloney</i>		<i>Isaac Hults</i>	
BIRTHPLACE - <i>U. S.</i>		<i>U. S.</i>	
MOTHER - <i>Abbie Bentley</i>		<i>Anna Amelia Stone</i>	
BIRTHPLACE - <i>U. S.</i>		<i>U. S.</i>	
CONSENT BY -			
DATE OF LICENSE <i>Mar 31 1920</i>	DATE OF MARRIAGE <i>Mar 31 1920</i>	PLACE OF MARRIAGE <i>Broadalbin ny</i>	OFFICIAL <i>J. H. Truce</i>
PROFESSION <i>Clergyman</i>	WITNESS <i>Florence Brooke and Henry Hickok</i>		

Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, marriage register, 1920 section, no volume listed, No. 160, Marcus Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk's Office, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 12: Horace D Clapsaddle and Linda B Pritchard
1930 Marriage Record

C E R T I F I C A T E O F M A R R I A G E

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI

Certificate No:
6161930

I Hereby Certify, that on the 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 1930
at _____,
in BEMIDI MN, BELTRAMI County,
I, the undersigned, a/an ORDAINED CLERGYMAN
did join in Marriage:

HORACE D CLAPSADDLE (Age 21)
a resident of the County of KOSUTH,
State of IOWA, and

LINDA B PRITCHARD (Age 18)
a resident of the County of OGDEN,
State of IOWA.

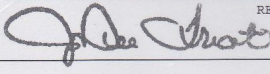
The names of the parties after marriage shall be
HORACE D CLAPSADDLE
and
LINDA B CLAPSADDLE

Witnesses
MARTHA FISHER
DORIS SAWYER


Name of Person Performing Ceremony
REV HERBERT A SAWYER
Credentials Recorded
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of said
office at BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA,
this THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2022

JODEE TREAT
REGISTRAR

By 

Certificate filed on: 6/17/1930



Beltrami County, Minnesota, certificate of marriage, Certificate No. 6161930 (1930), Horace D Clapsaddle and Linda B Pritchard; certified abstract supplied by Beltrami County License Center, Bemidji, Minnesota, 7 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 13: George Richard Bentley 1915 Birth Record

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Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, County of Saratoga, State of New York

Registered No. 159

FULL NAME OF CHILD George Richard Bentley
(If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

(No. Benedict ST. _____ WARD)

SEX OF CHILD <u>Male</u>	Twin, Triplet or other? <small>(To be answered only in event of plural births)</small>	Number in order of birth	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>Aug 1</u> 19 <u>15</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>
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FATHER		MOTHER	
FULL NAME <u>Jessie G. Bentley</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Radie Melvina Bellamy</u>	FULL NAME <u>Jessie G. Bentley</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Radie Melvina Bellamy</u>
RESIDENCE <u>Saratoga Springs NY</u>	RESIDENCE <u>Saratoga Springs NY</u>	RESIDENCE <u>Saratoga Springs NY</u>	RESIDENCE <u>Saratoga Springs NY</u>
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>21</u> <small>(Years)</small>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>20</u> <small>(Years)</small>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>21</u> <small>(Years)</small>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>20</u> <small>(Years)</small>
BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Spgs NY</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>South Milton</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Spgs NY</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>South Milton</u>
OCCUPATION <u>Delivery man</u>	OCCUPATION <u>House wife</u>	OCCUPATION <u>Delivery man</u>	OCCUPATION <u>House wife</u>

WHAT PREVENTIVE FOR OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM DID YOU USE? Nit Sol

NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING PRESENT BIRTH. one

IF NONE, STATE THE REASON THEREFOR _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER NOW LIVING. one

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD, WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT 10 p.m., ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED.

SIGNATURE R. H. McCarty
(*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc. should make this return)

DATED _____, 19____
(Physician, Midwife, Father, etc.)

ADDRESS McCarty Hospital

FILED Aug 16, 1915
(Registrar)

GIVEN NAME ADDED FROM A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT _____, 19____
(Registrar)

FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1915 section, no volume listed, p. 210, Registered No. 159, George Richard Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk's office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 14: George Richard Bentley 1996 Death Record

VS-4 REV. 9/95
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

093
STATE FILE NUMBER

DECEASED NAME George R. Bentley		SEX M	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 2/16/96
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) August 1, 1915	AGE—Last Birthdays 80	RACE—White, Black, American Indian, Other white	OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
COUNTY OF DEATH HARTFORD	TOWN OF DEATH HARTFORD	PLACE OF DEATH (Check One) Hospital: HARTFORD <input type="checkbox"/> ER/outpatient <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other
CITY & STATE OF BIRTH (Country if not U.S.) Saratoga Springs, New York	CITIZEN OF USA	<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED	LAST SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) Ethel Ramsey
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most working life.) General Foreman	KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Airplane Engine Mfg	
RESIDENCE STATE Connecticut	COUNTY Hartford	TOWN East Hartford	NUMBER AND STREET 67 Chapel Street
WAS DECEASED A VETERAN IF YES GIVE WAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO WWII	BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. Army	EDUCATION (Specify highest grade completed): Primary/Secondary: 9 College: 1-4	
FATHER - NAME George J. Bentley	MOTHER Sarah M. Bellamy	INFORMANT - NAME Mr. George R. Bentley Jr.	
MAILING ADDRESS 45 Southwick Rd. Westfield, Mass		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED son	
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b) AND (c))			APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Carcinoma of Lung DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:			
(b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:			
(c) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE			AUTOPSY <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
IF YES, Were findings considered in determining cause of death.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
NURSE PRONOUNCEMENT TYPE OR PRINT NAME	DEGREE	SIGNATURE	DATE AND TIME PRONOUNCED MONTH DAY YEAR TIME <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
CERTIFICATION - PHYSICIAN I attended the deceased from 2-15-96	Mo. Day Year	AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON 2-16-96	DEATH OCCURRED On the date, and to the best of my knowledge, due to the cause(s) stated. 8:20 PM
WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	SURGERY RELEVANT TO CONDITION REPORTED IN ITEM 30 (Name of Operation)	THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD: 2 Month 16 Day 96 Year Time 9:10p	
CERTIFIER - NAME (type or print) Robert J. Binkowski	STREET OR R.F.D. NO. 35	CITY OR TOWN St. Hill, Ct	STATE CT
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial	CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME Old Cemetery	LOCATION CITY OR TOWN Hampden, Mass	STATE
DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 2-21-96	FUNERAL HOME - NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Newkirk & Whitney 318 Burnside Ave. E. Htfd, CT 06108		
FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR EMBALMER SIGNATURE Robert J. Binkowski	NAME OF EMBALMER IF BODY WAS EMBALMED Robert J. Binkowski	LICENSE NUMBER 2280	
THIS CERTIFICATE RECEIVED FOR RECORD ON FEB 20 1996		BY Deborah A. Carl REGISTRAR	

ATTESTED: *Deborah A. Carl* REGISTRAR

Town of East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, death certificate, state file number 093 (1996), George R. Bentley; certified photocopy supplied by City Clerk's Office, East Hartford, Connecticut, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 15: George Richard Bentley and Ethel Minnie Ramsey
1936 Marriage Record

6		RECORD OF MARRIAGES	
CITY <u>Nassau</u> COUNTY <u>Rensselaer</u> STATE OF NEW YORK		No. <u>227</u>	
CLERK <u>B. H. Gardner Deputy</u>		GROOM	
NAME <u>George Richard Bentley</u> RESIDENCE <u>20 Central St. Springfield Mass</u> OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u> BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Springs N. Y.</u> FATHER <u>George J. Bentley</u> MOTHER <u>Sadie Bellamey</u> BIRTHPLACE <u>U. S. A.</u>		BRIDE NAME <u>Ethel Minnie Ramsey</u> RESIDENCE <u>25 Margaret St. Springfield Mass</u> OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u> BIRTHPLACE <u>West Lebanon N. H.</u> FATHER <u>Allen B. Ramsey</u> MOTHER <u>Rose Murphy</u> BIRTHPLACE <u>U. S. A.</u>	
COLOR <u>white</u> AGE <u>21</u> <u>3/15</u> NO. OF MARRIAGE <u>1st</u> FORMER WIFE OR WIVES LIVING OR DEAD _____ DIVORCED _____ " WHEN _____ " WHERE _____ " AGAINST WHOM _____		COLOR <u>white</u> AGE <u>18</u> <u>1/29/15</u> NO. OF MARRIAGE <u>1st</u> FORMER HUSBANDS LIVING OR DEAD _____ DIVORCED _____ " WHEN _____ " WHERE _____ " AGAINST WHOM _____	
CONSENT BY _____ RELATION _____ DATE _____		RELATION _____ DATE _____	
PROOF OF AGE (FORM) I HAVE NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BEEN INFECTED WITH ANY VENEREAL DISEASE, OR IF I HAVE BEEN SO INFECTED WITHIN FIVE YEARS I HAVE HAD A LABORATORY TEST WITHIN THAT PERIOD WHICH SHOWS THAT I AM NOW FREE FROM INFECTION FROM ANY SUCH DISEASE.		(JUDGE, CHILDREN'S COURT) I HAVE NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BEEN INFECTED WITH ANY VENEREAL DISEASE, OR IF I HAVE BEEN SO INFECTED WITHIN FIVE YEARS I HAVE HAD A LABORATORY TEST WITHIN THAT PERIOD WHICH SHOWS THAT I AM NOW FREE FROM INFECTION FROM ANY SUCH DISEASE.	
DATE OF AFFIDAVIT <u>Nov. 27, 1936</u> DATE OF LICENSE <u>Nov. 27, 1936</u> DATE OF MARRIAGE <u>Nov. 27, 1936</u> PLACE OF MARRIAGE <u>Nassau N. Y.</u>		(FORM) DATE OF AFFIDAVIT _____ DATE OF LICENSE _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____	
OFFICIAL <u>W. S. Maat</u> PROFESSION <u>clergyman</u>		WITNESS <u>Lorin Herbert & John W. Reader</u>	

Town of Nassau, Rensselaer, New York, "Record of Marriages," 1936 section, no volume listed, no. 227, marriage of George Richard Bentley and Ethel Minnie Ramsey; photocopied page supplied by Kara Pearson, Town Clerk, Nassau, New York, 21 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 16: Charles Henry Bentley 1919 Birth Record

Register of Births Town in the Village of Saratoga Springs N.Y., County of SARATOGA, State of New York

Registered No. 152

FULL NAME OF CHILD Charles Henry Bentley
(Child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

(No. 30 Benedict ST.; _____ WARD)

SEX OF CHILD <u>Male</u> <small>(To be answered only in event of plural births)</small>	Twin, Triplet or other? _____	Number in order of birth _____	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>July 13</u> , 19 <u>19</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>
FATHER FULL NAME <u>George J. Bentley</u> RESIDENCE <u>30 Benedict St</u> COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>25</u> <small>(Years)</small> BIRTHPLACE <u>N.Y.S.</u> OCCUPATION <u>Laborer</u>		MOTHER FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Melvina Bellamy</u> RESIDENCE <u>30 Benedict St</u> COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>24</u> <small>(Years)</small> BIRTHPLACE <u>N.Y.S.</u> OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>		
WHAT PREVENTIVE FOR OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM DID YOU USE? <u>N.Y.S.</u>		NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING PRESENT BIRTH <u>3</u>		
IF NONE, STATE THE REASON THEREFOR _____		NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER NOW LIVING <u>3</u>		

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE *

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD, WHO WAS born alive AT 8:17 M., ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED.
(Born alive or stillborn)

SIGNATURE H.P. Koop
(When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, housewife, etc. should make this return)

DATED July 15, 1919
(Physician, Midwife, Father, etc.)

ADDRESS 570 Broadway, City

FILED July 15, 1919 T. H. Gorman
(Registrar)

GIVEN NAME ADDED FROM A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, _____, 19____

(Registrar)

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1919 section, no volume listed, p. 55, Registered No. 152, Charles Henry Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk's office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 17: Charles Henry Bentley 1985 Death Record

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

REGISTERED NUMBER _____ STATE USE ONLY

1 ON REVERSE SIDE
USE BY
CLERKS AND
EXAMINERS

DECEDENT - NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (Mo. Day Yr.)	
		CHARLES	HENRY	BENTLEY	Male	, May 30, 1985	
PLACE OF DEATH (CITY OR TOWN)		COUNTY OF DEATH	HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (if not in enter: give street and number)				
Springfield		Hampden	Baystate Med.Ctr., Spfld.Unit H2156				
RACE (e.g. White, Black, American Indian, etc.) (Specify)		AGE - Last Birthday (Yrs.)	UNDER 1 YEAR	UNDER 1 DAY	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo. Day Yr.)	STATE OF BIRTH (if not in U.S.A. name country)	
White		65	MOS. DAYS	HOURS MINS	July 13, 1919	New York	
MARRIED NEVER MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED		SPOUSE (if wife give maiden name)		USUAL OCCUPATION (If not in U.S.A. name country)	KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		
Divorced		"unknown"		Machinist	Aircraft Corp.		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		IF U.S. WAR VETERAN SPECIFY WAR		RESIDENCE - STREET AND NUMBER CITY OR TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE			
017-18-6336A		WW II Army		168 Main St., Three Rivers, Hampden, MA 01080			
FATHER - FULL NAME		STATE OF BIRTH (if not in U.S.A. name country)		MOTHER - NAME (GIVEN) MAIDEN	STATE OF BIRTH (if not in U.S.A. name country)		
George Bentley		New York		Sarah Bellamy		New York	
INFORMANT - NAME AND ADDRESS						RELATIONSHIP	
Ruth Langevin, 168 Main St., Three Rivers, Mass.						Friend	
TYPE OF DISPOSITION (Specify: Burial, Cremation, Other)		DATE OF DISPOSITION	PLACE OF DISPOSITION AND LOCATION		CITY OR TOWN STATE		
Burial		June 1, 1985	Oak Grove Cem., Springfield, Mass.				
FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE		NAME OF FACILITY		ADDRESS OF FACILITY			
Ernest A. Byron, Jr.		Byron's Funeral Home, Inc.		684 State St. Springfield, Mass.			
20 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR 1a, 1b, AND 1c) (PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY)							
PART I							
1a Respiratory Arrest							
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
1b Adenocarcinoma of the Lung							
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
1c							
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I)						AUTOPSY (Yes or No)	WAS CASE REFERRED TO MED. EXAM. (Yes or No)
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm						No	No
ACC. SUICIDE, HOMIC. UNDET. OR PENDING INVEST. (Specify)		DATE OF INJURY (Mo. Day Yr.)	HOUR OF INJURY	DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED			
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)		PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify)		LOCATION	STREET	CITY OR TOWN STATE	
25a To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title)				25b On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title)			
DATE SIGNED (Mo. Day Yr.)				DATE SIGNED (Mo. Day Yr.)			
HOUR OF DEATH				HOUR OF DEATH			
MAY-30-85				18:40			
NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print)				PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo. Day Yr.)			
Joel Berman, MD				26c			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL EXAMINER (Type or Print)				PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour)			
Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA 01199 J. BERMAN				26d A1			
28 SPECIAL DEATH ISSUED ON				29 RECEIVED IN THE CITY OR TOWN OF			
May 31, 1985				SPRINGFIELD			
SIGNATURE OF HEALTH AGT.				CLERK'S SIGNATURE			
D. J. ...				[Signature]			
				[Signature]			
				JUN 5 1985			

City of Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, death certificate, unnumbered (1985), Charles Henry Bentley; certified photocopy supplied by City Clerk's office, Springfield, Massachusetts, 5 June 1985, from the files of George Richard Bentley Jr. in possession of the author. See Document 17.

Document 18: Luella Marie Bentley 1921 Birth Record

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Register of Births Town in the Village of Saratoga Springs N.Y. County of SARATOGA, State of New York

Registered No. 12

FULL NAME OF CHILD Luella Marie Bentley
(If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

(No. Mc Cartey Hospital ST.; _____ WARD)

SEX OF CHILD <u>Female</u>	Twin, Triplet or other? <small>(To be answered only in event of plural births)</small>	Number in order of birth	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>Jan 16</u> , 19 <u>21</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>
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FATHER		MOTHER	
FULL NAME <u>George Bentley</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Benedict</u>	FULL NAME <u>George Bentley</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Benedict</u>
RESIDENCE <u>28 Benedict St</u>	RESIDENCE <u>28 Benedict St</u>	RESIDENCE <u>28 Benedict St</u>	RESIDENCE <u>28 Benedict St</u>
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> <small>(Years)</small>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>26</u> <small>(Years)</small>
BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Springs</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>Hilton</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Springs</u>	BIRTHPLACE <u>Hilton</u>
OCCUPATION <u>Car Dealer</u>	OCCUPATION	OCCUPATION	OCCUPATION

WHAT PREVENTIVE FOR OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM DID YOU USE?
IF NONE, STATE THE REASON THEREFOR

NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING PRESENT BIRTH 4

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER NOW LIVING 4

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE *

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD, WHO WAS born alive AT _____ M., ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED.
(Born alive or stillborn)

SIGNATURE R. H. Mc Cartey
(When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this report)

DATED Jan. 18, 1921
(Physician, Midwife, Father, etc.)

ADDRESS Saratoga Springs

FILED Jan 19, 1921
(Registrar)

GIVEN NAME ADDED FROM A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, _____, 19____

(Registrar)

FOR GENEALOGICAL PURPOSES

City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga, New York, "Register of Births in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, State of New York," 1921 section, no volume listed, folio 266, Registered No. 12, Luella Marie Bentley; photocopied certificate supplied by City Clerk's office, Saratoga Springs, New York, 26 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 19: Marie (Bentley) Ellsworth 2007 Death Record

STATE OF FLORIDA	
THIS DOCUMENT HAS A LIGHT BACKGROUND ON TRUE WATERMARKED PAPER. HOLD TO LIGHT TO VERIFY FLORIDA WATERMARK.	
BUREAU of VITAL STATISTICS	
2007 061945	
FLORIDA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. DECEDENT'S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	L. Marie Ellsworth
2. SEX	Female
3. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	January 16, 1921
4a. AGE-Last Birthday (Years)	86
4b. UNDER 1 YEAR	Months: _____ Days: _____
4c. UNDER 1 DAY	Hours: _____ Minutes: _____
5. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	May 8, 2007
6. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	*** **-3632
7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country)	Saratoga Springs, New York
8. COUNTY OF DEATH	Pinellas
9. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one)	HOSPITAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Dead on Arrival NON-HOSPITAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decedent's Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
10. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street address)	5880 38th Ave N Apt 106 Building B
11a. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH	St. Petersburg
11b. INSIDE CITY LIMITS?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. MARITAL STATUS (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but Separated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married
13. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME (If wife, give maiden name)	
14a. RESIDENCE - STATE	Florida
14b. COUNTY	Pinellas
14c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION	St. Petersburg
14d. STREET ADDRESS	5880 38th Avenue North Building B
14e. APT. NO.	#106
14f. ZIP CODE	33713
14g. INSIDE CITY LIMITS?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Indicate type of work done during most of working life. Do not use "Retired")	Teacher
15b. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY	Day Care
16. DECEDENT'S RACE (Specify the race/races to indicate what decedent considered himself/herself to be. More than one race may be specified.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native (Specify tribe) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Isl. (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
17. DECEDENT OF HISPANIC OR HAITIAN ORIGIN? (Specify if decedent was of Hispanic or Haitian Origin.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If Yes, specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Central/South American <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian
18. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify the decedent's highest degree or level of school completed at time of death.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8th or less <input type="checkbox"/> High school but no diploma <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school diploma or GED <input type="checkbox"/> College but no degree <input type="checkbox"/> College degree (Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
19. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
20. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	George J. Bentley
21. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname)	Sarah Bellamy
22a. INFORMANT'S NAME	Patti Daton
22b. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	Daughter
22c. STREET ADDRESS	2210 Marsh View Dr. #106
22d. CITY OR TOWN	Wesley Chapel
22e. STATE	Florida
22f. ZIP CODE	33543
23. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place)	Becket Center Church Cemetery
23a. LOCATION - STATE	Massachusetts
23b. LOCATION - CITY OR TOWN	Becket
23c. ZIP CODE	01860
24. METHOD OF DISPOSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Entombment <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal from State <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
25. IF CREMATION, DONATION OR BURIAL AT SEA, WAS MEDICAL EXAMINER APPROVAL GRANTED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
26. NAME OF FUNERAL FACILITY	Memorial Park Funeral Home
26a. CITY OR TOWN	St. Petersburg
26b. STREET ADDRESS	5750 49th Street North
26c. ZIP CODE	33709
27. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH	Thomas R. Knapp
27a. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee)	2514
27b. FACILITY'S MAILING - STATE	Florida
28. CERTIFIER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certifying Physician - To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated. (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Examiner - On the basis of examination, and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date and place, due to the cause(s) and manner stated.	
29. SIGNATURE and Title of Certifier	PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE
30. DATE SIGNED (mm/dd/yyyy)	5/11/07
31. TIME OF DEATH (24 hr.)	0930
32. MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE NUMBER	
33. LICENSE NUMBER (of Certifier)	ME 2514
34. CERTIFIER'S NAME	Theresa Buck, M.D.
35. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (If other than Certifier)	
36. CERTIFIERS - STATE	Florida
36a. CITY OR TOWN	Pinellas Park
36b. STREET ADDRESS	6770 102nd Avenue North
36c. ZIP CODE	33782
37. SUBREGISTRAR - Signature and Date	Melanie Quail
37a. LOCAL REGISTRAR - Signature	
37b. DATE FILED BY REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.)	May 15, 2007

The first five digits of the decedent's Social Security Number have been redacted pursuant to §119.071(5), Florida Statutes.

Kim Jones, STATE REGISTRAR DATE ISSUED: March 2, 2022
REQ: 2023708186

THE ABOVE SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

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CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

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Also, Florida Department of Health, death certificate, 2007 061945 (2007), Marie Ellsworth; certified abstract supplied by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, 2 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 20: William Brown Bentley 1924 Birth Record

I PLACE OF BIRTH		The Commonwealth of Massachusetts		402	
		OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY		Springfield	
		DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		(City or town)	
County of <u>Hampden</u>					
RETURN OF A BIRTH					
City or Town of <u>Springfield</u>		Registered No. <u>2526</u>		No. <u>65</u> <u>Merrimack Ave.</u> St. <u>1</u> Ward	
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)					
2 FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>William Brown Bentley</u> (If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)					
3 Sex of Child <u>Male</u>	4 Twin, triplet or other? (Answer only in event of plural births)	5 Born alive or stillborn	6 Date of birth <u>Aug. 31, 1924</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
7 FATHER FULL NAME <u>George James Bentley</u>			8 MOTHER PRESENT NAME AND MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Melvin Bellamy</u>		
9 RESIDENCE No. <u>65 Merrimack Ave.</u> ST. <u>Springfield</u> (City or town)			10 RESIDENCE No. <u>65 Merrimack Ave.</u> ST. <u>Springfield</u> (City or town)		
11 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE <u>31</u> YEARS	12 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE <u>29</u> YEARS		
13 BIRTHPLACE <u>Saratoga Spgs., N. Y.</u> (City or town) (State or country)		14 BIRTHPLACE <u>Wilton, N. Y.</u> (City or town) (State or country)			
15 OCCUPATION <u>Publication Sgt.</u>			16 OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>		
17 Signature of Attendant at birth <u>Raymond I. Barrett</u> (Name)		Physician (Physician, parent or other, etc)			
Address No. <u>530 Summer Ave.</u> St. <u>Springfield</u> (City or town)					
Dated <u>Aug. 31, 1924</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		Did above-named personally attend the birth? <u>Yes</u>			
18 Received at office of city or town clerk		<u>Sept. 4, 1924</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			
19 A true copy Attest:		<u>Clifford Smith</u> REGISTRAR			

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, record of birth, vol. 126, p. 402, no. 2526 (1924), William Brown Bentley; photocopy supplied by Office of the Secretary of State, Archives Division, Boston, Massachusetts, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 21: William Brown Bentley Military Death Locator Card

D12350

BENTLEY William Brown 11,098,334 WH
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (White or colored)

Residence 90 Merrimac Ave Springfield Hampden Mass
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

Enlisted ~~Inducted~~ ~~Commissioned~~ (Date and place) 8-31-42 Spfld Mass

Component force ARMY Active duty began (Date) 9-10-42

Born in Springfield Mass Date of birth or age 8-31-24

Organizations: Co. D. 767th Tank Battalion

Grades Pfc

Engagements Drowned at Honshu Japan 12-6-45

Wounds or other injuries received in action

Served overseas from to

Service terminated—Honorably—~~Not honorably~~—~~Dis honorably~~ (Date) above
at above by reason of Death DNB

Name and address of kin and relationship Mable(w) Rt 2 Box 374
100m-1-46-17722 Lake Charles La (Remarks on reverse side)

Death locator card D12350, William Brown Bentley, Army serial number 11,098,334, stating Pfc Bentley drowned at Wakayama, Honshu, Japan; copy provided by the Massachusetts National Guard, Military Records Branch, Milford, Massachusetts, in possession of the author.

Document 22: William Brown Bentley and Mable Duhon 1944 Marriage Record

GROOM		BRIDE	
1a. Last Name of Groom Bentley		1b. First Name William	
1c. Second Name Brown		1. Social Security Number -	
2. Usual Residence—City or Town (If outside city or town write RURAL) Springfield		4. Parish and Ward Number Hemden County	
5. State Mass.		6. Place of Birth (City or Town) Springfield	
7. Date of Birth (Month-Day-Year) Aug. 31, 1924		8. Place of Birth (State or Foreign Country) Mass.	
6. Color or Race White		11. Place of Divorce (or Annulment)	
10. Date Preceding Marriage Terminated		12. Number of Times Widowed Divorced Marriage Annulled	
14. Present Occupation Pvt. U. S. Army		15. Industry or Business	
17. Father's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) New York		18. Name of Mother Sara Bellemy Bentley	
19. Last Grade of School Completed 9th Grade		16. Name of Father George J. Bentley	
20a. Maiden Name Duhon		20c. Second Name -	
21. Social Security Number 435-32-2196		22. Usual Residence—City or Town (If outside city or town write RURAL) Grand Lake	
23. Parish and Ward Number Cameron		24. State La.	
25. Color or Race White		26. Date of Birth (Month-Day-Year) Apr. 17, 1925	
27. Date Preceding Marriage Terminated		28. Place of Birth (City or Town) Grand Lake	
29. Place of Divorce (or Annulment)		29. Place of Birth (State or Foreign Country) La.	
31. Present Occupation		31. Number of Times Widowed Divorced Marriage Annulled	
34. Industry or Business		32. Last Grade of School Completed 11th Grade	
36. Name of Father Watkins Duhon		33. Name of Mother Amelie Duhon Duhon	
37. Father's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Louisiana		38. Mother's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Louisiana	
39. Parish Calcasieu		40. City or Town Lake Charles	
41. Date of Issue (Month-Day-Year) November 2, 1944		42. Relation of Bride to Groom None	
<p>43. I HEREBY CERTIFY that William Brown Bentley and Mable Duhon <small>Groom and Bride</small> were joined in marriage by me in the City or Town of Lake Charles Parish of Calcasieu State of Louisiana, their consent having been first obtained, in the presence of the three undersigned competent witnesses, in accordance with the laws of said State, this 2nd day of NOVEMBER 1944</p>			
44. Signature of Witness <i>Watkins Duhon</i>		45. Signature of Groom <i>William B. Bentley</i>	
46. Signature of Witness <i>William Faulk</i>		47. Signature of Bride <i>Mable Duhon</i>	
48. Signature of Witness <i>Pvt. J. Colwell</i>		49. Signature and Title of Officiant <i>W. J. [Signature]</i>	
50. Local Recording Officer's Signature <i>J. Richard</i>		51. Title <i>Clerk of Court</i>	
52. Date Recorded (Month-Day-Year) 11-3-44			

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TO BE RETURNED TO CLERK OF COURT BY OFFICIANT

MARRIAGE LICENSE No. 53-518

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF **Calcasieu**, CLERK'S OFFICE **14th** DISTRICT COURT

APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, Marriage License no. 53-518 (1944), William Brown Bentley and Mable Duhon; photocopy supplied by Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 22 March 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 23: William Gordon Coloney 1923 Birth Record

1 NO. _____		(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)		ST.; _____		WARD _____	
2 FULL NAME OF CHILD <i>William Gordon Coloney</i>							
(If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)							
3 SEX OF CHILD <i>male</i>	4 Twin, Triplet or other? (To be answered only in event of plural births)	5 Number in order of birth	6 Legitimate? <i>yes</i>	7 DATE OF BIRTH <i>May 1</i> , 19 <i>23</i>			
FATHER				MOTHER			
8 FULL NAME <i>Markus Coloney</i>				14 FULL MAIDEN NAME <i>Anna Bertha Hults</i>			
9 RESIDENCE (Usual place of abode) If nonresident, give place and State <i>Broadalbin N.Y.</i>				15 RESIDENCE (Usual place of abode) If nonresident, give place and State <i>Broadalbin N.Y.</i>			
10 COLOR OR RACE <i>white</i>	11 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>26</i> (Years)			16 COLOR OR RACE <i>white</i>	17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>24</i> (Years)		
12 BIRTHPLACE (City or place) (State or country) <i>Samsville N.Y.</i>				18 BIRTHPLACE (City or place) (State or country) <i>Port Washington N.Y.</i>			
13 OCCUPATION (Nature of Industry) <i>Plumber</i>				19 OCCUPATION (Nature of Industry) <i>House wife</i>			
20 WHAT PREVENTIVE FOR OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM DID YOU USE? <i>Silver Nit.</i>				NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING PRESENT BIRTH <i>2</i>			
IF NONE, STATE THE REASON THEREFOR _____				NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER NOW LIVING <i>2</i>			
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE *							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD, WHO WAS <i>Broadalbin</i> AT <i>59</i> M., ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED. <small>(born alive or stillborn)</small>							
*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one, that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.				(SIGNATURE) <i>H. C. Pinsky</i>			
GIVEN NAME ADDED FROM A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT <i>Birth Certificate sent</i>				DATED <i>May 1</i> , 19 <i>23</i> <i>Physician</i>			
(Month, day, year)				(Physician, Midwife, Father, etc.)			
ADDRESS <i>Broadalbin N.Y.</i>				FILED <i>May 2</i> , 19 <i>23</i> <i>T. O. Lee</i> <i>Car. Mrs. T. O. Lee</i>			
Registrar				Registrar			

Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, birth register, 1923 section, no volume listed, Registered No. 14, William Gordon Coloney, son of Markus Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk's Office, Broadalbin, New York, 22 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 24: William Gordon Coloney Sr. 2008 Death Record

VERIFY PRESENCE OF ODH WATERMARK HOLD TO LIGHT TO VIEW

Ohio Department of Health
VITAL STATISTICS State File No. 2008064312

Primary Reg. Dist. No. 2901
Registrar's No. 2900-2008000458 **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

DECEDENT	1. Decedent's Legal Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) (Include AKA's if any) WILLIAM GORDON COLONEY SR						2. Sex MALE	3. Date of Death (Mo/Day/Year) JULY 28, 2008
	4. Social Security Number 068-18-9346	5a. Age (Years) 85	5b. Under 1 Year Months	5c. Under 1 day Hours	6. Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Year) MAY 01, 1923	7. Birthplace (City and State or Foreign Country) BROADALBIN, NEW YORK		
	8a. Residence State OHIO		8b. County GREENE			8c. City or Town XENIA		
	8d. Street Address and Zip Code 655 BRUSH ROW RD 45385						9. Ever in US Armed Forces? YES - AIR FORCE	
10. Marital Status at Time of Death MARRIED						11. Surviving Spouse's Name (if wife, give name prior to first marriage) CAROL M HEATH		
12. Decedent's Education BACHELORS DEGREE (E.G., BA, AB, BS)				13. Decedent of Hispanic Origin NO	14. Decedent's Race WHITE			
15. Father's Name MARCUS H COLONEY				16. Mother's Name (prior to first marriage) ANNA BERTHA HULTS				
17a. Informant's Name CAROL M COLONEY				17b. Relationship to Decedent WIFE	17c. Mailing Address (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code) 655 BRUSH ROW RD			
18a. Place of Death NURSING HOME/LONG TERM CARE FACILITY						18c. City or Town, State and Zip Code XENIA, OHIO 45385		
18b. Facility Name (if not Institution, give street & number) HOSPITALITY HOME EAST						18d. County of Death GREENE		
DISPOSITION	19. Funeral Service Licensee or Other Agent ROGER D MCCOLAUGH			20. License Number (of licensee) 006078	21. Name and Complete Address of Funeral Facility MCCOLAUGH FUNERAL HOME			
	22. Method and Place of Disposition CREMATION - NORTHFIELD CREMATION SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD, OH						21. Name and Complete Address of Funeral Facility 826 N DETROIT ST	
							21. Name and Complete Address of Funeral Facility XENIA, OH 45385	
23. Local Registrar KAREN WARD				24. Date Filed (Month/Day/Year) JULY 30, 2008				
CERTIFIER	25a. Certifier (Check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certifying Physician: To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated. <input type="checkbox"/> Coroner or Medical Examiner: On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated.							
	25b. Time of Death 05:05		25c. Date Pronounced Dead (Month/Day/Year) JULY 28, 2008		25d. Was Case Referred to Medical Examiner or Coroner? NO			
	25e. Certifier Name and Title CYNTHIA GAIL OLSEN		25f. License number PHYSICIAN 35.054558		25g. Date Signed (Month/Day/Year) JULY 29, 2008			
27. Name and Address of Person who Completed Cause of Death CYNTHIA GAIL OLSEN, UNIVERSITY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, YELLOW SPRINGS, OH 45387								
CAUSE OF DEATH	28. Part I. Enter the disease, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Type or print in permanent blue or black ink.						Approximate Interval: Onset and Death	
	a. Immediate Cause (Final disease or condition resulting in death) DEMENTIA, MIXED ETIOLOGIES						10 YEARS	
	b. Due to (or as Consequence of)							
	c. Due to (or as Consequence of)							
Enter Underlying Cause (Disease or injury that initiated events resulting in a death)								
d. Due to (or as Consequence of)								
Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I. ATRIAL FIBRILLATION; HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE; ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY IN REMISSION; UROSEPSIS; RENAL FAILURE						29a. Was An Autopsy Performed? NO	29b. Were Autopsy Findings Available Prior To Completion Of Cause of Death? UNKNOWN	
30. Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death? PROBABLY			31. If Female, Pregnancy Status			32. Manner of Death NATURAL		
33a. Date of Injury (Mo/Day/Year)		33b. Time of Injury	33c. Place of Injury (e.g., Decedent's home, construction site, restaurant, wooded area)			33d. Injury at Work?		
		UNKNOWN						
33e. Location of Injury (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)								
33f. Describe How Injury Occurred:						33g. If Transportation Injury, Specify:		

HEA 2724 Rev. 08/18 * Certifier has filed updated information regarding the Cause of Death

Ohio Department of Health, death certificate, State File No. 2008064312 (2008), William Gordon Coloney Sr., son of Marcus H Coloney and Anna Bertha Hults; certified abstract supplied by Greene County Public Health, Xenia, Ohio, 28 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 25: William Gordon Coloney and Carol Margaret Heath
1944 Marriage Record

RECORD OF MARRIAGES			
City <u>Broadalbin</u> County <u>Fulton</u>		STATE OF NEW YORK	
Town <u>Fulton</u>		No. <u>557</u>	
GROOM		BRIDE	
Name <u>Wm Gordon Coloney</u>	Color <u>W</u>	Name <u>Carol Margaret Heath</u>	Color <u>W</u>
Residence <u>Broadalbin</u>	Age <u>21</u>	Residence <u>Mayfield N.Y.</u>	Age <u>21</u>
Occupation <u>Pilot</u>	No. of marriage <u>1st</u>	Occupation <u>Student</u>	No. of marriage <u>1st</u>
Place of birth <u>Broadalbin N.Y.</u>	Former wife or wives living or dead	Place of birth <u>Northtown N.Y.</u>	Former husband or husbands living or dead
Marital status <u>Married Coloney</u>	Divorced	Marital status <u>Howard Heath</u>	Divorced
Place of birth <u>U.S.A.</u>	" when	Place of birth <u>U.S.A.</u>	" when
Place of birth <u>Broadalbin</u>	" where	Place of birth <u>Green St. Newark</u>	" where
Place of birth <u>U.S.A.</u>	" against whom	Place of birth <u>U.S.A.</u>	" against whom
Laboratory statement	Date	<u>St. Lawrence - Ogdensburg N.Y.</u>	Date <u>5-28-44</u>
Physician's statement	Date	<u>Hans Lier Kotschandy</u>	Date <u>5-22-44</u>
Examination requirements	dispensed with by judge or justice.	<u>were not</u>	(Specimen taken)
Consent by	Relation Date	Relation	Date
Consent by	Relation Date	Relation	Date
Age of age	(Form)	Age of age	(Form)
Date of Affidavit <u>6-9-44</u>	License <u>6-9-44-144</u>	Date of Marriage <u>6-9-44-38</u>	Place of Marriage <u>Mayfield N.Y.</u>
Official <u>Fred Young</u>	Profession <u>Chapman</u>	Witness <u>Gene Hopton</u>	<u>Richard Coloney</u>
Period for solemnization of marriage begins at <u>12:15</u> M. on the <u>9</u> day of <u>June</u> 19 <u>44</u> and ends the <u>9</u> day of <u>June</u> 19 <u>44</u>			
City <u>Broadalbin</u> County <u>Fulton</u>		STATE OF NEW YORK	
Town <u>Fulton</u>		No. <u>558</u>	

Town of Broadalbin, Fulton, New York, record of marriages, 1944 section, no volume listed, No. 557, Wm Gordon Coloney and Carol Margaret Heath; photocopy of section of the page supplied by Town Clerk's Office, Broadalbin, New York, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 26: George Richard Bentley Jr. 2014 Death Record

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD
VIEW PRESENCE OF WATERMARK HOLD TO LIGHT TO VIEW
STATE OF MARYLAND
 Maryland Department of Health
 Division of Vital Records

Please Type or Print in Black Indelible Ink. Ensure All Copies Are Legible.
 State of Maryland / Department of Health and Mental Hygiene **2014 161**
Certificate of Death Reg. No.

1- For State Registrar	1. Decedent's Name (First, Middle, Last) George Richard Bentley Jr		2. Date of Death Month May 13 Day 2014 5:20		3. Time of Day	
Physician/Medical Examiner	4a. Facility Name (if not institution, give street and number) Frederick Memorial Hospital		4b. City, Town, or Location of Death Frederick		4c. County of Death Frederick	
Funeral Director	5. Social Security Number 023-28-8609	6. Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	7. Age (In yrs. last birthday) 76 Yrs.	8. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) 09/06/1937		
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0036 permit. Page 1 and 2 should be filed within 72 hours after death with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "Natural" or Items 23a or 23b of show any injury or other trauma to even. The Medical Examiner must be notified at 410-326-7325.	10a. State MD		10b. County Frederick		10c. City, Town or Location Walkersville	
	10e. Street and Number 10829 Dublin Rd.		10f. Zip Code 21793		10g. Citizen of What Country? USA	
	11. Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		12. Was Decedent Ever in U.S. Armed Forces? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		13. Was Decedent of Hispanic Origin? (Specify Yes or No- If Yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specify:	
	14. Race - American Indian, Black, White, etc. Specify White		15. Decedent's Education (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary/Secondary (0-12) <input type="checkbox"/> College (1-4 or 5+) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2		16a. Decedent's Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life. DO NOT use retired) Systems Analyst	
16b. Kind of Business/Industry Computers		17. Father's Name (First, Middle, Last) George Richard Bentley, Sr.		18. Mother's Name (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) Ethel Minnie Ramsey		
19a. Informant's Name/Relationship (Type, Print) Toni Elizabeth Petty Bentley/ Wife		19b. Mailing Address (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) 10829 Dublin Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793				
20a. Method of Disposition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Removal from State <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		20b. Place of Disposition (Name of cemetery, crematory or other place) Resthaven Mem. Cem.		20c. Location - City or Town, State Frederick, MD		
21. Signature of Funeral Service Licenses Robbecca A. Heimon		22. Name and Address of Facility Rapp Funeral & Cremation Service 933 Gist Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910				
Physician/Medical Examiner		23a. Part 1. Enter the disease, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Immediate Cause (final disease or condition resulting in death) a. Coronary artery disease Due to (or as a consequence of): b. Due to (or as a consequence of): c. Due to (or as a consequence of): d. Due to (or as a consequence of): Sequentially list conditions, if any, leading to immediate cause. Enter Underlying Cause (Disease or injury that initiated events resulting in death) Last				
23b. IF FEMALE: Was decedent pregnant in the past 12 months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		23c. If yes, outcome of pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Live Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal death <input type="checkbox"/> Ectopic pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant at time of death <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		23d. Date of delivery Month Day		
Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I. Diabetes Chronic Renal Failure		23e. Did tobacco use contribute to the cause of death? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Probably <input type="checkbox"/> U				
24a. Was an autopsy performed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		24b. Were autopsy findings available prior to completion of death? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25. Was case referred to medical examiner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		26. Place of Death (Check only one) Hospital: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DDA <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
27. Manner of Death <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be determined		28a. Date of injury (Month, Day, Year)		28b. Time of injury M		
28c. Injury at work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		28d. Describe how injury occurred		28e. Location (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)		

29. Certifying Physician: To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

State of Maryland Department of Health, certificate of death, reg. No. 2014 161 (2014), George Richard Bentley Jr.; certified photocopy on security paper supplied by Division of Vital Records, Baltimore, Maryland, in possession of the author.

Document 27: George Richard Bentley Jr. and Dorothy Hayden Ashton
1957 Marriage Record

7890 STATE OF MAINE STATE FILE NO. 262
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

ISSUED AT LEWISTON MAINE REGISTRAR'S NO. _____

The laws of Maine provide for a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years to be the punishment of any clergyman or other person, who shall solemnize a marriage within this State unless authorized to solemnize marriage therein.

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE

GROOM PERSONAL DATA	1a. Name of Groom—First Name George	1b. Middle Name Richard	1c. Last Name Bentley, Jr.	
	2a. Usual Residence of Groom—Street Address (If rural, give location) 7 Holdstock Place		2b. City or Town Hartford	2c. County (If outside Maine, give state) Conn.
	3. Age of Groom (Last birthday) 19 years	4. Color or Race Wh.	5a. Usual Occupation Student	5b. Kind of Business or Industry -
	6. Birthplace (State or foreign country) Springfield, Mass.	7. Number of Marriage 1st	8. Previous Marital Status Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Annulled <input type="checkbox"/>	9. Last Marriage Ended by: Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/>
FATHER OF GROOM	9a. Name of Father—First Name George	9b. Middle Name Richard	9c. Last Name Bentley	
	11a. Last Residence—City or Town E. Hartford	11b. State Conn.	12. Birthplace (State or foreign country) Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	13. Usual Occupation Gen. Foreman - Aircraft Factor
MOTHER OF GROOM	14a. Maiden Name of Mother—First Name Ethel	14b. Middle Name M.	14c. Last Name Ramsey	
	16a. Last Residence—City or Town E. Hartford,	16b. State Conn.	17. Birthplace (State or foreign country) W. Lebanon, N.H.	18. Usual Occupation Housewife
BRIDE PERSONAL DATA	19a. Name of Bride—First Name Dorothy	19b. Middle Name Hayden	19c. Last Name Ashton	
	20a. Usual Residence of Bride—Street Address (If rural, give location) 39 15 Keawick Rd.		20b. City or Town Baltimore	20c. County (If outside Maine, give state) Maryland
	21. Age of Bride (Last birthday) 18 years	22. Color or Race Wh.	23a. Usual Occupation Student	23b. Kind of Business or Industry -
	24. Birthplace (State or foreign country) Manchester, N.H.	25. Number of Marriage 1st	26. Previous Marital Status Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Annulled <input type="checkbox"/>	27. Last Marriage Ended by: Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/>
FATHER OF BRIDE	27a. Name of Father—First Name Ralph	27b. Middle Name Andrew	27c. Last Name Ashton	
	28a. Last Residence—City or Town Baltimore	28b. State Md.	30. Birthplace (State or foreign country) Sabattus, Me.	31. Usual Occupation Ins. Co. Dir. of Educ.
MOTHER OF BRIDE	32a. Maiden Name of Mother—First Name Dorothy	32b. Middle Name Beverley	32c. Last Name Hayden	
	34a. Last Residence—City or Town Baltimore	34b. State Md.	35. Birthplace (State or foreign country) Manchester, N.H.	36. Usual Occupation Housewife

I hereby certify that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CERTIFICATION OF PARTIES

37. Bride (Sign full name)
Dorothy H. Ashton

38. Groom (Sign full name)
George Richard Bentley Jr.

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me on **June 17, 1957**

39. Clerk
William V. [Signature] by *[Signature]* Deputy

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The intentions of Marriage between the parties above named were duly entered in this office, on the **17th** day of **June**, A. D. 19**57**

40. Date issued **6/25/57**

41. Clerk
William V. [Signature] by *[Signature]* Deputy

This license is invalid if not used within one year after the date issued.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I hereby certify that *George Richard Bentley Jr.* and *Dorothy Hayden Ashton* the above named parties, were joined in marriage by me at *Lewiston* Maine this **29th** day of **June**, A. D. 19**57**

CERTIFICATION OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY AND 2 WITNESSES

42. Signature of Person Performing Ceremony
Rev. [Signature]

43. Official Title
Clergy

44. Address
[Address]

45. Date of Commission
7/29/49

46. Signature of Witness
[Signature]

47. Signature of Witness
[Signature]

Form V.S.-R2 1-1-56 State of Maine Department of Health and Welfare

City of Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine, marriage certificate, State File No. 262 (1957), George Richard Bentley, Jr. and Dorothy Hayden Ashton; photocopy supplied by City Clerk's Office, Lewiston, Maine, 24 February 2022, in possession of the author.

Document 28: John Jerome Warner and Judith Ann Bentley 1962 Marriage Record

Page 1 of 2
IMPORTANT! This is a Permanent Record. Use Black Typewriter Ribbon or Black Ink.

License No. 110 096

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

File No. _____

TYPE OR PRINT NAMES. DO NOT USE NUMERALS TO DESIGNATE MEMBERS.	GROOM		1a. Last Name of Groom Warner		1b. First Name John		1c. Second Name WARNER Jerome	
	2. Usual Residence—City or Town (if outside city or town write RURAL) Lake Charles,				3. Parish Calcasieu		4. State Louisiana	
	5. Race or Color White		6. Date of Birth (Month-Day-Year) July 23rd, 1939		7. Place of Birth (City and State or Foreign Country) Monroe, Louisiana			
	8. Number of Previous Marriages None		9a. Previous Marital Status Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Last Marriage Ended By: Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/>		9b. Place of Divorce (or Annulment)	
	10. Usual Occupation Helper		11. Kind of Industry or Business Pak-A-Sak		12. Name of Father Frank Kennedy Warner			
	13. Father's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Louisiana		14. Maiden Name of Mother Viva Thelma Guice		15. Mother's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Louisiana			
	BRIDE		16a. Maiden Name Bentley		16b. First Name Judith		16c. Second Name Ann	
	17. Usual Residence—City or Town (if outside city or town write RURAL) Lake Charles				18. Parish Calcasieu		19. State Louisiana	
	20. Race or Color WHITE White		21. Date of Birth (Month-Day-Year) Sept. 29th, 1945		22. Place of Birth (City and State or Foreign Country) Lake Charles, La.			
	23. Number of Previous Marriages None		24a. Previous Marital Status Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Last Marriage Ended By: Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/>		24b. Place of Divorce (or Annulment)	
25. Usual Occupation Student		26. Kind of Industry or Business LCHS		27. Name of Father William Brown Bentley				
28. Father's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Mass.		29. Maiden Name of Mother Mabel Duhon		30. Mother's Birthplace (State or Foreign Country) Louisiana				
PLACE OF ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE		31. Parish Calcasieu		32. City or Town Lake Charles		33. Date of Issue (Month-Day-Year) May 18th, 1962		34. Relation of Bride to Groom None
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATION		35. I HEREBY CERTIFY that <u>JOHN JEROME WARNER</u> and <u>JUDITH ANN BENTLEY</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: x-small;"> Groom Bride </div> were joined in marriage by me in the City or Town of <u>Lake Charles</u> Parish of <u>Calcasieu</u> State of Louisiana, their consent having been first obtained, in the presence of the three undersigned competent witnesses, in accordance with the laws of said State, this <u>1st</u> day of <u>June</u> , 19 <u>62</u> .						
IMPORTANT! Please Complete Item 35 and Return Copies of Record to Office Issuing License Without Delay.	36. Signature of Witness <i>Mrs. Mabel Morris</i>		37. Signature of Groom <i>John Jerome Warner</i>					
	38. Signature of Witness <i>Frank K. Warner</i>		39. Signature of Bride <i>Judith Ann Bentley</i>					
	40. Signature of Witness <i>Margaret Ray Duhon</i>		41. Signature and Title of Officiant <i>D. M. (Duft) Jr. District Judge</i>					
	42. Local Recording Officer's Signature <i>Jan K. Bridges</i>		43. Title Deputy Clerk of Court		44. Date Recorded (Month-Day-Year) June 4-1962			
RECORDING OFFICER								

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